



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

# THE JOYFUL NOISE

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## I AM HEALING YOUR BODY



Jake at a rock instructor course, fall 2015

*July* ★★

Two Years ago at this time at the Formational Prayer Seminar I heard these words from the Lord, "I am healing your body." At the time I had issues with my back and my left leg. I struggled consistently exercising and working out for over 10 years. This was a big deal and contrast because I was a pretty good athlete in basketball and football. I loved working out with weights and could out bench all my friends when a sophomore in High School benching 250 lbs. I was voted Sportsman of the Year my Senior year in High School and played in the Senior Game for football. But as I soon learned and didn't realize at the time was the larger narrative that I grew up in started to be fleshed out in my life. A narrative that sounded like this, "why lift weights when you can just go shovel manure in the barn or go cut some firewood." I played basketball in college and then never picked up the basketball until 10 years later when I arrived in Ashland. My body and back was deteriorating. As the Lord whispered these words of healing to me 2 years ago he began to use the community of Ashland University, the Cleveland Cavaliers Playoff and Finals run to begin to rebirth my love for sports, working out and exercise. I found myself playing basketball and working out on my own. I actually found myself doing the same basketball drills I would do when I was in Middle School. He introduced the sport of Rock Climbing to me through being at AU. All this really came into reality last year at the same formational prayer seminar when the Lord opened my eyes and body to a wound and memory that I never fully grieved and realized I had.

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When I was a sophomore I was cut from a Summer travel basketball team. I over spiritualized this at the time and basically from that time on never pursued basketball and sports the same and literally started to become detached from my body. Last year during a prayer time the Lord took me back to this event when I was told I was cut and broke me and allowed me to grieve the loss of basketball in my life. The Father meet me with his presence in the memory and started reattaching me to my body. I now consistently work out by swimming, playing basketball, rock climbing, lifting weights and now most recently bike riding. He has provided the means to see a chiropractor on a weekly basis. I literally at times feel the Lord and His Spirit in my body from my head down to my toes. I truly believe that the Lord desires all of us to be embodied with his Spirit and Presence not just in our heads or our hearts but in our whole being from the hairs on heads down to our fingernails. May the Lord heal our bodies and reattach our spirits to our bodies that he may dwell all of our bodies and who we are.

Jake Blasdel  
Director of College-Age Ministry

### AU FOOTBALL DINNER

FPC will host a dinner for the Ashland University football team on Monday, July 11, 7:00pm. This is an outreach opportunity to share fellowship and devotions with a group of young men who are living in Ashland for the summer in order to practice. Since these practices are voluntary, most of these men are living here on their own because AU is not allowed to provide housing due to NCAA regulations. We are looking for cookie bakers and other help for this dinner. Please contact Pastor Mike.



### Vacation Bible School

July 11-15

Peace Lutheran Church



Please plan to join us for our Christian Summer Day Camp!

FPC will once again team up with Peace Lutheran and St. Matthews Episcopal churches for this unique and exciting opportunity to help children explore God's love and strengthen their faith. This year, four young counselors from the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry program will lead the children in singing, Bible study, fantastic crafts, and worship.

This camp program will be from 9:00am—3:00pm for school age children. We will also offer a special preschool program for potty trained 3-5 year-olds from 9:00—11:30am. All activities will be held at Peace Lutheran Church.

Since this is a day camp, space is limited, so please register your children ASAP. Registration forms can be found in the church office, the narthex, and on our website under “church updates.”

FPC has been asked to donate the following items: Yogurt Tubes, Cookies, and Fruit. See the sign up sheet in the narthex. Money donations are always welcome.

We need a few volunteers to help corral kids. Contact the office if you would like to help.

**CHURCH PARTY AND POTLUCK**

Saturday, July 9, 5:00pm

Aaron &amp; Tia Sponslers'

You are invited to a potluck at the home of Aaron and Tia Sponsler. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided. Their pool will be available as well as corn hole and other activities. This fellowship is open to our whole congregation.



Please contact Aaron and Tia for more information.

**WORSHIP IN THE PARK**

Labor Day Weekend

Sunday, September 4

Worship at **11:00am**  
Potluck Lunch to Follow

**FESTIVAL IN THE PARK**

Associated Charities

July 9, 10:00am-4:00pm

WHAT: Grilled hot dogs, chips, water/pop for donations only!!

Bake sale, raffle, balloons and lots of prizes for the kids!

WHERE: South Street Park  
(beside their building)



Donations to benefit  
J.U.S.S.T. for Kids Back to School Program  
providing new school clothing and shoes for  
Ashland County families.  
Lots of family fun!

