

# APC Connections

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### Upcoming Events

- June 1—Outreach & Congregational Care, 12:15 AM
- June 3-4 — CARI-TAS
- June 8—Pentecost; Session, 12:15 AM
- June 10—PW Circle 11 AM
- June 15—Join us as we welcome new Intern Jay Pi



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### Pastor's Page

Friends,

In the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans, there is a passage that carries a subheading in many Bible translations that reads, "Marks of the True Christian." It is a great little piece of scripture, but it is one that I have re-captioned for my own purposes many times over. The text begins like this:

*Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.*

*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.*

The part where it says, "Do not claim to be wiser than you are" is perfect marital advice. Trust me on that one! But this time, I'm re-captioning this piece: "How to be a mutually respectful Teaching Congregation." I hope you will read it as such because in it Paul is writing to a church about what it means to serve alongside of people who may be very different from you. Did you read that part where it talks about contributing to the needs of the saints and extending hospitality to strangers? That is what teaching congregations do well. We are equipping new ministers (contributing to the needs of the

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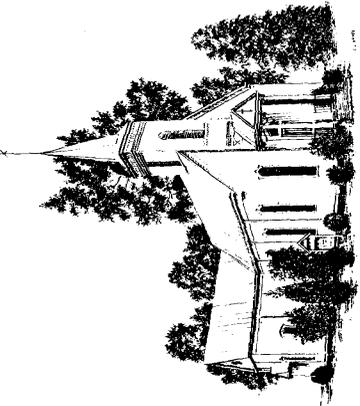
**Pastor**  
Rev. Kerra English

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Remember our shut-ins with a card, a phone call, or a visit!



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**CARITAS**  
June 3—4  
at St. Ann's

We need volunteers to help in a variety of ways with CARITAS. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or call Marsha Summerson for more information and/or to sign-up to help!

**Pentecost Offering**  
Sunday, June 8



Giving to the Pentecost Offering makes it possible for the church to encourage, develop, and support its young people, and address the needs of at-risk children. A large portion of this offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community.

**Presbyterian Women**



PW will meet **Tues., June 10 at 11 a.m.** in Lancaster Hall for study and lunch. Bring a sandwich. Beverages and dessert will be provided.— Do-reen Coddington



This summer, we will be keeping the worship time the same (**11 a.m.**). We will have opportunities also for Sunday School. Please check the bulletin for these offerings.

Thanks to all who helped make the pot-luck luncheon to celebrate Rachel's time with us a success!  
We look forward to fellowship time on June 15 as we welcome our summer intern Jay Pi.



**From the Heart:** I want to thank everyone for a wonderful last Sunday and, more importantly, a wonderful year at Ashland Presbyterian Church! I have had a good experience, and I will miss all of you and our time together. You are a very special church, and being with you has helped me imagine the many possibilities for small churches and for my ministry. I will think of you often as I start in full-time ministry, and I will definitely let you know where God leads me next. I will keep you in my prayers and cherish this year of fun! — Rachel Shepherd

**Usher and Greeter Schedule**

	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ELDERS	COMMUNION PREP	LITURGIST	FLOWERS
6/1/14	E. Mathes	L. Herring, B. Shea	K. Basilio, S. & D. Moncol, B. Shea	S. Carneal		Pugh
6/8/14	S. & D. Moncol	E. Simpson, J. Tate	<i>REMEMBER, If you cannot serve, please find a replacement and leave a message on the office phone, 798-5543.</i>			Bryan
6/15/14	V. Neeley	C. Schutte, M. Summerson				
6/22/14	J. Aderhold	J. Aderhold, K. Cole, K. Pugh, G. Young				Glazebrook
6/29/14	D. & D. Coddington	D. & D. Coddington				
7/6/14	G. Arey	G. Arey, T. Blair	J. Aderhold, K. Dorgan, B. Mathes, E. Simpson	J. Tate		



**Happy Birthday to: June**

- 4 June Lybrand
- 22 Ryleigh English
- 29 Charlie Blair  
Karla Bloom

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Friday-Saturday,  
November 14-15, 2014



*The Ash Grove at Richmond Hill  
Everyday Creative Spirituality ... Everyday  
With speaker - The Rev. Carol Gathagan, from  
Altoona, Pennsylvania*

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saints) by welcoming them (extending hospitality to strangers) into what is already a very familiar context for us. We already know what we like and how we like it. The intern will not know those things - yet. It is our job to love our interns genuinely, and to share with them mutual affection. Indeed, we are called to serve the same Lord.

