

APC Connections

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Upcoming Events

- June 4—Day of Pentecost/ Pentecost Offering. Wear your red!; 12:15 PM Potluck Luncheon with guest speaker Rick Hinchberger, POJ Vision 2020.
- June 25—Session meets 12:15 PM

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT



Pastor's Page

Friends,
 Have you ever asked yourself, how can I serve the church? I'm sure you know about Session, and committees, and doing yard work, and giving in the offering plate. Maybe in the past you've taught a Sunday School class, or taken a shift in the nursery, or taken bags of groceries to needy folks in our community. Well, of course you have! We are a small congregation, and it takes all of us stepping up to create a vibrant and growing church community – which is EXACTLY what we've done.

So now we have even more opportunities for service as we take on more of God's work in the world. We need you – right now – to look at even more ways you can use your gifts for ministry. As we read John 14-17 in worship and consider how Jesus talks to his disciples before he leaves them in body - they are charged to do his work here on earth – to do even greater things than Jesus accomplished in his own short teaching tenure. We are called to do the same as his followers now!

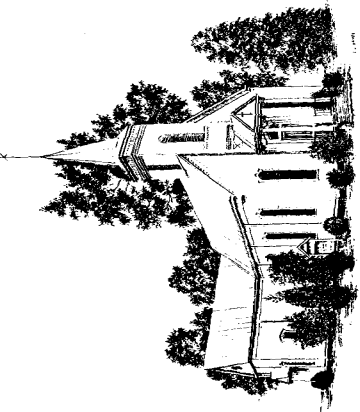
Therefore:

We Need You:

- ...To teach Bible stories to elementary age students
 - ...To create art with elementary age students
 - ...To teach music to elementary age students
 - ...To spend time with our church babies and preschoolers
- Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me and do not stop them, for it is to such as these as the Kingdom of Heaven belongs."

So if you are feeling this call to "Kingdom-Work" with chil-

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dren - please let your love be known!

We Need You:

... To share your passion about being a mustard seed church, small but mighty.

Pastor Kerra and the Session are developing a church retreat for the Spring of 2018 that will be a Small Church Revitalization conversation in which we invite other small church pastors and leaders to come and learn together about being the church in today's world. Our church has been transformed, renewed, and strengthened by making practical decisions (about money, building, and shared leadership) and by making spiritual decisions (to step up and BE the church rather than fret about being a declining church). You have much to share, and this is hoped to be our next step of growth in embracing the role of "Teaching Congregation."

So if you feel called to be a part of the development team, or the online marketing strategies, or a panelist who would like to talk about your connection to and experience of the church during this retreat, we need YOU to step up and serve. Feel free to ask anyone who has served on the Women's Retreat planning team – this is FUN work that almost doesn't feel like work because it's so inspiring.

We Need You:

... To share your wisdom with our next seminary student intern, Andrew Bowman.

So if you feel called to be a part of Andrew's mentoring team, to help him grow in his pastoral strengths and guide him in getting to know our church, say that you can be a "Paul" or a "grandmother" to his Timothy.

But as you consider your call to ministry, because it is that, I ask you to pray. Jesus outlined all the ministry opportunities that would come before his disciples, and then he prayed for them. Pray for how you are being called to contribute to this church community, your family of faith. Maybe one of these opportunities strikes you. Maybe you're already doing what God has called you to do here. Or, maybe God is calling you to something new we haven't even thought about together yet.

Who are the ministers in this church? Our bulletin reminds us every week that ALL MEMBERS are ministers, and indeed you are. You are the priesthood of believers. You are the teachers, the administrators, and the proclaimers of good news in this place. Let's give Jesus all we've got!

And if you are being called – by all means TELL SOMEBODY – so that we can come together and work for the good knowing that God loves us so very much.

Peace, Pastor Kerra

Usher and Greeter Schedule

	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ELDERS	COMMUNION PREP & CLEANUP	LITURGIST	FLOWERS
6/4/17	L. Herring	S. & M. Carneal	D. Coddington	S. Huff		Dorgan
6/11/17	S. Huff	T. Blair, J. Tate				Young
6/18/17	B. Mathes	C. Schutte, M. Summerson	<i>REMEMBER, If you cannot serve, please find a replacement and leave a message on the office phone, 798-5543.</i>			
6/25/17	K. Dorgan	K. Dorgan, R. English, C. Phillips, G. Young				
7/2/17	D. Dunn	D. & P. Dunn	R. Cole	J. Glazebrook		Schutte
7/9/17	L. Hasbrouck	K. & L. Hasbrouck				Cole
7/16/17	R. DuPriest	R. DuPriest, S. Vitale				
7/23/17	J. Aderhold	R. English, S. Henderson, V. Neeley, C. Phillips				Huff
7/30/17	G. Young	K. Dorgan, G. Young				
8/6/17	K. Pugh	L. Allison, D. Coddington	G. Young	J. Aderhold		Coddington

