



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

THE JOYFUL NOISE

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IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MAY 15, 2016 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

An important congregational meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, May 15. We will be voting on some restructuring of the leadership of this congregation, updating our bylaws, and electing officers.



This is both Pentecost and a Celebration Sunday. We will have a potluck meal together. Please bring food to share and your own table service. Drinks will be provided..

BUILDING BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY Volunteer Opportunity for the Summer

The Building Bridges out of Poverty committee will be hosting a summer lunch program for school aged children in Ashland County. There will be two sites in Ashland, the Ashland Public Library and Cahn Grove on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

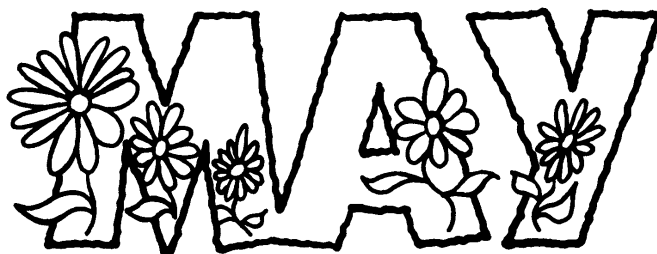


At this point the commitment would only be a couple hours a day. Details are still being worked out but please start to think about how you can help. Please contact Barb Latham at 419/651-3559 or bblatham@zoominternet.net.

SPECIAL CHOIR CONCERT Monday, May 23, 7:00pm

FPC will host the University of Dubuque Concert Choir on their summer tour. Thirty-eight men and women from this PCUSA university in Iowa will be arriving on Monday, May 23 and will perform in our sanctuary that evening. Most of their repertoire is sacred music. FPC will provide a meal around 5:30pm for this group and the concert will be at 7:00pm. The concert is free and open to the public; an offering will be collected.

We are looking for volunteers to take a few of these young men and women into their homes for an overnight stay. We are also seeking volunteers to help with the meal either planning or serving. If you are interested in helping with any part of this, please contact the office.





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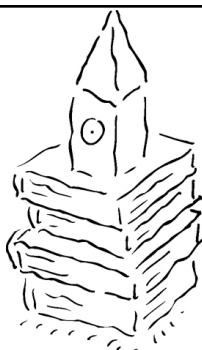
FPC would like to recognize any of our church family that will be graduating this spring.

Please notify the office about high school and/or college graduates by **Monday, May 16**

LIBRARY UPDATES

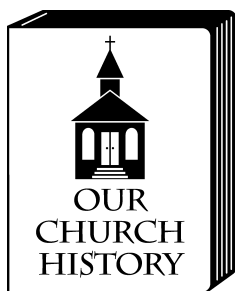
We will begin to weed and inventory our library collection beginning in May. Please consider returning any overdue material to the library to aid in this process. The congregation is welcome to continue to use the library during this process.

Any questions, please contact Terry Mapes, Beverly Bixler, or Linda Swanson.



THIS MONTH IN OUR CHURCH HISTORY

On Sunday, May 24, 1970 An organ recital by Robert C. Clark was provided for the dedication of the Three Manual Pipe Organ in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Church Lounge, served by members of the Women's Association. Serving on the organ committee were Mr. William H. Barton, Mr. William J. Butler, Mr. Laurence W. Ford, Mrs. Laurence W. Ford, Mrs. R. C. Garretson, Chm., Mr. Theodore H. Grafton, Mr. Samuel I. Richmond, Mrs. R. Lee Schafer, Mrs. Paul L. Shank, Dr. Wayne C. Smith, Dr. Warren M. Spreng, Jr., Mrs. Howard R. Wetzel.



LOUD SUNDAY BENEFITS KIDS GOING TO YOUNG LIFE CAMP BRING YOUR JAR OR LOOSE CHANGE MAY 29

When a month has a fifth Sunday, we collect a special "loud" offering of spare change to benefit a chosen cause. Proceeds from our May 29 loud offering will help send youth to Young Life camp this summer. If you picked up a Young Life jar earlier, please bring it back.



YOUNG LIFE ULTIMATE RIDE LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

62 Miles of Celebrating Kids,
Back Country Roads & County Wide Change

A great local ride which raises money for Young Life of Ashland County, and it gives us bike enthusiasts one more excuse to ride!

7:00am Registration 8:00am Start
ALL riders receive customized
2016 Ultimate Ride cycling socks

Ride Options:
10 mile Family Fun Ride
25 mile Pacesetter Ride
62 mile Century Ride
ALL entry fees are \$25



If you would like to help with this fund raiser, or if you are interested in sponsoring or riding yourself, talk to Matt or Lauren McClain.

Registration & Ride Details
<https://ashlandcounty.younglife.org/Pages/The-Ultimate-Ride.aspx>

Want to ride for FREE or earn yourself a FREE Ultimate Ride jersey kit? See the fundraising form online.

SMALL GROUP BEGINS

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



Beginning Wednesday, May 4, Pastor Mike will facilitate a small group that will meet Wednesdays at 6:00pm through June 8. This group will use video curriculum with teachings and experientials by Terry Wardle. Please RSVP to the office if you plan to attend. There is a suggested \$15.00 fee to cover the cost of the participant guide.

Even though this group meets on Wednesday nights, there will not be a meal nor children's ministry like we have for Oasis.

