



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

# THE JOYFUL NOISE

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## Harvest Dinner and Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 12

After the worship service,  
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!

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 26, following worship

We invite our whole church  
family to stay after worship  
on November 26 to help  
with decorating our church  
for the season of Advent.  
The decorations will be set  
out and ready to hang.  
There will be crafts for the  
kids and cookies for  
decorating and a light soup  
lunch to be shared by all.



Let's begin this season together!  
Contact Ellen Saccomen  
for any further information.

## FOCUS ON THANKS GIVING

Our E&O Team (that's Evangelism and Outreach) invites us all to Give Thanks this season by sharing with others. They are asking us to focus our Hunger Sunday giving during November on helping Associated Charities provide Thanksgiving meals.

Holiday food items needed include:

Yams or Sweet Potatoes  
Fresh or Instant Potatoes  
Stuffing Mix  
Gravy  
Broth  
Dessert Items  
Corn or Green Beans



FPC has for years been  
hosting a Hunger Sunday once a month, usually  
the first Sunday, to support hunger programs in  
our community. The last several years, our  
attention has been on supporting Associated  
Charities. Not only do we collect food and  
supplies, but donations of money are always  
welcome. There is always a demand for  
cleaning supplies and personal care items, for  
Associated Charities does not have a  
discounted source for such things. A list of their  
monthly needs can be found on the back page  
of most of our newsletters.

# NOVEMBER

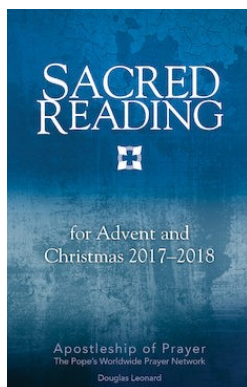


## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

FPC has devotionals to enrich your Advent season. This year we are offering *Sacred Reading for Advent and Christmas 2017-2018*. This hope-filled seasonal prayer book inspires readers with daily scripture readings from the beginning of Advent to Epiphany, employing the traditional spiritual devotion known as *lectio divina*, or "sacred reading," in a new way.

Advent and Christmas are the seasons of expectant waiting and the joyful arrival of the Christ Child, but the days are often filled with hectic preparation for the holidays. *Sacred Reading* can lead you in an imaginative, six-step process that will help create moments of peace during your busy day so you can listen to God's Word, prayerfully respond, and explore ways the gospel reading can be applied to your daily life.

This complementary devotional will be available in the narthex and the church office for you to pick up.



## ADVENT DEVOTIONAL 2018

While on the topic of Advent Devotionals... several years ago, FPC created its own Advent Devotional based on writings and reflections created by our members. We would like to create a devotional for 2018 with contributions from our congregation. As you journey through Advent this year, take some time to note your thoughts and feelings and consider creating an entry for the 2018 booklet. We invite both adults and children to submit art, poetry, meditations, and scriptural thoughts. We will edit it next year and print it for the Advent season. Any questions, please contact Linda Swanson or Mike Parker.

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for all the prayers, notes, and phone call around the time of Jerry's accident with his hand. He has his stitches out and is undergoing physical therapy. We also appreciate all your support while Nick was recently hospitalized.

Jerry, Emily, Nick, Lisa and  
Kaitlyn Barnett



Dear Church Family,  
You all have been wonderful toward us during Walt's recent accident, confinement, and recuperation. Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers, your caring notes, and comforting cards.

Walt's home and is making some progress, slow though it is. We are sustained daily by God's presence and God's love expressed through your tender caring. May God bless you all continually.

In Christ's Love, Walt and Dorita

## Coming in January... FATHERS OF BLESSING



Fatherhood brings great responsibility and incredible opportunity. How the father relates to the child lays the foundation for self-esteem, self-confidence, self-image, and so much more. Fathers are in many ways the craftsmen that lay the foundation upon which an entire life will be built. Unfortunately, most fathers do not understand that responsibility and without guidance lay a foundation that will bring far more risk than reward.

Pastor Mike will be leading Becoming Fathers of Blessing, a 12-week program beginning in January that will help fathers actively and intentionally bless their children, regardless of their age.

**WOMEN'S GROUP**

Monday, November 6



Women's Group Book Study starts a new book in October. They meet the first Monday of every month at 6:00pm. Contact Tia Sponsler for the location and more information.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Please take a moment to update your contact information with the church office ASAP. A current church directory will be distributed on November 12.

**Save the Date!**

PLEASE JOIN US!



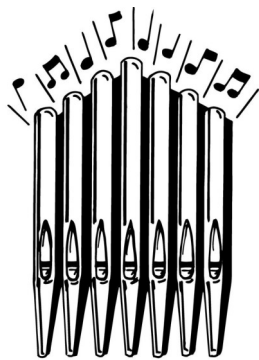
All Church Thank-you Reception  
Sunday, December 10th  
after Worship in the Lounge

Sponsored by the Finance Ministry Team

This is an All Church Thank-you to the congregation for your support of the budget, endowment giving, and general giving and support of our church.

**OUR ORGAN TURNS 50!**

Did you know that FPC dedicated our organ on September 24, 1970? our organ will be 50 years old soon. Anyone with ideas on how to celebrate this milestone and/or who would like to plan for such celebrations, please contact the office.

**TODDLER ROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

FPC now offers a separate room for our 3-5 year olds for Sunday school as well as during worship. We are in need of volunteers to help during worship. Please contact Mandy Parker to volunteer.

