

APC Connections

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Upcoming Events

- April 8—SS classes resume, 9:30 AM
- April 10—PW Circle meets 11 AM
- April 12-13—Step by Step Retreat 4:30 —9 PM & 9 AM—4 PM at Richmond Hill
- April 22 — Baked Potato Farewell Luncheon for Andrew, 12:15 PM
- April 29 — April/May Session Meeting, 12:15 PM



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Pastor's Page: Easter April Fools, Pastor Kerra

Judas is our friend.
Fooled us – with betrayal.
 Simon Peter will stand strong, like a rock.
Fooled us – with denial.
 The priests answer to a higher power.
Fooled us – they are more interested in worldly power.
 Pilate can handle the truth.
Fooled us – by washing his hands of responsibility.
 The crowds wave palms and shout “Hosanna.”
Fooled us – what they really meant was “Crucify him.”
 The women come to the place of his execution – hoping against hope.
Fooled us – it is finished.
 Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus prepare his broken body for burial.
Fooled us – in the garden a seed will be planted instead of a corpse.
 Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb to mourn the loss of her friend.
Fooled us – he is not here.
 She runs to get the disciples.
Fooled us – they race back to the tomb in disbelief.
 Mary weeps, and weeps, and weeps.
Fooled us – must be the gardener.
 “Mary,” Jesus says.
Fooled us – He is ALIVE.
 Mary announces the best news of all, “I have seen the Lord. He lives. He lives.”

Fools still tell this good news.
 He fooled death.
 He fooled the darkness.
Christ is risen. April Fool indeed.

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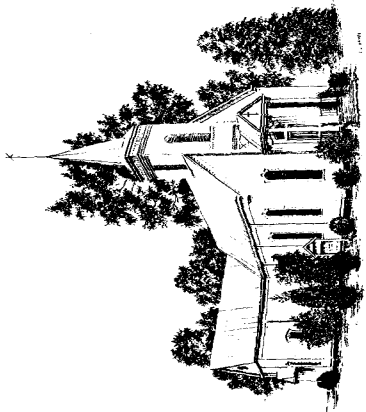
Director of Music
 Karla Bloom

Organist
 Austin Wachsmuth

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday-Saturday,
 November 2-3, 2018

The Ash Grove at Richmond Hill
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Adult Sunday School:

Following an informative and insightful Lenten Series led by Rabbi Patrick and Intern Andrew, we will re-start our lectionary Sunday School class beginning on April 8. Our lectionary offering follows the liturgical calendar and allows us an opportunity to gather and discuss one of the readings identified for each Sunday. Our Children's Sunday School continues each Sunday.

Many thanks to Rabbi Patrick and Intern Andrew for their leadership in our recent series. — Roger Cole

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Lancaster Hall.



Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 10th at 11:00 a.m. in Lancaster Hall. Please join us for fellowship and our Bible study Lesson Seven: *In Community with the Hope of the Future* led by Ginger Young. Bring a sandwich and dessert and beverages will be provided. — Linda Allison

Celebrating and Honoring Seminary Intern Andrew Bowman

Sunday, April 22 at 12:15 p.m.



Join us Sunday, April 22 following morning worship for a Baked Potato Luncheon as we bid farewell and Godspeed to our Intern, Andrew Bowman. The potatoes and fixings will be provided. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex for other contributions of food and beverages. Please join us as we honor Andrew, and remember to continually pray for him as he continues his journey of discerning God's call in ministry.



Treasurer Note: DONATE ONLINE

Electronic Fund Giving With Easter, family events, and Spring Break forthcoming, you may not always be able to attend church services. If this is the case, please consider scheduling an electronic contribution. (*Donate Online is at the bottom of our web page*). The **One Great Hour of Sharing** is also one of the choices on our web site for giving. – Drew Moncol

Usher and Greeter Schedule

| | GREETERS | USHERS | COMMUNION ELDERS | COMMUNION PREP & CLEANUP | LITURGIST | FLOWERS |
|---------|-------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 4/1/18 | B. Shea | S. Henderson, S. & D. Moncol, J. Tate | L. Allison, K. Basilio, R. DuPriest, E. | K. Pugh, J. Tate | A. Bowman | Easter Flowers |
| 4/8/18 | P. Shinnamon | R. Cole, L. Herring | <i>REMEMBER, If you cannot serve, please find a replacement and leave a message on the office phone, 798-5543.</i> | | R. Cole | |
| 4/15/18 | E. Simpson | L. Allison, K. Basilio | | | A. Bowman | |
| 4/22/18 | M. Jones & C. Sthresley | R. English, C. Phillips, B. Shea, J. Tate | | | A. Bowman | |
| 4/29/18 | M. Summerson | S. & D. Moncol | | | | S. Vitale |
| 5/6/18 | J. Tate | R. Bryan, S. Vitale | R. Bryan | C. Schutte | | K. Cole |

Happy Birthday to: April

- 1 CAMPBELL, Liz
- 13 STHRESHLEY, Flo
- 17 BLAIR, Caitlin
BLAIR, Erin
DUPRIEST, Rob
- 20 HERRING, Linda
- 22 HUBBARD, Nate
- 23 YOUNG, Ginger
- 24 TATE, Julie
RAYMOND, Jennifer



Remember to sign up ... Step by Step Retreat April 12—13 at Richmond Hill

Thursday 4:30—5:30: Praying the Labyrinth: The Labyrinth is a form of prayer or meditation. It is a path where you walk in toward the center, and return by the same route back into the community.
 Thursday 6:00—9:00: Dinner and Conversation
 Friday 9:00—4:00: Retreat

On Easter Sunday, April 1, we welcomed new members Terry Alexander, Marty Jones, and Joann Winegardner by Affirmation of Faith, and Charles Sthresley by Re-affirmation of Faith.

