

## A Ministry of Reconciliation

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Jake Emser preparing to go over the edge on a rappel in NC.



*And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." (Rev. 21:5)*

Over the last couple of months I have been attempting to "set the stage" so to speak for how we might understand the calling that God has given us individually and corporately in our life and ministry as Christians whom God has gathered as First Presbyterian Church. We have considered God's design for creation as revealed to us in the beginning of Genesis (*Shalom*), the brokenness and entanglement of creation through Sin's deep penetration of all God's good creation, and the future picture God reveals to us of all creation one day being fully restored by God. As the verse from Revelation above reminds us, God is in

that process of making all things new. One of the ways Scripture speaks to this process is the ministry of reconciliation, and it will be upon this ministry that we will focus our teaching over the summer months. Before reading on I encourage you to stop, open your Bible, and read 2 Corinthians 5:11 – 6:1.

Paul shares with the Christians in Corinth (and in Ashland, OH) some of his key understandings about the ministry of reconciliation; I would like to focus on three words that I pray will stay on the forefront of our minds and hearts in the weeks to come as we consider how we can participate in the ministry of reconciliation right here in Ashland.

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## Ashland XD—CCO

### Current Praises:

#### Student Leaders:

We have 3 more XD Student Leaders, bringing us to a total of 6 XD Student Leaders now! Maggie Laginya, Kyle Wahl, Leslie Akerly, AJ Snell, Jake Emser and Ben VanScoy

#### Student Summer Transformational Opportunities:

AU Religious Life Organizes 3 week missions trips every year in May for Students. XD Student Leaders AJ Snell is going to Peru for a three-week missions trip and Tanner Orillion is going to South Africa.

Maggie, Tanner, Jake and Ben VanScoy are going to summer camp. Maggie is going to be an assistant cook and Tanner will be a counselor at Mapleridge Ranch in NY. Jake Emser will be an assistant chaplain at a YMCA camp in Colorado and Ben will be a lead counselor at Camp Mowana.

### CCO Ashland XD

*"transforming college students to TRANSFORM THE WORLD."*

# Birthdays



## JUNE

1st Shelia Helser  
Pam Keener  
2nd Anna Barnes  
Joan Barron  
3rd Terry Mapes  
Lauren McClain  
5th Zachary Conley  
Patti Fenwick  
7th Kristin Click  
8th Bob Stokes  
9th Sarah Hart  
Madelyn Keener  
13th Theodore Jacobs  
14th Mike Spreng  
Max Webb  
17th Tom Hart  
Jennifer Latham  
19th Leon Jacobs  
Marshall Mason  
25th Joyce Stokes  
29th Harvey Hudkins  
Nikki Skafec  
30th Suzanne Roloff  
Francisco Serrano

## JULY

5th Herman Helser  
6th Gary Carr  
7th Geordie Freer  
Al Garrett  
8th Andrew Mason  
9th Pat Perez  
12th Tina Foley  
13th Jerry Barnett  
15th Cora Walker  
Steve Yoder  
16th Sarah Leveck  
17th Tia Sponsler  
19th Carol Keil  
21st Jim Savage  
22nd Connie Marble  
Howard Webb  
24th Logan Webb  
25th Barb Latham  
27th Lloyd Wygant  
30th Jane Eshelman

## AUGUST

4th Rex Skelton  
6th Christina Watson  
7th Aaron Sponsler  
8th Lisa Barnett  
David Strub  
10th Russ Callahan  
11th Linda Black  
12th Doug McKibben  
14th Trey Carver  
15th Kelly Click  
Fredy Robles  
16th Mollie Webb  
19th Walt Harrop  
21st Linda Mapes  
Karen Schweyer  
23rd Martha Casciani  
24th Stetson Blasdel  
John Briggs  
26th Keagan Parker  
27th Melissa Dix  
30th Jim Keil



To the family and friends of Bessie Weaver,  
who passed away on May 7.

To the family and friends of Harvey Roscoe,  
who passed away on May 12.

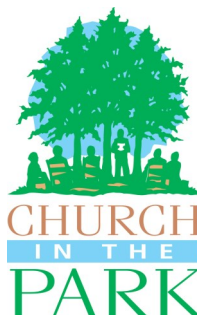


Maylyn Rose Latham was born to  
Matt and Jennifer Latham on April 28.  
Proud grandparents are Bill and Barb Latham  
and Jamie and JoAnne Kash.