At times, the poor intern may feel genuinely confused by what, for us, is old hat. That's OK, but I hope they won't quite feel persecuted, or treated as the lowly one among us. No, a teaching congregation is not about being harsh or punishing, but the teaching congregation does offer critique and correction as part of the experience of learning by doing. We will strive WITH our interns toward a common good, and pray that the blips along the road are learning experiences for all, and that ultimately we will live peaceably together.

On June 15, we will welcome Jaechul Pi (Jay) as our Presbytery of the James Summer Small Church Intern. Jay is originally from South Korea. His undergraduate degrees are in Business Administration from Del Mar College and Texas A & M, and he is currently a M.Div. student at Union Presbyterian Seminary. In Richmond, he attends Three Chopt Presbyterian Church where his wife Joan Lee Pi is the music director. Please ask Jay about his family's long tradition of being part of the Christian church. It will be a blessing to you if you do!

And I already know you will do what you do best as a congregation – you will let your love be genuine, and you will welcome Jay with hospitality to the “Center of the Universe.”

God's peace, Pastor Kerra

**PRAY FOR THE GA** — The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church convenes in Detroit, MI on June 14, and the meetings run through June 21. Pray for God's Spirit to be part of this national event for our denomination.



**Grace Fetty and  
Maxfield Shea**  
May 24, 2014



Carneal in the death of their Cathy and Stew's mother and Mike's aunt Nancy Trainham on Friday, May 9.

- Julie Tate in the death of her mother Wilda VanMetre on Wednesday, April 30.
- Cathy Richardson and Steve Trainham and also, to Mike Mathers in the death of her husband Jim Mathers on Wednesday, May 7.

## Thank You for Being an Acolyte

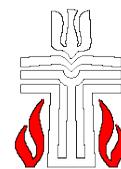
*You are very important to God in this service, because you represent to the world, that you are carrying the Light of God.*

### At the start of the service:

- Light the candles before the start of the service. Proceed with a deliberate reverence, knowing that you are bringing God's light to the people.
- As you light the candle lighter in the Narthex, hold it at an angle with the bell at the level of your waistline.
- Let the wick burn a moment, so that the flame will remain lit.
- Walk unhurried, in a dignified manner, toward The Communion Table.
- Light any other candles as instructed by the pastor.
- Pause and make sure the candlewick is burning before moving to the next one. Move to the next one standing directly in front of the candle. Do not reach over to light a candle.
- As both candles are lit, draw the candle lighter toward you, extinguish the flame, (move the taper up and down in the channel to lessen wax clogging the movement), and walk to the Narthex replacing the lighter in its place.
- Return to your seat.

### At the end of the service:

- At the end of the service, quietly move to the narthex, pick up the candle lighter, and point the bell away from you.
- Go reverently to the Communion Table, light the taper wick in your hand first, and then extinguish both candles.
- Turn and walk back to the Narthex, remembering that you are carrying God's presence, in the form of the flame, into the world. When you reach the Narthex, extinguish the flame, (to insure movement of lighter wick, work the guide up and down to prevent wax clog.)
- Remember to tell the pastor or a member of the Worship Committee if the equipment has caused you concern.



In the seal of the Presbyterian Church, the flames represent moments when God has revealed himself to us, as we saw at the burning bush and Pentecost. The candles on the Communion Table represent Christian symbolism. Your service as an acolyte for Ashland Presbyterian Church is one of great importance. You serve as a companion, attendant, or helper to the pastor. When we light the candles on the Communion Table and other special candles, it reminds people in the pews that God is here with us. It is very important to have that presence in the form of fire and light. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Worship Committee.