



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

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EVANGELISM & OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM (E&O)

Pleasant Hill Outdoor Camp (PHOC) Reunion Pizza, Pop, and Game Night

February 2, 7:00pm
FPC Fellowship Hall



Come and enjoy a reunion of Pleasant Hill Campers as they share their experiences at PHOC. This event is open to our congregation, the general public, and especially anyone who might be interested in becoming involved with PHOC either as a camper or volunteer. FPC continues to build a relationship with PHOC, especially through our Evangelism and Outreach Ministry Team (E&O). See how you can get involved!

February is "Give the Love" Month

The Evangelism and Outreach Ministry Team (E&O) invites you to "Give the Love" by donating peanut butter and jelly to Associated Charities. Our peanut butter and jelly trees will be in the front of the sanctuary ready for you to decorate with your donations every Sunday during the month of February. Please place your PB&J on them before worship.



Domestic Violence Survivor Prayer Training Sunday, March 4, 12:15pm

Cindy Hudnut, Director of Safe Haven Domestic Violence Shelter, will be with us to provide insight and direction to those interested and willing to talk with and pray with domestic violence survivors.



Cindy estimates this March 4th conversation will require about 1 ½ hours, and would hopefully result in the beginning of greater involvement from the Ashland faith community in the lives of survivors. Cindy's vision is that this opportunity would be available on a weekly basis, likely a weekend or late afternoon time slot. Attending this gathering is not a

commitment to participate, but a time to learn about the perspective and needs of survivors, and what role we might play.



NEW MINISTER OF VISITATION

Josiah Travis has joined the staff at FPC as our new Minister of Visitation. Josiah and his wife, Laura, and their children, Isaiah and Emily have been part of the FPC community since April 2017. *Welcome*

Josiah invites you to contact him anytime at (315) 405-1671 or josiahtravis@gmail.com.

Josiah will also be moderating the Deacons, leading them as they care for our church family. Deacons first meeting with Josiah will be **Sunday, February 4** after worship.

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

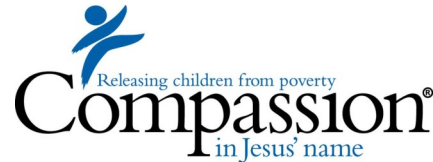
When the Compassion child you sponsor asks for prayers that his parents get jobs or that he gets a new house, it touches your heart in a special way. If he asks for prayers that he be able to control his behavior, it gets your attention. These are requests that my young friend has made in his letters over the last few years. He writes in his native language, Spanish, that is translated by someone at his Center. But still I can sense his anxiety.

Alex is almost a teenager now and is surrounded by the poverty of his neighborhood in Nicaragua. But he does write with a sense of hope and grateful thanks. Sometimes he speaks of new shoes or clothing that keep him comfortable. Other times, such as at Christmas or on his birthday when extra money is given, he tells of a toy or special thing that has been purchased for him. Through this relationship we are both blessed because I love to hear that he is enjoying things and having a little fun.

He continues to go to the Center where he receives Christian care and counsel. He is learning about Jesus, and each letter closes with

a verse from the Bible. I share my favorite verses with him and try to encourage him. I have hope that a life will be a bit changed because someone from far away in Ohio cared about him.

Pat Perez



News from Bangladesh

Sponsors of children in Bangladesh have been notified that funds are being delayed in getting to the children. A significant factor seems to be delayed government authorization of funds from non-profits, related in part to the huge influx of refugees from Myanmar flooding into Bangladesh. We are promised that each child will receive their Compassion sponsor's gifts once this issue is resolved. While this situation seems beyond our comprehension, please pray that the sponsored children will not lose hope in the midst of this withholding of support.

TUCK POINTING PROJECT TO BEGIN EARLY SPRING 2018

Through the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, Session decided to hire Quality Masonry Company, Inc. to complete tuck pointing on the entire church building façade. The Property Commission and Trustees have been discussing the need to repair and preserve our building and searching for contractors to execute the work for more than a year.

