

## Mike's Musings

Dear Friends,

As the summer comes to an end and the fall season begins I find myself encouraged and strengthened with anticipation of all the Lord desires to do in and through the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. I simply want to use this brief note to encourage you and point your attention to a few exciting opportunities:

- This past week as our congregation lamented and considered the place of loss, disappointment, and grief in our lives a friend of mine (Jeff Franks) shared a short story with me that he wrote to help express how he has experienced

the Lord meeting him in his losses in life. With his permission, this story is included in the print edition of this newsletter and can be found beginning on p. 11.

- I'm excited to point your attention to a new ministry that will be happening on Wednesday nights beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> (mark your calendar now!!). All who are able will gather for dinner at 5:30pm (food will be provided) and after a short time of worship together the children

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Ultimate Ride participants in Ashland County

## Ashland County Young Life

### YL Ultimate Ride

The 4th Annual YL Ultimate Ride had a wonderful turnout, incredible weather, and only one slightly larger than life obstacle on the course - a huge tree which fell over the road a some point in the morning before riders got down into Lucas. Riders had to pick up their bike and climb over, which made for some fun photos and a great story! Thank you to everyone involved. We had almost 80 riders and raised over \$14k for Young Life in Ashland County and Lucas.



## Ashland County Young Life



Ashland boys at camp.

Our camp trip in July was awesome! We went to Saranac Village, a Young Life Adirondack retreat facility located in upstate New York overlooking beautiful upper Saranac Lake. All the right kids came, and it was a blast. Kyle Buxton drove all over town the day before we left getting a few more guys on the bus to Saranac, and Nick Jacobs managed to convince 6 Lucas guys to come. Every last one of them loved it. And in the midst of beautiful weather, incredible food, and all this fun, we had 3 more kids begin a relationship with Jesus who had never heard the “Good News” before.

Now comes the part I like the best, life with them after camp. There’s never a dull moment with kids, and there’s never a day when I’m not reminded that we have the best jobs ever! Thanks to all those who helped us get kids to camp.

Our fall will focus on developing more college leaders at AU and starting Club up again in October. It continues to be a struggle to find college leaders willing/able to devote the amount of time required to have a real impact in a high school. But Young Life is built on relationships with kids, so pray that the right people would find us.

Matt McClain



Lauren McClain and gang at camp.



Young Life starts with adults who care enough about kids to go to them, on their turf and in their world to build authentic relationships. Young Life leaders are looking to build friendships with kids who don't know Jesus or aren't involved in a church. Young Life activities include weekly Club activities and Campaigners, where kids explore the Bible and faith.

# Birthdays



## SEPTEMBER

1st Barbara Bradford  
Donna Mohn  
3rd Blake Beaire  
4th Brenda Luttrell  
7th Peggy Yoder  
10th Alexander Webb  
12th Connie Dravenstott  
19th Lori Dix  
Troy Dix  
Ray Perkins  
20th Ruth Detrow  
Evan Dix  
21st Emily Barnett  
25th Nancy Seifert  
28th Laura Callahan

## OCTOBER

3rd Jonathan Wetzel  
5th Jeremy Brinker  
Larry Hiner  
Katrin Parker  
6th Mike Parker  
9th Walt Ramage  
Suzanne Steury  
11th Aiden Keener  
Kristal Paullin  
Fannie Switzer  
12th Diane Bachtel  
18th Mandy Parker  
19th Nicholas Barnett  
21st Kyson Brinker  
Sabrina Pepsny  
22nd Sandy Sexton  
25th Sallie Hooker  
Jasmine Webb  
28th Kevin Reidy  
Sydney Saffle  
29th Susan Shafer  
30th Mary Jean Stuart

## NOVEMBER

2nd Ruth Armstrong  
Vickie Holdren  
Dale Wojciechowski  
3rd Al King  
5th Bethany Blasdel  
6th George Holmes  
10th Amy Smetana  
13th Alan Pepsny  
14th Stephen Stuart  
15th Rhita Burke-Serrano  
16th Dann Marble  
20th Vivian Stitzel  
22nd William Mast  
23rd Tom Foley  
27th Ronald Walker



To the family and friends of  
John L. Briggs, who passed  
away on June 30.