## Mark Your Calendar July 27-31 Clean Out the Church Week



The office will be closed to regular business as  
staff and volunteers throw open all the cabinets  
and clean out all the drawers in the building. We  
will need plenty of help as we tidy up!



## August 2 Worship in the Park

We will worship at Brookside  
West. More details to follow.

# Financial Reports

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FINANCE REPORT - APRIL 2015

<u>Contributions/Receipts</u>	<u>APRIL 2014</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>BUDGET 2015</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>APRIL 2015</u> <u>YTD</u>
Pledges	\$80,596.00	\$56,666.68	\$71,117.00 *
Non-Pledged Contributions	\$10,094.90	\$21,666.68	\$22,353.60
Loose Offering	\$1,654.90	\$2,000.00	\$1,472.17
Prior Year Pledges	\$1,247.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,525.00
Church Use Donations	\$275.00	\$333.32	\$150.00
Whiting Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACCF – Program	\$1,409.25	\$6,500.00	\$1,476.75
ACCF – Building	\$1,376.25	\$3,250.00	\$1,442.25
Stunz Mission Fund	\$589.00	\$1,250.00	\$617.25
Interest/Investment Income	\$23.66	\$28.32	(\$765.23)
Miscellaneous Income	\$677.93	\$1,500.00	\$630.49
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$97,943.89</b>	<b>\$98,195.00</b>	<b>\$104,019.28</b>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Personnel	\$63,665.82	\$68,057.32	\$67,385.20
Health Insurance	\$4,454.32	\$4,744.68	\$4,744.84
Property	\$20,493.95	\$7,441.64	\$3,353.75
Property Insurance	\$2,234.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,203.00
Utilities	\$12,941.89	\$7,426.68	\$9,741.21
Finance	\$162.42	\$116.64	\$42.00
Per capita assessment	\$5,124.77	\$5,019.00	\$5,019.00
Session Expenses	\$149.00	\$400.00	\$870.00
Worship/Music	\$374.58	\$526.72	\$311.07
Office	\$2,543.97	\$3,766.68	\$2,967.92
Discipleship	\$1,473.59	\$741.68	\$1,498.90
Pioneer Club	\$89.06	\$333.32	\$209.39
Stephen Ministry	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Mid Week Gathering	\$0.00	\$333.32	\$0.00
Formational Prayer/Training		\$333.32	\$500.00
College-Aged Ministry	\$1,212.67		
Mission /Giving /Support		\$6,666.68	\$3,500.00
DEACONS			
Invite	\$1,000.00	\$333.32	\$0.00
Connect	\$940.22	\$1,833.36	\$848.68
Send	\$1,090.46	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Deacons - Miscellaneous	\$503.80	\$333.32	\$530.38
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$118,454.52</b>	<b>\$112,857.68</b>	<b>\$103,725.34</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME / EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$20,510.63)</b>	<b>(\$14,662.68)</b>	<b>\$293.94</b>

\* Includes Prepaid pledges of \$22,433.76

*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*  
**Balance Sheet (UNAUDITED)**  
 Consolidated - April 2015

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	Current Year
<b>ASSETS</b>	
CASH ACCOUNTS	
Sutton Bank Checking Acct	\$37,095.64
Janney Montgomery Scott	143,372.56
PayPal	1,794.90
Subtotal Cash Accounts	182,263.10
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$182,263.10</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
200th Campaign Fund	\$26,913.88
Music Ministry Donations	
Mem. Fund/ Whitted/ Music	337.08
Memorial & Special Gifts	
Nancy Donley Estate	25,411.21
Rex & Jean Robbins Mem.	3,500.00
Subtotal Memorial & Special Gifts	28,911.21
Special Mission Gifts	
Associated Charities	5.00
Youth Ministry	
ACCF - Johnson	1,619.09
Subtotal Current Liabilities	57,786.26
WITHHELD PAYROLL TAXES	
F.I.C.A.	534.87
Medicare	125.07
Federal Income Tax	434.10
State Income Tax	159.77
City Income Tax	129.34
Employer's Share FICA	534.87
Employer's Share Medicare	125.07
Subtotal Withheld Payroll Taxes	2,043.09
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>59,829.35</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	
Fund Balance	\$122,433.75
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>122,433.75</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$182,263.10</b>

Includes collections of \$189,720.02 for the 200 for 200 campaign & expenses paid of \$162,806.14 for a net amount available of \$26,913.88.