**ENJOYING GOD'S CREATION WITH HIM**

An Invitation to Solitude  
and Rest



Saturday, July 9  
9:30am—3:00pm  
\$25.00 which includes a  
light lunch

Need some time of quiet and rest this summer? Consider this opportunity on the grounds of Faith Fellowship Church in Macedonia, OH. Pastor Mike will be attending and carpooling is a possibility. Please contact Pastor Mike ASAP if you plan to attend.



Laurel Kay and Graham Russell Bookman were born on June 20 to parents Jed and Paula Bookman. Grandparents are Tony and Sally Smetana. Great grandparents are Carolyn and the late Harry Shenberger.



to family and friends of Marilyn A. Paxton Tallman, who passed away on June 11.

to family and friends of Betty Plank, who passed away on June 14.



**ACCESS**  
Our next week  
to host is  
July 17-24

# JULY

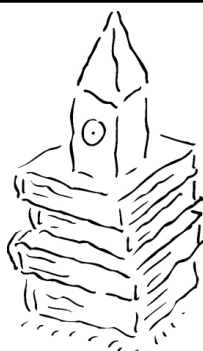
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion Hunger Sunday	4 Office Closed— Independence Day	5 Summer Lunch Program  7:00pm Session Prayer Meeting 8:00pm AA	6 Reports to Session Due  10:00am Bible Study	7  Summer Lunch Program	8  Church Office Closed	9  5:00pm Pool Party and Potluck @ Aaron & Tia Sponslers' Home
10	11 9:00am VBS @ Peace LC 6:00pm Women's Fellowship Group 7:00pm AU Football Dinner	12 9:00am VBS @ Peace LC 9:00am Staff  6:30pm Deacons 8:00pm AA	13 9:00am VBS @ Peace LC  10:00am Bible Study	14 9:00am VBS @ Peace LC  Summer Lunch Program	15 9:00am VBS @ Peace LC	16
17 Host ACCESS  Communion	18 Host ACCESS	19 Host ACCESS 10:30am Finance Ministry Summer Lunch Program 8:00pm AA	20 Host ACCESS 10:00am Bible Study	21 Host ACCESS  9:00am Trustees  Summer Lunch Program	22 Host ACCESS	23 Host ACCESS
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31  Loud Sunday to Benefit CCO						



## Book Sale

The weeding of our church library is currently underway. Any books weeded from our collection will be sold in a book sale here.



The congregation is invited to donate books of any genre of yours that you may no longer need to add to our sale. You can drop off your books any time during our business hours or when you come to worship. We will collect the books on the stage in fellowship hall. Any clean books will be accepted for the sale and all proceeds will benefit our church library. This is also a good time to double check and see if you have any overdue church library materials to return.

The congregation is invited to our preview sale after worship on Sunday, July 31. The public book sale will be the following Saturday and maybe Friday. We will need volunteers to help set up and sort books the week of July 25 and to work our book sales.

Please contact Linda Swanson to volunteer.

## 5TH ANNUAL MICHAEL L. RUNYAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 20, 9:00am,  
Mohican Hills Golf Course

This golf tournament is in honor of 1st Lt. Michael L. Runyan, who was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Iraq in 2010. Michael was a graduate of Ashland High School and he and his family were members of FPC. All proceeds of this tournament benefit a scholarship in Michael's name.

The tournament is a 4-person scramble and the entry cost is \$60 per player. Entry fee covers greens fees, cart, lunch, drinks, snacks, and entry into the Hole In One contest. You or your company can also sponsor the tournament and/or donate prizes, either golf or community related. To enter or further information, see [www.runyanmemorial.com](http://www.runyanmemorial.com).



## 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.

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**LOUD SUNDAY BENEFITS  
KIDS GOING TO  
YOUNG LIFE CAMP**

Thanks to everyone who collect change in jars and/or gave to our last Loud Sunday offering in May. Together we raised \$439.12 to send kids to camp!



**Food Gram  
From the Food Dude**

Outstanding donations for May and June. Please continue to donate for kids are home from school.



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

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To:

**July 2016**



Non-perishable Needs:

Vegetable Oil  
Sugar  
Granola Bars  
Graham Crackers  
Cookies  
Tea Bags  
Coffee  
Egg Noodles  
Canned Chicken  
Spaghetti and Sauce  
Instant White Rice  
Fresh Potatoes/Boxed Mashed  
Ketchup, Mustard, and Mayo

Non-food Items:

Deodorant  
Bar Soap or Body Wash  
Toothpaste  
Shampoo and Conditioner  
Dish Soap  
Laundry Soap  
Cleaning supplies



**HUNGER  
SUNDAY**

**July 3**