



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

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AJ Tabler delivered cookies to the Ashland City Police and got a police badge!

On Sunday, March 24, E&O coordinated a Cookie Distribution to the police and fire departments, hospital, nursing homes, etc., as a way to express our appreciation for the vital contributions of these organizations and individuals who serve our community. Thanks to all who made cookies and helped deliver them.



Above: Cookies plated and ready to go!

Below: Steve Yoder, Linda Hartzfeld, and Bill Dravenstott take cookies to deliver after worship



APRIL

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH (E&O) MINISTRY TEAM

ASHLAND PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Annual Fundraising Dinner – Thursday, April 11, 6:00pm, Convocation Center at AU
Complimentary dinner, reservations before Tuesday, April 2, at 419-281-1111
Please notify Tia Sponsler (419-606-7155) who is planning to attend.

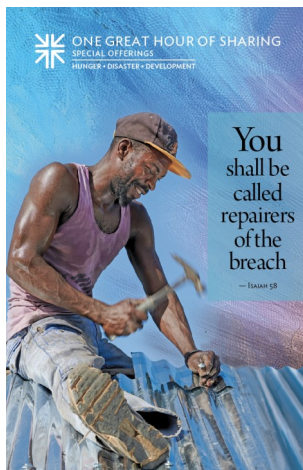


PLEASANT HILL OUTDOOR CAMP

Summer camp season is fast approaching! To learn of the opportunities for a life-changing experience for your child(ren), pick up a brochure in the narthex.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Our congregation has participated in this annual Lenten offering for many years, providing support for projects which currently are in place in over 100 countries. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Bulletin inserts will provide additional evidence of the assistance provided through these funds. Special envelopes are in place in the pews, with Palm Sunday being the final to opportunity donate through the congregation. Credit card donations will be welcome at any time at presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs. \$10 can be donated by texting OGHS at 20222.



COMPASSION SUNDAY

May 5 will be an opportunity to learn more about the life-changing impact brought to the lives of children sponsored through Compassion International. Packets will be available that will provide photos and details about children seeking sponsors. The following is a testimonial written by Sarah Bardall, a current Compassion sponsor.

I have had the privilege of sponsoring Miriam through Compassion International since January of 2017. Miriam is from the African country of Tanzania. She is 13 years old and



lives with her family, including her grandfather, Stanley, her mother, Rehema Iddy, her brother Edson, and her sister, Neema. She loves to go to school. In her letters, she writes about how she enjoys her studies and wants to be a doctor someday.

It has been a gift to sponsor and correspond with Miriam through letters. Each time she writes, she expresses thanks

for God. She gives thanks for her school and her family, and she writes joyfully about her experiences. In the midst of all the negativity that I allow to consume my mind, Miriam always breaks through that with her spirit of gratefulness. Her heart convicts mine each time I hear from her. I couldn't have foreseen the gift she would be in my life. I humbly admit that I believe she knows the Lord in a more pure and childlike way than I do, and I have much to learn from her. Please pray for Miriam and her family. I pray that Miriam would continue to grow in her love for God, and I declare His abundant provision over her life.



ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

For April, special emphasis will be on donations of personal care items – soaps, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hair care products, shaving supplies, feminine hygiene products, etc. Boxes are in place in the narthex and near the chapel entrance for depositing your contributions. As always, checks made out to Associated Charities for the Food Pantry also can be placed in the boxes, in envelopes, please.

The Board of Directors of Associated Charities has selected a new director to succeed current Executive Director Rosemarie Donley, who is retiring on March 31, 2019.

Christine (Chris) Box, an Ashland resident, will begin in her role at Associated Charities on March 18, allowing for some overlap with Rosemarie and ensuring a smooth transition.

Chris comes to the organization with more than thirty years experience in the nonprofit sector and a skill set that includes budgeting, accounting, operations, facilities management, events, and team building. Prior to accepting the Executive Director position, Chris worked at the Ashland County Historical Society and the Ashland Family YMCA. She has extensive knowledge of the Ashland community and a love for its people. Chris will bring a servant's heart and a nurturing nature that will further the mission of Associated Charities.

