

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

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NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, January 15 after worship will be a lunch for anyone interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, Ashland. Please RSVP to the office.

If you cannot make the lunch but are interested in membership, please also contact the office.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Sunday School

Sundays 8:45am in the Knox Room, Main Floor
The adult Sunday school class will use a Max Lucado study on 1, 2, 3, John and Jude during January and February



Handel's *Messiah*

David Hartzfeld will continue the adult Sunday school class based on Handel's *Messiah* during Lent. This class will study the second part of the work beginning March 5, and will meet at 8:45am Sunday mornings in the Knox Room.

Lenten Study

Pastor Mike and Dr. Jody Watson will lead a book study, discussion, and reflection of Henri Nouwen's *Turn My Mourning into Dancing: Finding Hope in Hard Times*. This study will meet in Andrews Chapel at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights during Lent beginning March 8.

JOHN GLENN, PRESBYTERIAN RULING ELDER AND NATIONAL ICON, DIES AT 95

by Gregg Brekke | Presbyterian News Service

LOUISVILLE – John H. Glenn, Jr., best known as the first American to orbit the earth, died December 8 at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus at the age of 95. What is less known about Glenn is his lifelong membership in the Presbyterian Church and the faith that influenced his life's work.

Born July 18, 1921, in Cambridge, Ohio, Glenn was raised in nearby New Concord by his parents John Herschel and Clara, attending Westminster Presbyterian Church with his family. His mother was the first female Ruling Elder ordained in the congregation where his father was also a Ruling Elder.

After completing high school, Glenn attended Presbyterian-related Muskingum College (now University) where he studied engineering. Although he did not complete the coursework required for the Bachelor of Science degree, the school granted Glenn an honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1961. Glenn and his high school sweetheart Annie Castor were married at College Drive Presbyterian Church—the church of Annie's family, also in New Concord—on April 6, 1943.

Glenn went on to be a test pilot for the Marine Corps and flew 59 combat missions in World War II. During the Korean War he flew 90 missions, roughly half of them alongside

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January

We would like to thank all of our church friends for their anniversary and Christmas cards. We have enjoyed being members of First Presbyterian Church—Carl a lifetime member and 70 years for Ruth. We greatly appreciate the members who call on us at Lutheran Village.



Carl and Ruth Armstrong

Thank you for the [large print] New International Bibles for the residents at Kingston of Ashland, and sharing the word of God.

Sharon Baker, Reba Thomas, Anita Ford
(Editor's note: FPC leads worship at Kingston on the third Sunday, every other month, at 2:15pm. Everyone is welcome to come. We will be there next on February 19.)

SPECIAL THANKS

As we begin the new year, FPC would like to thank some of our volunteers.

Thank you to our nursery attendants for 2016-2017: Bethany Blasdel, Barb Latham, Jen Latham, Mandy Parker, Ellen Saccomen, and Nikki Skafec.

Thank you to Sloan Brune, who for more than a year now has been tidying the envelopes and pencils in the pews.

THANK YOU!!
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FYI

• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

Per Capita for
2017 is \$29.11.

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baseball great Ted Williams. Selected as an astronaut by the newly formed NASA in 1959, he manned the first American orbital mission in 1962 aboard the Freedom 7 space capsule, orbiting the earth three times in the nearly five-hour mission.

Following his retirement from NASA and the Marine Corps as a colonel, Glenn became a U.S. Senator for the state of Ohio, representing the state from 1974 until 1999. During this time in Washington D.C. he attended National Presbyterian Church, where he served on the Session. In 1998, at the age of 77, Glenn once again returned to space, this time as a payload specialist aboard Space Shuttle Discovery (flight STS-95), which made him the oldest person ever to have flown in space.

Relying upon his faith, Glenn expressed wonder about creation during his Space Shuttle mission. "Looking at the Earth from this vantage point, looking at this kind of creation and to not believe in God, to me, is impossible. To see (Earth) laid out like that only strengthens my beliefs," he said.

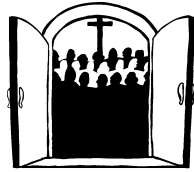
In the small town of New Concord (population 2,400), two PC(USA) congregations lay claim to the Glenn family. They would visit each of the congregations—Westminster, where John's family attended, and College Drive, where Annie's family attended—during their trips back home.

Ohio Governor John R. Kasich called Glenn "Ohio's ultimate hometown hero" in a statement yesterday, adding, "His passing today is an occasion for all of us to grieve. As we bow our heads and share our grief with his beloved wife, Annie, we must also turn to the skies, to salute his remarkable journeys and his long years of service to our state and nation... Godspeed, John Glenn!"

Edited for space. Whole article can be found at :
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/john-glenn-presbyterian-ruling-elder-national-icon-dies-age-95/>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on **January 22**.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ladies will be meeting on Thursday, January 12, 1:15pm, in the church lounge. The Prayer Shawls have been well received and the requests are greater than the supply. So to any ladies interested in knitting, crocheting or learning the basics we would love to have you join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. You may stay as long as you like or leave when you need to.



Any questions feel free to call me, Brenda Luttrell 419-289-8168 or Linda Swanson at the church office.

NEWS & Notes

Fannie Switzer sent a letter to FPC updating us on her life in Colorado. If you would like to read it, please see Linda Swanson in the church office.

Barbara Bradford recently moved to the Heartland Home in Bellefontaine. The church office has her new address and phone number. Barbara enjoys hearing from her church family.



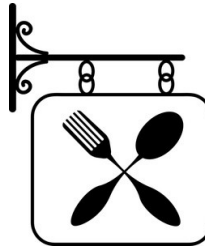
To the family and friends of Howard R. Webb, who passed away on December 20

MARTIN
LUTHER
KING JR.
Day



The church office
will be closed
Monday, January 16

PRESBY LUNCH BUNCH: Tuesday, January 17



The Presby Lunch Bunch will meet at Pizza Hut on Tuesday, January 17, 11:30am. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship. RSVP to Cora Walker by Sunday, January 15, 419-289-2316.



