



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

THE JOYFUL NOISE

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTS HEALING CARE MINISTRIES (HCM)

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.



This event is a good finale to Pastor Mike's

Lenten sermon series, "Letting Go: Trusting Jesus with Our Deepest Desires."

To register, visit the News & Events section of our website, ashlandfpc.org, and look under Church Updates. You can also register through www.hcminternational.org.



ASHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Ashland Middle School property will be coming up for auction later this year after the building is demolished. The church is landlocked and this might be our only chance to secure adjacent property. The parking lot to the west of the church building is part of the Middle School property and we could lose the ability to park there. The Finance Ministry Team has been discussing options concerning the possible purchase.

We are currently accepting financial contributions to purchase part or all of this property. Should we be unsuccessful in acquiring this property, the funds collected will be used toward needed permanent improvements for our current building. Prayerfully consider a contribution to help our efforts to buy the property.

We also ask for your help by responding to our survey, a copy of which is in this newsletter.

COMPASSION SUNDAY

April 24, 2016

Since 1952, Compassion International has dedicated its Christian child development and child advocacy ministry to helping over 1.5 million children in need worldwide. In the name of Jesus, children have been released from poverty and enabled to become responsible, fulfilled adults. In partnership with local churches, Compassion helps implement programs in 26 countries which provide for the child's physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs. Individual sponsors provide monthly support for a child, enabling hearing the gospel, education and mentoring, health care, hygiene training, and a caring and safe Christian environment.

When this congregation observes Compassion Sunday on April 24, information packets will be available concerning individual children for whom support is desperately needed. When a child is selected by an individual for support, communication is established and exchanged throughout the year. Helpful information is provided about the region and circumstances in which the child lives. Please consider this avenue of extending the hand of Christ to a child whose situation has brought him or her to the attention of Compassion representatives. Of the multitude of charitable opportunities available, Compassion International has been given the most consecutive four-star ratings of any organization of its kind in the nation.



compassion.com



Thank You Note

Thank you to the Atrium kids for inviting me to your special Sunday church service. It was very enlightening and took me back to when I was your age. And thanks to Tia and Aaron Sponsler for all your work with our kids.

George Holmes

Formational Prayer Seminar

June 15-18, 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.

For more information or to register, contact Lynne Lawson at llawson1@ashland.edu or 419-207-5547



ASHLAND BOOKCASE PROJECT

It's time for Ashland's annual Ashland Bookcase Project! This is the 5th year for this community project. In the past, books and bookcases have been provided to more than 200 "at risk" children enrolled in area Head Start Programs in an effort to help fight illiteracy.

Construction technology students at the Career Center will build 70 bookcases and master carpenters from Trinity Lutheran Church will build 25 bookcases. The goal is to fill the bookcases with new or gently used books geared toward ages 2-6. The children who are identified by the Head Start teachers receive a personalized bookcase and a nice starter set of books.

Please help us fill the box located in the office and the narthex. We hope the books will open new doors for these children and enable them to dream and enjoy reading experiences they might not otherwise have!



The boxes will be at the church until April 15th.

PLEASE HELP US
FILL OUR BOX!
Thank you!

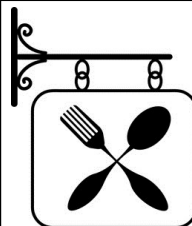
Dates to Note



May 4—True Self Small Group Begins

May 8-15—Host ACCESS at Peace Lutheran Church

May 15—Pentecost, Celebration Sunday, Congregational Meeting



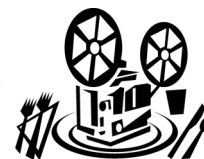
PRESBY LUNCH BUNCH

April 19, 11:30am

Mohican State Park Lodge

Please join us on a spring day in the beautiful Bromfield Room of the Mohican State Park Lodge for lunch with good fellowship and a view of the lake. Reservations to Cora Walker no later than Sunday, April 17th.

Sometimes the wrong train can take you to the right station. And sometimes the wrong lunchbox can find its way to the right man. See what happens next when Movie Night returns April 15. Come at 6:30pm for supper. The movie will start at 7:00pm, with a lively discussion to follow. Bring some food to share. Location TBA.



Movie Night

Women's Fellowship Group

Monday, April 4th is the first meeting at Tia Sponsler' home from 6-8pm. We will be growing together in faith, vulnerability, and joy. We will be journeying through the book, *Come Along: The Journey into a More Intimate Faith*. Please contact Tia for more information.



