



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

# THE JOYFUL NOISE

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## OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

For the month of October I will be preaching on the topic of stewardship. However, I will be taking a different approach than in the past. Understanding that stewardship is primarily an outcome of that which is true of us on the inside we will be focusing on becoming stewards of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Jesus taught us that the greatest commandment is to love God and others in this way. If we are to love God and others in this way, then how can we invest in ourselves so that all that we do in this accord is a natural outpouring of all that we are in Jesus. I look forward to this journey and pray that God will open me and you to the many ways the Spirit desires to meet us.

Pastor Mike

Lucille Ford will be our guest speaker on October 16 to share some of the history of FPC Ashland and ways that it has birthed opportunities and has given to the Ashland community and supported the creation of the Ashland County Community Foundation (ACCF). We encourage everyone to come.



## Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

### CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 2, 2:00pm

(beginning at Christ United Methodist Church)

When representatives from several area churches step off on the annual Ashland Area CROP Hunger Walk, they will be joining with 2000 other communities in the US to take a stand against hunger in our world. Sponsored by Church World Service, 25% of each community's pledges remain to assist in hunger relief in their own areas. Walking on behalf of First Presbyterian will be JoAnn Kash, Susie Keil, Barb Latham, the Parker family, Pat Perez, Lana Potter, Corinne Sedwick, and Becky Sheeks, as of this writing. Thank you to all who have pledged support to CROP through these individuals, but it's not too late! Donations can be made through October 2. Online donations can be made by visiting our FPC Team page at [www.crophungerwalk.org/ashlandoh/fpcashland](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/ashlandoh/fpcashland) Anyone still wishing to join in the walk is certainly encouraged to do so.

Keep in mind that Crop Walk funds support these local Ashland hunger programs:

- Emmanuel Methodist Saturday Breakfasts
- Salvation Army Food Bank
- St. Edward's Hunger Center
- Helping Hand in Loudonville



## PROPERTY MINISTRY

The final project funded by our 200 for 200 capital campaigns has been completed. We still have a bit of tweaking with sound levels and such to do, but we now have a new sound system in our sanctuary. Thanks to Ken Eckenroth and Doug Click for all their work and expertise in this endeavor. FPC went live with the new sound system on September 11.

We do apologize that for the first couple of weeks that our hearing devices were not working, but they are functioning now. If you have ever used our hearing devices during worship and found that the sound was not that great, or that you were not able to hear everything, try them now. We understand the quality through those devices has greatly improved. Any of our ushers can help you with a hearing device.

If you have ever listened to the sermons posted on our website, but were really bothered by the sound quality, give them another try! One of the benefits of the new sound system is that the sound quality of these recordings has immensely improved. You can listen to sermons at [www.ashlandfpc.org/audio](http://www.ashlandfpc.org/audio)

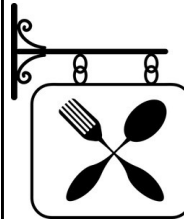
## THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN

Late spring and into the summer, work was done in our courtyard/Children's Garden. In order to fix a leak in our down spouting and drainage system, John Saccomen and his crew of football players excavated the garden by hand. The broken fountain was replaced by a generous donation from Steve and Peggy Yoder. And the old fountain was removed by Wayne Bartter and family. Special thanks to all their efforts!



## PRESBY LUNCH BUNCH

The Presby Lunch Bunch will meet on October 18 at 11:30am at Wedgewings Family Restaurant and Bakery in Perrysville. Wear a fall favorite or share a fall family story as we fellowship and enjoy the beauty of fall in the Mohican State Forest.



Reservations to Cora Walker no later than Sunday, October 16th. Directions are available from Cora.



## ACCESS UPDATE

Success! Soup-er Saturday, the most recent fundraiser for ACCESS, raised approximately \$5,000 to support this ongoing community and church program that provides temporary housing for women and children currently lacking housing. To all those who provided auction items, baked goods and assistance in set-up and clean-up, as well as those who enjoyed the soup, entered bids in the silent auction, and purchased raffle tickets, a hearty "thank you!" is due.

