



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 13
9:00—10:30am
FPC Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$10 or Donation



Please Join us for our fundraiser breakfast. Ashland University students will be serving homemade whole wheat pancakes, local maple syrup and bacon to help raise the funds needed to help offset the costs of their upcoming trips and provide needed scholarship money for participates. Students will be attending the Jubilee Conference in February and/or the Spring Break Experience to Arkansas in March.

At 10:00 am students will share some short CCO AshlandXD Testimonials.

Your presence and donations will be a huge blessing and encouragement to the students. A Saturday Pancake Breakfast is a regular meal the Blasdels have at their house with students and they all would love to share this experience with you.

Any donation over the initial \$10.00 is tax deductible and receipts can be provided.

The CCO AshlandXD College Ministry's desire and purpose is to partner with churches and colleges to see students living out their faith in



every area of life. One way we are doing that here in Ashland is through an XD (Experiential Designs) ministry at Ashland University. "Integrating Faith and Adventure" is our AshlandXD slogan that speaks to a way we can teach and see students embodying their faith in re-creation as they experience and encounter the LORD in creation and community.

Jake Blasdel, Director of College-Age Ministry

LENT AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



Ash Wednesday, February 10

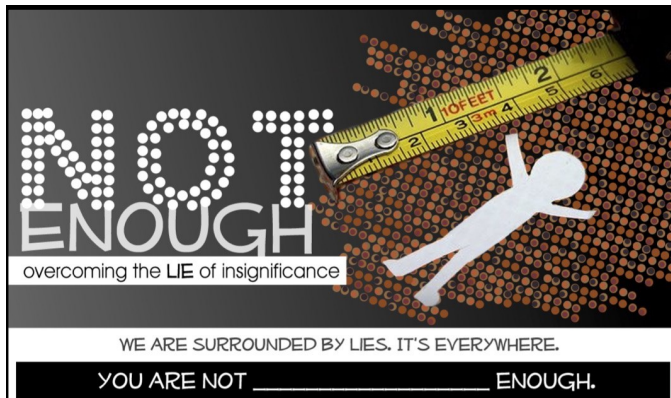
5:30pm meal

6:30pm worship in Sanctuary with Imposition of Ashes, Communion, and a reflection on Philippians 2 and Ephesians 6.

Ash Wednesday is the kickoff to Oasis and our Lenten series "Letting Go: Trusting Jesus with Our Deepest Desires." Pastor Mike will preach and teach on Sundays and Wednesdays on our core longings of belonging, security, purpose, understanding, significance, and love.

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for food, fellowship, family, and formation.





NOT ENOUGH: OVERCOMING THE LIE OF INSIGNIFICANCE

Friday, February 12, 5:30pm-
Saturday, February 13, 3:30pm

Faith Fellowship Church
10277 Valley View Rd
Macedonia, OH 45056

\$55 per person
To register: hcminternational.org/Macedonia

In Not Enough: Overcoming the Lie of Insignificance, you will have the opportunity to identify lies of insignificance, which often negatively impact us in our roles as spouse, parent, pastor, counselor, leader, etc. You will also learn how to embrace the truth that affirms that you ARE enough and you ARE significant. It's not based on what you've done, how you look, or how good you are. It's based on Who made you, and what He says about you.

During this event, we will hear from guest speaker, Jeff Franks, MAPC, Director of HCM International, as well as engage in small group processing, experiential exercises, and personal reflection time. Please contact Pastor Mike for more information or see the flyers on the bulletin board near the narthex.



BECOMING THE PEOPLE OF THE PRESENCE

April 6-9, 2016
Wednesday-Saturday:
8:30am-4:30pm

Sunbury United Methodist Church
100 W Cherry St
Sunbury, OH 43074

\$175 per person;
\$75 for Seminary and University students
To register: healingcare.org/presence

This seminar will be led by Dr. Terry Wardle and the Healing Care Ministry Team. Join them for a better understanding of the ministry of the Holy Spirit, a fresh experience of the Holy Spirit's presence, and a greater empowerment from the Holy Spirit for life and ministry. Please contact Pastor Mike for more information about this experience or see the flyers on the bulletin board near the narthex.



Healing Care Ministries (HCM) is dedicated to helping emotionally broken people find freedom and healing in Jesus Christ through the various ministries of formational prayer. Formational Prayer is a process of deep emotional healing that positions people to meet Jesus in the memories of past wounding experiences. It is a Christ-centered, Spirit directed process of prayer that seeks to bring the presence of Jesus into the place of deep emotional wounds. Such wounds often generate destructive false beliefs, debilitating emotional turmoil, and countless dysfunctional behaviors in the lives of God's people. Through formational prayer, hurting people are able to experience the transforming power of Christ that brings freedom and release.

HEALING CARE MINISTRIES' (HCM) EVENT AT FPC

Living Out of My True Self: The Journey of Being Defined by Christ



Friday, April 22, 6:00pm-
Saturday, April 23, 3:30pm

\$48 for early registration/ \$55 per person

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 Pastor Mike and will consist of a series of video based teachings by Dr. Terry Wardle, small group sharing and processing, and experiential exercises.

We are hosting this event at our church. More information will be forthcoming, but we encourage you to make note of the dates. This event is a good finale to Pastor Mike's Lenten sermon series, "Letting Go: Trusting Jesus with Our Deepest Desires."