To the family of Bozena  
Abbygaile Foley, infant  
daughter of Tom and Tina  
Foley. Bonnie was born on  
May 19 and passed away on  
August 16.



**ACCESS**  
Our next week  
to host is  
**October 25-  
November 1**  
at Peace  
Lutheran Church

## Welcome New Members

On July 5, FPC welcomed  
Brett Miller and Becky  
Rastetter into membership.  
Then on July 18, Brett and  
Becky were married at FPC  
with Pastor Mike officiating.  
The Millers reside in  
Loudonville and are excited to  
become active members  
within the church, particularly  
with the ACCESS program.



# Financial Reports

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FINANCE REPORT - JULY 2015

<u>Contributions/Receipts</u>	<u>JULY 2014</u>	<u>BUDGET 2015</u>	<u>JULY 2015</u>
	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Pledges	\$125,829.00	\$99,166.69	\$108,259.50 *
Non-Pledged Contributions	\$15,441.97	\$37,916.69	\$30,516.20
Loose Offering	\$2,882.35	\$3,500.00	\$2,563.17
Prior Year Pledges	\$1,247.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,525.00
Church Use Donations	\$350.00	\$583.31	\$150.00
Whiting Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACCF - Program	\$4,333.75	\$9,750.00	\$2,953.50
ACCF - Building	\$4,242.75	\$4,875.00	\$2,884.50
ACCF - Mission	\$1,860.00	\$1,875.00	\$1,234.50
Interest/Investment Income	\$43.97	\$49.56	(\$754.80)
Miscellaneous Income	\$700.55	\$2,625.00	\$840.49
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$156,931.34</b>	<b>\$165,341.25</b>	<b>\$154,172.06</b>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Personnel	\$110,491.37	\$118,875.31	\$116,571.03
Health Insurance	\$7,795.06	\$8,303.19	\$8,303.47
Property	\$27,825.28	\$13,022.87	\$12,335.00
Property Insurance	\$4,468.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,435.00
Utilities	\$16,976.45	\$12,996.69	\$13,721.32
Finance	\$217.76	\$204.12	\$42.00
Per capita assessment	\$5,124.77	\$5,019.00	\$5,019.00
Session Expenses	\$193.00	\$700.00	\$970.00
Worship/Music	\$555.97	\$914.26	\$493.57
Office	\$5,157.87	\$6,591.69	\$5,010.19
Discipleship	\$2,217.61	\$1,297.94	\$1,878.94
Pioneer Club	\$89.06	\$583.31	\$209.39
Stephen Ministry	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
Mid Week Gathering	\$0.00	\$583.31	\$0.00
Formational Prayer/Training		\$583.31	\$500.00
College-Aged Ministry	\$1,630.66		
Mission /Giving /Support		\$9,041.69	\$8,500.00
DEACONS			
Invite	\$5,036.00	\$583.31	\$0.00
Connect	\$1,490.04	\$3,208.38	\$2,619.00
Send	\$1,790.46	\$3,500.00	\$531.86
Deacons - Miscellaneous	\$2,277.80	\$583.31	\$213.88
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$193,337.16</b>	<b>\$191,441.69</b>	<b>\$181,353.65</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME / EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$36,405.82)</b>	<b>(\$26,100.44)</b>	<b>(\$27,181.59)</b>

