



Reminder!

Daylight Savings Time ends
2 AM Sunday, November 2.

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APC Connections

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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 2—12:15 PM
Stewardship Lunch;
Outreach meets.
- Nov. 9—12:15 PM
Session meets
- Nov. 11—11 AM
Circle meets
- Nov. 13—Dec.
issue articles due
- Nov. 16—Worship
meets 12:15 PM
- Nov. 23—SP Shoe-
boxes due
- Nov. 24—7 PM
Community Ser-
vice at Duncan
UMC
- Nov. 27—APC
office closed; 1st
Baptist Free
Lunch 12-3 PM

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Pastor's Page

Finding God in all things...

How do we go about finding God in all things?

Isn't God only in church on Sunday mornings?

Isn't God only found in the Bible?

Isn't God only accessible through prayer done correctly?

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuit order), is known to have taught and lived by the understanding that God can be found in ALL things. Not just at church, or in scripture, or by praying. God is known through ordinary means like listening to the stories of children, or feeling the Fall breeze on your face, or taking delight in a dinner with friends. God can also be found in the challenging places too, in losing a job, or fighting cancer, or reading another painful story in the news.

At the Ash Grove Women's Retreat this month, my friend Carol will be talking about such ordinary, everyday spirituality. God can be found in all things, in all places, and in all circumstances. God created us for life, and is creative in our lives. So whether or not you go to the retreat, consider observing where you notice God in your daily, everyday routine. Is it in the quiet of having your first morning cup of coffee or tea? Is it in seeing the leaves begin to change colors across the landscape? Is it in noticing how God provides for even the squirrels that invade our yards and chirp at us from the treetops?

God is everywhere, in everyone, and can be seen through your own eyes and heard through your own ears. Seek – and you will find. Ask – and the door will be opened to you. Look around – God is right there, beside you.

Peace, Pastor Kerra

Stewardship Season – A time to show your Generosity



Stewardship “Kickoff” Luncheon November 2, 2014 @ 12:15

As we start to prepare for the upcoming Stewardship Season and start thinking about how God has blessed each and everyone of us, the stewardship committee has chosen for its theme for 2015, *A Heart for Generosity*. The Stewardship Campaign will begin on Nov. 2nd and end with Dedication Sunday on Nov. 16th, 2014. We will start the Stewardship Season on Nov. 2nd with a “Kick-Off” luncheon immediately following morning worship.

In Mathew’s words in chapter 6:21, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” As I read that verse and reflect on our theme, *A Heart for Generosity*, I can’t help but smile about our congregation and all the things I see in the many, many ways you are generous; support, love of fellowman, and giving.

Please mark your calendar and plan on being with us on Nov. 2nd as we start a new year with “*A Heart for Generosity*” in the life of the APC.—Rob DuPriest, Stewardship Chair.



Presbyterian Women



PW will meet on **Tues., Nov. 11**, in Lancaster Hall at **11 AM**. Read lesson 3 in the study book. We will be receiving the Thank Offering. Bring a sandwich and join us. Drinks will be provided.—Doreen Coddington



It’s Shoebox Time, Again!

A small shoebox can teach a child about the love of God, lead him or her to faith in Christ, inspire pastors, and plant new churches. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out is eternal. Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift. Information is in the narthex.

National Collection Week: November 17-24.

Usher and Greeter Schedule

	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ELDERS	COMMUNION PREP	LITURGIST	FLOWERS
11/2/14	T. Blair	S. & D. Moncol	M. Carneal, P. Dunn, E. Shea, J. Tate	K. Pugh		
11/09/14	S. & M. Carneal	S. & M. Carneal				
11/16/14	Dave Coddington	E. Mathes, B. Shea	<i>REMEMBER, If you cannot serve, please find a replacement and leave a message on the office phone, 798-5543.</i>			Schutte
11/23/14	R. Cole	L. Allison, S. Henderson, L. Herring, V. Neeley				Allison
11/30/14	B. DuPriest	C. Sthreshley, M. Summerson				
12/7/14	J. Glazebrook	R. Bryan, R. Cole	M. Carneal, P. Dunn, E. Shea, J. Tate	Carneal		



Happy Birthday to: November

- 1 Susan Vitale
- 17 Kathleen Pugh
- 21 Linda Allison
- 24 Delores Dunn
- 29 Vicki Neeley

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and to check out our website

www.ashlandpresbyterian.org

where you can find Pastor Kerra’s weekly Sermons, APC’s monthly newsletters, upcoming monthly scheduled events, and much more!

Meet Our New Intern, Brett Underdown

I wanted to take a brief moment to introduce myself. My name is Brett Underdown. I will be serving you all as Seminary Intern for this year. I am currently in my final year of academic study at Union Presbyterian Seminary, with hopes and great anticipation of graduating with a Master of Divinity in May of 2015.

Just a little brief bio for you all to help you all get to know me. I was born and still currently reside in Hanover Co. I attended Lee-Davis H.S. and did my undergraduate study at VCU, where I received a BS in Business. I grew up in the Fairfield Presbyterian Church in Mechanicsville, and until you all graciously welcomed me into your church family, was serving on staff at Fairfield as a Student Assistant. I have been blessed to be married to my wonderful wife, Katy, for 9 years, and have been blessed with the privilege of being a father to my twin 6 year old daughters. While the decision to go back to school has been challenging, I am grateful for their support.

More importantly, I wanted to express my appreciation and thanks for your welcome and making me feel at home in your church family. While I have only been with you all a short while, I am looking forward to getting to know you and worshipping with you this year. I also am grateful for your hospitality and welcome you shared when my wife and twin daughters came to worship the end of September. While they will not be able to attend worship regularly at Ashland, they appreciate knowing that they are welcome anytime.

In the spirit of upcoming season of Thanksgiving, I just wanted to take a moment to share my thanks to you all for your welcome and graciousness that you have shown thus far. I am grateful you all are willing to allow me to be a part of your family, allowing me to grow and continue to discern God's call and direction. It is my prayer to you that God will continue to bless you and guide you each and every day, as you continue in the work Ashland Presbyterian Church has been called to do, being Christ's witness in the community and the world.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thess. 5:16-18, NIV)

In Christ's Service, Brett

NOTE: Remember to wear your name tags for awhile so Brett can get to know us!



*The Ash Grove at Richmond Hill
Everyday Creative Spirituality ...*

Everyday

*With speaker - The Rev. Carol
Gathagan, from Altoona, Pennsylvania*

Friday-Saturday,

November 14-15, 2014

NOTE: Space may still be available, ask Kerra for details!

Important Notice!

The church office will be closed for Thanksgiving, November 27. We will be open Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 25-26. Newsletter articles for the December issue will be due noon Thursday, November 13 for publication Sunday, November 30 which is the First Sunday of Advent.

Blessings to all this Thanksgiving!



Monday, November 24
at 7:00 PM

Duncan United Methodist
Church, 201 Henry Street



**7th Annual Free Community
Thanksgiving Dinner**
Thursday, November 27, Noon — 3:00 PM
First Baptist Ashland

First Baptist Church Ashland invites folks to join them to eat a fresh, hot cooked meal with great fellowship. Transportation is available within Town limits. Please call Price at 798-8988 to join them. And, if you would like to volunteer to help serve or cook this wonderful meal, please call Tammy Van Gils at 798-6040. They have opportunities to volunteer on Wednesday and as early as 8:00 a.m. on Thursday. Most of all, they would appreciate your prayers for this community event!