

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

# THE JOYFUL NOISE

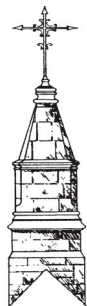
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## PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM

Just a brief update to say what is going on around the building at FPC.

You probably noticed the ventilators on the stained glass windows in the sanctuary have been leaving and coming back. This is a project being funded by memorial gifts window fund. All windows on the sanctuary level have been evaluated and repaired as necessary by Vidonish Studios from Lexington.



The carpets have now been cleaned and all the church clean up items have been removed from the church.

There are maintenance projects on the horizon we hope to be completed by winter.

In October our roofers will be on the main slate roof of the building. It will undergo a patch up and some slate will be replaced. Along with the main roof there are a few pesky leak issues that will be addressed. When the roof is secure there will be some painting touch up in the sanctuary.

We are still awaiting pricing from assessments on the tuck pointing on the third street side of the building.

The final project of the 200 project is being negotiated. Unfortunately the engineer we have been working with is no longer with the company so it has been a frustrating process of starting over with a new person.



As always the property ministry feels it is a privilege to serve as caretaker of our facilities.

Bill Dravenstott

## PRAYER

How are you doing with your breath prayers? Have you tried them? YA - WEH, or Jesus, have mercy on me. Do you have a regular time of day that you lift your prayers to God and listen for Him? I will be honest with you and admit that I do not always. But I DO attempt to give myself into His hands each day and see what surprises He has in store for me. I find myself often repeating, "He takes better care of me than I can take of myself."

Allow me to share a story about vacation I just took with my son Greg and his family. We were traveling to Jamestown and Williamsburg (close enough to Busch Gardens so that the 16 year old would be interested. We planned some roller coaster riding). Here is what happened when I arrived at the airport to take my taxi ride to the lodging where I would meet up with my family.

The taxi driver was a Kurd from Iraq. I could hardly understand his broken English, but he

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was eager to tell me how much he loved America. I thought to myself, "How fitting is this when I am in the cradle of our American heritage, the place where early settlers built our first church (in Jamestown) and where we fought for freedom, where John Smith lived as first provincial governor and Patrick Henry ("Give me liberty or give me death"), lived as first Governor of Virginia before the capital was moved to Virginia." This young man told me that his life had been threatened four times because he was a journalist in Iraq and some did not like his views. He finally sought freedom through the Turkish embassy and waited two years to get his green card and then emigrated from Turkey to our country. He is studying English and plans to pursue a degree from an American University so that he can continue with his journalism and tell people about freedom. He has looked around the world and he notices that Christian countries do not have the problems that he sees in Muslim countries. He tells me that he sees the love that people have for one another and he attributes that to Christianity. I am grateful that God allowed our paths to cross and I am reminded that we need to be praying for our country and for our world. God does hear, especially when we pray together in church or as a prayer team with the same prayer. I offer this prayer for our country and hope that you will join me in it.

Most Heavenly Father, Almighty One, Who called the planets, stars, galaxies into being with the sound of your voice and Who delights in hearing our prayers and Who delights in our attempts to know You more and more, we look around the world and see so much fighting and greed. We realize that we are helpless without You and so we confess to You our weakness. We praise You that we can live in this country of freedom of religion and worship freely each Sunday. What a privilege! We confess the sins You place on our hearts so that we may be pure in Your sight and so You will hear our pleas as we listen to You in return. There are so many

who do not know You. We pray for them, that their hearts will be softened from the hardness that keeps You out. We thank You that we do know You and we pray for leaders Who do not know You and who are more interested in power than Your will. We pray for a revival of spirit in this country, so that we may be the country that You would have us be. We pray for the Holy Spirit to convict and lead us as a country. We pray that we may continue to be the beacon that shines in the eyes of this Kurdish young man and others and we pray that he may come to know You more and more... in Jesus Name we pray...amen and amen.



Here is one way to pray each day a five finger prayer. So even though God is "great and mighty in power" (Psalm 147:4), we are His children and He is always thinking of us, "How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!" If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand!" (Psalm 139:17-18) May I hear Your will for me.

If you would like to be added to the prayer team list, call and leave me a message with your email address: 419-606-3426.

Sharing God's love, Jolynn Lopeman

## FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH

Beginning Oct. 4  
8:30am  
Classroom 101



Matt McClain will be leading a Bible study focused on the foundations of our faith. More specifically, this class discusses the vision of this church and how one can grow into that mission. It is about living out your faith and being the church. This class is required of our future new members, but is open to all.

## CROP HUNGER WALK October 4 at 2:00pm Christ United Methodist Church

Keep in mind that Crop Walk funds support these Ashland hunger programs:

- Emmanuel Methodist Saturday Breakfasts
- Salvation Army Food Bank
- St. Edward's Hunger Center
- Helping Hand in Loudonville

There are three ways to donate: sponsor a walker, put your donation in the offering plate designating it for Crop Walk, or donating online at [hunger.cwsglobal.org](http://hunger.cwsglobal.org) - look for our team's page (links can be found on FPC's website).

See Lana Potter for more information.



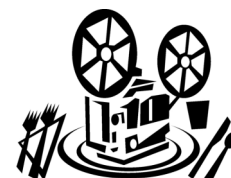
Communities  
Responding  
to Quivercome  
Poverty

Please Mark Your  
Calendar

Harvest Dinner  
Sunday, November 15  
Following Worship



A family travels from India all the way to France to open a restaurant, yet it is the walk across the road, the hundred-foot journey, that proves the greatest challenge. This 2014 film, starring Helen Mirren, will be shown and discussed at Movie Night on Friday, October 16. Steve and Peggy Yoder, 1100 Surrey Circle, will host. Come at 6:30pm to eat. The movie starts at 7:00pm, with a discussion to follow. Please bring a friend, as well as something to eat to share.