\* Includes Prepaid pledges of \$22,433.76

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

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	Current Year
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>CASH ACCOUNTS</b>	
Sutton Bank Checking Acct	\$5,343.79
Janney Montgomery Scott	133,376.13
PayPal	3,207.50
Subtotal Cash Accounts	141,927.42
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$141,927.42</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
200th Campaign Fund	\$21,158.88
Music Ministry Donations	
Mem. Fund/ Whitted/ Music	337.08
Memorial & Special Gifts	
Nancy Donley Estate	20,362.86
Rex & Jean Robbins Mem.	1,401.00
Subtotal Memorial & Special Gifts	21,763.86
Special Mission Gifts	
Associated Charities	10.00
Presb. Mother's Study	20.00
Youth Ministry	
ACCF - Johnson	1,619.09
Subtotal Current Liabilities	44,908.91
<b>WITHHELD PAYROLL TAXES</b>	
F.I.C.A.	540.82
Medicare	126.47
Federal Income Tax	434.10
State Income Tax	160.87
City Income Tax	130.74
Employer's Share FICA	540.82
Employer's Share Medicare	126.47
Subtotal Withheld Payroll Taxes	2,060.29
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>46,969.20</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	
Fund Balance	\$94,958.22
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>94,958.22</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$141,927.42</b>

**Includes collections of \$198,315.02 for the 200 for 200 campaign & expenses paid of \$177,156.14 for a net amount available of \$21,158.88**

## Passport to Entertainment and Enrichment

Our collection of novels has been increased by CSLA this year. The following have been accessioned and will soon be on the shelves, if they are not already.

1. *The Trouble with Patience* by Maggie Brendan.

History, romance, and mystery are all included in Maggie Brendan's *The Trouble with Patience*. A rough gold-rush town in the Montana Territory is the site of the action in the 1860s. Patience Cavanaugh's grandmother bequeaths her boarding house to her granddaughter and the problems begin immediately.

2. *The Innocent* by Ann H. Gabhart.

Another novel set in the 1860s is *The Innocent* by Ann H. Gabhart. Part of Karlyn Kearney's problem is she doesn't know whether she is a widow or not. The other part is that she is being evicted from her home. Two years before the end of the Civil War, she is notified that her husband is missing. Their house is not paid for and she has no money to continue making payments. Karlyn goes to live in the nearby Shaker community and strange things begin to happen there.

3. *When Hope Blossoms* by Kim Vogel Sawyer.

The protagonists in *When Hope Blossoms* by Kim Vogel Sawyer are both still grieving the deaths of their spouses. Amy Knackstedt is an Old-Order Mennonite and she moves to a property next to that owned by a man who left that faith years before. The problems begin because her children and her neighbor Tim become very fond of each other.

4. *A Place in His Heart* by Rebecca DeMarino. The historical novel, *A Place in His Heart* by Rebecca DeMarino is a fictionalized account of Mary and Barnabas Horton, her ninth great-grandparents. It tells how they met and

married in the seventeenth century. They moved from England to the New World and established a community on what today is Long Island.

5. *In Firefly Valley: a Novel* by Amanda Cabot.

Amanda Cabot has written the sequel to *At Bluebonnet Lake* in *In Firefly Valley*. The action again takes place at Rainbow's End resort. Marisa St. George returns to her hometown to become the resort's business manager when her job at an Atlanta firm is eliminated. Although she likes her new job more than she expected to, many problems occur.

6. *Through Waters Deep: a Novel* by Sarah Sundin.

The eight months prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor is the time frame for *Through Waters Deep* by Sarah Sundin. The action occurs in the Boston Navy Yard and the North Atlantic. Feelings are escalating with regard to whether the United States should enter the war or not and acts of sabotage begin in the Navy Yard. Mary Stirling and Jim Avery, former high school classmates, become reacquainted in Boston and become involved in solving the mystery of the sabotage.

- Beverly Bixler



### PMS Family Potluck Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 13,  
4:00 pm,  
@Yoder's Cabin,  
1609 SR 511 South.  
Please bring a  
covered dish. We  
will eat at 5:00pm.

## Living out of My True Self

The Journey of Being Defined by Christ

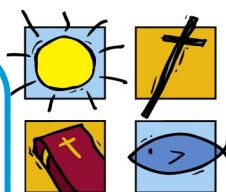
We live in a world that encourages us to seek fulfillment of our core longings in things other than Jesus. Unfortunately, the foundation of our true identity in Christ can be lost to things such as acceptance, success, demands of life, comfort, self-protection, etc.

