

# The Joyful Noise

OCTOBER 2021

## Congregational Meeting Called to Elect Justin Hylden as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church

Session has called for a special meeting of the congregation after 10:00 am worship on Sunday, October 17.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon the final report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and to elect Justin Hylden as pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

The church office sent a mailing to all active members with information about Pastor Hylden. Materials are also available in the main office area and in the narthex.

Members are encouraged to attend in person. There will be a Zoom option for those who need to attend and vote remotely. To request the Zoom invite, please contact the church office: office@ashlandfpc.org or 419-289-6205.

Plan to join us for this important meeting in the life of FPC.

### FPC'S PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Over the past year, our Pastor Nominating Committee worked hundreds of hours, often gathering several times per week to research and interview candidates and pray and discern who God was calling to be the next pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Once the Committee connected with Justin Hylden, everything "clicked" in a way it hadn't before then. The PNC is very excited for the congregation to meet Pastor Hylden and believes that he will lead FPC toward a bright, hopeful future.

Our committee was varied in age, gender, background, and ministry interests. Our congregation extends its deepest thanks to the following members for their service:

Justin Dew, Chair  
Walt Harrop  
Steve Stuart  
Rochelle Tabler  
Na Yang  
Steve Yoder



Pastor Hylden grew up on a small family farm in North Dakota, attended college in Illinois, and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2019. In his pastoral associate role at Pleasantville Presbyterian Church in New York, Pastor Hylden has gained experience to become a faithful minister in the Presbyterian Church.

The word on the street is that Pastor Hylden is an excellent baker and gardener, with years of experience on his family's flaxseed farm. He enjoys gathering people together for good food and conversation and looks forward to gatherings with new friends from FPC!

Meet the Candidate Open House  
Saturday, October 16  
2:00 to 4:00 pm  
FPC Lounge

Meet the Pastor Luncheon  
Sunday, October 17  
Following Congregational Meeting  
FPC Fellowship Hall

Pastor Hylden will also join us for the Harvest Festival at First UMC and Chinese Church on Saturday, October 16.  
These events are free and open to the public.

## FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children ages Pre-K through Grade 6 are invited to attend Sunday School on the following dates this fall. Remaining dates include:

OCTOBER 3, 24  
NOVEMBER 7, 14  
DECEMBER 5, 12

Children will be dismissed during the offering and led to the Sunday School room.

The team is recruiting volunteers! Contact Rochelle Tabler (419-651-4919; call or text) for more details.

**SUNDAY MORNING  
YOUTH GROUP**  
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL  
SUNDAY MORNINGS, 8:30 AM  
LED BY WALT HARROP  
ROOM 102

### SUNDAY LIVESTREAM:

For those who prefer to worship from home, join our livestream: [live.ashlandfpc.org](http://live.ashlandfpc.org). Our worship livestream begins at 10:00 am.

## SESSION UPDATES

### Notes from 8/30/21 Session Meeting

1. Session will continue its discussion about hosting a Harvest Dinner.
2. Session committed an amount to CCO as host church for Na Yang.
3. Rochelle will contact applicants for nursery/childcare provider; applicants will interview with a small committee.
4. Sandy Sexton will resume Busy Bags for children in worship.
5. Session acted on the request from Trustees and moved to approve the quote for \$35,295.00 from Durable Slate for roof repairs and replacement of entire ridge cap and southern copper flashing.
6. Paullin Sealcoating will be doing our parking lot at no cost in late September. This includes sealcoating, striping, and replacing bumpers.
7. Trustees are looking into costs for renting space.

*Submitted by Jolynn Lopeman, Clerk of Session*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND  
ASHLAND FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
PRESENT:

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
**OCT. 16 | 11 AM-2 PM**  
**220 SANDUSKY ST.**  
**ASHLAND**

Chili Cook Off  
Pumpkin Decorating  
Costume Photo Booth  
Trunk or Treat  
Lots of fun for the whole family!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
**PLEASE CALL 419.289.7551**  
**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



**FPC is recruiting volunteers to participate in the following areas:**

- Making chili for the chili cook-off
- Making individually-wrapped treats
- Overseeing pumpkin painting
- Overseeing the costume photo booth
- Trunk-or-treat in the parking lot

This event will be a great way to collaborate with our neighboring churches and connect with those who live in the area.

