



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

THE JOYFUL NOISE

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SOUP LUNCH AND MUCH MORE

Please join us
Sunday, May 7
for a special morning
of events.

Special SUNDAY

First, this is Compassion Sunday (Compassion Sunday.com), where you can 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.

Second, please stay after worship to enjoy a soup lunch. During this lunch, Pastor Mike will be outlining some ideas for our near future.

Third, take a moment to admire the Craft Show our children are hosting to raise funds for a charity they will choose. These crafts will be for sale for a donation.

Please spend this Sunday morning with us!



MEET SARAH BARDELL, OUR NEW CCO PARTNER!

Jake Blasdel took some friends and his family down to Coshocton to welcome and celebrate with Sarah Bardell over a meal. Sarah is our new hire for the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) partnership position. She went to Malone University and graduated with a Education degree. Be praying for her as she will be attending new staff training in June and July and will need to look for housing as she waits for arrival to Ashland in August. Please also pray for Jake as he transitions to his new area liaison position with CCO.

PLEASANT HILL OUTDOOR CAMP

FPC's Evangelism and Outreach Team (E&O) has renewed our ties with PHOC (Pleasant Hill Outdoor Camp). In March we highlighted their Maple Syrup Open House and encouraged people to help with their Spring Work Day. Some of our E&O Team members have headed down to Perrysville to help with mailings.

PHOC Needs Your Help!

With summer camp season just around the corner, PHOC needs volunteers to help on **May 1 & 2**. Work includes folding and preparing materials for their mailings. Contact Linda Hartzfeld or Barb Latham for more information.

Mark Grey, Executive Director, shows a new composting orbe to Leadership Ashland members during their visit to PHOC as part of their Habits for a Sustainable Community day.



PHOC MISSION AND VISION

Christ • Community • Conservation

We Dream... That every person will experience and embrace the amazing love of Jesus.
We Work... To be a community that lives and loves like Jesus.



PLEASANT HILL OUTDOOR CAMP SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

MAY 6, 11:00AM—5:00PM

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

This open house is a great chance to experience this summer's greatest adventure at PHOC. There will be activities, cabins will be open, information on summer theme, staff onsite and tons of fun. As a bonus put several drawings to win big prizes, discounts and a chance to take advantage of "bring a friend" bonus. Tour camp, try activities, and enjoy lunch. Get a taste of what PHOC has to offer.

Event information and schedule at
<http://phoc.org/summer-camp-open-house>

The family of Dean McBurney thanks everyone for the prayers, visits, cards, and encouraging notes that you shared with our Dad during his illness, cancer treatments, and stay at Brethren Care Village's Wasen Center. Dad's positive attitude, especially since the death of our Mom, was an inspiration to us all and an example of how to live fully. He loved his First Presbyterian Church family. A 'Celebration of Life' service to remember Dean will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 28 at 2:30 p.m., with a time of visiting with the family afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us. Thank you so much for the love and support you have shown us all.



Gratefully, Margaret Ann, Suellen, Don, Jayne
and families

Carl and I would like to thank all of our church friends that sent cards for our 70th wedding anniversary and for Carl's 97th birthday. We had lovely celebrations with our family for both occasions.

Carl and Ruth Armstrong

First Pres,
Thank you for your support of Young Life here in Ashland! We're excited to see the things Christ does in and through us and kids in Ashland stepping out in their faith. Thanks again. In Christ,

Gabby & Ashland Co. YL



Graduation:

If any of our church family are graduating this spring, we would like to know!

Please notify the office about high school and/or college graduates by **Monday, May 15**

OHIO CHURCH CONTINUES QUEST FOR ENERGY-SAVING MEASURES

by Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service

Conserving energy and caring for the environment are not new tasks for Fairmount Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Since the mid 1990s, the congregation has been committed to finding ways to cut energy costs, while improving the environment in their own community.

"Our first Earth Keepers group took on a number of projects from recycling paper to switching out incandescent bulbs with fluorescents," said Keith Mills, a church member who took an interest in energy conservation in the past 15 years. "There is a creek alongside the church that we've cared for and we have a garden outreach program and have worked with the community to maintain one of it's garden sites."




When Mills became involved, the church's budget was tight and found that supporting various ministry programs was becoming difficult. That's when members began looking at other ways to generate dollars for programs without making cuts.

"My background is in engineering so I was pretty sure we could do better than what we were doing, so we founded our own earth stewards group in 2008," he said. "I wanted to have a practical and faithful side and felt it was very important that we make an impact in the church through energy savings."

Mills recently traveled to Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church in West Virginia to learn how that church has utilized solar power.

"I was blown away by the church's spirit. There was nothing that was going to stop them," he said. "When I talked with the team that had been working on solar energy, they were very creative and found a way to make it happen."

While solar power may not be in the immediate future for Fairmount, Mills says it is something to think about for the future.



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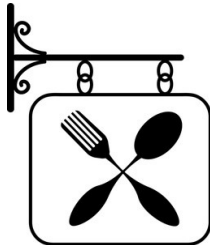
Men and Boys Campout/Retreat
Friday, May 26—Saturday, May 27

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 gather at Cracker Barrel at Route 13 and 71 on Tuesday, May 16th at 11:30 am. Please make reservations with Cora Walker no later than Friday, May 12.