In Living out of my True Self, you will learn what it means to be defined by Jesus and the building blocks of self-definition in Christ. You will also experience the power that comes from living out of your true identity. This day and a half seminar will be facilitated by Jeff Franks of HCM International and will consist of a series of video based teachings by Dr. Terry Wardle, small group sharing and processing, and experiential exercises.

Sept 18-19, 2015  
Faith Fellowship Church  
10277 Valley View Rd,  
Macedonia, OH 44056

\$65 per person\*

\*Register early and save! \$58 by Sept 4  
More info: [www.hcminternational.org](http://www.hcminternational.org)  
Questions: 419-612-7785



## Children's Ministry

The Atrium, our Montessori—style Sunday school for children, will resume September 13, 10:00am. Please have your children up to the third floor before worship begins.

Join us on Friday, September 4, 5:00-7:00pm for a back to school swimming party for parents and kids. Contact Tia Sponsler for more details, (419) 606-7155

## Adult Sunday School



The Adult Sunday School class will start back up on September 13th and will begin a study of Ephesians. They meet in the Knox room, the corner room next to the library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, from 8:45 – 9:30am.

## CROP Hunger Walk 2015

**Sunday, October 4, 2:00pm**

(departing from Christ United Methodist Church)

Ashland area churches will once more participate in raising funds to alleviate hunger through the CROP walk. This year's goal has been set at \$10,000 for our community, of which 25% will remain in Ashland for local hunger relief efforts. Last year, our congregation was represented by just 6 walkers, so let's increase that by at least an additional 2. Pledge envelopes for those walking are available from Lana Potter, and you'll soon see participants seeking your pledges.



**Communities  
Responding to  
Overcome  
Poverty**

## Movie Night

A TV weatherman experiences the same Groundhog Day over and over again in the classic Bill Murray comedy to be shown at the first Movie Night of the fall, Friday, September 18, at the home of the Dravenstotts, 1211 Fairway Drive. Come at 6:30pm for supper and bring something to share. The movie will start at 7:00pm, with a discussion, led by Terry Mapes, to follow.



**Movie  
Night**

# September

## First Presbyterian Church of Ashland

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30am Finance Ministry Team  8:00pm AA	2 9:30am Bible Study  7:30pm Choir	3  2:00pm Euchre	4  5:00pm Family Pool Party	5
6 Hunger Sunday	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 9:00am Staff  1:00pm Bridge  6:30pm Session 6:30pm Deacons 8:00pm AA	9 9:30am Bible Study  12:00pm Ministry Chairs Meeting 7:30pm Choir	10	11  Wedding Rehearsal	12 8:30am Presbytery Meeting/ Journey Discovery 3 @ FPC Cambridge  2:00pm Wedding
13 Communion Adult SS Resumes Children's Atrium Resumes  4:00pm PMS Family Potluck	14	15  7:00pm Leadership Essentials 8:00pm AA	16 9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	17 9:30am Worship Ministry Team	18  6:30pm Movie Night @ Dravenstotts'	19
20	21  Monthly Newsletter Deadline	22  8:00pm AA	23 9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	24	25	26
27	28	29  8:00pm AA	30 9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir			



# October

## First Presbyterian Church of Ashland

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  2:00pm Euchre	2	3
4 Hunger Sunday Communion  2:00pm Crop Walk @ CUMC	5  7:00pm PMS @ Saccomens' Home	6  8:00pm AA	7 9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	8	9	10
11	12	13  1:00pm Bridge  6:30pm Session 6:30pm Deacons 8:00pm AA	14 9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	15	16  6:30pm Movie Night	17
18 Communion  2:00pm Worship @ Kingston	19	20  8:00pm AA	21 9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	22	23	24
25 Host ACCESS	26 Host ACCESS  Monthly Newsletter Deadline	27 Host ACCESS  7:00pm Leadership Essentials 8:00pm AA	28 Host ACCESS  9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	29 Host ACCESS	30 Host ACCESS	31 Host ACCESS

