

APC Connections

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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 1—Older Adult Retreat at Camp Hanover
- Oct. 3—CROP Walk
- Oct. 4—World Communion Sunday/Peace & Global Witness Offering
- Oct. 11—Session meets at 12:15
- Oct. 13—PW Circle 11 AM
- Oct. 17—POJ meets at Second Presbyterian
- Oct. 20—November newsletter articles due
- Oct. 24—Clean Up Day 9 AM



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Pastor's Page

Friends,

When I brag about Ashland Presbyterian Church to other minister-type people (and I do with some regularity) one of my most “brag-worthy” points is always about how well this church functions as a Teaching Congregation for seminary students. You have exactly what it takes to be the perfect church for launching beginning pastors. You give them the freedom to take what’s already unique about them to put to use in our congregation. And that might mean that you find a way to share their love for baseball, or capitalize on their skill at reading spread sheets, or welcome their proclivity toward using Hebrew words in their sermons. You encourage them to truly take on pastoral leadership as they teach, and preach, and share conversations with you over coffee or in your homes. I even tell nervous students at the beginning of their time with us that your critique is always both kind and helpful, your care for them genuine, and your prayers for them constant. You adopt and love these students as your own – and it shows.

One of the additions to that process that I’m noticing this year is the turn toward interest in their life on campus. We now have two Session members who have agreed to be “Friends of the Seminary” – Delores Dunn and Karen Hasbrouck. They will be keeping us informed from time to time about our connections with Union Presbyterian Seminary. Be sure to ask them, and our intern Melissa, what’s happening with the development of a “Global Mission Center” and with proposed renovations to very outdated student housing. I encourage you all to find out how we might be more influential as a congregation with great interest in students and their formation as pastors. We are not the church in the Presbytery with the deepest pockets, and that’s OK. There may never be a plaque to commemorate the

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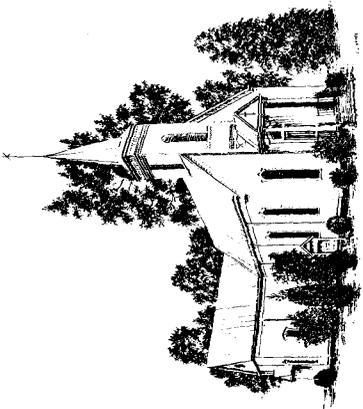
Secretary
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Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 1



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“Ashland Presbyterian” wing of any building on campus, and that’s OK too. And yet, because we take the time to know our students, we can learn more about how they live, and how they learn, and how we can be a part of making their educational years formative ones for their future in ministry.

Because “our” students are Union students, Union Presbyterian Seminary is “our” seminary. As a Teaching Congregation, we become a part of a broader picture that involves faculty and curriculum, community life and social dynamics, practical knowledge and theological knowledge, and looming deadlines and celebrations of projects completed. The pastor’s life in training!

Thank you for all you do to make my boasting so easy!

Pastor Kerra

Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events



Sat., October 3
at Carter Park
Registration: 8:30
Walk: 9:00 a.m.

Consider being a walker and/or sponsor. Money raised goes to Church World Services to provide for hungry people **all** around the world.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

World Communion Sunday, October 4

The Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to sustain their local peacemaking ministries.



Presbyterian Women

PW Circle meets
Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 11:00 a.m. for study and lunch.



Church Work Day

Sat., Oct. 24
at 9:00 a.m.

We will remove air conditioners, rake leaves and any general cleanup of the grounds as needed!



Pastor Kerra will be leading adult Sunday School on **November 8** and **15**, facilitating a conversation on the Spirituality of Darkness (her topic of study for the January Spiritual Guidance class at Richmond Hill). If you have ideas, questions, or spiritual conundrums that you would like her to address, please let her know what you would like her to cover in those two sessions.



It’s Almost Shoebox Time, Again!

Every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ! **National Collection Week** is **November 16-23**. Begin collecting items for your box now!

Usher and Greeter Schedule

	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ELDERS	COMMUNION PREP & CLEANUP	LITURGIST	FLOWERS
10/04/15	E. Pepper	B. & E. Shea	K. Basilio, T. Blair, S. Carneal, L.	K. Basilio, J. Glazebrook		DuPriest
10/11/15	P. Ritchie	E. Simpson, C. Sthreshley				
10/18/15	C. Schutte	R. Bryan, M. Summerson	REMEMBER, If you cannot serve, please find a replacement and leave a message on the office phone, 798-5543.			Tate
10/25/15	E. Shea	T. Blair, L. Herring, V. Neeley, E. Shea				Schutte
11/01/15	B. Shea	S. & D. Moncol	K. Basilio, T. Blair, S. Carneal, L. Herring	K. Pugh, J. Tate		



Happy Birthday to: October

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



Ash Grove Women’s Retreat at Richmond Hill

November 13-14, 2015

Keynote Speaker: Mimi Weaver

Topic: Changing Seasons: Making Transitions with Grace

Only 30 overnight spots are guaranteed this year. Please register as soon as possible if you would like one of those spots. There will be a day-only option available once we fill up. Please see Kerra, Ginger, Judy, or Karen Dorgan for more information. **Brochures are in the narthex and office.**