



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

# THE JOYFUL NOISE

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## DR. JOANN FORD WATSON BEGINS AS PARISH ASSOCIATE

We welcome Rev. Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson to FPC's staff as Parish Associate! Jody will serve on a part-time basis, approximately 5 hours a week, in the following ways:

- Coordinate home Communion
- Occasionally be on call for emergency care and hospital visits
- Some visitation and pastoral care
- Occasionally preach, officiate communion, and officiate funerals when the Senior Pastor is unavailable

Jody has been an central part of this congregation for a long time and we thank her for serving us in this new way.

## THE SWEETEST STORY EVER TOLD

On Saturday, December 1, we gathered to make cookies in shapes, such as angel, star, tree, heart, and bell, that each represent a piece of the story of Jesus' birth. These cookies were baked, decorated, and eaten as a sweet way to begin the season of Advent!



# January

## EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH (E&O)

### GOODIE BAGS

#### FOR ASHLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



Prior to exam week, 40 goodie bags (snacks, post-it notes, chap sticks, gift cards for coffee shop) were prepared and given to international students attending the Tuesday lunch at the lower chapel area. Dolly reported that much appreciation was expressed. Included were Christmas greetings and an invitation to attend services at FPC.

### LOUD SUNDAY OFFERINGS

When a month has a fifth Sunday, FPC collects a special offering to benefit a local charity or

project. This offering is "loud" because we throw our change into coffee cans and make a joyful noise to the Lord.

For our last Loud Sunday offering on December 30, \$236.17 was collected to benefit Keith Pepsny's campus ministry through the Navigators. Remember to continue to set aside loose change for the next Loud Sundays on March 31, June 30, September 29, and December 29. Recipients of each offering will be determined at next meeting of the E & O Team.

### ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

For February, peanut butter and jelly "trees" will return to the sanctuary for your weekly contributions. This was one of our most successful efforts to benefit AC clients during 2018, so let's do it again!

For March, we'll be focusing on meal planning – soup ingredients (broth, canned vegetables, noodles, canned chicken, onion soup mix, and canned soups).



### CONFIRMATION CLASS

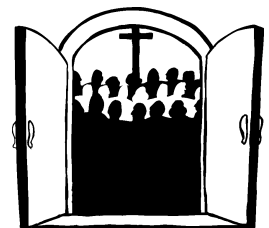
FPC is considering offering a confirmation class for middle and high school students (currently in grades 6-12). This group would meet approximately 8 times through the months of February, March and April. Meeting days/times will be worked out once the group is formed.



If you, your child, or grandchild are interested in participating, please contact the church office by January 20th.

### DATES TO NOTE!

FPC will ordain and install our new officers for 2019 on **Sunday, January 13** during worship.



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on **Sunday, February 10**. The business of the meeting will include:

- Approving the terms of call for Pastor Mike
- Electing representatives to the Nominating Committee
- Receiving the annual budget and any annual reports

## ASHLAND UNIVERSITY FAITH DAY

Ashland University's athletic department will have Faith Day on Feb. 2, when the Eagle women's and men's basketball teams play host to Grand Valley State at 1 and 3 p.m., respectively, at Kates Gymnasium.

"We're excited to introduce this new event to the campus and Ashland area community," said Ashland Director of Athletics Al King. "The concept comes from Major League Baseball, which has done a splendid job with its Faith Night programs. This is an opportunity for people to see our student-athletes and coaches in an entirely different light. We believe they have a powerful message to share, and this is an excellent forum to bring people together."

At halftime of both basketball games, Eagle student-athletes will share their faith testimonies. After the end of the men's game, the AU collaborative band will play worship songs, leading up to the Faith Day presentation, scheduled to begin approximately 20 minutes after the conclusion of the men's game in the gym. While the band is playing, there will be pizza and beverages for those in attendance.

The presentation will include King, Rev. Joe Maggelet, Ashland University's athletics chaplain and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) advisor; three Ashland University head coaches, Eagle student-athletes from a variety of sports, and Dr. Carlos Campo, Ashland University President. City of Ashland Mayor Matt Miller will give the closing prayer following the presentation.

"Faith Day is a celebration," said Maggelet. "Players and coaches are going to talk about their faith on a platform they do not usually get a chance to do. This will strengthen our relationship with the community and our local churches."

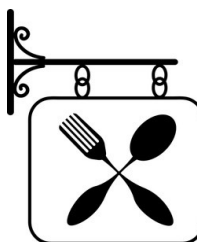
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## \*NEW\* COMPANIONS SHARING GROUP Together on the Journey

Jody Watson will lead a new small group that will meet once a month beginning Tuesday, January 29 at 11:30am—1:00pm. This group will share needs and concerns, have some conversations and discussions, and worship with prayer, scripture and songs. A light lunch will be served and the group will meet in fellowship hall. Topics will be geared toward seniors and their companions, but the group is open to all.



