EPC

The Circular

JUNE 17, 2018

Ushers Needed!

We are looking for people to serve as ushers for our Sunday morning



worship. Currently, we have teams that rotate this responsibility so they only have to serve once every 5 weeks. We are in need of at least 4 new regular ushers as well as people willing to sub as needed. Please let Al Pepsny or the church office know if you can help.

July 9-13
Peace
Lutheran
Church

Vacation Bible School

Peace Lutheran Church will once again be partnering with LOMO (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio) to run a day camp for grades K-6. The camp will run Monday through Friday from 9:00am—3:00pm. They will also offer a morning program for Preschoolers from 9:00am—11:30pm. All activities will be held a Peace Lutheran Church.

While the LOMO counselors will be running the day camp programming, volunteers are still needed to help corral the kids. Please contact Peace Lutheran directly 419-281-1469 to discover how you can help.

Since this is a day camp, space is limited, so please register your children ASAP.
Registration forms are in the church office, in the narthex, and on our website under "church updates." Turn forms into Peace Lutheran Church

Pastor Mike and Jeff Franks of HCMI have developed a new spiritual formation



program that begins in September. Rooted is a 10month, cohort based on Terry Wardle's 5 A's. Rooted is for anyone who is seeking greater spiritual maturity in Christ. There are no prerequisites. This adaptive program provides the flexibility you need to take part in a way that fits the uniqueness of your life and schedule. The program includes daily, weekly, and monthly teachings and readings. Ask the church office for special pricing for FPC participants.

Presby Lunch Bunch Tuesday, June 19 11:30am



Join The Presby Lunch Bunch at Cracker Barrel. Come to eat, shop, and rock with your church friends.

Reservations to Cora Walker by Father's Day.

Coffee and Friends

Ladies Brunch
Saturday, June 30
10:00am—12:00pm
Guest Speaker:
Marlia Bryonne



Free and Open to the Public

Chinese ChurchBegins Saturday, July 7

This new worshiping community will gather on Saturday evenings beginning with a potluck supper at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall and worship at 6:00pm in Andrews Chapel.

All are welcome!!





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHLAND June 17, 2018

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GOD GATHERS US

Preparation for Worship

Ever-present God, without your Word we have nothing to say; without your Spirit we are helpless. Give us your Holy Spirit, that we may lead your people in prayer, proclaim the good news, and gratefully praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. **All:** God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: The kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed; **All:** it grows into a great plant with many branches.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn #142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon Moment of Silent Confession *Gloria Patri #579

*Song of Praise Here I Am to Worship

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 NT p. 181 Mark 4:26-34 NT p. 38

Sermon "Parables About Seeds" Rev. Chris Stewart

WE RESPOND

Moment of Prayer and Reflection

(please fill out the information card in your bulletin and share your prayers and praises—these can be turned in during the offering)

*Hymn of Response #560 We Plow the Fields and Scatter

*Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Our Sacrifices and Offerings

(*Place information cards in the offering plate.*)

Offertory Oceans Crocker, Houston & Ligthelm

Susie Schwartz, soprano

GOD SENDS US

- *Closing Prayer
- *Closing Song #293 This Is My Father's World
- *Blessing
- *The Peace

May the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you!** (Greet one another in Christian love.)

*Postlude

*Please Stand, as able