Work on the building should begin in early spring this year. During the process access to certain entrances may be blocked temporarily; FPC will try to keep the congregation informed.



The total cost of this project is approximately \$65,000 and will be paid for out of with funds left to the church by Hellen McClellan and our savings. FPC gladly invites any donations toward this project.

Due to the fact that we will be working on every side of the building, all the shrubs around the exterior will have to be removed. If any of these plantings have a significance to you or your family, please contact the church office to let us know. We also expect that the fence along the west side of the building will be removed.

FPC thanks Kevin Reidy for heading up this project both for the work he has already given as well as his efforts to come.

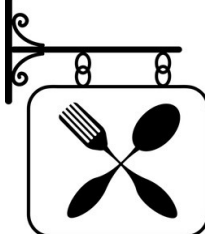
NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning January 28, 9:00am



Pastor Mike will be leading a Sunday School Class about the role of Holy Spirit in our lives. He will be using Gateways to Empowered Ministry materials developed by the Dunamis Institute. The purpose of the Dunamis Institute, a ministry of Presbyterian-Reformed Ministries International, is to equip Christians for ministry empowered by the Holy Spirit for the advancement of the Kingdom of God and the glory of Jesus Christ.


PRESBY LUNCH BUNCH



The Presby Lunch Bunch will gather on February 20 at 11:30am at The Mill Restaurant in Buehler's. Reservations to Cora Walker 419-289-2316 no later than Sunday, February 18.



Avyanna Elizabeth Brinker was born January 12, 2018, to Jeremy and Isabel Brinker. Grandparents are Francisco and Rhita Serrano.



Ash Wednesday, February 14

SMALL GROUP "LAUNCH"
Sunday, February 4, 5:30pm

Do you long for an opportunity to reflect on the Sunday message within a small group? Here's a perfect opportunity... Ken and Cindy Eckenroth are graciously providing their home at 738 Sandusky Street at 5:30pm on the first and third Sundays of each month. We will begin with a light meal before launching into discussion. Questions? Contact Ken (ken91446@aol.com) or Cindy (cagolfer@aol.com) or 419-908-9330. The Eckenroths will appreciate knowing of your plan to attend.



WINTER SEMINAR SERIES
Park Street Brethren Church
6:30pm - 8:00pm




Mark your calendars for evenings of inspiration and education. Light refreshments will be served. All seminars will be held in room 201. Park in lower back lot. Signs will be posted.

February 7th
Foster Care: To Love and Be Loved
creating a home of belonging, acceptance, and boundaries for children in need
Speakers: Pastor Mike and Mandy Parker

March 21st
Spiritual Resilience: Thriving in Joy and Pain
how grief and loss bring transformation
Speaker: Jessica Ellis

April 25th
Gardening: Designing Vegetable Beds
best practices for planting and making the most of your garden space
Speaker: Ruth Steinacker



FPC's next opportunity to host ACCESS is **February 11-17**. Please contact Becky Sheeks to volunteer.

FEBRUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Presbytery Meeting Milton PC, Rittman
4 Hunger Sunday 5:30pm Small Group @ Eckenroths'	5 6:00pm Women's Group Book Study 6:30pm Dad Connection 6:30pm Forgiveness	6 8:00pm AA	7 Healing Care Event Qtr Reports to Session Due 10:00am Bible Study 1:30pm Prayer Shawl 6:30pm Praise Band	8 Healing Care Event 9:00am Staff 10:30am Finance Ministry Team	9 Healing Care Event	10 Healing Care Event
11 Host ACCESS Communion 12:00pm Private Event— Fellowship Hall	12 Host ACCESS 6:30pm PMS @ Cindy Click's 6:30pm Dad Connection 6:30pm Forgiveness	13 Host ACCESS 8:00pm AA	14 Host ACCESS Ash Wednesday Communion 10:00am Bible Study	15 Host ACCESS Carpet Cleaning	16 Host ACCESS	17 Host ACCESS Quarterly Session Meeting
18 11:30am Evangelism and Outreach Team 2:15pm Worship @ Kingston 5:30pm Small Group @ Eckenroths'	19 Presidents' Day Office Closed Quarterly Newsletter Deadline	20 11:30am Presby Lunch Bunch @ The Mill Restaurant 8:00pm AA	21 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Band	22 9:00am Staff	23	24
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BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH DIALOGUE

