

FALL
BACK

Time Change:
November 3

Remember to turn
your clocks back 1
hour Sat., Nov. 2!



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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 31 — Registration deadline for Woman's Retreat
- Nov. 3 — Daylight Saving Time Ends; Outreach, 12:15
- Nov. 12— 11 AM PW Circle; Session, 6:30 PM
- Nov. 17 — Stewardship luncheon
- Nov. 22-23 — The Ash Grove Retreat
- Nov. 24 — Dedication Sunday; OCC shoebox deadline
- Nov. 28 — Free Community Dinner

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Pastor's Page

Friends,

Way back when I was serving my first call churches in Altoona, Pennsylvania, I ended up learning a lot through the little funeral homes that were on the various corners of town. The two I knew the best were: the funeral home on one side of the railroad tracks, Mauk and Yates; and on the other side of the tracks, Dan Myers. I even did one service at Santella's, the Catholic funeral home. I got to know all of the directors by name. They genuinely cared about the families that they served. They showed decorum in a whole variety of situations – some that could have easily become unruly. In the years that I lived in that part of the world, I found myself in the business of burying a generation of railroad workers and their spouses as the whole town seemed to be turning to rust. It was a desperate situation being served by a novice pastor. I looked to these veteran funeral directors to know what to do, to know how to help.

*Even at the grave we make our
song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

And what did they do when I arrived to do yet another funeral? They told me funny stories. They gave me encouragement to tell what was “real” about peoples’ lives. They sang the praises of pastors who would come to a declining city like Altoona and serve two, or three, or sometimes even four small churches at a time rather than try to climb the ecclesial ladder in some bigger, better city. They taught me to believe the words of the memorial service liturgy: Even at the grave we make our song, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

There are songs to be sung – even in times of desperation.

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On November 3, we will be celebrating All Saints' Day. Sometimes it doesn't seem like a celebration to remember those we have lost. Mostly it hurts. It feels unfair. We are frightened of our own mortality – thus the Halloween masks and tricks that make us want to cheat death. No, in the faith, there will be no cheating death. We know that it comes – and yet we are also clear that it is not our final destination. Even at the grave, we sing a new song of hope and resurrection. We celebrate the gift that lies beyond our physical demise and imagine a place where there is neither pain, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting.

As part of our remembrance that day, we will spend some time in prayer in our Memorial Garden, remembering, singing, and maybe even telling a few funny stories. Praise be to God. God's peace, Pastor Kerra



Presbyterian Women

The PW Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 12 at 11 AM** in the Lancaster Hall for study and lunch. Bring a sandwich. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Save the Date! The PW Christmas Gathering and Cookie Exchange will be held **Thursday, December 12**. Please be aware that this is a change in date from Tuesday to Thursday! More details will follow. — Doreen Coddington

-STEWARDSHIP SEASON-

Time to Reflect and Thank God

The 2014 Stewardship packets will be mailed out the last week of October. Please be on the lookout for it. This year's theme is "Living Our Faith – A Foundation for the Future." Included also is your **Stewardship Calendar** with the stewardship thought for the week. The dates this year are **November 10 – November 24** with the 24th being Dedication Sunday. Also please mark your calendar for the **stewardship luncheon** that will be held on **November 17** after morning worship. The committee will provide the meat. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. — The Stewardship Committee, Rob DuPriest, Chair.



Usher and Greeter Schedule

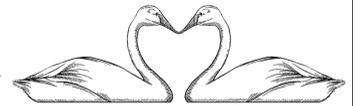
	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ELDERS	COMMUNION PREP	LITURGIST	FLOWERS
11/03/13	J. Glazebrook	K. Basilio, V. Neeley	L. Allison, T. Blair, R. Cole, E. Simpson	K. Pugh		Carneal
11/10/13	K. Hasbrouck	S. & M. Carneal	REMEMBER, If you cannot serve, please find a replacement and leave a message on the office phone, 798-5543.			
11/17/13	S. Henderson	B. & E. Shea				
11/24/13	L. Herring	J. Glazebrook, S. Henderson, C. Schutte, S. Summers				
12/01/13	S. Huff	R. Bryan, R. Cole	L. Allison, T. Blair, R. Cole, E. Simpson	V. Neeley		