Thursday, May 5, 6:30am.
AU Convocation Center

Tickets are \$15.00 each.

APRIL

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Private Baby Shower
3 Hunger Sunday Communion	4 6:00pm Women's Fellowship Group @ Sponslers' home	5 9:00am Staff 10:30am Memorial & Gifts Team 8:00pm AA	6 Session Packet Info Due 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	7	8	9
10	11	12 1:00pm Bridge 6:30pm Session 6:30pm Deacons 8:00pm AA	13 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	14	15 6:30pm Movie Night	16
17 2:15pm Worship @ Kingston	18	19 9:00am Staff 8:00pm AA	20 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	21 11:00am Worship Ministry Team	22 6:00pm True Self Event	23 9:00am True Self Event
24 Compassion Sunday	25 Monthly Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm PMS in Fellowship Hall	26 8:00pm AA	27 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	28 10:30am Finance Ministry Team	29	30



Presbyterian Mothers Study Group
All Daughter Banquet
 Sunday, May 1, 2016 @5:00PM
 Fellowship Hall

Join Us at the 'Garden of Weedin'

Menu

Ham Loaf	Garden Biscuits with Butter	PBJ Sandwiches (for kids)
Chicken Alfredo with Broccoli	Fruity Jello Cups	Dirty Dessert
Parslied New Potatoes	Spring Mix Salad	Beverages
	w/assorted dressings	

Cost: \$12.00 for Adults, \$11.00 for Senior Citizens (65 & older)
 \$9.00 for Children 4-12 years old, Ages 3 and under Free



Names and cost of those attending:

Name _____ Cost _____

Name _____ Cost _____

Name _____ Cost _____

Name _____ Cost _____

Name _____ Cost _____



Payment must accompany reservation.

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church

Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, April 24, 2016.

Questions: contact Peggy Yoder @ 419-496-7569

LOUD SUNDAY BENEFITS KIDS GOING TO YOUNG LIFE CAMP

When a month has a fifth Sunday, we collect a special "loud" offering of spare change to benefit a chosen cause. Our next Loud Sunday offering will be collected on May 29. Proceeds will help send youth to Young Life camp this summer. To get a jump on this offering, we invite you to pick up a Young Life jar in the narthex, take it home, and fill it with your loose change. Please bring it back on May 29. See Matt or Lauren McClain with any questions.



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IN JESUS' NAME**

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**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

**Monday
April 25**

**Food Gram
From the Food Dude**

I was quite surprised to find large cartons of canned goods for our March donations. I counted about 50 cans of food. Thank you! Thanks also for the outstanding February contributions.

The Food Dude wants to thank Jim Savage for all the driving he does to help deliver our donations to Associated Charities. He is always cheerful and willing to help.

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April 2016



From Rosemary Donley: 37 new families visited us in January and 23 new families in February. Let us be a blessing to those in need in Ashland County!

Associated Charities Requests the following items:

Non-Perishable Needs:

Grape and Strawberry Jelly
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Tea bags or Coffee
Mustard or Mayo
VEGETABLE SOUP!
Canned Chicken
Juices of any kind

Non-Food Items:

Shampoo and Conditioner
Dish Soap
Laundry Soap
Feminine Products
Deodorant



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

April 3

Ashland Middle School Property Survey

We would like your opinion!

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The property will be split into two parcels when auctioned, the parking lot and the lot where the school building was located. They will be auctioned separately and then combined and will be sold in the combination that will bring in the most money.

Should the church try to acquire the parking lot? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how much do you think the church should pay for this parcel? \$ _____

Should the church try to acquire the lot where the building was located? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how much do you think the church should pay for this parcel? \$ _____

Should the church borrow money in order to purchase the property? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, should we place a limit on the amount borrowed? ☐ Yes ☐ No Limit \$ _____

Name (Optional): _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Thank you for your response and for helping to provide a vision for the future of First Presbyterian Church! Please drop this survey off at the church office, put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or mail it to the church at: 320 Church St., Ashland, OH, Attn: Finance Ministry Team. THANK YOU!!

First Presbyterian Church Finance Ministry Team - Peggy Yoder, Chair, Ken Eckenroth, Lucille Ford, Al Holdren, Michael Hudson, Doug McKibben, Sandy Sexton.

Please respond by Sunday, April 17th.

One survey per person, please!