# November

## First Presbyterian Church of Ashland

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Host ACCESS Daylight Savings Time Ends  Hunger Sunday Communion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	<b>5</b>  2:00pm Euchre	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  1:00pm Bridge  6:30pm Session 6:30pm Deacons 8:00pm AA	<b>11</b> 9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Not Your Parents' Offering Plate Workshop @ Christ PC, Canton
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Quarterly Newsletter Deadline	<b>17</b>  8:00pm AA	<b>18</b> 9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  6:30pm Movie Night	<b>21</b>  8:00pm PMS to White Christmas
<b>22</b> Communion	<b>23</b>  PMS Shopping Trip for Adopted Family	<b>24</b>  7:00pm Leadership Essentials 8:00pm AA	<b>25</b> 9:30am Bible Study	<b>26</b>  Thanksgiving Office Closed	<b>27</b>  Office Closed Thanksgiving Observed	<b>28</b>  Hanging of the Greens
<b>29</b> Advent I  Children Lead Worship  Loud Sunday	<b>30</b>					

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and adults will split up for an hour of teaching/discussion/spiritual formation. The focus of the time for the adult hour this year will be "Becoming a People of Presence." The evening will end with a time of prayer and ministry time as we lift one another's concerns to the Lord and open ourselves to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

- While there is a lot of content in this particular newsletter, I hope you will pay close attention to the communication coming from us in the weeks to come so that you don't miss out on an opportunity that may be of interest to you. Be sure to check out our new website (same address – [www.ashlandfpc.org](http://www.ashlandfpc.org)) which will continue to be filled with new and helpful information about our congregation.
- Are you interested in being involved in a small group? New groups will be forming soon. If interested, please contact the church office and we'll help to get you connected!
- Have you ever been around a campfire and noticed a piece of coal that falls away from the flames for a bit? It doesn't take long for it to lose its glow and ability to retain radiate heat and light. I find that many folks begin to feel this way towards the end of the summer as travel and change in lifestyle draws them away from the church community. Here's the good news: when placed back within the fire the coal very quickly begins to glow once more! I pray that if this speaks to you that you will use the transition back into the "school year schedule" to reconnect with your church family and rejoin the fire.

Finally, I encourage you with Ephesians 3:14 and hope that you will continue to pray this

prayer for our congregation with great expectation and anticipation of all God may do in us and through us in the weeks to come:

"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

In Christ,

*Pastor Mike*



## Property Ministry

I would like to thank all the members and staff that participated in our successful Clean-up the Church Week. Members, staff, and friends donated many hours to make our building cleaner and a little less cluttered.

I would like to give a special than you to Linda Swanson who became the on-site coordinator by default and the Bartters for removing the leftover items from the church. The general clean up, clear out, and organize was a great success. Thank you.

Remember that the church always has projects for those who have a desire to share their talents. Just ask what you can do.

Two projects will be happening in the near future. The lower stained glass window vents in the sanctuary will be refurbished and the needed repairs to the windows themselves will be done. The funds will come from Memorial Funds for that purpose. The slate on the main roof will be attended to in the fall. They are going to replace and repair many different concerns as needed and the budget permits.

Property Ministry is in negotiations with the company to revisit the tuck-pointing on the Third Street side, but costs and a timetable is not yet established.

The 200th Anniversary projects that have been completed have been paid or have the funds in hand to pay for them. The next phase is in the planning stages and depends on fund availability to complete.

All in all, for the age of our facilities most of what we are addressing is just normal maintenance.

Future cast is the middle school property disposal and transition and what it means for our church. Parking, green space, and future church expansion are possibilities. Please keep the leadership in your prayers and share your input on these matters.

