



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

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NEW LIBRARY BOOKS



This past summer, several people helped out with weeding our church library and holding a used book sale. With some of the profits, the following new books were purchased:

- The Daniel Plan: 40 Days to a Healthier Life
- The Daniel Prayer: Prayer That Moves Heaven and Changes Nations
- Present Over Perfect: Leaving Behind Frantic for a Simpler, More Soulful Way of Living
- Chase the Lion: If Your Dream Doesn't Scare You, It's Too Small
- The Strength You Need: the Twelve Great Strength Passages of the Bible
- Uninvited: Living Loved When You Feel Less Than, Left Out and Lonely
- War Room - DVD
- The Problem of Pain - Audiobook on CD
- Onward: Engaging the Culture without Losing the Gospel - audiobook on CD

Books for youth and children:

- All four books in the Backyard Horses series
- Larger-Than-Life Lara
- Flipside books: Zacchaeus and Jesus and The Lost Lamb and the Good Shepherd
- All the Chronicles of Narnia books in hardcover

These books are being processed and should show up on our library shelves soon! Thank you to all who helped, donated, and shopped our book sale.

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Stewardship

A letter regarding stewardship for 2017 along with a pledge card was recently mailed out. If you did not receive one, there are more in the narthex and in the church office.

We have requested that pledge cards be turned in by **October 30** so we can finalize the budget for 2017 during the Session's quarterly meeting on November 19.



Harvest Dinner and Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 13

After the worship service on November 13, we will have a quick congregational meeting to elect officers. Then together we will celebrate the season of Thanksgiving with our annual turkey dinner and all the fixings. Please, join us!

NOVEMBER



PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY DIGITAL ARCHIVES FEATURES 5,000 VIRTUAL ITEMS, AND THE LIST KEEPS GROWING

Last fall, the Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS) launched its Pearl online archives. Ten months later, Pearl already features 5,000 virtual items to explore, including rare mission field photographs, foundational church records, and newly digitized audio recordings and motion pictures featuring the likes of Bill Bradley, Edler G. Hawkins, and Carl McIntire. PHS, the National Archives of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), saves historic Presbyterian documents, media, and artifacts from the ravages of time. Pearl saves time—and money—by providing researchers with virtual access to archival materials. All you need is an internet connection.

“Before Pearl you had to visit Philadelphia to interact with any of our items,” said Preservation Archivist Natalie Shilstut, who oversees the ingestion, or addition, of new items into Pearl. “Now you can digitally examine them up close from home or on the road.”

Recent additions to Pearl include Congo mission collections, abolitionist correspondence from antebellum Ohio, early 20th century church postcards, and films from the Civil Rights Movement. Using smartphones, school workstations, and personal computers, researchers can browse items, search specific historical themes, and save items in a “bookbag” list. Each item is accompanied by metadata giving descriptive, reproduction, and creator information.

“We ramped up planning for Pearl in 2014,” Shilstut said, “around the time we made the switch from microfilming to digitizing church records.” With financial support from the Otto Haas Charitable Trust and individual donors, and with technical support and server space from the PC(USA) Board of Pensions, the

society established an Islandora digital asset management system that is easy to integrate with other open source tools. That flexibility allows Pearl to adjust to the quickly changing digital landscape.

Pearl’s Islandora server provides 3 terabytes of storage space—enough for 1,500 hours of movies; 50,000 hours of music; or 930,000 photos. The society’s scanning team digitizes and adds new items to Pearl each week. Scanning is done onsite in Philadelphia on flatbed scanners and a planetary scanner. According to Shilstut, the most difficult item the society scanned in the last year is one of its most fragile: a field album of Eugene R. Kellersberger that includes photographs, medical notes, and sketches depicting sweeping African landscapes and small villages. Each of the item’s 300 pages is preserved in a Mylar sleeve.

“It would have been three times as fast to scan everything on our planetary scanner,” Shilstut said. “But we took the pages out to increase image quality.”

The online archives is named after Pearl S. Buck, a Presbyterian Church in the United States missionary to China and Nobel-Prize winning author. Many of her books, including *The Good Earth*, take place in Anhui Province, where she served from 1914 to 1933. For more information about Pearl or digitizing church records at PHS, contact Natalie Shilstut at 215-928-3860.

Fred Tangeman,
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October 25, 2016, Office of the General Assembly
<http://www.pcusa.org/news/2016/10/25/presbyterian-historical-society-digital-archives/>





SANTA'S ATTIC SALE

Ashland Christian Health Center Fund Raiser
Saturday, November 12, 9:00am—2:00pm
Miller Building on East Fourth Street

The Health Center has collected gently used and greatly treasured CHRISTMAS items which have all been donated for our sale. Lunch also available for purchase.

Everything and Anything for your Christmas Season is here and ready for purchase: teacher gifts, Christmas trees, nativity, snowmen, candles, lights, stuffed animals, tins, holiday home decor, tree trimmings, ornaments, angels, Santas, linens, baskets, greenery, Christmas wrap, and SO much MORE.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSINGS

Thursday, November 24
Friday, November 25
Monday, November 28

FREE DINNER BUFFET FOR VETS

Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11
5:00—7:00pm

Pump House Catering & Event Center Invites all Veterans to a Free Dinner Buffett. Reservations and ID are required. Call 419-207-3900. Guest Adults \$12.95 and Kids \$6.50. The menu is online at pumphousecatering.com



Baby Steps Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 17

Patti Fenwick will host a Thanksgiving dinner for the families in the Baby Steps group. Patti leads this support group for young mothers and their babies, some of which were former Glow Girls in the Refuge program.

