



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

THE JOYFUL NOISE

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Palm Sunday, April 9:

10:00am Worship with palm processional and Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 13:

7:30pm Tenebrae Service with Communion

Good Friday, April 14:

12:00-3:00pm Community Worship Service at Trinity Lutheran Church

Resurrection Sunday, April 16:

9:00am Breakfast
10:00am Worship with Communion

Church Office Closed:

Friday, April 14 and Monday, April 17



Easter Breakfast

We need your help! Please see the sign-up board in the narthex and volunteer to bring egg casseroles, fruit, muffins, etc. for our meal together.

Any questions, see Carol Keil.



THE CAVS CITY

This past Tuesday Jacqueline and I hosted two Japanese students at "The Cavs City" (this is Jacqueline's name for Cleveland.).

Yuto, on the right, is only here for a month to do two things: "one, study English; and two, go to a Cavs game." The night before, the Lord arranged for me to run into Daiki, the student in the middle and I invited him to join us for a Cavs game that I had 2 tickets still for. They both said to me that they were looking and desiring for someone to take them to Cleveland to watch the Cavs after they found out that AU canceled the international student outing to a Cavs game.

Praise the Lord for how He works. I love how God allows us to welcome others and show them the Love of Christ through hospitality.

Thank you. Your financial and prayer support cultivates the soil for so many ministry opportunities.

Jake Blasdel, Director of College-Aged Ministry

APRIL

MISSION MATTERS

Opportunities for Serving Others
(from Evangelism and Outreach Team)

Safe Haven Domestic Violence Shelter:

Women willing to pray with survivors of abuse and violence would meet at the Shelter on an as-needed basis, most likely one-on-one. Training session of approximately one hour required. Director Cindy Hudnut explained that twisted versions of Scripture are sometimes used to justify perpetrating violence against women, and wishes to offer alternative understanding.

Contact Lana Potter (419-281-4748) to learn more.



Pleasant Hill Outdoor Center:

Work days on the last Saturday of each month continue. Contact Director Mark Gray (412-609-1771) or call PHOC (419-938-3715) for details as to projects planned and equipment/tools to bring. Help will be needed to assist in preparation of major mailings to churches and potential campers. Let Linda Hartzfeld (419-512-1016) know of your willingness and availability.

Members of E & O Team:

Linda Hartzfeld and Barb Latham, co-chairs
Becky Sheeks, Tia Sponsler,
Cindy Eckenroth, Lana Potter

SPANISH CLASSES

Intensive courses in Spanish for adults will be taught in our church building during April and May. The instructor is a native Spanish speaker.

There will be two groups:

Group 1 meets Mondays and
Thursdays, 9:00-10:30am

Group 2 meets Tuesdays and
Fridays 7:00-8:30pm.



Cost is \$80.00 per month and you will need to purchase a handbook through Amazon. Contact the church office to sign up. Sign up soon, for each group will only have 6-7 students.

Thank you so much for your cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, encouragement, prayers and especially for the prayer shawl which wraps me in your love and the Love of the Lord. I am truly grateful for this church fellowship. May the Lord Who is our strength and shield, bless you all with His mercy and grace and the eternal life that He promises through Jesus, our Savior, Who sits at the right hand of God and reigns with Him forever and forever...amen and amen.



Jolynn Lopeman

SPRING FUNDRAISING FOR ACCESS



ACCESS Raffle: Enjoy \$500.00 plus a 1-week stay in August 2017 at a 3-bedroom, 2-bath house in North Myrtle Beach, SC – less than a 5-minute walk to the Atlantic

Ocean! Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available at Hawkins, Irwin's Office Supply, 12th St. Market, the ACCESS Office (419-685-1232, 1605 CR 1095, Ashland), and from your ACCESS Cheerleader, Becky Sheeks.

COMPASSION SUNDAY

A Child is waiting
for you...

