



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

THE JOYFUL NOISE

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May



Katrin Parker



Li Ying (Rachel) Chen



Aiden Keener

On Easter Sunday, April 21, FPC welcomed 10 new members. Rachel Chen and Brenda, Jennifer, and Emily Potts were all baptized into membership. Katrin Parker, Aiden Keener, Carsten Betson, Olivia Betson, Braylen Jarvis, Reece Jarvis, and Jennifer Potts all completed confirmation class.



Back to front: Braylen Jarvis, Carsten Betson, Reece Jarvis, Olivia Betson



Left to right: Emily Potts, Brenda Potts, Jennifer Potts

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH (E&O) MINISTRY TEAM

COMMUNITY COOKIE DISTRIBUTION

Delivering cookies to several community public service entities as well as to shut-ins brought delighted expressions of surprise and appreciation. Many thanks to all of those who baked and provided cookies, as well as to those who enjoyed distributing them.



\$28,008 through participation of 21 churches and additional groups. For FPC, the Baby Bottle Campaign will begin on Mothers' Day in May and conclude on Fathers' Day in June.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES SPECIAL MONTHLY EMPHASIS

May – boxed cereals

June – paper products

July – soaps and detergents

COMPASSION SUNDAY – MAY 5

Sponsoring a child in a developing country gives that child an opportunity to benefit from accessible education, improved nutrition, and assistance to his/her family. Several members of our church family are currently sponsoring children and enjoying corresponding with them. Nine year old Tania in Bangladesh always expresses appreciation for her sponsor and has recently shared the joyful news of the arrival of a baby brother. She writes news of the current season in her country, asks for prayers that she can study attentively, and that her family will stay well.



Children needing sponsors will be highlighted in packets to be available in the lounge on Sunday, May 5. Information about each child's country is included, as well as a photograph and birthdate. Won't you consider providing assistance that will be life-changing to a child?

ASHLAND PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

"Come Grow With Us" is our invitation to help support moms and dads coping with their new pregnancy. Baby bottle banks will be available in the narthex to take home for adding your contributions of change, cash or checks. Last year's community campaign raised



HOUSING NEEDED

Josiah and Laura Travis and family are looking for a place to rent for a year or so. If you have any suggestions, please contact them.

MUSICIANS AND MEDIA HELP NEEDED

FPC is currently auditioning musicians for the praise band and media specialists to help with the sound board and video projection. If interested, please contact the church office or Ken Eckenroth.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It has been five years since FPC did a pictorial directory. Now would be a good time to do a new one because we have had a number of new members and have the Chinese Church as a part of our congregation.



The only way we can accomplish this is with the help of a volunteer to head up this project. Linda Swanson can help you with information about vendors and contacts for the church, but we really need someone to lead this effort. Please contact Linda for more information.

2019 ACCESS Vacation Raffle - 3 prizes!

Three winning tickets will be drawn at 8:00 pm, Wednesday, May 22, at Buffalo Wild Wings. The prizes are

- ♦ a 1-week's stay in 2019 at a North Myrtle Beach condo + \$200.00
- ♦ a check for \$300.00
- ♦ a \$50.00 gift card to Bella Bleu's restaurant

The first winner will have the choice of the 3 prizes, the second will have the choice of the two remaining prizes, and the third winner will receive the remaining prize.



Carolina Dunes, Unit 101 - Take a peek at white-realty.com.

Ocean front - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths (sleeps up to 8 people)

All household goods furnished except bed linens, bath linens, and paper products.

Raffle tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$10.00 each from

ACCESS Office ♦ ashlandaccess.com ♦ an ACCESS Cheerleader

Woodforest National Bank at WalMart ♦ Home Savings ♦ Irwin's Office Supplies ♦ Miller's Hawkins

ACCESS is a nonprofit corporation that helps homeless women and families of Ashland County, OH. We receive funds, not from any government sources, but from donations from generous individuals and area churches, occasional grants, and fundraisers.

ACCESS Office: 1605 CR 1095, Ashland, OH 44805 419-685-1232



DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support ACCESS. Just come in to the Chipotle at 1988 East Main (US-250) in Ashland on **Saturday, May 11th** from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to ACCESS.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-person. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards your donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.



DINING TO DONATE

Enjoy a meal that's filling and fulfilling!

ACCESS

Needs your support!

