

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

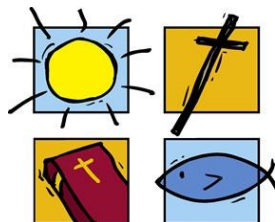
THE JOYFUL NOISE

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

\$700! What a grand total raised for World Vision by our children in the recent sale of craft items they had made! Their high level of excitement as they worked on their creations is matched by the fun of discerning which of the multitude of World Vision projects to support. Be watching for news of their decision.



"The love and support our congregation showed our children made my heart fill with joy. The Holy Spirit worked through every single one of their supporters, to build in them the confidence that they can make a difference. These children are learning to seek Him and His glory by serving and all of that love just affirmed that in their hearts. Thank you!"

- Tia Sponsler

After several weeks of planning and preparation, our children led the worship service on November 29, excerpts of which can be heard on the church's web site. They selected the music, read Scriptures, prayed, designed bulletin covers, and via video recording, shared their thoughts about what God means to them, and where they see God at work. Fabric swatches were distributed to each person attending, as a remembrance of their blessing to us, and the service ended with the children sharing "high 5s" and big hugs. What joy to witness their enthusiasm and sincerity!

ON A HEALTHY NOTE...



- Have you considered sharing your emergency contact information with the church? FPC can keep this information in its computer database should there be a need to contact your family or other support. Please especially consider this if you have family that lives out of town. Contact Linda Swanson for more information.
- A special thank you to Lana Potter who recently updated our first aid kits. FPC now has three first aid kits, one in the first floor kitchen, one in the cabinet in the narthex, and one in Tia Sponsler's office on third floor.
- Did you know FPC has a medical lending closet? We have a collection of medical devices, such as walkers, cans, wheelchairs, shower chairs, etc., available for people to use. Many of our supplies are currently out on loan. If you have any equipment like this that you no longer need, please consider donating them to this closet. Contact Linda Swanson to either donate or use any of our supplies.
- If you are hospitalized and want the church to know, you must tell the hospital chaplain to contact us. HIPAA privacy rules prevent the hospital from releasing information without your consent

January

Dear Church Family,

I am SO grateful for Pastor Mike, Cora Walker, Sabrina Pepsny and all of you bringing in delicious food, sending cards and prayers, helping with errands and shopping, tips and advice. God is working through all of you and prayers are being answered. This is a longer recovery than I imagined, but my brain got a terrible shaking and brain bleed, so I must give it freedom from too much stimulation or TV or computer so it can repair itself. Thank you for understanding. So I pray that our God Who is Ultimate Manager of all good things and Who makes all good things happen in His time, I pray that He will grant you all His patience as He is granting it to me and these good things will also come to You this Christmas...blessings and honor, glory and power be unto Him...amen and amen.

Sharing God's love, Jolynn Lopeman



Communities
Responding
to Overcome
Poverty

Recently Jim Pifer, Coordinator of Ashland's Crop Walk, released the final report for 2015.

- 12 congregations participated
- 76 people walked and raised funds
- Total funds raised: \$7,539.00

Twenty-five percent of the funds raised are equally divided between St. Edward's Church Lunch Program, Emmanuel United Methodist Church Breakfast Program, the Salvation Army, and the Helping Hands Food Pantry of Loudonville, all of which are food programs for our county.

Thanks for your support!

We extend our deepest sympathy to the friends and families of the following people:



Anne G. Barnhill, who died on November 27

Ruth Cooper, who died on December 5

Jacob Wagenhals, who died on December 9

Paul Miller, who died on December 9

Theodore Welch "Ted" Jacobs, who died on December 24

FORMATIONAL PRAYER SEMINAR

January 13-16, 2016
Ashland Theological Seminary

Formational Prayer is a ministry of the Holy Spirit, moving through a Christian caregiver, bringing the Healing Presence of Jesus Christ into the place of pain and brokenness within a wounded person.

Muskingum Valley Presbytery has a limited number of reserved spots for the upcoming Introduction to Formational Prayer Seminar. The group rate is \$400.

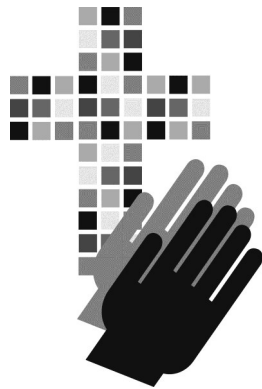
For more information or to register, contact Lynne Lawson at llawson1@ashland.edu, and mention that you are with Muskingum Valley Presbytery. The seminar fills up quickly, so reserve your spot soon!



Esther McNaul (Oyster) Queneau is looking for a set of chrismons she shared with FPC about 12 years ago. They were made of Styrofoam, pearls, and gold thread and were used to decorate trees in the narthex and/or sanctuary. If you know anything about these chrismons, especially their whereabouts, please contact the church office.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Every Wednesday from 12:30—1:00pm there is an intercessory prayer time at Samaritan Hospital Chapel led by Bob Buford of the Transformation Network. The opiate problem in our community is the main focus of this prayer time. All concerned individuals are invited to come and pray.



SHANKS DISCOUNT

Take your church bulletin to Shanks (formerly the Country Club) and receive 20% off your lunch or dinner on Sundays.



