

# APC Connections

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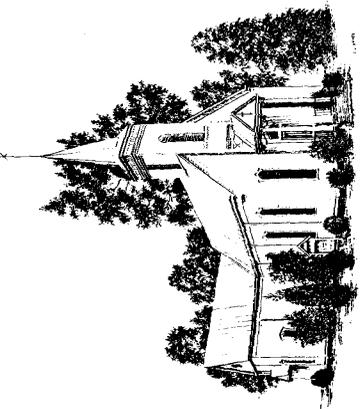
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### Upcoming Events

- Oct. 6 — World Communion Sunday/Peacemaking Offering; 12:15 Outreach
- Oct 8 — PW Circle lunch/study, 11 AM; 6:30 PM Session
- Oct. 16— 6:30 PM Buildings/Grounds
- Oct. 26 — 9 AM Fall Cleanup Day; Rain date: Nov. 2



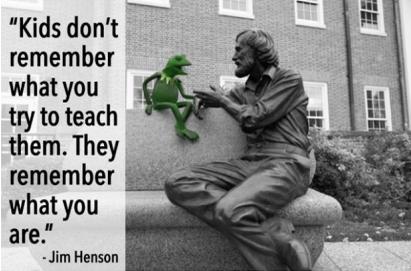
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### Pastor’s Page

Friends,

Fall is now well underway and kids and teachers alike are back in school. Like many parents, I did the happy dance the morning of September 3, and yet, it’s several weeks into school when the gratitude really begins. I am grateful for those who heard the calling to teach and who are now a huge part of my kids’ day to day lives. Some days those teachers will be inspirational and amazing, other days they may be distracted and discouraged. I know that it can’t be easy to walk into a classroom every day and try to stuff knowledge into the brains of twenty or thirty kids at a time. The content frequently goes in one ear and out the other. But, as Jim Henson said, they don’t remember what you teach them, they remember what you are.



So whether it’s learning to read or learning to do quadratic equations doesn’t really matter, what matters is the connection that happens between teacher and student. I remind you of this because you are all now teachers because we have said “yes” to supporting seminary interns in this congregation. Your church is their classroom. Rachel Jenkins started this September learning from us. Now, as her supervisor, I may be talking to her about sermon content, and teaching Bible, and running Session meetings – but she will remember who and what you are.

You will be teaching her about what it means to be the

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church by being yourselves, sometimes inspirational and amazing, other times possibly distracted and discouraged. That's OK. That's part of the nature of being this assembly who comes together to learn more about being God's people. We are all teachers. We are all students – disciples of the rabbi Jesus. Rather than teaching loads of important content for that one big final test, Jesus taught us the importance of being more fully who we are. That's what we really want. We have likely all had a teacher who inspired us at one time or another. We may even credit that person with helping us to become who we are today. Be that teacher, be that friend for someone.

God's blessings to you as you learn and grow in yet another school year!

Pastor Kerra

## Meet Our New Intern, Rachel Jenkins

Hello! I am Rachel Jenkins, and I'm excited to be working with you this year as your intern. I have so enjoyed the time I've had with you so far. I will be trying a little of everything at Ashland Pres—preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and whatever else God has in store.

I grew up in Henderson, North Carolina, very close to the Virginia line, and I got a degree in French from Davidson College. After a year of working and traveling, I went to UNC-Wilmington for a master's degree in Creative Writing, with an emphasis on nonfiction. After that, I worked as a newspaper reporter and discerned my call to seminary. I am now in my third and final year at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, loving it and looking forward to graduating and jumping into ministry. One of my favorite parts of being in ministry is hearing stories of how people have known and seen God, been blessed by God, wrestled with God, and loved God. I hope I get to hear yours!

I love to bake and cook, run or walk, read, make things, and spend time with friends. In October I get to marry James, a wonderful man from Richmond.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be here and for welcoming me so heartily. I look forward to getting to know you better and growing and learning with you during this year.