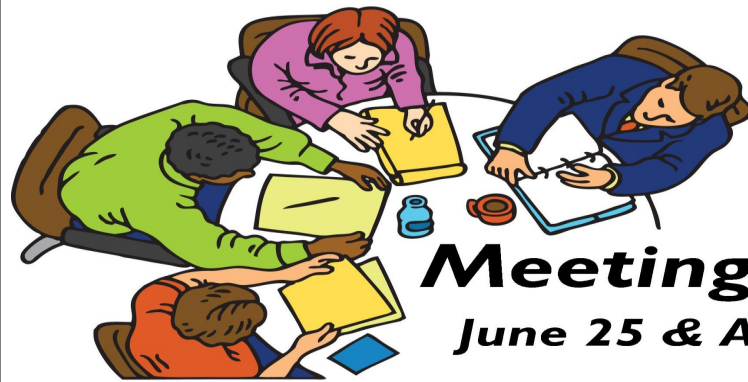
June Happy Birthday July

9 Jeanette Paiser
22 Ryleigh English
25 Jacob Phillips
29 Charlie Blair
Karla Bloom



7 Sherri Carneal
20 Peter Ritchie
22 Nita Bryan
25 Emily Pepper

Betty M. Carswell
July 16, 1931
May 6, 2017
In Loving Memory



Summer Session Meeting Schedule

June 25 & August 13, 2017

Congratulating Cade English!

The congregation congratulates Cade English, son of Pastor Kerra and Chuck English, on the occasion of his graduation from the Math-Sci program of Clover Hill High School in Chesterfield County. Cade received an academic award in Astronomy and a Presidential scholarship to Randolph-Macon College where he will be attending in the fall. Cade looks forward to seeing familiar faces around Ashland during his college years. He will continue to work at Wegman's through the summer.



SAVE THE DATE!

Friday-Saturday, November 10-11, 2017

The Ash Grove at Richmond Hill
Sponsored by Ashland Presbyterian Church

*Finding Strength at the Broken Places:
Connecting with Resilience Within.*

Guest Speaker: Brenda Burgner



Remember to check out our website at: ashlandpresbyterian.org where you can find Kerra's sermons, current (and old) newsletters, and upcoming events.

You can also find us on Facebook!



Adult Sunday School

We will be finishing our study *The Essential Presbyterian* on June 11. Topics remaining are:

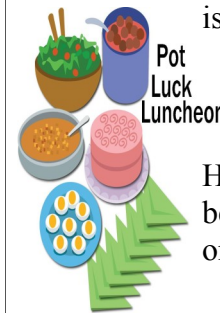
- * June 4 — Stewardship
- * June 11 — Recognition of the Human Tendency

Beginning June 18, we will be out for summer break!

NEWS FLASH: The Christian Education Committee is planning now for increasing educational opportunities for children in the fall of 2017. If you are interested in teaching Bible stories, helping kids learn music or create art, or have other ideas that might benefit our groupings of kids (elementary and pre-school), please speak to Roger Cole, Karen Hasbrouck or Pastor Kerra.

Pentecost Sunday and Offering, June 4, 2017

On Pentecost Sunday, we will receive the Pentecost Offering for Children at Risk, Youth, and Young Adults. Forty percent of the offering received is kept by APC. Last year, our portion was used to help send at risk youth to camp through the Patrick Henry YMCA which we will do again this year! **Please give generously!**



After worship, join us for a Potluck Luncheon with guest speaker Rick Hinchberger, a member of the POJ Vision 2020 Committee. There will be an open forum (ending around 1:30) for you to share your thoughts on the future direction of our Presbytery.

Remember to wear red!



From the Treasurer: Coming Soon New "On-Line Giving"

The congregational response has been positive towards "On-Line Giving". Our Session has approved the move to set up On-Line Giving (E-Giving) with VANCO Payment Solutions. More information will be communicated as we go forward. Thank you for all your feedback, Drew Moncol