PRESBY LUNCH BUNCH

January 19, 11:30am

Perkins Ashland

Please come with your best New Year's joke or story! Reservations to Cora Walker by January 17, 419-289-2316.

The next Movie Night is January 15.

For both January and February it will be held at the Church.



Dates to Note



January 3—Removal of Christmas Decorations following worship

February 7—Celebration Sunday

February 10—Ash Wednesday

CHURCH CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS:

Please tune into WNCO FM 101.3 or AM 1340 for news of cancellations due to weather. It will also be listed on their websites and any of the other Clear Channel stations in the area.



Our church website will also list any closings on our home page www.ashlandfpc.org

JANUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office Closed— New Year's Day	2
3 Host ACCESS Hunger Sunday Removal of Decorations	4	5 8:00pm AA	6 Session Packet Info Due 9:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	7	8	9
10	11	12 1:00pm Bridge 6:30pm Session 6:30pm Deacons 8:00pm AA	13 9:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	14	15 6:30pm Movie Night	16
17	18 Office Closed- MLK Day	19 11:30 Presby Lunch Bunch @Perkins 8:00pm AA	20 9:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	21 10:30am Finance Ministry Team	22	23
24	25 Monthly Newsletter Deadline	26 8:00pm AA	27 9:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	28	29	30
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ASHLAND CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTER

"Stuff the Truck" event on Groundhog's Day

Ashland Christian Health Center Partners with Easter Seals Northern Ohio to raise money for patient care.

WHO: We need YOU! Tell your friends, family, neighbors, or anyone else looking to clear clutter and do something GOOD!

WHAT: An Easter Seals truck will be parked at the Ashland Christian Health Center, the old Miller building to accept donations of clothing, blankets, curtains, towels, shoes, purses, stuffed animals, old cloth lunchboxes, and backpacks, etc. Even stained items can be recycled into something! The more items we donate, the more money we will raise! (*All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt when you drop off your items). Our goal is to collect over 500 large bags of clothing/cloth and raise \$1,000.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 2 through Thursday, February 4 from 9:00am—3:00pm

WHERE: Ashland Christian Health Center,
380 E. Fourth Street, Ashland, OH 44805
419-903-0475

SANTA'S ATTIC SALE

Ashland Christian Health Center is also collecting Christmas items for their 2nd Annual Santa's Attic Sale to be held in 2016. Now is the perfect time to collect gently used and greatly treasured Christmas décor. As you sort through your Christmas items, consider donating the items you no longer need. Their sale is the perfect way to find a new home for every item like: stockings, Christmas trees, nativity, snowmen, candles, lights, stuffed animals, tins, home décor, tree décor, angels, Santas, linens, baskets, greenery, and Christmas wrap.

You can bring your items to the Ashland Christian Health Center during business hours Monday—Thursday, 9:00am—4:00pm



MICHAEL L. RUNYAN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

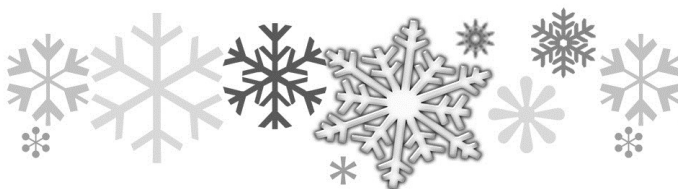
Earlier in 2015, FPC sponsored a hole for this golf tournament. We received this letter:



Dear Sponsor,
We want to personally thank you for yet another successful tournament in 2015. This year we moved our location to Mohican Hills and the results could not have been better! 100 golfers came out to support our event and our numbers are now holding steady from year to year. The first year that we took over the event, we raised \$1,100 and last year we saw that increase to \$1,975. This year, with your help and with the generosity of all of our participants and donors, we were able to donate \$3,750 directly into the Michael L. Runyan Memorial Scholarship, administered by the Ashland County Community Foundation. Our move to Mohican Hills had a major impact in our ability to maximize our donation while also keeping our entry fees affordable for our golfers. We feel that we've found a great home for the event at Mohican Hills and will return there next year, with the tournament taking place on August 20th, 2016.

Again, thank you very much for your help in putting together a great event. It is one of the most rewarding things we do all year and we're happy to keep doing it. Take care and we'll see you again in 2016!

Sincerely,
Matthew Houser, President
Cody Searl, Treasurer
www.runyanmemorial.com



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MAKE DISCIPLES,
MEET HUMAN NEEDS**

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**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

**Monday
January 25**

**Food Gram
From the Food Dude**

December's donations were abundant. A couple of surprises were 4 bags of potato chips and a large can of green beans. Let's carry this spirit of generosity into the new year!

Associated Charities reported that in November alone, 514 families were assisted with food, for a total of 1,900 people.

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To:

January 2016

Happy New Year & Happy New Year

Associated Charities Requests the following items:

Non Perishable Needs:

Pancake Mix and Syrup
Canned Fruits-Peaches, Pears and Fruit Cocktail
Boxed Cereal
Granola Bars
Pop Tarts
Hot chocolate
Baked Beans
Spaghetti-O's
Canned Chicken
Canned Tuna

Personal Needs: Really Low on ALL!

Dish Soap
Laundry Soap
Deodorant
Children's Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Shampoo and Conditioner
Bath Soap—Liquid or Bars
Facial Tissue



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

January 3