Applebee's will donate
15% of your check when you dine at

Ashland Applebee's
2250 Claremont Avenue

Present this to your server

May 14, 2019 – 11am-8pm

Donation percentage excludes tax and gratuity. Valid only at the above specified location on the specified date. Must present flyer to your server or to the Specialist in order for organization to receive credit for purchase. Flyers are not to be distributed in the restaurant or within the perimeter of the parking lot. Doing so will result in a voided event.



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WINGS**

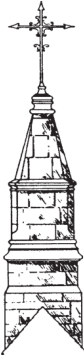
EAT WINGS, RAISE FUNDS™

Buffalo Wild Wings® strives to support our community and the organizations and sports teams within it. Together we can make a positive impact and help keep our community working and playing together. Please do not distribute this flyer on restaurant premises. On the day listed below, present this ticket to your server and Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 20% of your total bill to your organization.

ACCESS

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Ashland • 419-281-9464 • All Day

ADMIT ONE



REPORT ON FPC PROPERTY

The exterior church doors will soon be reconditioned! Sun and the weather have necessitated a local vendor to treat each exterior door by removing and cleaning all door hardware, sand, stain and weather seal each door, reinstall all door hardware and each door to its opening.

Don't panic if you see exterior doors temporarily missing if you are driving by the church; they will be reconditioned on site at FPC. This work was included in the current property budget.

Much conversation has been raised recently regarding the church grounds and exterior. When the masonry contractor completed their work on the building exterior last year, they recommended that plants or shrubbery be planted a distance from the stone, as vegetation absorbs moisture and if in close proximity to stone will be most likely to impact the stone absorption of moisture.

Accordingly, two local landscaping vendors have reviewed the south and east elevations of the property and have submitted bids for landscaping services. Due to both vendors current spring work, landscaping work would begin in early June.

The work sought will include all stump removal of former shrubs on both elevations, fabric lining beneath all surfaces for weed control, decorative stone around all planted areas and a mixture of plants, floral and shrub to draw ones' eye to the focal points of the church facing Third Street and the Church Street office entrance. The property committee thanks the congregation for its patience as the exterior restoration continues into this summer.

The committee is also beginning to discuss long range planning for First Presbyterian Church

and future needs for our architecturally unique gem within the City of Ashland.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Reidy, Trustee
Property Committee

SEASONAL CHANGE

Please note, the heat has been turned off in the building for the season and the air conditioning is prepped for use. Please plan accordingly.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to Sloan Brune who has been weeding and sprucing up the children's garden.



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.

Some tickets are available in our church office.
Contact Linda Swanson if you are interested.

BIBLE JOURNALING WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 18
10:00am—12:00pm
At FPC

What to bring:

A journaling Bible, or an inexpensive wide margin Bible (you do not want to use your good study Bible).

Practice sheets will be available for anyone who does not have a journaling Bible. Please contact Patti Fenwick to sign up.

**COFFEE AND WELCOMING**

We are in need of a volunteer to head up our Coffee and Welcoming time on Sunday mornings. We have several volunteers that make the coffee and set out the supplies for particular Sundays, but we need someone to be the main contact for this as well as volunteers to make the coffee on the first and fifth Sundays of the month. Coffee volunteers also clean up after worship. Please contact the office for more information and/or to volunteer.



Our nursery is for babies 0-36 months only. Older children are not permitted in the nursery. If preteens or teens would like to help

in the nursery they need to see Patti Fenwick for training and then they will be assigned a week on the schedule. At all times, even during the week, the nursery should only be used for babies and under the supervision of an adult. Recently, the nursery and the storage closet have been left in disarray. Please pick up if you get toys out.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POTLUCK

FPC will have a special congregational meeting following worship on May 19. The business will include the election of a Nominating Committee. Our Deacons also are hosting a potluck after worship on that Sunday.

COMPANIONS SHARING GROUP
Together on the Journey

This small group, lead by Jody Watson, will meet Tuesday, May 21, 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.

**WIENERS ON WEDNESDAYS (WOW)**

Coming this June!

Every Wednesday in June, join us at the church 6:00—7:30pm for Fellowship, Food, Fun, Family, and Faith. FPC will be grilling the hotdogs and providing the drinks. Please bring a potluck dish to share.