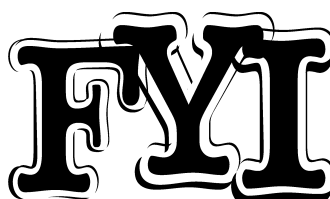
## PRESBY LUNCH BUNCH: Tuesday, January 22



The Presby Lunch Bunch will dine at Bella Bleu's on Tuesday, January 22, 11:30am. Please confirm a reservation with Cora no later than Sunday, January 20th.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR

Come celebrate Chinese New Year with a potluck and other activities on Saturday, February 2, 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

Per Capita for  
2019 is \$30.56.

# JANUARY—FEBRUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>13</b> Communion  Officer Ordination and Installation  2:00pm Rooted Cohort	<b>14</b>   6:00pm Women's Group Book Study @ Lana Potter's	<b>15</b> 9:00am Worship Planning   8:00pm AA	<b>16</b> Healing Care Event  10:00am Bible Study  6:30pm Praise Band	<b>17</b> Healing Care Event	<b>18</b> Healing Care Event	<b>19</b> Healing Care Event
<b>20</b>  11:30am Deacons  5:30pm Small Group @ Eckenroths'	<b>21</b>  Office Closed— MLK Day	<b>22</b> 9:00am Worship Planning  8:00pm AA	<b>23</b> 10:00am Bible Study  6:30pm Praise Band	<b>24</b> 9:00am Staff	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  11:30am Evangelism and Outreach Team	<b>28</b>  Monthly Newsletter Deadline	<b>29</b> 9:00am Worship Planning  11:30am Companions Sharing Group  8:00pm AA	<b>30</b> 10:00am Bible Study  6:30pm Praise Band	<b>31</b>  10:30am Finance Ministry	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  5:00pm Chinese New Year Celebration and Potluck
<b>3</b>  Hunger Sunday Communion  5:30pm Small Group @ Eckenroths'	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00am Worship Planning  8:00pm AA	<b>6</b> Healing Care Event  10:00am Bible Study  6:30pm Praise Band	<b>7</b> Healing Care Event	<b>8</b> Healing Care Event	<b>9</b> Healing Care Event



## CHINESE STUDENT CONNECTIONS

### Saturday Potluck and Worship

Saturday potluck dinners in Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm are open to everyone, and not limited to bringing Chinese foods. Students are friendly and eager for conversations and becoming acquainted with us. Worship follows at 6:00pm in Andrews Chapel, with Jenny Beasley serving as worship leader and translator for scripture readings and messages. Message presenters have included Dr. Dolly Dong, Dr. Jody Watson, and retired Pastor Dick Winfield.



### Tuesday Lunch at Ashland University

Every Tuesday, Dolly Dong and Sarah Bardall host a Chinese lunch for students in the Lower Chapel from 11:00am-12:30pm. A growing number of students have been attending this time of laughter, conversation, and connection. We invite you to come, bring a dish, or simply eat and join in conversation with students. Students desire your light and presence. **The more we get to know students, the more blessed we are by them.** Join us and watch what the Lord does.

### For More Information

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**NewsLetter  
DEADLine**

**Monday  
January 28**

**Associated Charities**

.....A few words from the Director:

I want to take a moment to say how grateful and humbled we are to have the church's support throughout the year. This food bank was started by several churches in this community and God is constantly re-affirming that we are all doing his work as the more we give out to those in need, the more he gives to us to do so. Praise God! Blessings for an amazing 2019! ~Rosemarie Donley

Here is how your giving made an impact over the holidays:

Thanksgiving Meal Boxes distributed:

278 families (846 people)

Christmas Meal Boxes distributed:

359 families (1159 people)

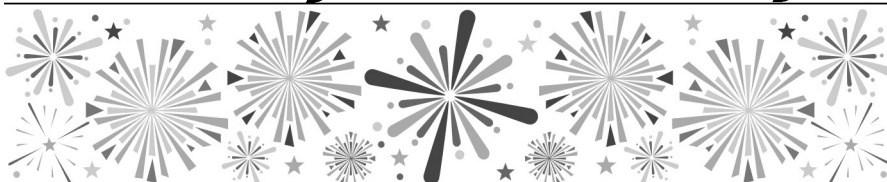
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To:

**January 2019**

*Happy New Year & Happy New Year*



**Associated Charities requests  
the following items:**

**NON-PERISHABLE FOODS**

Jelly (any kind)  
Peanut Butter  
Egg Noodles  
Saltine Crackers  
Juice (any kind)  
Fresh Potatoes  
Syrup

**PERSONAL CARE ITEMS**

Deodorant  
Body Wash/Bath Soap  
Shampoo and Conditioner  
Feminine Products  
Kleenex Tissues  
Dish Soap