



Mark Your Calendars Now

Daylight Savings Time ends
2 AM Sunday, November 2.

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APC Connections

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 5—World Communion Sunday/Peace & Global Witness offering; Outreach meets 12:15 PM.
- Oct. 14—11 AM Circle meeting
- Oct. 15—B & G meets 6:30 PM in parlor.
- Oct. 19—Session meets 12:15 PM
- Oct. 25—Fall Work Day 9 AM
- Oct. 26—Organ Dedication Sunday



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Pastor's Page

"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." --Jesus

Friends,

Imagine how welcoming we would want to be if Jesus came to Ashland Presbyterian Church! Well, Jesus reminds us, just like he reminded his disciples, that anytime we are welcoming to a child, it may very well be the same as welcoming him. So, in Session, we've been talking about ways of being welcoming to children in our church. This doesn't mean, however, that we are starting a sign-up sheet to see who will staff the nursery. Oh no! When Jesus said these words, it was when he allowed a child to disturb those who wanted to be important at the grown-up table.

The disciples had been arguing about who was the greatest, about how dignified and full of honor each should be, so as an example, Jesus put a child among them and talked about true welcome. Children are not usually considered to be "greatest" among one's houseguests. Children are noisy, squirmy, inquisitive, and messy, AND GOD MADE THEM THAT WAY. Jesus wants us to let them be – exactly as they are.

So that's the welcome we are going to try to model. Children WILL be welcome in our worship if they are coloring

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and quiet, and they will be just as welcome if they are squirmy and interrupt a quiet prayer with an awkward question. Remember, this just may be the stand-in sent by Jesus! So when you see a new family checking us out, remind them that they can come in, and be themselves, and be comfortable. We want them here. We take delight in the joyful sounds that come from the restlessness of children.

Some clergy-types are even proposing now that the only way to retain young people in actual adult worship is to have them learning about it as kids. If kids are always shuffled away from the grown-up table, how will they ever learn to eat with a knife and fork? Mature spirituality grows from seeing adults model it for them, not from getting their own experience of God always cut up into bite size pieces and put on a plastic plate.

Welcome children – Welcome Jesus.
Welcome Jesus – And Know God’s Love.

Peace, Pastor Kerra



October 5, 2014

Peacemaking Offering Has New Name

On World Communion Sunday, we receive the PC(USA) offering for peacemaking. Beginning this year, this offering carries the new name of Peace & Global Witness. Your gift to this new offering can help:

- Churches and other organizations come together to build peace, advocating for social justice throughout the world
- Programs like RECONCILE create lasting peace in communities suffering through the effects of war
- Initiatives, like the Colombia Accompaniment Program, provide necessary comfort and support to those in need.

Presbyterian Women

PW will meet for lunch and Bible study on **Tuesday, Oct. 14**, in Lancaster Hall at **11 AM**. Please read lesson 2 in the study book. Bring a sandwich and join us. Drinks will be provided.— Doreen Coddington



Usher and Greeter Schedule

	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ELDERS	COMMUNION PREP	LITURGIST	FLOWERS
10/5/14	J. Tate	K. Basilio, V. Neeley	L. Allison, Doreen C., K. Pugh, M. Summerson	S. Henderson		Schutte
10/12/14	L. Allison	L. Allison, K. Basilio	REMEMBER, If you cannot serve, please find a replacement and leave a message on the office phone, 798-5543.			Simpson
10/19/14	N. & R. Bryan	R. Bryan, R. Cole				Allison
10/26/14	K. Basilio	V. Neeley, C. Schutte, M. Summerson, J. Tate				Tate
11/2/14	T. Blair	S. & D. Moncol	L. Allison, Doreen C., K. Pugh, M. Summerson	K. Pugh		



Happy Birthday to: November

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



RMC Librarian Ginger Young, Alumni Rob DuPriest, and Bookstore Manager, Barclay DuPriest handing out church brochures on campus! Thanks, all!

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tion to the email, made us move on seeing the organ, and providing those persons with the “know how” to move it, install it and play it. All of this happened in what seems to be a blink of an eye, God’s time I like to think. If God is for it, who can be against it.

As we realized that the old Hammond Organ was to be moved to a different location, our Pastor took the moment to bless its work, and pray that it will provide its service in a different location, if that is God’s plan.

Please know that God leads, and we must always be ready to respond and not miss opportunities. Listen with grateful ears to the “new to us” notes filling our sanctuary, and thank God that some did not miss this opportunity.

On October 26, we will dedicate the organ for use in our space, with a service and reception with members of the Montrose Presbyterian Church, invited to celebrate with us.—Judy Aderhold, Worship Chair



*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

Registration deadline: October 31!

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thank you so much!

Can I give you a hug?

*This is a bag of food for you. You have helped us so many times,
and now we have something to give back.*

These are the food pantry stories you may not see. You fill the rail, but Susan, and sometimes Kerra, end up filling the bags when folks come for help. Many are thankful for being able to have something to put on the table that night. They bless us with their gratitude. Some even return the gift when they are able. We are *known* in Ashland as a church that can offer help. That means a lot more than you might think! Thank you for your giving! It makes a difference. **NOTE:** It’s almost time for Holiday Food Baskets!



Our fall cleanup day will be **October 25 at 9 a.m.** We will be doing some touch up painting, removing air conditioners, and cleaning the grounds and memorial garden area. We will also be doing any other general fall cleaning that is needed. So, please bring your yard tools and give us a much needed hand! **Rain date:** November 1. **Next B & G meeting:** Oct. 15 at 6:30 PM in parlor.

REMEMBERING THE OLD ORGAN WELCOMING THE NEW

Researching information and dates regarding the old organ resulted in the need to go back in the historical data written down in A Historical Sketch of the Ashland Presbyterian Church Ashland, Virginia 1871-1971. It certainly provided a memory not in the minds of those who shed light on the present organ’s placement.

In 1948, Ashland Presbyterian Church found that a new organ was needed. So funds of \$1750 were provided and a Hammond Organ was placed in the sanctuary. At the same time the chimes were installed. It has served our church for these sixty-six years. Over the years it had its moments of coughing, balking and just plain not wanting to perform. But with oil, cleaning and upkeep it kept on, but reaching a point of needing help, we all knew the moment of being just plain worn out and needing rest may come any day.

In July, we received the opportunity to explore replacing the organ with a Rodgers organ, housed in Montrose Presbyterian Church that had closed its doors. As that email came across our computers, it became readily felt that God was at work, providing a moment that we should seize and take advantage of the opportunity.

The search committee that was in place, provisioned by the Session some months ago, began to act. They went to the church, saw the organ, and decided that we should take a leap of faith, and move it to our sanctuary.

It is now in place with a wonderful sound that wakes the rafters, and gives us pause in our schedules, to want to hear the music it can produce. We have this free gift, with only the cost of moving the organ and the technical support to install it and the speakers.

We saw God’s hand at work in all aspects of this endeavor, as He made us pay atten-



*Sunday,
October 26*

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