

The Joyful Noise

FPC ASHLAND—JULY 2021

A Prayer for the Second Summer in a Pandemic

Creator of the stars of night:
You time the seasons and the tides,
You set the planets in the sky,
You water the earth with refreshing rain,
And bless us day by day with moonrise and sunset.

Give us, we pray, renewed appreciation for your handiwork.

Whether at home or away, grant us zeal to love our neighbors, to lift the downcast and to encourage the faint-hearted.

Redeemer of a suffering world:
You see our sins and frailties with unblinking eye,
You mourn our petty jealousies and unchecked greed,
You weep at our hard-hearted tolerance for injustice,
And offer yourself as our guide, our friend and our savior.
Make us, we ask, into your hands and feet.
As we forge new connections and repair old ones,
empower us to serve Christ, live Christ and be Christ wherever we may be.

Sanctifier of the faithful:
You bless our celebrations and longed-for reunions, our birthdays and graduations, our childbirths and weddings.
You meet your children at postponed funerals, at the bedsides of the sick and in the lonely hours.
You transform turmoil into peace,
And dry every tear-filled eye.

Refine us and purify us, we beg, strengthening us to become more wholly your people,
Loving and beloved, forgiving and forgiven, caring and cared for, life-giving and alive.

And at all times, and in all places, draw us ever closer to you, the author and finisher of our faith, who lives forever and ever.

Amen.

—Jay Blossom



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our warmest congratulations to
Alysa Marie Frcka,
who graduated from Ashland High School
on June 12.
Alysa plans to attend OSU Mansfield to study
Early Childhood Education.
Parents are Tom and Tina Foley.

Christopher Stewart and JoAnne Kash helped honor Alysa Frcka at worship on Sunday, June 13. JoAnne was Alysa's second grade teacher.

CHURCH PICNIC

CHURCH PICNIC @ THE YODER CABIN
SUNDAY, JULY 11

ARRIVE AT 4:00 PM; EAT AT 5:00 PM
1609 STATE ROUTE 511 SOUTH, ASHLAND

Hot dogs, brats, bottled water, and table settings will be provided.

Bring a side dish or dessert if you are able.

RSVP to Peggy Yoder (419-496-7569) or the church office (419-289-6205) if you plan to attend so we can get an approximate count. Hope to see you there!

FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 17

11 AM TO 1 PM

AMSTUTZ HOME

1360 CENTER LANE DR., ASHLAND
SPRINKLERS, SLIP-AND-SLIDE, CRAFTS, FOOD

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, JULY 25 AFTER CHURCH

Deacons will host an ice cream social on Sunday, July 25 after church in the lounge. Plan to stay for ice cream sundaes and fellowship!

FAMILY PICNIC + POOL DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

12:00 NOON TO 2:00 PM

SACCOMEN HOME

1540 A STATE ROUTE 60, ASHLAND
PICNIC LUNCH + SWIMMING

SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

BROOKSIDE WEST PARK

CHURCH SERVICE + POTLUCK LUNCHEON
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

SESSION UPDATES:

- By now you will notice that the barriers have been removed from the pews in the sanctuary. Session agreed that it was time to do this.
- Rochelle Tabler will be offering activities for children in June, July, and August. Thank you, Rochelle!
- FPC will soon receive the Presbyterian Outlook publication, which has ads for open pastorates in churches throughout the nation. The Pastor Nominating Committee recently placed an ad in the Presbyterian Outlook. It will appear in the July 2021 edition. The ad will also run on their website until July 8 (pres-outlook.org).
- Healing Care Ministries has moved their offices out of FPC and into their new space. The church sends them on their way with our blessings.
- Josiah Travis chose to close out his part-time employment with FPC as of June 1. Josiah was employed as our audio-visual coordinator and helped coordinate our livestreaming services and other technological improvements. Josiah has agreed to serve FPC on an as-needed basis, for which we are thankful!