**Contact Lana Potter to sign up to participate:**  
**[grapes@zoominternet.net](mailto:grapes@zoominternet.net) or 419-606-7413.**

## **Our Deepest Thanks!**

*First Presbyterian Church of Ashland extends our appreciation and thanks to*

### **Paullin Sealcoating**

*for their generosity in donating time and materials to refresh the Church Street parking lot.*

*Their crew completed the work at a crucial time for us and we are so thankful!*

*May God bless them for their kindness.*

## **PROPERTY UPDATES**

Thank you to the FPC congregation for its ongoing support of our ministry to our local community. Our committee recommended to Session an item for action involving the property:

### **Repairs to the sanctuary roof, including slate tile and copper flashing replacement.**

In the 20+ years since a local vendor replaced slate tiles on the sanctuary roof, the property committee discovered missing copper flashing and tiles from the ridge cap earlier this year. There is no longer a local vendor that can complete the scope of work on the high-pitched sanctuary roof. In-state slate tile vendors were contacted and bids were received and reviewed by the committee.

A vendor, the Durable Slate Company, was selected and the committee's recommendation was presented to the Church Trustees, which was approved. The recommended roof action was then presented to Session, which also approved the expenditure for roof repairs. The work is scheduled to begin in December, due to the contractor's backlog of existing contracts.

In addition, local vendor Paullin Sealcoating will be refreshing the Church Street parking lot with new parking bumpers, sealant, and yellow striping of parking spaces. The property committee extends its appreciation and thanks to Matt Paullin for the company's time and materials used in addressing this important visible church space!

The property committee thanks you for your continued support and blessing upon our home of worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Reidy, Trustee

## **NOTICE FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Our church administrator Jessica Ellis has resigned to take a full-time position as Events and Marketing Manager at the Salvation Army Kroc Center. The Kroc Center team invited her to apply for the position.

I received Jessica's letter of resignation on Saturday, September 25. Her last day will be Thursday, October 21.

For nearly two years, Jessie has been a loyal, supportive, and contributing church administrator. She will be missed along with her welcoming and contagious smile.

Starting Monday, October 25 the church office hours may have to be reduced until a replacement can be found for Jessie. The personnel committee will keep you informed.

Steve Stuart, Chairman  
Personnel Committee

## FPC MINISTRY UPDATES



### PRAISE BAND

*The Praise Band has returned to lead us in worship  
and we are so thankful for them!*

*May God continue to bless their efforts.*

*Thanks to Mark, Doug, Tom, JoAnne, Carol,  
LuAnn, Susie, and Alan for sharing their gifts.*

### HOLIDAY DINNERS

Turkey posters will soon appear in the narthex and main office area! Claim some feathers listing components of holiday dinners to be provided by Associated Charities to needy families in our community. Bring your purchases to church before Sunday, November 7.

### CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

24 Head Start children will be delighted with shoeboxes we'll fill for them. Claim a box (or more!) from the narthex or office area. Be sure to check out the list of suggested items to purchase. Boxes need to be returned to church before Sunday, November 7.

### LOUD SUNDAY: OCTOBER 31

Sunday, October 31 is your last opportunity to empty those pockets, purses, and dresser tops of the accumulation of loose change. Contributions will be used to supplement contents of the Christmas boxes for Head Start children.

### WARM AND FUZZY TREE

Mittens, hats, and scarves have appeared in area stores. Our annual Warm and Fuzzy Tree in the narthex will be ready for decorating with these winter necessities for children, which will later be taken to Associated Charities for distribution.

### THANK YOU!

For the multitude of ways members of this church family reach out to our neighbors needing encouragement and assistance, please know that sharing our resources makes a difference.