# A Ministry of Reconciliation

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**Foundation** - *“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (5:21)* Jesus Christ is the foundation of our ministry of reconciliation. He is the cornerstone upon which the entire Kingdom of God is built. Our participation in reconciliation work can and should only flow through our own personal faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of all. This is what is unique to us as the church – we offer Jesus Christ to the world as the source of reconciliation, and we can only offer Christ to the world when we ourselves are reconciled to God through Christ.

**Calling** – *“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.” (5:18-19)* These verses are so powerful I’m hardly compelled to add anything to them! Please take note of two things: the medium and the scope. God chooses to use us – entrusts this ministry to us! God is reconciling the world to himself – not just you and me, but the world! God is in the process of restoring all things in the world to the way God intends them to be, and chooses us to participate in this incredible work. What an honor!

**Motivation** – *“As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.”* What a great reminder; I need to hear this verse daily. It is so easy to come into a relationship with God through Christ and become content with enjoying God’s love, joy, peace, and the many more incredible blessings that receive through being in relationship with God. And yet Paul reminds us; don’t receive God’s grace in vain. In other words, we are blessed to be a blessing. As we receive the tremendous blessings of walking in relationship with God, the blessings motivate us to share them with others participating with God and one another to carry God’s love, in Christ, to the world.

In the weeks to come we will consider specific ways of participating in God’s ministry of reconciliation of the world. We will consider how this ministry may enlighten our understanding of work, justice, ethics, and beauty, just to name a few potential topics. And as we journey together, may we live into and out of this incredible truth: *“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!” (5:17)*

In Christ’s Reconciling Love,

*Pastor Mike*



**ACCESS**  
Our next week  
to host is  
June 7-14  
at Peace  
Lutheran Church

Hello People of Christ,

Just wanted to take a minute and touch base with you about our next week to host ACCESS. We are always looking for new people to join us in serving the community by helping those in need. People that come through the ACCESS program are really in the need of care and support. They come from all different types of situations but all have one thing in common, they are all in need of Christian love. From my experiences as a volunteer, you feel the work of the Holy Spirit running through you as you provide fellowship for people who need the spirit in them. If you are not sure if it is right for you, feel free just to come and see with your own eyes what the program is all about with volunteers that have been working with ACCESS and they will be happy to show you what good volunteering does.

If you have any questions feel free to ask Becky Sheeks or myself and we will be happy to work with you.

God Bless, Tom Foley

## Toxic Charity Workshop with Bob Lupton

Saturday, June 13  
Unity Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, OH.

*"Giving to those in need what they could be gaining from their own initiative may well be the kindest way to destroy people."*

Bob Lupton has spent over four decades working in inner-city Atlanta and beyond to develop models that are effective and truly serve the poor. Lupton, a trained psychologist, and his wife moved from the suburbs and raised their family living in the inner-city of Atlanta. By observations and by building relationships of trust, Lupton has seen the transformation of people out of poverty and their neighborhoods change from dangerous and blighted to thriving and even successful. His first hand experience and writing comes from working with churches, government agencies entrepreneurs, and volunteers seeing that many good intentions can translate into ineffective care or even harm. He reveals the shockingly toxic effects that modern charity has upon the very people meant to benefit from it. Toxic Charity provides proven new models for charitable groups who want to help—not sabotage—those whom they desire to serve. His groundbreaking Toxic Charity shows us how to start serving needy and impoverished members of our communities in a way that will lead to lasting, real-world change.

Please consider attending this Presbytery-sponsored workshop. Contact the office for more information.



## First Annual Presbytery Mission Fair—Saturday, June 27, 2015

Save the date for the first annual Mission Fair sponsored by Muskingum Valley Presbytery! MVP wants this Mission Fair to provide a fun and family-friendly outing for community members as well as

## Mission Ministry

Mission funds for the current year have been designated to support College Aged Ministry (CCO), Young Life,



Navigators (Keith Pepsny), Pleasant Hill Outdoor Center and Church Associated Bible Instruction. The newly formed mission team plans to thoroughly review and perhaps revise the designations of funds for 2016.

Beyond financial support, we're eager to participate physically in active support of needs where God may lead us. Watch for news of a prayer walk ministry within Ashland as well as mission teams being "deployed" to locations nearby and perhaps out of the country.

Much individual support is being provided by members of the congregation on an ongoing basis in a number of ways. The bulletin board in the upstairs hall near the lounge illustrates one of these, four children receiving financial and prayer encouragement through Compassion International.

Current members of the mission team include Jake Blasdel, Ruth Detrow, Lana Potter, Tom Roepke, and Becky Sheeks, all of whom would welcome suggestions for possibilities for this congregation's outreach. Do you have a passion for being part of the team exploring, praying, and executing these opportunities? Again, any one of the team would be delighted to hear from you.

raise awareness about the great local mission opportunities that are available.