May 7, 2017



Connect with the several members of our church family who already are sponsoring children to see if you can help meet a child's needs including education, basic nutrition and a stable family environment. Through exchanging letters and praying for these children, sponsors gain a strong sense of connection. Sponsorship folders will be available on Compassion Sunday. In the meantime, check out CompassionSunday.com.

NEW MEN'S MINISTRY**Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

Saturday, April 29
9:00am



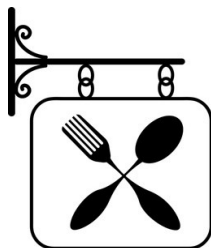
If you missed the first one, feel free to join us this time! A hot breakfast and coffee will be provided for our men and boys.

Men and Boys Campout/Retreat

Friday, May 26—Saturday, May 27

Mark your calendars for this overnight experience at PHOC, Pleasant Hill Outdoor Center.

For further details,
contact Jake Blasdel or Justin Dew

PRESBY LUNCH BUNCH

The Presby Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30am on April 18 at Jake's (will be a change from ham). Reservations to Cora Walker 419-289-2316 no later than Easter, April 16.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Our next Loud Sunday Offering, on April 30, will benefit Ashland Pregnancy Center. To get a head start on collecting your change, baby bottle banks are available in the narthex to take home and fill up. Instructions for making tax deductible contributions are inside the bottles.

**CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION AND SOUP LUNCH**

Mark your calendars for soup lunch following worship on May 7. Pastor Mike will be outlining some ideas for the future.

**NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Beginning April 23

Jake Blasdel will lead a 6-week study, You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit.

Jake will use more of an experiential learning approach around these topics: Desires, longings, habits, our social environment and how they form and shape us to specific ends.

**SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE**

Pleasant Hill Outdoor Camp
May 6, 11:00am-5:00pm
FREE and Open to the Public



Join us to experience Summer's Best Adventure. Tour camp, try activities, meet staff, win prizes, and enjoy lunch. Get a taste of what PHOC has to offer. Event information and schedule at phoc.org/summer-camp-open-house

**For Your Great Name's Sake
Hear Us...Forgive Us...Heal Us!**

Hosted annually by Ashland Community Ministerial Association (ACMA) in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 4, 2017
6:30 - 7:59am
at Ashland University Convocation Center

The guest speaker this year will be
Pastor Knute Larson,
former senior pastor of The Chapel.

Tickets available at these location:
Transformation Network, Trinity Lutheran Church, or Grace Brethren Church

APRIL

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Hunger Sunday No Deacons 5:00pm All-Daughter Banquet	3 6:00pm Women's Fellowship Group @ Sponslers' home	4 9:00am Staff 10:30am Worship Ministry Team 8:00pm AA	5 Reports to Session Due 10:00am Bible Study 1:15pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Lenten Study 7:30pm Choir	6	7	8 Private Wedding Shower
9 Palm Sunday Communion	10	11 7:00pm Session Prayer Meeting 8:00pm AA	12 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Lenten Study 7:30pm Choir	13 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship	14 Good Friday Office Closed 12:00pm Com- munity Worship Trinity Lutheran	15
16 Easter 9:00am Breakfast 10:00am Worship 2:15pm Worship @ Kingston	17 Office Closed Easter Observed	18 9:00am Staff 11:30am Presby Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Session Prayer Meeting 8:00pm AA	19 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	20 1:15pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00pm Baby Steps 6:30pm Evangelism Team	21 HCM Fear Not Seminar	22 HCM Fear Not Seminar
23	24	25 10:30am Finance Ministry 8:00pm AA	26 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir	27	28	29 9:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast Presbytery Meeting @ Marietta First PC
30 Loud Sunday Offering Benefits Ashland Pregnancy Center						

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

"To think of disaster survivors, refugees, and global partners as kin, extended family to be welcomed home with joy, with whom we share ourselves and our resources generously....that is family. We recognize that we are all family, affected by the needs or suffering of any family member, always ready to make room, dig deeper and made a way for all to live with dignity and recover a life of wholeness and meaning."