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



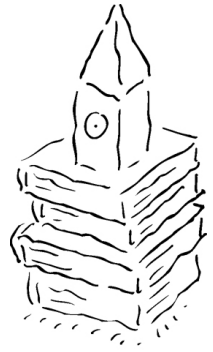
Hosted annually by Ashland Community Ministerial Association (ACMA)
in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 4, 2017
6:30 - 7:59am
at Ashland University Convocation Center

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,
and a few in our church office

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Your help is needed in the church library for a variety of small tasks, like shelving books and keeping circulation records, that take little time but could be a big help. The death of Beverly Bixler, the departure of Fannie Switzer for Colorado and the fact that Terry Mapes spends half the year in Florida means that Linda Swanson has been handling most of the library responsibilities. She does a wonderful job, but could use some help. If this sounds like something you can do for your church, contact Terry (281-2537) or Linda in the church office.



SPRING FUNDRAISING FOR ACCESS



Now that our guests are housed in two apartments instead of in our church buildings, raising funds to pay for utilities is vital for ACCESS to thrive. This spring, there are several opportunities in which to participate.

Dine to Donate: Simply take one of the flyers (found on page 4) with you when you eat, and a portion of the cost of your meal will be donated to 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.



**Our Next Week to Host:
June 4—10**

MAY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:00am Staff 8:00pm AA	3 10:00am Bible Study 1:15pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Healing Pathways 7:30pm Choir	4 6:30am Prayer Breakfast	5	6 11:00am-5:00pm Pleasant Hill Outdoor Camp Open House
7 Communion Hunger Sunday Compassion Sunday 11:15am Deacons Soup Lunch	8 6:00pm Women's Fellowship Group @ Sponsors' home	9 10:30am Worship Ministry Team 7:00pm Session Prayer Meeting 8:00pm AA	10 Quarterly Reports to Session Due 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Pathways 7:30pm Choir	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 9:00am Staff 11:30am Presby Lunch Bunch @ Cracker Barrel 8:00pm AA	17 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Pathways 7:30pm Choir	18 1:15pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Evangelism and Outreach Team	19	20 9:00am Session Meeting
21 2:00pm Bible in Schools Meeting	22 Quarterly Newsletter Deadline	23 7:00pm Session Prayer Meeting 8:00pm AA	24 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Pathways 7:30pm Choir	25 10:30am Finance Ministry	26 Men/Boys' Campout PHOC	27 Men/Boys' Campout PHOC
28 2:30pm Dean McBurney Celebration of Life	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30 8:00pm AA	31 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Healing Pathways 7:30pm Choir			

MEMORIAL WEEKEND 5K RUN

Sunday, May 28, 9:00am
Dwight Schar Athletic Complex
Ashland University



All are invited to take part in the seventh annual 1LT Michael L. Runyan 5k run. Proceeds from this year's run will benefit:

- Infinite Hero Foundation
- Ashland County Veteran Appreciation Day
- Huntington's Disease Society of America

Join this event on Memorial Day weekend to honor those men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

About Michael:

Michael Louis Runyan's unit was deployed to Iraq July 1, 2010. On July 21, 2010, while on patrol, Michael's convoy came under attack and was struck by an improvised explosive device. First Lieutenant Michael L. Runyan was killed in action at the age of 24. Michael and his parents and siblings are former members of FPC.

About the Runyan 5k Race:

Registration will begin at 7:30am inside the gates to the Jack Miller Stadium. Opening remarks will be at 8:50 and the race will begin at 9 on the Ashland University track. Individuals can remain walking on the track as opposed to going out on the course if they so choose.

The kids' ¼ mile fun run will take place at approximately 10:15 for all children ages 10 and under. Any child that is registered by May 15 will be guaranteed a free t-shirt. Send to 1ltrunyan5k@gmail.com the following information: number of children participating, last name, and sizes (YS, YM, YL).

A short devotion will take place around 10:30. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the devotion.

A silent auction will take place from the time registration opens until the conclusion of the kids' fun run. Items will include Oakley sunglasses, one of a kind custom artwork from FastLane Metalworx, and items from Red White Blue Apparel. Please bring cash or check for payment.

For more information, see:
<http://www.runyan5k.com/>

6TH ANNUAL MICHAEL L. RUNYAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 26
Mohican Hills Golf Course



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. All proceeds of this tournament benefit a scholarship in Michael's name.

To enter or further information, see
www.runyanmemorial.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

FPC has a prayer shawl ministry group who gets together twice a month to make shawls. The shawls are then delivered those in our church family who are unwell. The shawl is a reminder of God's loving presence and is meant to encourage someone and let them know that their church family is thinking of them and praying for them.

The intention of this ministry is for the shawl to simply be a gift, however, some people have asked if they could make a donation. The ministry will receive donations of money and/or yarn if one feels lead to support them. Donations can be given to the church for the prayer shawl ministry.



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**NewsLetter
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**Monday
May 22**

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From the Food Dude**

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Crackers: Any type
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Canned Chicken
Jelly: Grape or Strawberry
Egg Noodles
Pancake Mix and Syrup
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Kleenex!
Laundry and Dish Soap
Bath Soap: Liquid and Bars
Diapers: Size 3 and Up
Baby Wipes



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

May 7