Change in operation - Rather than host ACCESS guests in the rotation of churches, guests are being housed in apartments until more permanent housing is available. Churches continue to provide groceries and meals as needed by guests, and contribute to the utility costs.

Currently needed for the apartments are paper towels, toilet paper, and laundry detergent. The items are not covered by SNAP cards, so often our guests go without. If you can help in this way, donations can be placed in a labeled carton in the office area at church. Your ongoing donations of hotel soaps, shampoo, lotion continue to be appreciated. Thank you!

**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**

Tuesday, October 11

6:30-7:30pm

Corner Park in Ashland



Rape Crisis Domestic Violence  
Safe Haven invites us all to a candlelight vigil to honor victims and celebrate survivors of domestic violence. For more information, call 419-282-6097.

**LOUD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

Benefits Ashland Christian  
Health Center.

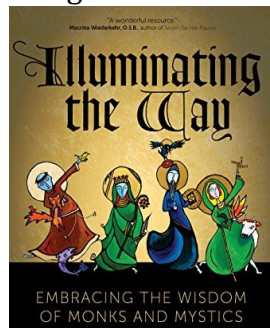
Bring your change for this special  
offering to make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**FALL DAY RETREAT**

Retreat Ministry Mission Group (RMMG) of  
Muskingum Valley Presbytery Presents:  
"Illuminating the Way: Embracing the Wisdom  
of Monks and Mystics"

Thursday, October 13  
Pleasant Hill Outdoor Camp  
\$20.00, Lunch Provided

Based on the book  
"Illuminating the Way"  
by C. V. Paintner,  
this retreat will take you on a journey through  
your inner life accompanied by some of the  
great monks and mystics of the Christian  
tradition. These archetypes -- the Fool, the  
Orphan, and the Healer -- become relevant in  
our lives by helping us to illuminate parts of  
ourselves that need further development for us  
to grow in wholeness and in our relationship  
with God.



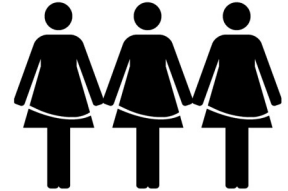
There's Still time to Register!  
Forms available in our church office.

**PRESBYTERIAN MOTHERS' STUDY**

Monday, October 17, 7:00pm

Peggy Yoder's Home

Tia Sponsler will share  
some of her experiences  
from her summer mission  
trips (you won't want to  
miss this!) We will begin  
the planning for the All  
Daughter Banquet, too.



How might Christ's  
resurrection have impacted a  
Roman soldier charged first  
with making sure Jesus is  
dead, then proving he is still  
dead? That is the focus of the  
film to be shown at Movie  
Night, October 21, at the home  
of the Dravenstotts, 1211  
Fairway Drive. Come at 6:30pm for potluck  
supper. The movie starts at 7:00pm, with a  
discussion to follow.

**OPIATES:****COMMUNITY EFFORTS AND OPTIONS**

October 28, 8:00am-12:00pm

Ashland University Convocation Center

Breakfast Provided

No cost to attend. Everyone welcome!

Registration begins at 7:15am.

To register, visit: [ashlandmhrb.org/heroin](http://ashlandmhrb.org/heroin)

Sponsored by Mental Health and Recovery  
Board of Ashland County, Ashland County  
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Hospitals



# OCTOBER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Host ACCESS  YL Capernaum
2 Host ACCESS Communion Hunger Sunday 11:15am Deacons 2:00pm Crop Walk at CUMC	3 6:00pm Women's Fellowship Group @ Sponslers' 6:30pm Healing Care Group	4 9:00am Staff  8:00pm AA	5 Reports to Session Due 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	6  10:30am Finance Ministry	7	8
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16 Communion  2:15pm Worship @ Kingston	17 6:30pm Healing Care Group 7:00pm PMS @ Yoders'	18 9:00am Staff  11:30am Lunch Bunch @ Wedgewings 8:00pm AA	19 10:00am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	20 Foster Potluck Fellowship Hall	21 6:30pm Movie Night @Dravenstotts'  Wedding Rehearsal	22 Brasseur/Spade Wedding
23	24 Monthly Newsletter Deadline  6:30pm Healing Care Group	25  8:00pm AA	26  10:00am Bible Study  5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	27  7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	28	29
30 Loud Sunday Offering to benefit Ashland Christian Health Center	31  6:30pm Healing Care Group					