When a student cheats, the boy isn't the only one whose character comes into question in the Kevin Kline movie to be shown and discussed May 20 at the home of Bill and Connie Dravenstott, 1211 Fairway Drive. Come at 6:30pm to eat. The movie will start at 7:00pm, with a lively discussion to follow. Bring some food to share.



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



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

Tickets are \$15.00 each.
To buy tickets, visit
<http://www.ashlandcma.org/>



ACCESS
Our next week
to host is
May 8-15
at Peace
Lutheran Church
Volunteers are needed!

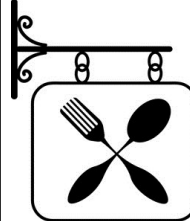
COFFEE TALK WITH TIA

Join Tia Sponsler in the lounge after church on Sunday, May 8. She will be discussing her recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic and her upcoming trip to Honduras. Enjoy some coffee and ask some questions!



Donations are being accepted to help cover the cost of the Honduras trip. Contributions can be given to the church labeled for her trip.

PRESBY LUNCH BUNCH



Monday, May 16
11:30am
Shanks
(formerly the Country Club)

Please join us for BOGO burgers with a side of good fellowship. Reservations to Cora Walker by Friday, May 13.

MAY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Hunger Sunday 5:00pm All Daughter Banquet	2 6:00pm Women's Fellowship Group @ Sponslers' home	3 9:00am Staff 6:30pm Session 8:00pm AA	4 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm True Self Small Group 7:30pm Choir	5 National Day of Prayer 6:30am Prayer Breakfast @AU Convo	6	7
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22 Communion	23 Quarterly Newsletter Deadline 7:00pm Universi- ty of Dubuque Choir Concert	24 8:00pm AA	25 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm True Self Small Group 7:30pm Choir	26 10:00am Worship Ministry Team	27	28
29 Loud Sunday Offering to Benefit Young Life Camp	30 Office Closed— Memorial Day	31 9:00am Staff 8:00pm AA				

Memorial Weekend 5K Run

Sunday, May 29, 9:00am
Ashland University Track, 1000
Broad Street



The 1LT Michael L. Runyan 5K run and walk was begun 5 years ago in memory of 1LT Runyan after he was killed by an improvised explosive device July 21, 2010 while deployed in Iraq. This upcoming Memorial Day weekend, the Runyan5k will be shifting locations from Ashtabula to Ashland as we continue to run or walk on behalf of those who have sacrificed so much for us.

Michael Louis Runyan's unit was deployed to Iraq July 1, 2010. On July 21, 2010, while on patrol, Michael's convoy came under attack and was struck by an improvised explosive device. First Lieutenant Michael L. Runyan was killed in action at the age of 24.

Over the first 5 years, the Runyan5k has attracted 250 to 350 runners and walkers annually while raising nearly \$100,000 that has been donated to various military causes including the Wounded Warrior Project, Operation Finally Home, and Engaging Vets through Sports and Rec. This year we are hoping to attract 300 to 500 runners and walkers while donating proceeds to four different causes, two of which are military.

The two military causes are K9S for Warriors and the Veterans Service Commission of Ashland County. K9S for Warriors is a national organization that provides service canines to veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury, and/or military sexual trauma as a result of military service since 9/11. The Veterans Service Commission of Ashland County is a state agency dedicated to aiding Ohio veterans during times of need.

The third cause proceeds will benefit is funding research for Huntington's disease. Huntington's disease is a fatal genetic disorder that causes the progressive breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. It deteriorates a person's physical and mental abilities during their prime working years and has no cure. Unfortunately 1LT Runyan's father was diagnosed with this disease just one month before 1LT Runyan was killed. The fourth cause proceeds will benefit is the Michael L. Runyan Memorial scholarship which was begun in August of 2012 and is awarded to a graduating Ashland High School senior who will be pursuing a college degree. There will be a limited quantity of t-shirts available the day of the race for those who registered after May 1 or the day of the race but will be first come, first serve. We also have t-shirts from the previous years runs and these will be available before and after the race for \$5 a shirt.

A limited number of t-shirts will be available for the kids participating in the kids' fun run. There will be no sign up or charge for the children; however, in order to ensure most kids receive a t-shirt please email 1ltrunyan5k@gmail.com with the number of kids participating and youth shirt sizes. This will help us to have a more accurate count and order of t-shirts for the event.

For more information, see:
www.racepenguin.com/event/runyan5k/

To register, see:
runyan5k.itsyourrace.com/register/
You can also just donate to any of the causes this race supports via this website.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Labor Day Weekend

September 4, 11:00am



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IN JESUS' NAME**

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**NewsLetter
DEADLine**

**Monday
May 23**

**Food Gram
From the Food Dude**

Outstanding donations for April. Just goes to show that we can fill the multitude with loaves and fishes.



Thank you for your continued support of our community food bank.

PRSRT STD
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Ashland, Ohio
Permit No. 258

To:

May 2016



From Rosemary Donley:

January—37 new families, 236 families total, 593 people

February—23 new families, 156 families total, 335 people

March—40 new families, 166 families total, 442 people

Associated Charities Requests the following items:

Non-Perishable Needs:

Grape and Strawberry Jelly

Pancake Mix/Syrup

Mustard or Mayo

Tea bags or Coffee

Canned Pineapple

VEGETABLE SOUP!

Egg Noodles

Juice of any kind

(Ex: grape/apple/cranberry/orange)

Non-Food Items:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Dish Soap

Laundry Soap

Feminine Products

Deodorant



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

May 1