Current booths include offerings from Big Fish, Spiritual Direction, and Zanesville Brighton, with activities like a portable labyrinth, a kid's fish prize pond, and a drum circle. The Mission Fair will also launch the debut performance of Big Fish's puppet band, Fish Belly. You don't want to miss out! Contact Candice McMath at the MVP office for more information, (800) 693-1147.

# June

## First Presbyterian Church of Ashland

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:00pm Baby Steps	2 8:00pm AA	3 9:30am Bible Study	4	5	6
7 Host ACCESS  Hunger Sunday	8 Host ACCESS	9 Host ACCESS  8:00pm AA	10 Host ACCESS Session Packet Info Due 9:30am Bible Study	11 Host ACCESS	12 Host ACCESS	13 Host ACCESS  10:00am Toxic Charity Workshop @Unity PC, Cambridge
14 Host ACCESS  6:00pm Dad Connection	15 VBS @ Peace Lutheran  5:00pm Baby Steps 7:00pm PMS @ Yoder Cabin	16 VBS @ Peace Lutheran  6:30pm Session 6:30pm Deacons 8:00pm AA	17 VBS @ Peace Lutheran  9:30am Bible Study	18 VBS @ Peace Lutheran	19 VBS @ Peace Lutheran	20
21 Father's Day  Communion  6:00pm Dad Connection	22 Monthly Newsletter Deadline	23  7:00pm Leadership Essentials 8:00pm AA	24  9:30am Bible Study	25	26	27 Mission Fair and Presbytery Meeting @New Philadelphia
28	29	30 8:00pm AA				

# July

## First Presbyterian Church of Ashland

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30am Bible Study	2	3 Office Closed— Independence Day Observed	4
5 Hunger Sunday	6  5:00pm Baby Steps	7  8:00pm AA	8  9:30am Bible Study	9	10	11
12 Communion  6:00pm Dad Connection	13	14  8:00pm AA	15  9:30am Bible Study	16	17  Wedding Rehearsal	18  3:00pm Rastetter/Miller Wedding
19  6:00pm Dad Connection	20 Monthly Newsletter Deadline  5:00pm Baby Steps	21  8:00pm AA	22  9:30am Bible Study	23	24	25
26  6:00pm Dad Connection	27 Church Work Week—Office Closed	28 Church Work Week—Office Closed 7:00pm Leadership Essentials 8:00pm AA	29 Church Work Week—Office Closed  9:30am Bible Study	30 Church Work Week—Office Closed	31 Church Work Week—Office Closed	



# August

## First Presbyterian Church of Ashland

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship in the Park Communion 6:00pm Dad	3 5:00pm Baby Steps	4	5 Session Packet Info Due 9:30am Bible Study	6	7	8
9 Hunger Sunday Young Life Ultimate Ride 6:00pm Dad	10	11 6:30pm Session 6:30pm Deacons	12 9:30am Bible Study	13	14	15
16 Host ACCESS	17 Host ACCESS 5:00pm Baby Steps	18 Host ACCESS	19 Host ACCESS 9:30am Bible Study	20 Host ACCESS	21 Host ACCESS	22 Host ACCESS
23 Host ACCESS	24 Quarterly Newsletter Deadline	25 7:00pm Leadership Essentials	26 9:30am Bible Study	27	28	29
30 Communion  Loud Sunday Offering	31					

## New Members

As part of our Celebration Sunday on May 17, FPC welcomed the following people into membership:

**Madelyn Keener:**

Maddie is the daughter of Andy and Pam Keener. She is in the 8th grade and enjoys several sports. Maddie was baptized at FPC as an infant. Lana Potter served as a mentor for Maddie's confirmation process.

**Andrew and Edie Lerback:**

Andrew was born and raised in South Dakota; Edie is from Shelby. They have lived in Ashland together since 2008. Their daughter, Roslyn, who was born in December 2014, was also baptized on May 17. Edie is a school counselor and Andrew is a welder. Both are looking forward to discovering how and where they can contribute to the church.

**Kevin and Debbie Reidy:**

Kevin and Debbie live in rural Ashland. They have lived in their Amish-built home for 18 years. Kevin is a high school administrator. Debbie is a retired high school administrator and works part time as a consultant. Family members live in Illinois, Indiana, Georgia, and eastern Ohio.

