

The Joyful Noise

FPC ASHLAND—JUNE 2021

DID YOU KNOW...?



Did you know...our own **Dolly Dong** preached at several churches in our presbytery this spring, including **Coshocton Presbyterian** and **Reedurban Presbyterian** in Canton?

Did you know...our restroom project is now complete thanks to the leadership of Property Chair **Kevin Reidy** and the work of Simonson Construction Services?

Did you know...our **Evangelism and Outreach team** provided special lunches for local medical and dental offices this spring? Or that the team has baked hundreds of cookies to share with those in recovery?

Did you know...our **Deacons** have “recharged” their ministry in hopes of serving our church family as best as possible?

Did you know...our church members **FeiFei Xu** and **Huabin Zhou** recently welcomed their first son, Luke?

Did you know...our **Pastor Nominating Committee** continues their work to search for our next lead pastor, often gathering several times per week for meetings and interviews?

Did you know...the **Nominating Committee** will soon start a process of discerning nominees for Deacons and Elders?

Did you know...a **church picnic** will be held on Sunday, July 11 (see page 2 for more details)?

Did you know...our **Tech Team** continues to work hard on Sundays to ensure a positive livestream experience for those who worship from home?

Did you know...**Harold Song** (photo above) recently offered beautiful special music at one of our worship services?

Did you know...the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** continues to knit shawls for those who need extra comfort and care during an illness or after a loss?

Did you know...that while **Healing Care Ministries** is moving to their new offices at The Healing Care Center, we will continue to partner with them in ministry and space for their seminars?

Did you know...we are dreaming about a **new website** and other ways to reach our community?

Did you know...that while the pandemic presented us with challenges we could have never anticipated, we have so much **hope** for the future?

GOD'S WORK HERE HAS JUST BEGUN!

Submitted by Jessica Ellis

CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Christopher Stewart is in the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To contact Pastor Chris, please contact the church office or send him an email (cstewart@ashlandfpc.org).

DO YOU KNOW YOUR DEACONS?

Deacons Jenny Beasley, Bob Beer, Judi Dickinson, Jamie Kash, and Debbie Reidy are available to help church members with practical and physical needs, including:

- Mulch-laying and weeding
- Disposing of unwanted items
- Help in your home

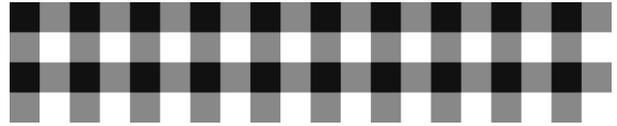
Contact the church office to make a request: 419-289-6205 or office@ashlandfpc.org. The Deacons will then be contacted with your request and provide assistance. The Deacons are open to other suggestions based on the needs of our congregation. Please reach out!

Deacon Ministry continues to meet monthly. Judi Dickinson and Bob Beer serve as co-moderators.

SESSION UPDATES:

- Mask-wearing is now optional as of Sunday, May 23. Social distancing will continue. Ushers will no longer take temperatures.
- FPC held a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 23. The Nominating Committee was elected, including Dotty Tennis as chair and Brenda Luttrell, Jamie Kash, Joe Mason, and Sabrina Pepsny as members.
- Dotty Tennis will be our Commissioner to Presbytery at the next Stated Meeting on Tuesday, June 15.
- Upcoming church picnics: July 11 (Yoder Cabin); September 5 (Brookside West)
- Session is working with Property Committee on the idea of an electronic or digital sign.
- Pastor Christopher Stewart has received a CCO proposal. Session is inviting representatives from CCO to further investigate the proposal.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolynn Lopeman, Clerk



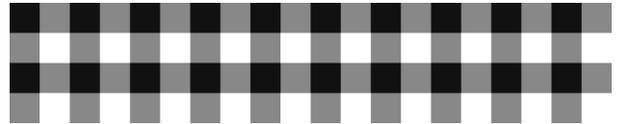
SAVE THE DATE!

CHURCH PICNIC @ THE YODER CABIN

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 4:00 PM

1609 STATE ROUTE 511 SOUTH, ASHLAND

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



AU FOOTBALL DINNER

FPC will host a dinner for the Ashland University football team on Monday, June 28. This is an outreach opportunity to share fellowship and devotions with a group of young men who are living in Ashland for the summer in order to practice.

Help is needed for the following:

- Cookies and desserts—delivered to the church kitchen on Sunday, June 27
- Set-up and serving dinner

Contact Ellen Saccomen or the church office if you can help. Thanks in advance!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Jed and Paula Bookman welcomed a son,

Hayes Allen Bookman,

born March 26, 2021, in Columbus, Ohio.