To the family and friends of David J. Strub, who passed away on March 30, 2019

To the family and friends of Robin Studeny, daughter of Dorothy Studeny, who passed away in March.

MAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday Worship: 10:00am Coffee and Welcoming 10:30am Worship			1 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Band	2 National Day of Prayer 6:30am Prayer Breakfast	3	4
5 Compassion Sunday 5:00pm All-Daughter Banquet 5:30pm Small Group @ Eckenroths'	6	7 9:00am Worship Planning 8:00pm AA	8 Session Packet Items Due 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Band	9	10	11
12 Communion	13	14 9:00am Worship Planning 8:00pm AA	15 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Band	16 10:30am Finance Ministry	17	18 9:00am Session 10:00am Bible Journaling Class
19 Potluck Following Worship Congregational Meeting 5:30pm Small Group @ Eckenroths'	20	21 9:00am Worship Planning 11:30am Companions Sharing Group 8:00pm AA	22 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Band	23	24	25
26	27 Office Closed—Memorial Day Quarterly Newsletter Deadline	28 9:00am Worship Planning	29 10:00am Bible Study 12:30 Staff 6:30pm Praise Band	30	31	Every Saturday Worship: 5:00pm Potluck 6:00pm Chinese Worship

DOLLY DONG—COALITION FOR CHRISTIAN OUTREACH (CCO)

CELEBRATION

I met Li Ying (Rachel) Chen in 2009. We have gotten to know each other more deeply and built a good relationship for about 10 years. She told me that she was born in a Christian family as she went to church with her mother when she was little, that's when God planted the seed in Rachel's heart. She believes in God, but she never got a chance to be baptized. We have been meeting regularly to go over the baptism lessons, and she has successfully completed all six lessons. Rachel receiving baptism on Easter Sunday with others is a big celebration. Please continue to pray for her that God can save her whole family through her and spread Gospel in Mansfield area.

WASHINGTON TRIP

April 15-18th, three Chinese families went to Washington D.C. together. I planned a four day retreat during the Easter break. The purpose of the retreat was to build friendships by visiting, and enjoying God's beautiful creation. Everyone saw God's beauty around us during this retreat. We had a wonderful time; we prayed, we laughed, and looked after each other in Washington DC. I sent the scriptures and worship songs for them, so we could meditate during the day visiting. We also shared our thoughts on our way back to Ashland.

KARAOKE AT AU CHAPEL

On March 29, we had the Karaoke in AU lower chapel. Seven students and friends came from different countries attended this event. We enjoyed some finger food together. Jimmi Delay, the worship pastor at Bethel Chapel in Savannah, led some worship songs and made coffee for us. Everyone said this was a great idea to bring students together, even we came from different cultures and backgrounds. We might not know or understand the different languages, but the music brought us all together.

GRADUATION CELEBRATION WITH NICKY TRAN

I got a chance to be the spiritual mentor for Ashland Theological student, Nicky Tran who is Vietnamese. During the last two years, I enjoyed the time we pray together, sharing life experiences, and challenges. Nicky will graduate this May. She invited me to attend her senior capstone interview as her spiritual mentor. I am so thankful to be part of her life and get to know her more deeply. I am so excited to see how God is leading her in the future.



DOLLY DONG RECEIVES AN AWARD

Dr. Dolly Dong received the Tom Koop International Students Appreciation Award from Ashland University on Wednesday, April 10 at the AU International Students Club Reception. Dolly was recognized for her 10 years of leadership, service, and dedication to AU international students especially for her outreach to Chinese students and ministry in hospitality and love. Congratulations to Dolly for her work at AU, with the Chinese Church at FPC, and now with CCO on AU Campus. Jody Watson, Linda Hartzfeld, Sarah Bardall and other Chinese international students were in attendance to celebrate and honor Dolly.

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**NewsLetter
DEADLine**

**Monday
May 27**



"Ed here has a question
about the origin of life."

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Associated Charities Requests the following items:

Non-Perishable Needs:

sloppy joe sauce
jelly
peanut butter
ravioli/Spaghetti O's
saltines
graham crackers
ketchup and mustard
pop tarts
granola bars
tea bags
chicken noodle soup
vegetable soup
hamburger and tuna helper

Non-Food Items:

tissues
laundry detergent
dish soap
feminine products
deodorant



**HUNGER
SUNDAY**

May 5