## Prayer Ministry

**Dear Lord,**

So far today, I'm - doing all right.



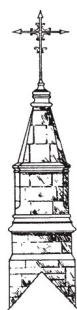
I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.

And so I pray, Lord, because when I am totally honest, I realize that I am not strong enough on my own. **I need You** to be in my heart, mind, soul and give me the strength to glorify You in everything that I say and do. "And whatever you do, whether **in word or deed**, do it all **in** the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17)

Sharing God's love, Jolynn

If you would like to be a part of our Prayer Warriors and include in your prayers the concerns of our church, please note it on the Information Card in Sunday's bulletin and include your email address, or send me by email ([jazzeybellel@yahoo.com](mailto:jazzeybellel@yahoo.com)) your email address with your request and I will add you to the list.



## Property Ministry

In May, Lee Construction completed concrete work to the entrance of our parking lot and our curb. Thanks to John Saccomen for coordinating that project.

Pictured to the left is the refurbished pendant light from the balcony area of the sanctuary. Beginning May 18, the rest of our pendant light fixtures in the sanctuary will be removed for refurbishing. This work requires a lift that will need to be stored in our building. The lights should be finished and installed in about four weeks. Please excuse the mess in the meantime.

## Passport to Entertainment and Enrichment

Following are brief descriptions of the books CSLA has given our library this year. They are ready for circulation.

*With All Our Prayers: Walking with God Through the Christian Year* by John B. Rogers, Jr. A retired Presbyterian pastor, John B. Rogers has collected many of his pastoral prayers in this volume. They are very meaningful and serve as good models. Anyone having difficulty with prayer or needing inspiration would find them helpful.

*The Way of Grace: Finding God on the Path of Surrender* by Glandion Carney with Marjean Brooks.

Glandion Carney, author of *The Way of Grace*, is a pastor and church leader whose vigorous life was changed forever when he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. In this small book he describes how God's grace has led and continues to lead him in coping with his illness.

*Anna's Crossing* by Suzanne Woods Fisher. An interesting addition to novels about the Amish is Suzanne Woods Fisher's *Anna's Crossing*. It is the fictionalized account of the journey of the first Amish and Mennonites to arrive in America from Europe in the eighteenth century.

*Traveler's Rest* by Ann Tatlock.

Jane Morrow, the protagonist in Ann Tatlock's novel, *Traveler's Rest*, is spending the summer in Ashville, North Carolina. That affords her the opportunity to visit her fiancé who was severely injured in Iraq and is a patient in the VA hospital. While there, she meets and becomes friends with two other men whose lives have been scarred in other ways. The need for patience, forgiveness, healing, and greater trust in God are themes treated in the novel.

*The Boy Who Loved Rain* by Gerard Kelly. Gerard Kelly's first novel, *The Boy Who Loved Rain*, is about a dysfunctional British family whose problems are psychological. The fourteen-year-old son has a recurring nightmare. As his mental and emotional state worsens, his parents disagree about treatment for him. It takes them a

long time before they realize and accept that their behavior is responsible for his problems.

*Mercy's Rain* by Cindy K. Sproles

The action of *Mercy's Rain* takes place in the Tennessee mountains at the end of the nineteenth century. Cindy K. Sproles' powerful novel shows that abuse—sexual, psychological, and emotional—is not just a contemporary problem. She has created strong, credible characters who have to confront unbelievable situations.

*The Crimson Cord* by Jill Eileen Smith.

Jill Eileen Smith fictionalizes the biblical story of Rahab, the prostitute who housed two Israelites sent to spy on Jericho and to report to Joshua. Not only did Rahab give lodging to men but also instructed them how to leave the city undetected. The bargain included the promise that she, her family, and anyone in her home would be saved when Jericho was destroyed. The novel begins the author's new series, *Daughters of the Promised Land*.

- Beverly Bixler

## STEPHEN MINISTRY



**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** We have a growing need for Stephen Ministers. If you are currently an inactive Stephen Minister and feel lead after prayerful discernment to serve again or if you are interested in training to become a Stephen Minister then please contact me.