Rev. Dr. Laurie A. Kraus

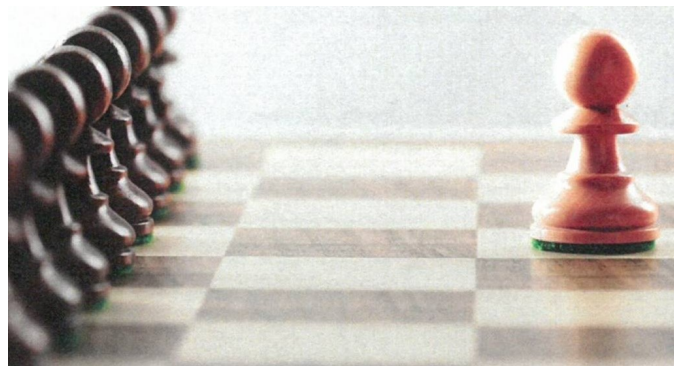
During 2016, gifts from this congregation as well as countless others, provided well over \$1 million in grants to 29 states to alleviate crises caused by natural disasters as well as church fires and human-caused disasters. More than 8,800 work team volunteers served in areas of need. Internationally, nearly \$3 million in grants went to 21 nations to support emergency needs as well as provide sustainable water and sanitation systems.

Much more information is available for your review in the current issue of Mission MOSAIC available in the church office. Another resource is pcusa.org/oghsmap.

PDA receives 1/3 of OGHS funding, while Self Development of People and Presbyterian Hunger Program each receive 1/3. Pew envelopes may be used through Palm Sunday, April 9, or other options for your contribution include texting OGHS to 20222 to give \$10 or presbyterianmission.org/give/oghs.



to the family and friends of
H. Dean McBurney
who passed away on March 26



Healing Care Mandate Event Fear Not: Finding Peace in a Scary World

April 21 - 6:00-9:00pm

April 22 - 9:00am-3:30pm

First Presbyterian Church of Ashland

Security. It's one thing we all want and need, but is difficult to find in a time filled with uncertainty, violence, anger, and even hidden threats. It can leave us with feeling anxious and afraid. How do we live in this tension when, for many of us, life has stripped away our sense of security?

In the midst of similar trials, Jesus encouraged His followers to "fear not." But can a real sense of security be found in Christ? Is it really possible to face the uncertainties of life with peace, hope, and rest?

This Friday evening through Saturday afternoon event is led by Jeff Franks, MAPC, CEO of HCM International. Jeff has been positioning people to be for spiritual formation and inner healing for 18 years of full-time ministry.

See flyers in narthex or "Church Updates" our blog on our website, ashlandfpc.org.



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IN JESUS' NAME**

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**NewsLetter
DEADLine**

**Monday
April 24**

**Food Gram
From the Food Dude**

Collections for March were some of the lightest we have ever seen. We can do better!

Rosemarie Donley reports that 33 new families came to Associated Charities in February. They served 188 families for a total of 457 people in February, which is up 122 families from this time last year.

The need continues; please continue to support our Hunger Sunday efforts.

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Associated Charities Requests the following items:

Non-Perishable Needs:

Instant Rice: Brown and White
Soups: Cream of Chicken, Chicken Noodle and Tomato
Cans of Fruit: All Varieties
Canned Pasta like Spaghetti-o's and Ravioli
Crackers: Any type
Boxed Cereals
Canned Chicken
Jelly: Grape or Strawberry
Egg Noodles
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Hot Chocolate and Coffee
Ketchup, Mustard, and Mayo
Vegetable Oil and Sugar

Non-Food Items:

Shampoo and Conditioner
Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Kleenex!
Laundry and Dish Soap
Bath Soap: Liquid and Bars
Diapers: Size 3 and Up
Baby Wipes



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

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