Patti is seeking donations for this meal, such as: canned green beans, boxed stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, canned turkey or chicken gravy, canned sweet potatoes, and canned cranberry jelly.

Please bring your donations to church and drop them off in the office or kitchen. Please label them "Baby Steps." For more information please contact Patti Fenwick.



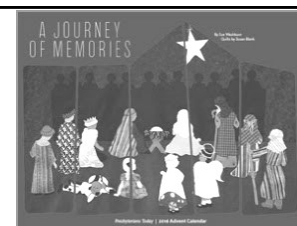
The Dravenstotts invite FPC to Movie Night at their home on Friday, November 18. Come at 6:30pm for potluck supper. The movie starts at 7:00pm, with a discussion to follow.



First Sunday of Advent

November 27

To complement your Advent journey, FPC will provide a calendar devotional put together by Sue Washburn, pastor and editor of *Presbyterians Today*. It provides a scripture reading, meditation, and prayer for each day of Advent to help us experience the joy and wonder of Christ's birth. Please look for these calendar devotionals in the narthex and church office in the middle of November.



NOVEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00am Staff 8:00pm AA	2 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	3 10:30am Finance Ministry Team	4	5 YL Capernaum
6 Daylight Savings Ends Communion Hunger Sunday 11:15am Deacons	7 6:30pm Healing Care Group 6:30pm YL	8 2:00pm Worship Ministry Team 8:00pm AA	9 Reports to Session Due 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	10	11	12
13 Congregational Meeting Harvest Dinner	14 6:00pm Women's Fellowship Group 6:30pm Healing Care Group	15 9:00am Staff 8:00pm AA	16 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Oasis 7:30pm Choir	17 Baby Steps Thanksgiving	18	19 9:00am Session Meeting 4:45pm PMS to Holiday Hoopla @ Shadowbox
20 Communion	21 Quarterly Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm Healing Care Group	22 1:45pm Trustees 8:00pm AA	23 10:00am Carpet Cleaning	24 Office Closed—Thanksgiving	25 Office Closed—Thanksgiving Observed	26
27 Advent I	28 Office Closed 6:30pm Healing Care Group	29 9:00am Staff 8:00pm AA	30 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir			

#GIVING TUESDAY

On November 29, 2016, the world comes together to give. Join your fellow Presbyterians and participate in the fifth annual *#GivingTuesday*, supporting mission and ministry at home and around the world. This global day of giving harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy, celebrate generosity and provide people everywhere with an opportunity to give more, give smarter and give great.



Held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday – *#GivingTuesday* kicks off the holiday giving season and inspires people to give back in impactful ways to the charities and causes they support.

With religious organizations receiving 40 percent of all donations on *#GivingTuesday* this fifth annual event offers Presbyterians worldwide the opportunity to support the work of their congregations and favorite Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ministries such as the Christmas Joy Offering; Compassion, Peace, and Justice; World Mission; 1001 Worshiping Communities; the Presbyterian Historical Society; or Living Waters for the World.

The Presbyterian Mission Exchange makes it easy to do all of your online giving in one place.

- Give to your home church
- Give to Presbyterian mission workers in the countries you care about
- Give to the 1001 New Worshiping Communities church-planting effort
- Give to the Christmas Joy Offering
- Give to your Presbytery's work in your community

- Give to another Presbyterian-related mission organization

The Presbyterian Mission Exchange provides a secure online giving platform for Presbyterian congregations and ministries. Operated by the Presbyterian Foundation, donors can use the site to make online gifts via debit or credit card or electronic funds transfer. Funds raised for your congregation will be delivered by check within two weeks.

Learn more and make your gift on Tuesday, November 29 at:
presbyterianmissionexchange.org/givingtuesday



Dear Church Family,
 Please accept my gratefulness for your loving concern. I have much to be thankful for—Dr. Steve Yoder's surgical skill, for your prayers, for all who visited me in the hospital and at Wasen Rehab Center, your cards, and for providing transportation until I could drive again.

Fondly, Bev Bixler

SEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNOUNCES FREE CONCERT

Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 4:00 pm
 101 Center Street, Seville, Ohio

Seville Presbyterian Chancel Choir and Bell Choir, along with Trumpet and Organ Duets featuring Gene Miller and Dan Rogers. Refreshments provided. Come and experience a joyful noise! Free-will offering collected to support music patrons program.



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**NewsLetter
DEADLine**

**Monday
November 21**

**Food Gram
From the Food Dude**



Donations for the month of October were very light. Let's not forget to be generous during November, the month of Thanksgiving. Associated Charities reports that in September, 32 new families were helped for a total of 570 people.

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Currently, Associated Charities is stocked up on the canned green beans and corn, but requests the following items:

Non-Perishable Needs:

Macaroni and Cheese
Any Cans of Fruit
Canned Tuna or Chicken
Egg Noodles
Spaghetti and Sauce
Hot Chocolate
Saltine or Graham Crackers
Oatmeal-Assorted Flavors
Boxed Cereal
Manwich
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Ketchup, Mustard and/or Mayo

Personal Needs:

Tissues!
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Deodorant-Male and Female
Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
Dish and Laundry Soap
Feminine Products-Always Appreciated!



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

November 6