Blessings, Tia Sponsler  
Stephen Ministry Coordinator  
419-606-7155

Peace Lutheran Church  
Vacation Bible School  
JUNE 15th—JUNE 19th, 9am-12pm  
Registration Form (One per child)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical/Emergency Information

Allergies (food or otherwise): \_\_\_\_\_

Medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

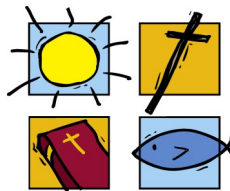
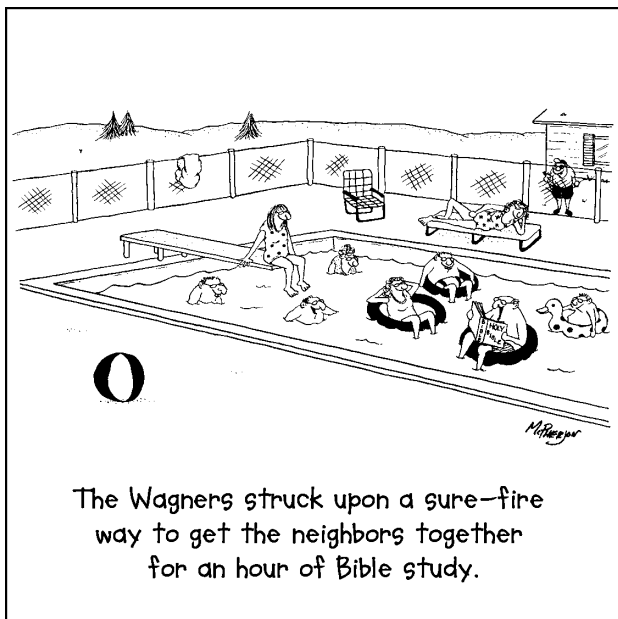
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In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number or name ( for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_



## Children's Ministry

The children are starting a new journey as Discipling Detectives and are working on their first cases. They are given a new "mystery" to solve every Sunday and we are asking the congregation to participate. Please continue to ask them about their detective task for that Sunday and see if you can help.

Guests are always welcome to visit during the atrium time. If you are interested please contact me.

Blessings, Tia Sponsler  
Director of Children's Ministry 419-606-7155

### The true vine

In a vineyard, the vine gives life to the branches, which, in turn, produce the grapes. Follow the puzzle directions below to learn about our special relationship with Jesus, our true vine.

Directions: Circle every other letter and then write them in order on the lines below.

START → ① b a s m L t r h g e c v d i e n f e g y h o i u j a K r

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apart from me you can do nothing."

J o h n 15:5, N I V

## Vacation Bible School

July 15-19

FPC will join our friends at Peace Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School. VBS will take place at Peace Lutheran. Please contact Tia Sponsler to volunteer to help. To register a child, please fill out the form found in this newsletter, on our website [ashandfpc.org](http://ashandfpc.org), or in the church office and narthex. You can turn forms in to FPC's office. Walk-ins are also accepted. VBS is open to all children, potty trained preschoolers through entering 6th grade.



We are still looking for a "fill-in" volunteer in the nursery. This is a position that would only be called on in case of current volunteer schedule conflict. If interested contact me.

Blessings, Tia Sponsler  
Director of Children's Ministry 419-606-7155



## Ashland County Young Life

Nestled in any and every Ashland Arrow's or Lucas Cub's student section you're almost certain to find a Young Life leader.

And as long as kids wander about looking for love in all the wrong places; as long as they desperately seek an identity based on the opinions of friends and reputation; as long as they limp past us broken by family strife, enslaved by drugs, alcohol, and sex; this is where we'll be found.

Not in the adult section of life, where it's respectable and controlled, but right in the middle of the craziness, next to these kids. Where passions, vulgar, and profane blurt out obscenities. Where boisterous and reckless facades hide empty and wounded hearts. Where anxiety and busyness distract and the darkness confuses. This is where we'll be found. Right in the middle of all that chaos. Faithfully manning our post and holding out the Greatest Invitation anyone will ever hear.

This spring we celebrated Lucas High School's first ever Young Life Club. Nick, David, and Lexi had 40 kids show up. Included in this crowd were a handful of stoners and two brothers from a very outspoken and anti-Young Life family in town.

We also are excited to have almost 50 camp spots filled (6 of them being from Lucas). With summer fast approaching, Lauren and I are looking forward to a few more low key weeks, but we love our job and nothing's better than hanging out with high school kids. Here's a little photo bomb I did at prom this past weekend.

Matt McClain



### Ultimate Ride Sunday, August 9

One of Young Life's biggest fundraisers. If you would like to help or are interested in sponsoring or riding yourself, talk to Lauren or Matt McClain.

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## From the Atrium

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry



Preston is washing Zane's feet in the Foot Washing work.

In regards to foot washing work:

"I love the foot washing work. I love to wash their feet." -Preston

"It makes me calm." -Stetson