**Stewardship**

If you have not turned in a pledge card for 2018, there is still time to do so. Extra pledge cards are available in the narthex or church office.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSINGS**

Thursday, November 23

Friday, November 24

Monday, November 27

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

MILLER'S CHAPEL, ASHLAND UNIVERSITY  
December 10, 7:00pm

Ashland University will officially begin its observance of the holiday season with the annual Festival of Lights. The candlelight service symbolizes Christ coming into the world. The story is communicated in verse and song. It will include Scripture readings, traditional carols, and seasonal choral music by the Ashland University Choir and Women's Chorus, and the Ashland Area Chorus. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Department of Music and Christian Ministry, the Festival of Lights will conclude with a traditional candle-lighting ceremony.

# NOVEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Reports to Session Due 10:00am Bible Study 1:30pm Prayer Shawl 6:30pm Praise Band 7:30pm Choir	2	3  Healing Care Event	4  Healing Care Event
5 Daylight Savings Ends  Hunger Sunday Communion	6 6:00pm Women's Group Book Study  6:00pm Healing Care Group	7   8:00pm AA	8 10:00am Bible Study  6:30pm Praise Band 7:30pm Choir	9  9:00am Staff  6:00pm Healing Care Group	10  Set up for Harvest Dinner	11  9:00am—12:00pm Session Meeting
12  Congregational Meeting 11:30 am Harvest Dinner	13  6:00pm Healing Care Group	14  8:00pm AA	15 10:00am Bible Study  6:30pm Praise Band 7:30pm Choir	16  1:30pm Prayer Shawl  6:30pm Evangelism and Outreach Team	17	18
19 Host ACCESS	20 Host ACCESS  Quarterly Newsletter Deadline	21 Host ACCESS  8:00pm AA	22 Host ACCESS 10:00am Bible Study  6:30pm Praise Band 7:30pm Choir	23 Host ACCESS  Office Closed—Thanksgiving	24 Host ACCESS  Office Closed—Thanksgiving Observed	25 Host ACCESS
26 Communion  11:30am Hanging of the Greens	27 Church Office Closed  6:00pm Healing Care Group	28  8:00pm AA	29 10:00am Bible Study  6:30pm Praise Band 7:30pm Choir	30 9:00am Staff  10:30 Finance Ministry		

## ACCESS UPDATE

### Soup-er Saturday

November 11

11:00am—3:00pm

Grace Brethren Gym



All-You-Can-Eat Soup and Salad Lunch  
Silent Auction—Bake Sale—Raffle

This year there are three raffle prizes to Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, Ohio:

- A one night's stay in a Desert Room, with two queen beds and a sofa sleeper, plus admission to the waterpark for four guests
- A one night's stay in a Combination Suite, with four beds, a fireplace, full-service kitchen, three televisions, two bathrooms, a large patio or balcony, and admission for eight to the waterpark.
- Six all-day waterpark passes

Anyone willing to put a sign in his/her yard to help advertise this, please pick one up in the church office and let Linda Swanson know you took one. This fundraiser helps homeless women and families of Ashland County.



### Our Turn to Host ACCESS November 19-25

Please look for the volunteer sign-up, or contact Becky Sheeks for more information.

### ACCESS Holiday Goodies

Be looking for ACCESS Holiday Goodies order forms for their December fundraiser. Pick-up of goodies will be December 20 and 21 at Ashland Brethren in Christ Church.



## APPLIANCES AND BED NEEDED!

Mandy Parker is seeking a full or queen sized bed, an electric stove, and a refrigerator for someone in need. Anyone with extras either to donate or negotiate a deal, please contact Mandy at 419-908-3846 or [mjandmm.parker@gmail.com](mailto:mjandmm.parker@gmail.com).

## PLEASANT HILL OUTDOOR CENTER

Thank you so much for your skills folding the calendar for summer campers. You accomplished that SO fast! Your efforts keep kids connected so they can continue to experience God's love.

Thank You!

Nellie, Mark, & Sam

A group of FPC volunteers travel down to Pleasant Hill to help them with office jobs and other ways. To become involved, contact Linda Hartzfeld or Lana Potter.



## CHILDREN'S GRIEF AND LOSS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUILDING RESILIENCY A TRAUMA-INFORMED TRAINING

Tuesday, November 17, 9:00—11:30am

Grace Brethren Church

Speakers: Amanda Brace and Kailey Bradley

Children experience many types of loss. A persistent myth is that they can "get over it" naturally as they grow. This training explores the impact of loss and grief in children and provides professionals and families with multiple tools to build essential "bounce back" skills.

Light refreshments included

Registration: [ashlandmhrb.org/griefandloss](http://ashlandmhrb.org/griefandloss)  
CEU's for counselors and social workers

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**NewsLetter  
DEADLine**

**Monday  
November 20**

As you know, Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we need your help to be able to provide a traditional Thanksgiving Turkey meal for those in need in our county. We have had a gracious donor offer to pay for all our turkeys that we will be giving out. What a blessing that is! Thank you in advance for your support. We are truly grateful.

Have a Wonderful  
Thanksgiving!  
Rosemarie Donley  
Associated Charities  
Executive Director

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To:

**November 2017**



Associated Charities requests the following items:

**Non-Perishable Needs:**

Peas, Carrots and Mixed Vegetables  
Mac & Cheese  
Tuna  
Egg Noodles  
Crackers, Pop Tarts, Cookies or Granola Bars  
Jello or Pudding Snack Packs  
Jelly- Grape and Strawberry  
Tea Bags, Hot Chocolate and/or Coffee  
Spaghetti Noodles and Spaghetti Sauce  
Ketchup, Mustard, and Mayo

**Non-Food Items:**

Toilet Paper  
Laundry Soap  
Dish Soap  
Deodorant-both Male and Female  
Toothpaste and Brushes  
Shampoo and Conditioner  
Paper Towels  
Razors



**HUNGER  
SUNDAY**

**November 5**