Both Chris and Rosemarie provided a few words about the transition:

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to join the Associated Charities family and to work hand-in-hand with the Ashland community in providing assistance to those in crisis or in transition. Rosemarie has brought outstanding leadership and exceptional progress to Associated Charities under her direction and I am honored to follow in her footsteps."
~Christine Box



"I am pleased to learn that Chris Box is the new Executive Director at AC. She is very well known and respected in the community and I feel confident that she will carry on our mission to help Ashland County families in need. I know this community will welcome and embrace Chris just as you did me."

~Rosemarie Donley

Associated Charities provides short-term, emergency provisions to qualified residents of Ashland County in order to equip and empower them for the future, such as: food, emergency rent/mortgage assistance, help with a utility disconnect, emergency prescription assistance, new clothing, shoes, boots and winter coats for children as well as the Christmas Toy Program, JUSST for Kids Back to School Program and Food for holidays.

From the Board of Directors of
Associated Charities of Ashland Ohio, Inc.



Hosted annually by ACMA
in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 2, 2019, 6:30 - 7:59 am
at Ashland University Convocation Center.

This year the speaker is Lina Abujamra, the founder of Living With Power Ministries. She is a pediatric emergency room doctor by profession and is passionate about empowering people with biblical truth. A popular Bible teacher, blogger, and conference speaker, she is the author of three books. She reaches listeners through weekly podcasts and a daily Morning Minutes devotional, and is engaged in providing medical care for Syrian refugees in the Middle East. You can hear Lina on Moody Radio hosting Today's Single Christian and find her boosting your faith all over social media.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONDING TO SEVERAL U.S. CRISES

By Rich Copley | Presbyterian News

LOUISVILLE — There was a time, it seems to the Rev. Jim Kirk of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, that specific phenomena were isolated to different parts of the calendar. Spring brought severe storms, tornadoes and flooding, while Western fire season was late summer and fall.

“What we’re finding — and this is anecdotal — is less and less defined disaster seasons,” says Kirk, Associate for National Disaster Response for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). “The parameters have expanded with the possibility of severe weather year-round.” Indeed, as spring has sprung, Kirk and PDA personnel are managing several domestic disasters including flooding in the Midwest and late winter severe storms and tornadoes in the Southeast.

“I expect PDA will be involved at several levels,” said Greg Smith, a member of the PDA National Response team deployed to the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley to assess damage from flooding that has affected 70 percent of Nebraska, as well as significant portions of Iowa and Missouri.

The flooding, caused by heavy rains and rapid snow melt, has resulted in more than \$1 billion in damage and at least three fatalities.

“I continue to be amazed at the level at which local Presbyterians become engaged in response,” Kirk says. “They reach out beyond their walls to those impacted.”

The most effective way Presbyterians can help is to contribute to recovery efforts through the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering at their churches or online.

COALITION FOR CHRISTIAN OUTREACH (CCO) UPDATES

Worship and Karaoke in AU lower chapel on Friday, March 29, 7:00pm Coffee and finger food provided. Everyone welcome to join us.

Easter break trip to Washington DC with Chinese families and students April 15—18. The purpose is to build friendship, visiting, and enjoying the God’s beautiful creation.

5TH ANNUAL “LAST LECTURE”

The Ridenour Room, Dauch College of Business, Ashland University. 7:00pm, Monday, April 15
Dr. Mark Thiessen Nation of Eastern Mennonite University

This “last lecture” is an invitation for a speaker to address the graduating class of religion majors as if it were their last time to do so. It is free and open to the public

MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY SPRING RETREAT

Anti-Racism as Spiritual Practice



Sunday, May 5th, (arrival at 4:30pm) to
Tuesday, May 7th, (departure at 1:00pm)

St. Therese's Retreat Center
5277 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43213

Retreat Leader: The Rev. Mary Gene Boteler

Cost: \$150 (includes 2 nights & 6 meals)
Deposit: \$50 due by Wednesday, April 24th

Go to www.mvpjourney.org/upcoming-events for more details and mailable registration form

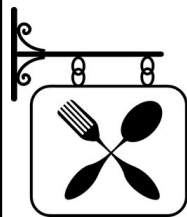
BIBLE JOURNALING WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 13
10:00am—12:00pm
At FPC

Free Donuts, Juice, Coffee
Ephesians 3
Unity and Diversity

What to bring:
A journaling Bible,
or an inexpensive wide margin Bible
(you do not want to use your good study Bible)
Economical Bibles are for sale on Christian
Book Distributors website. Also practice sheets
will be available for anyone who does not have
a journaling Bible.