## Presbyterian Women

The PW Circle will meet on **Tuesday, October 8 at 11 AM** in the Lancaster Hall for study and lunch. Bring a sandwich. Beverages and dessert will be provided. — Doreen Coddington

## Usher and Greeter Schedule

	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ELDERS	COMMUNION PREP	LITURGIST	FLOWERS
10/06/13	S. & M. Carneal	C. Sthreshley, M. Summerson	K. Basilio, M. Carneal, V. Neeley	J. Tate	R. Jenkins	Schutte
10/13/13	Dave Coddington	R. Bryan, R. Cole	<b>REMEMBER, If you cannot serve, please find a replacement and leave a message on the office phone, 798-5543.</b>			Bryan
10/20/13	R. Cole	S. & D. Moncol				Glazebrook
10/27/13	B. DuPriest	L. Allison, S. Henderson, L. Herring, J. Tate				Pugh
11/03/13	J. Glazebrook	K. Basilio, V. Neeley	L. Allison, T. Blair, R. Cole, E. Simpson	K. Pugh		Carneal



## Happy Birthday to: October

- 3 Jane Glazebrook
- 13 Larry Hasbrouck
- 14 Charles Sthreshley
- 17 Karen Hasbrouck
- 29 Caroline Schutte

## World Communion Sunday

and

## Peacemaking Offering Sunday, October 6



Clara and Christopher Totten are the proud parents of Adeline Shea Totten born Sept. 18. Cards may be sent to 4349 Staffordshire Ln., Fairfax, 22030

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to go to school. Sometime later, Renan received a shoe box gift brimming with pencils, a notebook, crayons, and scissors. The gift showed him God answers the prayers of His people. Not long after he received the shoe box gift, Renan gave his life to Christ. Renan now lives in Mississippi with his wife Juanita, whom he met as a missionary in Honduras. They have two daughters and pack shoe box gifts

#### New Bethesda Baptist Church

9019 New Bethesda Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

**Date:** Friday, October 4

**Time:** 12:00 PM (Potluck luncheon)

#### Second Baptist Church

9614 River Road  
Richmond, VA 23229

**Date:** Sunday, October 6

**Time:** 6:00 PM



**National Collection Week for Shoeboxes is November 18—25!**

## You're Invited!

### Food For Thought: Adult Study of Toxic Charity

Wednesdays, Oct. 2—Nov. 13  
New Hanover Presbyterian Church  
10058 Chamberlayne Rd, Mechanicsville, VA

Public service is a way of life for Americans; giving is a part of our national character. But compassionate instincts and generous spirits aren't enough, says veteran urban activist Robert D. Lupton. In this groundbreaking guide, he reveals the disturbing truth about charity: all too much of it has become toxic, devastating to the very people it's meant to help.

**Dinner will be served from 5:30—6:15 p.m.**  
**Programs for all ages start at 6:30 p.m.**

#### Menus:

- 10/2 Roasted chicken, roasted potatoes, broccoli
- 10/9 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans
- 10/16 Chicken/Rice casserole, green beans
- 10/23 Baked Ziti, pasta alfredo, corn
- 10/30 Baked potato and salad bar
- 11/6 Chicken tenderloins, macaroni-n-cheese, green beans
- 11/13 Ham, mixed vegetable casserole, mashed potatoes

*All meals include salad,  
bread, dessert, and  
beverage.*

**Cost is \$5/person**

**Reservations/payments should be made no later than Tuesday at noon. Call Mary at 730-9700 or [mary@newhanoverpres.org](mailto:mary@newhanoverpres.org) for more information**

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Fall Cleanup Day

**Saturday, October 26 at 9 AM**

We will do leaf raking and removal of air conditioners as well as any other cleaning needed.

**Rain date:** Nov. 2



### Committee Meetings

Outreach — Sunday, October 6 following morning worship.

Session — Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 PM

Buildings & Grounds — Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30 PM in parlor

## Mission News

Missionary co-worker Ruth Brown told us about our Presbyterian work in West Kasai. She told us that the \$500 we contribute to her work went to the PRODEK agricultural work which develops teams to increase crops and help feed undernourished children. She also told us how teams are working to get young couples to have church weddings and obtain wedding certificates which will protect women when their husbands die.

Here is an update on the larger educational picture. The 53-year-old Protestant University of Congo, in the national capital of Kinshasa has 7,521 students. Almost 53 (52.81) percent of them are female. Theology students number 204. Business Administration and Economics boasts 3,441. Law has 2,795 and Medicine 1,054. Several of the medical students are doing internships at the Good Shepherd Hospital where Larry Sthresley is Chairman of the Board of Directors.— Flo Sthresley



## Two Amazing Opportunities to Meet OCC Spokesperson, Renan Perdomo

As the youngest boy of 10 children, Renan Perdomo grew up in a small village near the Caribbean coast of Honduras. His father owned a small store in the front room of their house, and his mother was a mid-wife and the pastor of a small church. The family lived day-to-day on the little money it had, and buying simple things like school supplies was always a point of concern. Renan remembers his mother praying that God would supply money to buy school supplies for her children. She told Renan that God would give them what they needed

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