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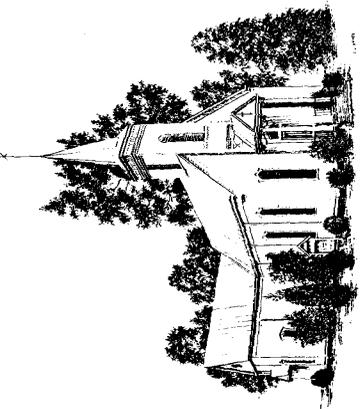
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Upcoming Events

- Sept. 3—Choir Practice resumes Wednesdays 7:30 PM
- Sept. 7—9:15 AM Rally Day Breakfast
- Sept. 9—11 AM Circle meeting
- Sept. 14—9:30 AM Adult SS resumes
- Sept. 14—Inter Brett Underdown's 1st Sunday.
- Sept. 14—12:15 PM Session meets
- Sept. 21—12:15 PM Worship meets



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Pastor's Page

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Friends,

Every teaching elder (pastor) and every ruling elder (Session member) takes vows to become ordained to serve the church. It's one of the few ritual vow-taking events left in our culture. As word-loving Presbyterians, we have a bunch of such vows. In marriage, husband and wife promise to each other that they will be there: for richer and for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do they part – or something similar to that. It's a reminder that love may not be enough to keep two people together. Routine maintenance of the relationship is required to survive the ups and downs of married life.

In ordination to the roles of leadership in our denomination, we make multiple promises as well, mostly about keeping the faith, but there's a sneaky question in there that happens to be my favorite. Pastors and other church officers promise to be a friend among their colleagues in ministry. Again, it isn't enough to have faith in scripture, and creeds, and polity, we have to learn how to get along with one another, to work together, and to make a go of the kind of friendship that Jesus talked of so often with his disciples.

I am pleased to say that our congregation is full of such

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friends in ministry, working together, supporting one another, and paying attention for the Spirit at work among us. It is a joy to do ministry with people who care enough to also become friends. Jesus reminds us in John’s gospel that the greatest gift of all is to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. Friendship was a crucial component in carrying out the message of love that Jesus taught. If neighbors became friends, then there would be less fighting, less prejudice, and a lot less of the need to covet one another’s belongings. And good friends make life quite enjoyable.

I would love to see this vow replicated throughout more of our world today. Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry? Will you be a friend at work, or in your neighborhood? Will you work toward a community that cares? Will you allow God’s Word and God’s Spirit to infiltrate your friendships and make them stronger? I hope you will say, “Yes, I will. I’m starting today with God’s help.”

Peace, Pastor Kerra



Overflowing With Thanks

Dear Friends of Ashland Presbyterian Church,

I give thanks and praise to God for the wonderful time at Ashland Presbyterian Church during the past summer. I remember the nervousness at the beginning of the internship, and now I cannot thank you enough for your heartfelt welcome and care throughout the summer. It was a great learning opportunity for me as an intern. It did not take too long for me to think that I wish I took a nine-month internship at Ashland instead. The summer internship went too fast, and I enjoyed all the works at Ashland very much. I know there are still many things I need to learn and to improve, however, I believe the experience I gained at Ashland will be a tremendous help for my future ministry.

It is easy to say that we are followers of Jesus Christ, but it is not easy to truly live as a follower. We all are called to take care of one another. I believe God is pleased to see the good ministry of Ashland Presbyterian Church. As you have done so far, please continue your faithful ministry for our brothers and sisters in the name of Jesus Christ. Personally, I am in debt that I think I received more than I gave to you although I was called to serve the congregation. I received undeserved love and respect. I will share and spread the love I received from you in my future ministry. May God’s abundant love and grace be with each one at Ashland Presbyterian Church.