**KAY CONRAD DAY OF CARING**

Thursday, October 13

12:30pm – 4:30pm

Sign up now to have volunteers do fall clean-up at your home.

Volunteers can perform the following tasks:

- Rake Leaves & Twigs
- Sweep Porch/Patio
- Wash First Floor Windows
- Clean Flower Beds
- Trim Bushes/Hedges



Applications are available at the Ashland County Cancer Association 1200 E Main St. Suite 7, the Senior Center, or the Council on Aging, and in our church office.

Please note you must be home to receive the services. They cannot give you a specific time when the team will be there. In the case of inclement weather there will be no alternate day for this event. It will be up to the volunteer team whether they are going out or not in a light rain.

**MEDICARE CHECK - UP**

A Medicare specialist from the Ohio Department of Insurance will share a group presentation, "Medicare Check Up Event: A Personalized Review," at 10:00 a.m. on October 21 at the UH Samaritan building on Main Street. The talk includes a comprehensive review of Medicare Parts A, B, C and D as it applies to members' needs, and individual needs.

Although this event is free and open to the public, registration is required. To register, call 419-207-7874 or 800-257-9917, ext. 7874, leaving a name and phone number. Your call will be returned to confirm your attendance and to answer any questions.



**University  
Hospitals**

**Women's Trip to Amish Country**

Saturday, October 15

The Women With Hope support group of the Ashland County Cancer Association is sponsoring a women's retreat to Amish Country on October 15.

The event is open to all women in the community. Enjoy a day of fun, fellowship, food, and shopping with the women in our community. They will depart at 8:00am and return around 5:30pm.

Cost is \$10.00 a persona and includes lunch. To register and for more information please contact Mary at the Asland County Cancer Association at 419.281.1863.

The Cancer Association is trying to foster relationships among women in the community so those who are experiencing issues such as cancer, loss of a loved one, or loneliness may connect with others who may be experiencing the same thing. The event, however, is open to all women, whether or not they are in such situations. This trip is made possible by funding from the Ashland County Community Foundation Women's Fund.

**FIRST DON RINEHART LECTURE  
IN PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

Wednesday, October 19, 7:30pm

Miller Chapel on AU Campus

Dr. Jacqueline Bussie, author of  
*Outlaw Christian: Finding Authentic Faith  
by Breaking the "Rules"*

For details, see the Monday, September 26 *Times-Gazette* article or [www.ashland.edu/calendar/10-19-16/event-public-lecture-jacqueline-bussie-outlaw-christian-finding-authentic-faith](http://www.ashland.edu/calendar/10-19-16/event-public-lecture-jacqueline-bussie-outlaw-christian-finding-authentic-faith)

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**NewsLetter  
DEADLine**

**Monday  
October 24**

**Food Gram  
From the Food Dude**



The custodian and I received a tour of the new building during our donation delivery this month. The new location looks like a great asset to our community. Thanks for your outstanding donations which gave me an excuse to visit it.

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**To:**

**October 2016**



Associated Charities requests the following items:

**Non-Perishable Needs:**

Saltine Crackers  
Boxed Cereals  
Jelly  
Frosting  
Fresh Potatoes  
Canned Fruits – **ALL** are needed!  
Egg Noodles  
Instant / Fresh Potatoes  
Sugar and Vegetable Oil  
Juices (of any kind)

**Personal Needs:**

Dish Soap  
Toothpaste  
Laundry Detergent  
Shampoo and Conditioner  
Deodorant-Female and Male  
Razors



**HUNGER  
SUNDAY**

**October 2**