

**Mark Your
Calendars Now!
Daylight Savings Time
Ends Sunday,
November 3!**

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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 6—World Communion Sunday/Peace & Global Witness Offering; Sub and Sundae Fellowship 12:15
- Oct. 8—PW Circle meets 11 AM
- Oct. 13—Session 12:15 PM
- Oct. 27—Reformation Sunday; Music by InTONEnation, Noah Morgan to preach



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Pastor's Page

Friends,

Each of our interns has had unique gifts they bring to the ministry of Ashland Presbyterian Church. That's part of the richness of this ministry – we stretch and grow with each one – sometimes in very different directions from year to year.

This year, Jay's focus with us is intentionally to deepen his pastoral care skills. What a wonderful fit that is! One of the spiritual gifts of our congregation has been its care and compassion for all of the people who find themselves connected here – whether that's as a member, a retreat participant, a college student, or a food pantry recipient. Sometimes we think about pastoral care as only what the "official" pastor does to make emergency calls or home visits, and that's about it. Perhaps this is an opportunity for us to broaden our view of what pastoral care is, as we are helping Jay discover his own gifts and strengths for this kind of caring ministry.

Pastoral care has its roots in the word pastor – which should also make us think of the word *pasture*. It's about the ones who guard and protect the sheep. Jesus is the ultimate pastor as the one who is our Good Shepherd. And, don't get me wrong, pastors who go through the training and process of becoming church leaders ought to have some skills in the relationship department. But it isn't only ones with the title *Pastor* who participate in this ministry. We all do. We are ALL called to love as Christ loved us – which isn't an easy charge. And for as much as we are asked to be caring and compassionate, we also benefit from receiving the care and concern of others. If we only think it's ours to give – but not receive – we've also missed a crucial

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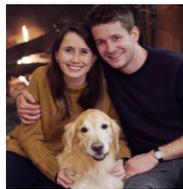
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piece of the Christian journey.

I occasionally say this in small groups, but it's important for you to know as a congregation, that you healed this Pastor who came to you burned out and stressed out from being expected to be the giver, giver, giver and never receive. Here I have learned to receive your compassion, your prayers, your ability to see your pastor as a human just like you with gifts and limitations, who can both offer love and receive healing. It is a much more vulnerable place to be.

That's where the CHURCH (not only Ashland – but all the church) could benefit from the deep work of Brene Brown who discovered that living whole-heartedly is connected to the vulnerability we share with each other. (If you haven't seen her TED talk on vulnerability – I highly recommend it. There's a reason it's in the top 25 most popular TED talks ever.) Teach that to Jay this year. Tell him your stories as you are led to do. Listen to his. That may happen in the hospital or over coffee. That may happen after church or it may come from the most unlikely places as he hangs around the town of Ashland and meets new people. Connect him, support him, and allow him to get to know you. And together this year, we will all grow in our gifts of providing pastoral care.

Peace, Pastor Kerra



Meet Our New Intern Jay Morgan

Hello Ashland Presbyterian Church! I'm Jay Morgan and I feel privileged to be your new intern. Here's some info about me. I grew up in Henrico, not too far from Ashland (though Ashland is pretty new to me). I'm engaged to a wonderful woman named Rebecca (we're getting married on October 19th). And I'm inspired by the close-knit community that I've seen at APC so far. I'm starting my third and final year at Union Presbyterian Seminary in pursuit of a Masters in Divinity, and I'm not quite sure yet what will happen after that.

I'm especially passionate about practicing pastoral care in our church community. I believe that God is doing amazing work in some of the hardest places in our lives, and I'm struck by how resilience and vulnerability somehow work together sometimes. I'm inspired by the honest love that can show itself in difficult seasons. Along with practicing pastoral care, I'll also enjoy working in small groups, preaching, and participating in bible studies. No matter what setting we're in, I look forward to being with you all. Please feel free to reach out to me if you'd like to get together for coffee or lunch.