*—Evangelism and Outreach Team*

### *Help Needed!*

FPC is looking for volunteers in the following areas:

**Kitchen/Hospitality Coordinators  
Tech Help (Training Provided!)**

Contact the church office if you can step in to help with one of these areas: 419-289-6205.

### CHINESE CHURCH

*Chinese Church is open to everyone, including  
(and especially!) those who have never attended a  
Chinese Church gathering.*

*Join us on Saturday afternoons at 4:00 pm for  
worship, Bible study, and fellowship.*

*Contact Dolly for more details: 419-617-9385*

### OCTOBER FOOD BANK NEEDS

Non-perishable food items: Saltines, vegetable and chicken noodle soups, cream of mushroom and chicken soups, mac and cheese, baked beans, 64-oz. bottles of juice

Non-food items: Bar soap, paper towels, men's and women's deodorant, razors

# OCTOBER 2021

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2 <b>4:00 pm</b> Chinese Church
3 <b>10:00 am</b> Pentecost 19 with CROP Walk/Sunday School  HCM Seminar through 10/6	4 <b>1:00 pm</b> Trustees	5 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship Planning  <b>8:00 pm</b> AA	6 <b>6:30 pm</b> Praise Band	7 <b>4:00 pm</b> Chinese Tea Gathering	8	9 <b>4:00 pm</b> Chinese Church
10 <b>10:00 am</b> Pentecost 20  Preacher: Christopher Stewart	11 <b>6:30 pm</b> Session	12 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship Planning  <b>10:00 am</b> Worship Ministry Team  <b>2:30 pm</b> Prayer Shawl  <b>8:00 pm</b> AA	13 <b>6:30 pm</b> Praise Band	14 <b>4:00 pm</b> Chinese Tea Gathering	15	16 <b>11:00 am</b> Harvest Festival at First UMC  <b>2:00 pm</b> Meet the Candidate Open House  <b>4:00 pm</b> Chinese Church
17 <b>10:00 am</b> Pentecost 21  Preacher: Justin Hylden  Congregational Meeting/ Luncheon	18	19 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship Planning  <b>8:00 pm</b> AA	20 <b>6:30 pm</b> Praise Band	21 <b>4:00 pm</b> Chinese Tea Gathering	22	23 <b>4:00 pm</b> Chinese Church
24 <b>10:00 am</b> Pentecost 22 with Sunday School  Preacher: Christopher Stewart	25	26 <b>9:00 am</b> Worship Planning  <b>8:00 pm</b> AA	27 <b>6:30 pm</b> Praise Band	28 <b>4:00 pm</b> Chinese Tea Gathering	29	30 <b>4:00 pm</b> Chinese Church
31 <b>10:00 am</b> Pentecost 23 with Loud Sunday  Preacher: Christopher Stewart						

First Presbyterian Church of Ashland  
320 Church Street  
Ashland, OH 44805



**Phone:** 419-289-6205  
**Email:** office@ashlandfpc.org  
**Facebook:** FPC Ashland

[www.ashlandfpc.org](http://www.ashlandfpc.org)

Address Service Requested

PRSR STD  
Non Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID

Ashland, Ohio  
Permit No. 258

To:

OCTOBER 2021

## OCTOBER 2021

### WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday Worship**

Sundays, 10:00 am

**Worship Planning**

Tuesdays, 9:00 am

**AA Group**

Tuesdays, 8:00 pm

**Praise Band**

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

**Chinese Church Tea Gathering**

Thursdays, 4:00 pm

**Chinese Church Worship**

Saturdays, 4:00 pm

### MONTHLY EVENTS

**Session Meeting**

Monday, October 11, 6:30 pm

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Harvest Festival at First UMC**

Saturday, October 16

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Meet the Candidate Open House**

Saturday, October 16

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

FPC Lounge

**Chinese Church with Pastoral Candidate**

Saturday, October 16

4:00 pm

FPC Fellowship Hall

**Congregational Meeting to Elect Justin Hylden**

Sunday, October 17

*Immediately Following Worship*

FPC Sanctuary

**Meet the Pastor Luncheon**

Sunday, October 17

*Following Congregational Meeting*

FPC Fellowship Hall