He joins twin siblings, Laurel and Graham Bookman.

Grandparents are Tony and Sally Smetana.



Our warmest congratulations to FPC members

FeiFei Xu and Huabin Zhou,

*who welcomed their son **Luke** on May 12, 2021.*

FeiFei and Huabin were baptized and received as members at FPC in 2020.

EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH NEWS

Mission: to provide leadership for activities and financial support for local and world ministries consistent with the Gospel message of loving one another.

Do you know...about another Christian campus-based ministry in addition to FPC's partnership with CCO?

The Navigators College Ministries are active on 160 campuses across the nation, offering encouragement, support, and life-to-life discipleship and share Jesus with about 40,000 students each year. Loud Sunday offering on May 30 will benefit Keith Pepsny's campus ministry with The Navigators at the University of Washington. Bring your noisy coins, but also cash and checks (made out to FPC with "Loud Sunday" in the memo line) can be added.

Do you know...about an outreach opportunity to the AA group meeting in our church building each Tuesday evening?

Refreshments are being provided on the first and third Tuesdays, with cookies being the most popular. If you can participate by occasionally providing a treat, please let Barb Latham know (419-651-3559). Please plan to deliver food before the church office closes at 3:30 pm. If you need pick-up, please notify Lana Potter (419-606-7413). Thanks in advance!

Do you know...about a way we can help families provide lunches for their children at home during summer months?

Our familiar "Christmas in June" green wooden trees will reappear in the narthex and in the office area, waiting for your donations of jars of peanut butter and jelly. If we each purchase an extra jar or two during the remainder of May and/or in June, we'll have an amazing load to deliver to Associated Charities!

Do you know...about helping to outfit school children for returning to school in the fall?

Jeans are among the most needed back-to-school clothing item, especially sizes 6-14, for both girls and boys. For each pair of new jeans brought to the church during July and August, Evangelism and Outreach Team will purchase an additional pair to be distributed by Associated Charities.

Evangelism and Outreach Team: Linda Hartzfeld, Barb Latham (Co-Moderator), Lana Potter (Co-Moderator), Ellen Saccomen, Becky Sheeks, Tia Sponsler

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1st	Linda Hartzfeld Pam Keener
3rd	Terry Mapes
5th	Patti Fenwick
9th	Sarah Hart Madelyn Keener
14th	Max Webb
17th	Jennifer Latham
19th	Marshall Mason
23rd	Gordon Conrad
25th	Joyce Stokes
27th	Emily Potts
29th	Harvey Hudkins Nikki Skafec

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Photos above: FPC Deacons **Bob Beer**, **Jamie Kash**, and **Judi Dickinson** work with **Jolynn Lopeman** on spring lawn care tasks; Transition Pastor **Christopher Stewart** at Sunday morning worship; **Dolly Dong**, **Na Yang**, and **Lana Potter** deliver a baby gift to **FeiFei Xu**.

JUNE FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Food items: Canned fruit, ramen noodles, baked beans, green beans, corn, oatmeal packets, pasta sides, peanut butter, scalloped potatoes, mashed potatoes

Hygiene products: Bars of soap, razors

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First Presbyterian Church of Ashland

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 Jessie Out of Office</p> <p><u>Office Staff:</u> Lana Potter; Dolly Dong</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p>	<p>2 Jessie Out of Office</p> <p><u>Office Staff:</u> Sabrina Pepsny; Brenda Luttrell</p> <p>5:00 pm Deacons</p>	<p>3 Jessie Out of Office</p> <p><u>Office Staff:</u> Sandy Sexton; Linda Hartzfeld</p>	4	<p>5 4:00 pm Chinese Church</p>
<p>6 10:00 am Second Sunday after Pentecost</p>	7	<p>8 9:00 am Worship Planning</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p>	9	<p>10 Off-Site Chinese Church Retreat</p>	<p>11 Off-Site Chinese Church Retreat</p>	<p>12 Off-Site Chinese Church Retreat</p>
<p>13 Off-Site Chinese Church Retreat</p> <p>10:00 am Third Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>14 6:30 pm Session</p>	<p>15 9:00 am Worship Planning</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p>	16	17	18	<p>19 4:00 pm Chinese Church</p>
<p>20 10:00 am Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>21 1:00 pm Trustees</p>	<p>22 9:00 am Worship Planning</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p>	23	<p>24 9:00 am Newsletter Folding</p>	25	<p>26 4:00 pm Chinese Church</p>
<p>27 10:00 am Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	28	<p>29 9:00 am Worship Planning</p> <p>8:00 pm AA</p>	30			