In Christ, Jay

Usher and Greeter Schedule

	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ELDERS	COMMUNION PREP	LITURGIST	FLOWERS
9/7/14	E. Simpson	L. Allison, S. Henderson	L. Allison, Doreen C., K. Pugh, M. Summerson	K. Basilio		Basilio
9/14/14	C. Sthreshley	C. Sthreshley, M. Summerson	REMEMBER, If you cannot serve, please find a replacement and leave a message on the office phone, 798-5543.			
9/21/14	F. Sthreshley	B. & E. Shea				
9/28/14	M. Summerson	J. Glazebrook, S. Henderson, L. Herring, E. Mathes				Tate
10/5/14	J. Tate	K. Basilio, V. Neeley	L. Allison, Doreen C., K. Pugh, M. Summerson	S. Henderson		



Happy Birthday to: September

- 3 Wendy Doyle
- 7 Bob Lybrand
- 10 John Carswell
- 14 Sallie Moncol
- 20 Grace Arey
Pat Dunn



Thank you, all you wonderful people who carried dinner over to the Free Clinic at St. James the Less on August 6: Judy Aderhold, Linda Allison, Karla Bloom, Kerra Becker English, Jane Glazebrook, Sheila Henderson, Suzanne Huff, and Emily Pepper. That was an amazing table of food for their volunteers! With gratitude for your faithfulness, Ginger Young

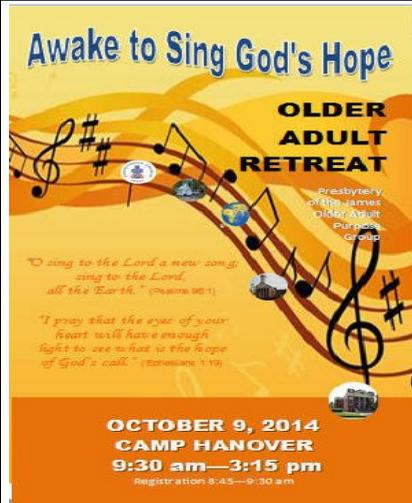


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October 5, 2014

Older Adult Retreat, October 9, 9:30 a.m.—3:15 p.m.



Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Cindy Kissel-Ito

Workshops

- Reconnecting with Nature: Resources from the Celtic Tradition
 - Imagining Jesus
 - Understanding Barriers of Poverty: How the Church Can Help or Hurt
 - Hands on Project for Camp Hanover . . . And more
- Contact **Doreen Coddington** if you would like to attend or need more information.

Cost: \$15 Registration Deadline: Oct. 1

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minister's delivery of the elements.

- Two servers will serve the right side and two the left side, one taking the center aisle and the other the window aisle.
- One server on the left side will serve the organist, leaving the element on the organ for her.
- One server on the right side will serve the Pastor and then the choir by moving to the left side of the piano and handing the tray to the front row of the choir. The server then moves to the rail side at third row of choir to receive the tray. The choir passes the tray and returns it to the server.
- After serving the congregation, gather in the back center aisle and proceed to the communion table.
- After serving, both elements, take a seat on the front row pews to receive communion from the Pastor.

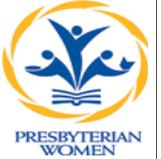
Please remain on the front row for the remainder of the service if possible.

This is a trusted duty we have to serve God's people and we must do so without disruption or fanfare. This should be accomplished so that no one has the slightest idea of a trouble spot in the service.

"As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament Church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry."



Presbyterian Women



PW will celebrate a new year of Bible study on **Tuesday, Sept. 9**, with a covered dish luncheon in Lancaster Hall at **11 AM**. Judy Aderhold will once again lead us in a challenging look at 2 Corinthians, "Reconciling Paul." Please read 2 Corinthians, and the introduction and first lesson in the study book.—Doreen Coddington

Mark Your Calendars

- Beginning Sunday, **September 14**, the Adult Sunday School Class begins a new Fall study. Join us in the mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Lancaster Hall.
- On Sunday, **September 14** we will welcome our new Intern Brett Underdown.
- The regularly stated meeting of Session for the 2014-2015 year will be held on the second Sunday of the month, following worship. Any changes to that schedule will be put in the bulletin. The September meeting is scheduled for **September 14**.



Thank You For Serving Communion

COMMUNION DUTIES

As a server of communion to God's people, we are carrying a sacred order to serve remembrance elements of our Lord to each of the communicants in our congregation. Sometimes because of our familiarity of our surroundings we may forget the total importance of our assignment. Let us strive to bring reverence and a polished order to our service. If you are assigned to serve communion and cannot do so, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

For the smooth and uninterrupted flow of the service, please consider sitting on the front row at the very beginning of the service.

At the time of service, all four elders move to the communion table and wait the

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