Happy Birthday to: November

- 1 Susan Vitale
- 15 Betty Baughan
- 17 Kathleen Pugh
- 21 Linda Allison
- 24 Delores Dunn
- 29 Vicki Neeley
- 31 Nancy Trainham

Our student intern, Rachel Jenkins and James Eggleston Shepherd were married on Saturday, October 19. We celebrate their love and join them in their joy!



Congratulations!



Clara Shea Totten and husband Chris have created a blog to update people on Adeline from time to time. Go to <http://chrisandclarasnewnormal.wordpress.com/> to learn more about Adeline's progress.



Our Deepest Christian Sympathy to:

Annette Shuff in the death of her uncle John Edward Vitale. Delores and Pat Dunn in the death of Delores' sister Sharon Utz. Clyde Johnson in the death of his sister Virginia Thompson.

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flower calendar etc. The members of the congregation are scheduled to serve during Worship Services on the previously named areas of service. These lists are updated and ready for use by the first of the coming year. If you have a conflict, and know now what you cannot do please contact Judy Aderhold with the dates of service for which you will not be available. As to the flower calendar it is suggested that you address which Sunday you wish to have flowers in the sanctuary as soon as the list is posted. If more than one person wishes to have a specific date to have flowers in the sanctuary on the same day, then that will allow us to work out a resolution. Likewise if someone brings flowers not scheduled, we will find a place for their setting as well. There can not be too many flowers to the glory of God.

Situational ethics sometimes will come into play and we find a different way of handling a situation. If we can foresee the problem we can make better plans. So help us by checking lists etc. and asking anyone on the committee to assist you in making it all work out.

We are currently revising our brochures and training guides for ushers, Communion, greeters and special services of weddings and funerals. We hope to have them ready by the time our New Year schedules are posted.

Please be in touch with us if there are concerns and let us know the joys as well. — Judy Aderhold, Chairman Worship Committee



Holiday Food Baskets

The holidays are quickly upon us and we need your help to stock the pantry for those in need of a nice holiday meal! We need canned vegetables, boxed or canned potatoes, macaroni and cheese — just about anything you might would have for your holiday meal. We also need soups, canned meats and fruits, breakfast items, etc. for our everyday pantry needs.

Remember to check out our website at:

www.ashlandpresbyterian.org

Where you can find Kerra's sermons posted as well as current (and old) newsletters, and upcoming events.

You can also find us on Facebook!

Two great ways to stay connected with what is happening in our church family!



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver the gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. **Look for shoebox brochures in the narthex and return your shoeboxes to church by Sunday, November 24!**

6th Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The 6th Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner will take place on **Thursday, November 28, from noon to 3 PM at First Baptist Church Ashland.** You are invited to join them for a fresh, hot cooked meal with great fellowship. Transportation is available within Town limits. Please call Price at 798-8988 to RSVP. And if you would like to volunteer to help serve or cook this wonderful meal, please call Tammy Van Gils at 798-6040. We have opportunities to volunteer on Wednesday and as early as 8 AM on Thursday. They would appreciate your prayers for this community event.



Have You Registered?

“The Ash Grove”

at Richmond Hill: A Woman's Retreat

November 22-23, 2013

(Friday 4 PM—Saturday 4 PM)

Guest Speaker Janie Walker:

Spiritual Healing.

Only 10 slots left! Cost is \$75.00.

Tell a friend or neighbor. We want to fill Richmond Hill.

Registration forms are in the narthex or call the church office to obtain information

Worship Committee News

The Worship Committee now enters a very busy time of the year. Deadlines to be met for updating all the schedules for ushering, Communion preparation set up, and Communion servers, greeters, liturgists, and the

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