Respectfully submitted,
Jolynn Lopeman, Clerk

CELEBRATING + REMEMBERING:

*Christopher Stewart officiated a graveside service for **Susan Donley Craig** on Tuesday, June 22 at Ashland Cemetery. Susan died on April 4, 2020 and is survived by her brother John Donley, stepson Michael Craig, nephew Kevin Donley, niece Sara Bishop Delao, and other cherished family members.*

*A Celebration of Life was held at Ashland University on Saturday, June 26 for **Lawrence "Larry" Hiner**. Rev. Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson officiated the service. Larry died on June 18, 2020 and is survived by his wife Cathy Hiner, children Eric (Melissa) Hiner and Kirsten (Scott) Carpenter, and grandchildren Rowan and Phoebe Hiner.*

*A memorial service will be held at FPC on Saturday, July 24 at 1:00 pm for **Fannie Switzer**, with visitation starting at 12:00 noon. Christopher Stewart will officiate the service. Fannie was a longtime member of FPC and died on April 4, 2021—Easter Sunday. She is survived by her children Jim (Kathy) Switzer, John (Lori Ann) Switzer, and Lori Lynn (Anthony) Chambers.*

SUMMER "HELLO" FROM OUR DEACONS

FPC Deacons Jenny Beasley, Bob Beer, Judi Dickinson, Jamie Kash, and Debbie Reidy want to continue to keep you informed of our work and prayers. We meet the first Wednesday of each month and begin with a deep prayer for the congregation and to ask God to guide us in our goals. Our goals are both short-term and long-term:

Long-Range Goal: Become continually better at taking care of the physical and practical needs of the congregation so that our elders can continue being the spiritual leaders of our church.

Short-Range Goals: Build a fully functional process for continually communicating to the congregation about our role. These include: dedicated section in the newsletter about upcoming activities, weekly Facebook posts, and adding information to the FPC website.

We continue to ask God to bring needs to us, and want to respond to those needs.

We ask members to ask us through Jessie in the church office. She will then relay to us and we will do our work. Do you need help purging, yard work tasks, rides to church, transportation to an appointment? Remember: JUST ASK!

We invite you to attend the Deacon-sponsored ice cream social on Sunday, July 25 after church. Join us for ice cream sundaes and fellowship. Hope to see you there! —*Submitted by Debbie Reidy*

EVANGELISM + OUTREACH NEWS

EXTENDING HOSPITALITY:

Refreshments are being provided on the first and third Tuesdays, with cookies being the most popular. If you can participate by bringing treats on July 27, August 10, or August 24, please let Barb Latham know (419-651-3559). Please plan to deliver food before the church office closes at 3:30 pm. Thanks in advance!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL JEANS:

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.

SAVE YOUR SNEAKERS:

Save your sneakers for a fund-raiser to benefit CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). No matter how worn out, bring worn athletic shoes to the church office.

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

5th	Herman Helser	17th	Tia Sponsler
6th	Gary Carr	18th	Hayden Parker
7th	Geordie Freer	19th	Carol Keil
	Al Garrett	20th	Tom Carver
8th	Andrew Mason	21st	Jim Savage
9th	Pat Perez	22nd	Connie Marble
12th	Tina Foley	24th	Logan Webb
13th	Jerry Barnett	25th	Barb Latham
14th	Jessica Ellis	27th	Lloyd Wygant
15th	Cora Walker		
	Steve Yoder		

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Photos above: Chinese Church participants Na Yang, Sabrina Pepsny, Dolly Dong, Xiao Han, and Sarah Ebinger visit First Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, Ohio during their recent retreat. They are pictured here with Pastor Caleb McClure. International students display their “hug books” during a recent special event at FPC.

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First Presbyterian Church of Ashland

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 4:00 pm Chinese Church
4 10:00 am Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	5 Church Office Closed— Fourth of July Observed	6 9:00 am Worship Planning 8:00 pm AA	7	8	9	10 4:00 pm Chinese Church
11 10:00 am Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 4:00 pm Church Picnic	12	13 9:00 am Worship Planning 8:00 pm AA	14	15	16	17 1:00 pm Family Fun Day 4:00 pm Chinese Church
18 10:00 am Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	19	20 9:00 am Worship Planning 8:00 pm AA	21	22	23	24 1:00 pm Fannie Switzer Mem. Service 4:00 pm Chinese Church
25 10:00 am Ninth Sunday after Pentecost/Ice Cream Social	26 1:00 pm Trustees	27 9:00 am Worship Planning 8:00 pm AA	28	29 9:00 am Newsletter Folding	30	31 4:00 pm Chinese Church

JULY FOOD BANK NEEDS

Food items: Juice, brownie mix, hot chocolate, cream of chicken or mushroom soups, chicken noodle soup, green beans, corn, canned chicken or tuna, egg noodles

Hygiene products: Men's and women's deodorant