**Movie  
Night**



## PRESBY LUNCH BUNCH

Tuesday, October 20, 11:30am  
The Barn in Smithville, Ohio

The Barn, noted for its salad/soup bar, is the perfect way to spend an October luncheon with shopping, or just watching the ducks on their large pond. RSVP to Cora Walker at 419-289-2316.

## ECONOMIC JUSTICE TEAM

Tuesday, October 6  
7:00pm, Andrews Chapel

FPC is forming a team to look at economic issues in our community and to discern how God might be calling us forward to be a part of the solution. This team will have its first meeting on Tuesday, October 6 to begin a conversation on how to move forward. Pastor Mike will facilitate a discussion about the team's focus, what currently is being done in Ashland and where are the holes. Anyone interested is invited to come.



# OCTOBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> Hunger Sunday Communion 8:30am Founda- tions of Faith  2:00pm Crop Walk @ CUMC	<b>5</b>  7:00pm PMS @ Saccomens' Home	<b>6</b> 9:00am Staff 10:00am Finance Team  7:00pm Economic Justice 7:00pm AA Annual Banquet	<b>7</b> Session Packet Info Due 9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11:00am-3:00pm ACCESS Souper Saturday, Grace Brethren
<b>11</b> 8:30am Founda- tions of Faith	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  1:00pm Bridge  6:30pm Session 6:30pm Deacons 8:00pm AA	<b>14</b> 9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  6:30pm Movie Night @ Yoders' Home	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Communion 8:30am Founda- tions of Faith  2:00pm Worship @ Kingston	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  11:30am Presby Lunch Bunch @ The Barn  8:00pm AA	<b>21</b> 9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Host ACCESS 8:30am Founda- tions of Faith	<b>26</b> Host ACCESS  Monthly Newsletter Deadline	<b>27</b> Host ACCESS  7:00pm Leadership Essentials 8:00pm AA	<b>28</b> Host ACCESS  9:30am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	<b>29</b> Host ACCESS	<b>30</b> Host ACCESS	<b>31</b> Host ACCESS



## ACCESS HOUSE WARMING BASKETS

When our ACCESS guests move into their homes, the ACCESS churches give them a House Warming Basket of supplies.

The following items are needed:

### Household Cleaning Supplies:

mop and bucket, broom and dust pan, spray cleaner, spray bleach cleaner, window cleaner, sponges, dishcloths and dis towels, liquid dis detergent, paper towels, laundry detergent, bleach, toilet bowl cleaner, trash cans, garbage bags

### Personal Hygiene:

toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, towels and washcloths, hand soap, hand sanitizer, hand lotion, bars of soap, shower gel/body wash, toilet paper, tissues

### General Items:

small alarm clock, gift cards, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, sandwich baggies, gallon-size storage baggies

Emmanuel United Methodist Church spearheads this part of the ACCESS program. If you want to donate money instead, please send your donation payable to Emmanuel United Methodist Church marked ACCESS in the memo field to 322 Cleveland Ave., Ashland. You can also leave donations in the basket in FPC's main office and Jan Grimm will pick them up.

## TRAVEL-SIZED TOILETRIES

FPC also collects travel-sized shampoo, soap, lotion, etc. that Lana Potter delivers to the Kroc Center. These are used by ACCESS guests when they take their showers there. Please continue to donate these by placing them in the basket in the office.



Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,

On behalf of the ACCESS program, I'd like to thank your congregation for donating two boxes of Bibles to our program. We like to put a Bible into each House Warming Basket given when an ACCESS guest leaves the program.

A basket full of household supplies and personal items give them a financial boost as they settle into a new place to live.



Thanks again! God is blessing you and other of our community through you.

Jan Grimm

## ACCESS

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

## ACCESS SOUP-ER SATURDAY

Saturday, October 10,  
11:00am—3:00pm



Grace Brethren Church  
Gymnasium

Soup-er Saturday is an all-day fundraiser for the ACCESS program.

The event includes a day-long silent auction as well as a live auction which will begin at 1:00pm. Homemade desserts will also be offered for sale.

## 21ST ANNUAL KAY CONRAD DAY OF CARING

Thursday, October 15  
12:30—4:30pm



Sign up now to have volunteers do fall clean-up at your home. Applications available at 380 E 4th St, the Ashland Senior Citizen Center, or FPC church office.



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MEET HUMAN NEEDS**

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**NewsLetter  
DEADLINE**

**Monday  
October 26**

**Food Gram  
From the Food Dude**

Outstanding, very bountiful  
harvest for September.  
Let's out do it for October.



Please bring food and/or  
monetary donations on  
October 4 for Hunger Sunday.

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**To:**

**October 2015**



Associated Charities requests the following items:

**Non-Perishable Needs:**

Saltine Crackers  
Boxed Cereals  
Jelly  
Frosting  
Fresh Potatoes  
Canned Fruits – **ALL** are needed!  
Egg Noodles  
Instant / Fresh Potatoes  
Sugar and Vegetable Oil  
Juices (of any kind)

**Personal Needs:**

Dish Soap  
Toothpaste  
Laundry Detergent  
Shampoo and Conditioner  
Deodorant-Female and Male  
Razors



**HUNGER  
SUNDAY**

**October 4**