Please pre-register with Patti Fenwick 419-908-
0530 or sign up in the Narthex.

**PRESBY LUNCH BUNCH:**
Tuesday, April 9, 11:30am

The Presby Lunch Bunch will
meet at IHOP on Walker Lake
Road in Ontario. If you need a ride
or can share a ride, let Cora
Walker know by Sunday, April 7.
Otherwise, see you there!

COMPANIONS SHARING GROUP
Together on the Journey

This small group, lead by Jody Watson, will
meet Tuesday, April 30, 11:30am—1:00pm in
fellowship hall. Come enjoy a light lunch, share
needs and concerns, have some conversations
and discussions, and worship
with prayer, scripture and
songs. Topics are geared
toward seniors and their
companions, but the group is
open to all.

**Holy Week****Palm Sunday, April 14:**

10:30am Worship with Palms and
Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 18:

7:00pm Worship with Communion

Resurrection Sunday, April 21:

9:00am Breakfast
10:30am Worship with Communion

Church Office Closed:

Monday, April 22

Easter Breakfast

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

Ruth Armstrong is moving to
Florida to be closer to her family.
For her new address, please
contact the church office.



Dorothy Studney's daughter, Robin, passed
away recently after a brave fight with cancer.
A celebration of her life will be held Sunday,
April 14, 1:00-5:00pm at Dorothy Studney's
home.



APRIL

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday Worship: 10:00am Coffee and Welcoming 10:30am Worship	1 Church Office Closed	2 9:00am Worship Planning 8:00pm AA	3 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Lenten Potluck 7:00pm Choir	4	5	6 Presbytery Meeting Pioneer PC
7 Host ACCESS 9:00am Confirmation 5:30pm Small Group @ Eckenroths'	8 Host ACCESS Church Office Closed	9 Host ACCESS 9:00am Worship Planning 11:30am Presby Lunch Bunch @ IHOP 8:00pm AA	10 Host ACCESS 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Lenten Potluck 7:00pm Choir	11 Host ACCESS	12 Host ACCESS	13 Host ACCESS 10:00am Bible Journaling Class
14 Palm Sunday 9:00am Confirmation Communion 11:30am Evangelism and Outreach Team	15	16 9:00am Worship Planning 8:00pm AA	17 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Lenten Potluck 7:00pm Choir	18 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Communion	19 Office Closed—Good Friday	20
21 Easter Communion 9:00am Breakfast	22 Office Closed—Easter Observed Monthly Newsletter Deadline	23 9:00am Worship Planning 8:00pm AA	24 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Band	25 10:30am Finance Ministry	26	27
28	29	30 9:00am Worship Planning 11:30am Companions Sharing Group 8:00pm AA				Every Saturday Worship: 5:00pm Potluck 6:00pm Chinese Worship



Presbyterian Mothers Study Group
All Daughter Banquet
Sunday, May 5, 2019 @5:00PM
 Fellowship Hall
Theme: Music, Music, Music
Featuring Ashland High School
Sing-N-Swing

Menu

Breaded Chicken
 Mini Meatloaf
 Rolls and Butter

Roasted Red-skinned Potatoes
 Green Beans w/Almonds
 Ramen Noodle Salad
 PBJ Sandwiches (for kids)

Waldorf Salad
 Cupcakes
 Beverages

Cost: \$12.00 for Adults, \$11.00 for Senior Citizens (65 & older)
 \$9.00 for Children 4-12 years old, Ages 3 and under Free



Names and cost of those attending:

Name _____ Cost _____

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Payment must accompany reservation.

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church
 Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, April 28, 2019.
 Questions: contact Peggy Yoder @ 419-496-7569



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**NewsLetter
DEADLine**

**Monday
May 27**



"I'm playing a crowd member in the Passion Play. I was going to play Pilate 'til I found out I'd have to wash my hands."

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To:

April 2019



Associated Charities Requests the following items:

Non-Perishable Needs:

jelly /jam
peanut butter
saltine crackers
juices (any kind)
fresh potatoes
cereals
cake/brownie mix
ravioli and spaghetti-o's
ketchup
mustard
mayonnaise

Non-Food Items:

deodorant
body wash/bar soap
shampoo and conditioner
feminine products
Kleenex tissues
paper towels
dish soap
laundry soap



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

April 7