Shower Open to Both Men and Women!

★ **SAVE THE DATE** ★

A LITTLE MAN

IS ON HIS WAY!

Please join us for a baby shower



Honoring
Mom and Dad to be
Andrea and Justin Dew

DATE	January 21, 2017
TIME	11:00 a.m.-1 p.m.
LOCATION	1st Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
RSVP	419-577-6032 Patti Fenwick

Andrea and Justin Dew are registered at Babies R Us and Target. In lieu of cards, please bring a children's book.

JANUARY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00am Lessons and Carols	2 Church Office Closed—New Year Observed 6:00pm Women's Fellowship Group @ Sponslers'	3 8:00pm AA	4 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	5	6	7
8 Communion Hunger Sunday Removal of Decorations 11:15am Deacons	9	10 8:00pm AA	11 Reports to Session Due 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	12 1:15pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	13 HCM Dinner	14
15 11:15am New Member Lunch	16 Office Closed- MLK Day	17 9:00am Staff 11:30am Presby Lunch Bunch @ Pizza Hut 8:00pm AA	18 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	19 6:30pm Evangelism and Outreach Team	20 6:30pm Movie Night	21 11:00am Dew Baby Shower
22 Communion Annual Congregational Meeting	23 Monthly Newsletter Deadline	24 8:00pm AA	25 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	26	27	28
29 Loud Sunday Offering Benefits ACCESS	30	31 8:00pm AA				

Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life *7 Gateways to Spiritual Growth*

led by Rev. Bob Meyer

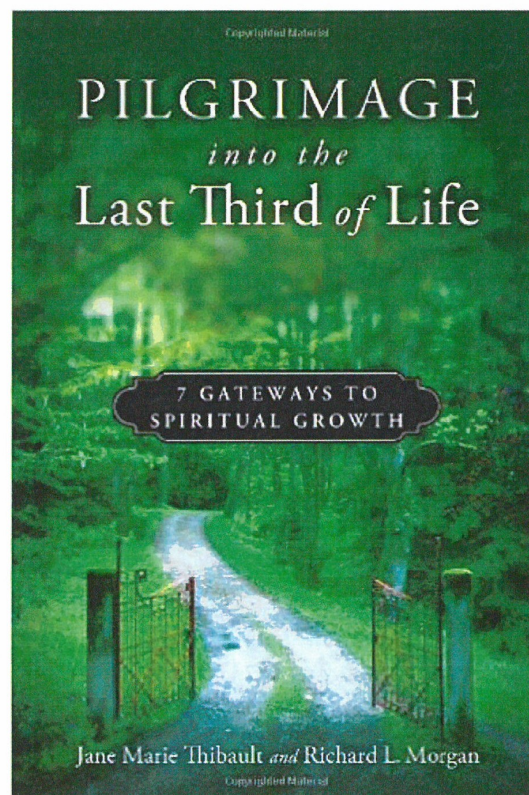
January 19, 2017

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

*The Sandberg Center
at Ashland Theological Seminary*

Cost: \$18

includes continental breakfast and lunch



Be guided to spiritual opportunities you might otherwise miss.

Join us for this retreat based on the book "Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life" by Jane Marie Thibault and Richard L. Morgan. Rev. Bob Meyer will lead us with scripture-based meditations and reflections to explore the seven tasks of living into this time period, including the topics of:

- Facing Aging and Dying
- Living with Limitations
- Doing Inner Work
- Living In and Out of Community
- Prayer and Contemplation
- Redeeming Loss and Suffering
- Leaving a Legacy

"The seven gateways guide us to a deeper appreciation of the spiritual opportunities we might otherwise miss on this remarkable, last and most important journey of our lives." –

Thibault and Morgan

Register today at the Muskingum Valley
Presbytery website: www.mvpjourney.org

Books for the event are not required, but can be purchased at Amazon.com

About the Speaker

The Rev. Bob Meyer, D.Min., is a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary (M.Div. 1982) and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary (D.Min. 1994). Having served churches in Colorado and Illinois, he has been the pastor of Wayne Presbyterian Church, Wooster since 1997. In 2014, he earned a certificate in spiritual direction from the Ignatian Spirituality Institute, John Carroll University, Cleveland. At its heart, "Ignatian spirituality" is a spirituality for everyday life. It insists that God is present in our world and active in our lives. It is a pathway to deeper prayer, good decisions guided by keen discernment, and an active life of service to others.

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MAKE DISCIPLES,
MEET HUMAN NEEDS**

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**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

**Monday
January 23**

**Food Gram
From the Food Dude**

November's donations were the biggest haul we have ever had. It was awesome and stupendous! But December's donations were very, very light.

With the new year, let us have a renewed spirit of generosity for our decades old Hunger Sunday ministry!

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To:

January 2017

Happy New Year & Happy New Year

Associated Charities Requests the following items:

Non-Perishable Needs

Fresh or Boxed Potatoes
Hot Chocolate
Cream of Mushroom/Chicken Soup
Cans of Fruit
Spaghetti and Sauce
Canned Tuna or Chicken
Crackers and Cookies
Egg Noodles
Spaghetti-o's and Ravioli
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Ketchup, Mustard, and Mayo
Vegetable Oil and Sugar

Non-Food Items

Shampoo and Conditioner
Deodorant, Toilet Paper
Paper Towels and Kleenex!
Laundry Soap and Dish Soap
Bath Soap (liquid and/or bars)
Toothbrushes (adult and children)
Feminine Products-always appreciated



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

January 8