Usher and Greeter Schedule

	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ELDERS	COMMUNION PREP & CLEANUP	LITURGIST	FLOWERS
10/06/19	S. Vitale	S. Henderson, M. Summerson	S. & D. Moncol, C. Schutte, M. Summerson	K. Basilio, J. Tate	J. Morgan	
10/13/19	J. Winegardner	K. Basilio, B. Mathes	<i>REMEMBER, If you cannot serve, please find a replacement and leave a message on the office phone, 798-5543.</i>		J. Morgan	
10/20/19	K. Basilio	S. & D. Moncol				
10/27/19	T. Blair	R. English, C. Phillips, C. Schutte, M. Summerson				K. Basilio
11/03/19	R. Bryan	C. Sthreshley, J. Tate	L. Allison, K. & R. Cole, J. Tate	K. Pugh	J. Morgan	



Happy Birthday to: October

- 3 Jane Glazebrook
- 11 Marty Jones
- 12 Larry Hasbrouck
- 14 Charles Sthreshley
- 17 Karen Hasbrouck
- 29 Caroline Schutte



On **November 3**, we will conclude our morning worship, weather permitting, in the Memorial Garden with a Service for the Interment of Peter Ritchie's Ashes.

The Ash Grove at Richmond Hill

November 8 & 9,

Friday 4 PM to Saturday 4 PM

"TURNINGS" GUEST SPEAKER: Leslie Shiel

Here's what she has to say about our time together: Who are you at *this* moment in your life? Is there a singular story of your life? Or are there versions of your story that you tell yourself and others? Brochures are in the narthex! You can also find retreat information and register online at our website www.ashlandpresbyterian.org.

Be sure to register soon!

Special RMC student rate: \$50.

Session Sound Bites

The following is an overview of our September 8th Session meeting;

- ◆ Ashland Presbyterian currently has 75 active members on our church roll.
- ◆ Jay Morgan introduced himself to members of the session.
- ◆ Session members introduced themselves to Jay by discussing the Constitutional Questions that elders are asked when ordained, specifically what the questions tell us about the presence of the love and justice of Jesus Christ in Ashland Presbyterian Church.
- ◆ Drew Moncol and Michael Raymond were elected as co-treasurers for the upcoming year (September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020). Roger Cole was elected as clerk of session and Michael Raymond, Kathy Basilio and Roger Cole were appointed to the personnel committee.
- ◆ We received and reviewed the PDI/DSS Compliance letter from VANCO which allows the church to continue the practice of online giving.
- ◆ A mentor team is being formed to aid Intern Jay Morgan during his time with APC.
- ◆ Kerra is serving as a liaison to Salisbury Presbyterian Church in their Associate Pastor search.
- ◆ Session approved a wedding in the sanctuary on November 2, 2019.
- ◆ Worship committee will meet in late September to discuss the church's communion practices.
- ◆ A Subs and Sundaes lunch will be held on October 6.
- ◆ Thanks to a most generous gift from the estate of Dave & Doreen Coddington our year-to-date surplus through August stands at \$7,081.
- ◆ The church audit will be held on September 15.
- ◆ Session approved the 19-month renewal of our \$80,000 certificate of deposit at the rate of 2.5%.
- ◆ APC will be co-hosting the meeting of the Presbytery at New Hanover Presbyterian Church on October 19. Volunteers are needed.
- ◆ World Communion Day is October 6.
- ◆ Reformation Sunday is October 27 and Intonation will be singing at worship.
- ◆ November 3 is All Saint's Sunday at which time Peter Ritchie's interment in the Memorial Garden will take place.
- ◆ The next stated session meeting will be held on October 13.

Feel free to contact any Session member for clarification on any of the above items.

—Roger Cole, Clerk



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PW Circle

The Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 11 am in the Church parlor. Ginger Young will lead us in Lesson 2--Words of Love: Don't Trivialize My Name. Please join us. Bring a sandwich. Dessert and water will be provided. —Debbie Moncol, Moderator



SPECIAL OFFERINGS PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

World Communion Sunday October 6, 2019

Your gift 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 connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Our portion goes to Hanover Safe Place whose mission is to prevent sexual and domestic violence, provide services to those affected, and create community awareness for support and resources.

AND



Sub sandwiches and ice cream will be provided. The sign up sheet for side dishes, drinks, and toppings will be in the narthex.

Join us following morning worship for FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP!



REFORMATION
-Sunday-

October 27

We hope you will come join us for worship as once again we welcome InTONEnation, an active student-run music group from Randolph-Macon College. We will also welcome RMC student Noah Morgan to the Pulpit.



Food Pantry and Holiday Bags

Outreach is beginning food collection for our holiday food bags. We will be collecting specific foods each Sunday. Watch your bulletins for requested items. Also, our pantry is getting quite low. **Remember to bring food for the rail to help restock!**