Bill Dravenstott



## Prayer Ministry

While I was with my son Doug's family in North Carolina, my granddaughter's fish died. It was very traumatic to her because she had had this fish nearly half of her life! In addition, her brother's fish was and is still living. She wailed and cried and cried some more held lovingly in her mother's arms and no words were able to give her comfort. I observed and learned much. My son offered to have a funeral service for her fish and when she was ready, we were in her clothing chest looking for an appropriate "blanket" to wrap her pet, one that would help her know she was still close by. We went outside, committed the pet fish to the ground and said the Lord's Prayer. It brought comfort to us all until the next morning. I was sitting in church and began to weep. I wrote a note to both my son and his wife explaining and I wanted nothing more than to hold their hands. After the service, we went to the Prayer Room to ask prayers. I was unable to speak and so my son told my story. Imagine being so upset over a pet. Well, it was more than that. I had learned also that Bozena had died that morning. You know, losses add up. One brings on memories of another. Grief can be magnified when we least expect it to happen. That might include a miscarriage, loss of a job, loss of a dream, loss of good health and more.

I share all of this because we have lost a dear one from our congregation and one for whom we have been praying for months. Grief can sneak up on us and it cannot be satisfied with distractions or with platitudes such as, "It's going to be all right" or "\_\_\_\_ is now with God in Heaven." What is needed is the love of God through the touch of a person. I firmly believe that one reason Jesus taught us to name the Lord, Father, is this: we often feel as vulnerable as children. We actually need to climb up on a lap and weep on a strong



shoulder. We cannot always find that. Sometimes we are supposed to BE that shoulder ourselves. What is needed is a hug, or the touch of a hand, or a recognition, "You are hurting, aren't you?" or "How are you doing today?" It is in being with the person in their grief that can Jesus be the healer when we invite Him in, too. We are called to comfort one another as He comforts us.

Jolynn Lopeman

## CCO—Coalition for Christian Outreach

### What is CCO's main purpose?

The CCO (Coalition for Christian Outreach) calls college students to serve Jesus Christ with their entire lives.



### How is CCO Distinct from other campus ministries?

We develop students to be passionate leaders who serve Jesus Christ in their studies, jobs, communities and families. We serve together with the church, inviting students into the lives of local congregations. We design each ministry to fit the needs of every campus we serve. Read more about the CCO and our ministry on our new website: <http://ccojubilee.org/>

### CCO Ashland XD

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

## Ashland XD—CCO

### CCO Ministry at Ashland University is Taking Shape!

- XD has a Student Leadership Team of 6 students going into the fall. XD is our CCO Wilderness & Adventure based outreach ministry we are establishing on campus.
- Integration with The Well, a 200+ on-campus ministry directed by AU staff, has begun. Specifically, I will be coaching an Outreach Team of 6 student leaders focused on building bridges with non-Christians.
- We are starting a conversation with the Department of Student Life about offering a XD program for student leaders or for freshman during the time of pre-orientation. Also, the process is started for XD Ashland to become a Chartered Organization within Student Life.
- Mapleridge Ranch summer camp staff and counselor connection is established. Tanner and Maggie spent their summer at camp. Tanner was a counselor and Maggie the Assistant Cook. Maggie was awarded "Staffer of the Year," the same award Colton Johnson was honored with last summer!



Tanner, Jake and Maggie

### Upcoming This Fall

- Freshman Fest at Blasdels' Home Aug. 28-29
- Rock Climbing Weekend in WV Sep. 11-13
- Office of Christian Ministry Student Retreat Sept. 18-20
- Mohican Campout Oct. 9-11
- Adirondack Fall Break Trip Oct. 23-27

*"Over the past 2 years I've learned skills about the outdoors and how to be a leader through The Well and CCO XD Ministries. Because of my experiences and training on the XD wilderness adventure trips I was able to transfer my skills and teach the campers and support staff. I was seen as a leader in my own way. I took advantage of any opportunity to use my skills." -Maggie*

Summer camp staff at Mapleridge Ranch that Maggie and Tanner spent 8 weeks with this summer.





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## Worship in the Park with Potluck Picnic

August 2, 2015 Brookside West