For more information about similar events, visit www.hcminternational.org



PRESBY LUNCH BUNCH

February 16, 11:30am

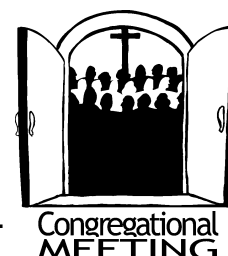
Buehler's Restaurant

Join us for an extended
Valentine's Grateful Hearts
Luncheon. Reservations to Cora
Walker no later than Feb. 14,
419-289-2316.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 7, 2016

Join us for this Celebration
Sunday for a soup lunch and
our Annual Congregational
Meeting. Annual reports will
be available to pick up in the
narthex on Sunday, January 31.



Nursery News

Kouri Weber was just hired to attend our
nursery Sunday mornings. Kouri will be here
8:30-11:30am to care for our littlest ones.

Please take a moment to welcome her!

Tia Sponsler invites women to prayerfully
consider creating a book and discussion group.
This group might engage in an illuminating
read, practice some self-reflection, and enjoy
some fellowship together.
Please contact her if this
might interest you and/or
if you have some ideas about
a group like this.



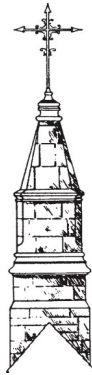
FEBRUARY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------|---|
| | 1 | 2 9:00am Staff 8:00pm AA | 3 Session Packet Info Due 9:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Hunger Sunday Communion Celebration Sunday Congregational Meeting Soup Lunch | 8 | 9 1:00pm Bridge 6:30pm Session 6:30pm Deacons 8:00pm AA | 10 9:30am Bible Study 5:30pm Meal 6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship 7:30pm Choir | 11 | 12 | 13 9:00am CCO AshlandXD Pancake Breakfast |
| 14 | 15 President's Day Office Closed 6:30pm PMS @ Lathams' | 16 9:00am Staff 11:30 Presby Lunch Bunch @ Buehlers' 8:00pm AA | 17 9:30am Bible Study 1:30 Memorial & Gifts Team 5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir | 18 10:00am Worship Ministry Team 10:30am Finance Ministry Team | 19 6:30pm Movie Night | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Quarterly Newsletter Deadline | 23 8:00pm AA | 24 9:30am Bible Study 5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Host ACCESS | 29 Host ACCESS | | | | | |

PROPERTY COMMISSION

2015 saw a lot of improvements as we complete the 200 for 200 projects. We are beginning to reap the benefit of the heating system upgrade and the lights have really made the sanctuary beautiful. The audio system contract is pending approval and work should begin soon. The sound difference should be equally impressive. Thank you for your support and your pledges. We have been able to pay for these projects with money in hand.



I encourage your support of the property fund to buy the middle school property. The impact of the possible loss of parking lot and adjoining property has already affected us as the demolition of the school proceeds. It is a unique opportunity to purchase this land. If we fail in our bid for the land, the money would be applied to permanent improvement fund.

Bill Dravenstott

Associated Charities

Associated Charities shared some results of the donations they received from the Ashland community.

373 families were assisted with their Thanksgiving dinners

429 total families were assisted with food and/or Christmas toys

2015 was a record year for new toy donations to their toy room.

Both Rosemarie Donely, Executive Director, and Shirley Bonfiglio, Assistant Director/Program Coordinator expressed gratitude to Ashland for their continued support.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



This year as we prepare for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, many are grateful for the transformation made possible through this special offering. In places like Sierra Leone; Asheville, North Carolina; and Flint, Michigan those most in need are finding hope and help through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People program, and their partners in ministry. In this media-driven environment of "the next big story," it is easy to become distracted from the reality faced by our brothers and sisters around the world where poverty, disaster, and war cause displacement and suffering.

This is why Presbyterians continue to give to One Great Hour of Sharing. When we give this year, we give in faith — knowing that staff in the three One Great Hour of Sharing programs will be responding in Christ's name to the cries of our sisters and brothers throughout the next year. We trust that they will respond as they did in West Africa in the wake of the devastating Ebola crisis: immediately, directly, and through our partners wherever the emergency occurs. But equally important, we know that they will remain in areas of devastation long after the news cameras have moved elsewhere as they continue rebuilding both lives and communities.

Feeding the hungry, helping people build up their own livelihoods, responding to disasters — these are all ways that your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are changing lives, changing communities, and changing the world.

Please give prayerful consideration to your gift for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Look for special bulletin inserts and offering envelopes.

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**NewsLetter
DEADLine**

**Monday
February 22**

**Food Gram
From the Food Dude**

In December when I delivered the food to Associated Charities, I saw the reason we make donations: young mothers with babies in their arms waiting for Christmas food baskets.

January donations were outstanding with personal products and cereal in particular. Please continue to give for our February Hunger Sunday.

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Well, here we are in a new year, with another wonderful Christmas and Thanksgiving in the books! The food donations this holiday season were probably the largest we have seen since I became Director almost 7 years ago! Amazing and Grateful! May this be a year of renewal and hope for those in need in our county! -Rosemarie Donley
Associated Charities Requests the following items:

Non-Perishable Needs:

Granola bars/pop tarts
Saltine Crackers
Hot chocolate
Mustard or Mayo
VEGETABLE SOUP!
Canned Chicken/Tuna
Egg Noodles

NON-FOOD ITEMS:

Shampoo
Conditioner
Tissues
Dish Soap
Laundry Soap
Deodorant
Bath Soap: liquid or bars



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

February 7