Organized by the Ashland University College of Arts & Sciences, the biennial Symposium Against Indifference continues its 2017-2018 theme of "Building Bridges Through Dialogue" with presentations by Dr. Susan Glisson and Charles Tucker, the partners and co-founders of Sustainable Equity LLC. They will share their stories and experiences of building community through difficult conversations.

"We've been conditioned to listen in order to counter someone's statement instead of listening to understand. That's not helpful," Glisson says.

With co-sponsorship by the Department of Religion, these programs are free and open to the public.

A Conversation about Historical Context in Confederate Monuments

Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 2:30pm | Eagle's Landing, Hawkins-Conard Student Center

No More Enemies

Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 7:30pm
Myers Convocation Center

Stories of uniting communities and guiding the hard but needed conversations about racial reconciliation.

This lecture will use Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's quote, "My enemy is someone whose story I haven't heard" as a touchstone. From a historic conviction in a cold civil rights case, passage and implementation of a statewide law requiring civil rights and human rights history curriculum in all Mississippi schools, to work with the City of New Orleans on Confederate monuments, and work with corporations such as Facebook, police departments and public institutions, Glisson and Tucker have a diverse and substantial list of success stories of leading individuals to

examine their own attitudes and biases combined with the building of trust and respectful relationships.

Welcome Table Workshop

Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 7:30pm
Myers Convocation Center

Experience the method of dialogue bringing together people of different backgrounds to work together.

At this workshop, participants will discover the Welcome Table process developed by Glisson. This interactive workshop will introduce the tools and techniques used by the city of New Orleans and the state of South Carolina (among others) to help communities with deep racial and historical divisions. Learn more about this method of intentional dialogue that can be used in community building and in daily lives.

Glisson is deeply committed and experienced in the work of transformation, truth-telling and community trust-building toward which she worked for more than 20 years.

She is a native of Evans, Ga., earned bachelor's degrees in religion and in history from Mercer University, a master's degree in Southern Studies from the University of Mississippi, and a Ph.D. in American Studies from the College of William and Mary.

Tucker works to build unity and consensus in communities, nonprofit and corporate entities. He uses his skills and experience as a facilitator and program designer.

He is a native of Cary, Miss., earned his Bachelor of Science in Mass Communications with a focus in Print Journalism from Jackson State University and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Pine Manor College.

Taken from: <http://news.ashland.edu/article/no-more-enemies-and-welcome-tables-are-focus-au-symposium-speakers>

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**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

**Monday
February 19**

We are truly grateful for every can, box, bag and truckload of non-perishables that you donated here. Our food bank is really unique in that we are solely supported by our community of churches, organizations, clubs, businesses and individuals.

Your support helps to put food on the tables of so many families in our county that struggle with food insecurity. Thank you for your efforts to help us do just that!
Stay Warm! Rosemarie Donley

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Associated Charities Requests the following items:

Non-perishable Needs

Tea Bags, Hot Chocolate and/or Coffee
Potatoes, Instant or Fresh
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Egg Noodles
Crackers
Cookies
Pop Tarts
Granola Bars
Jell-O or Pudding Snack Packs
Jelly- Grape and Strawberry
Mustard

Non-food Items

Deodorant-Both Male and Female
Shampoo and Conditioner
Dish Soap
Toilet Paper
Laundry Soap
Razors
Paper Towels



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

February 4