

# Ashland Church News

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## Personnel Committee Notes

We're sad to announce that our senior nursery attendant, Rebecca Aspden, will be leaving the position. Rebecca has increased responsibilities in her role as a foster parent and needs more time to devote to this important mission. We will miss Rebecca and wish her the best in her work! We are looking for a new senior nursery attendant and the posting is on the bulletin board. If you know of any interested candidates, please contact the Personnel Committee.

As announced by the Worship Committee last month, we are seeking a new music leader for the contemporary praise team so we can continue with the early worship service. Again, any interested candidates can contact the Personnel Committee.

Please remember to check the weekly bulletin and the bulletin board in the hallway leading to preschool for staff office hours each week. Pastor Shannon will be on study leave for two weeks in October.

- Carla Ulgen

## Pulpit Shenanigans

The disciples worshiped Jesus and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

~Luke 24:52-53

### Grand Opening Celebration

#### *Sarah's Hope*

October 8, 2015

1114 Mount Street

Baltimore, MD 21217

4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

(Program at 4:00 p.m. followed by tours)

Honored Guests:

Stephanie Rawlings-Blake  
Archbishop William E. Lori,  
S.T.D.

I have heard it boasted many a time that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again expecting different results. Actually this is not true. According to Merriam-Webster the definition of insanity is as follows:

**in·san·i·ty** noun \in-'sa-nə-tē\  
: severe mental illness : the condition of being insane: something that is very foolish or unreasonable

But it is not true for other reasons too. Every night, I read aloud with my 7 year old and every night she gets better. Every night I expect a different result, and slowly, over time, I get one. But that's not what got me pondering...

For the last year or so I have been attending Bikram Yoga Baltimore regularly. I was skeptical at first, but I went, then I went again, by the third time I was hooked. I LOVED it.

I go about twice a week to Bikram Yoga, the room is heated to 105-115 degrees and is a series of 26 of the same postures in the same order. "And you like that?!?" People ask. Yes, I LOVE it. "Are you insane?" Yes, I think I am. "But's it's so hot and sweaty doesn't it smell?" Yes, it's hot, yes, I sweat more than I ever have in my life, yes occasionally the room smells. But you also don't care!

Today as I am feeling the blood rush back into my body after a compression pose, I notice the woman next to me, it is her first class, and she is struggling. I thought back to my first class. This woman and I could have been sisters, similar coloring, same size, and same hair. I leaned forward and grabbed the sides of my feet, this is insane, I thought, look how far I can bend, stretch, move, amazing.

For a year I have done the same thing over and over again expecting different results, and I'm getting them. I feel strong and powerful, I hold my body higher and straighter, and am happier for it.

It is not insanity, you see, it is ritual. We say that doing the same thing over and over expecting a different result is insane, but each time I worship, come to the Lord's Table, say the Lord's Prayer, or sit in silence with the intention of hearing God, am I not changed?

When we practice our rituals, not just an "outward observance", but a discipline of worship, mission, fellowship and prayer, we are able to cope better, lessen our anxiety, have a community to call on in good times and in bad, and rest our souls in grace. In other words, live a more holistic life.

Maybe it's insane to the world, but maybe a little insanity is what we all really need, after all, look at Jesus...

See you next week. Same place, same time.

-Pastor Shannon

# Christian Education Corner

## Children

Our Sunday school kick off was September 13 and was a success! We gathered, had a lesson, and teachers were introduced. September 20<sup>th</sup> was the first Sunday of regular Sunday school.

October brings Halloween and “Tricks or Treats”. This year I would like to ask parents to have their students share a tenth of their candy. This means that for every ten pieces of candy they receive, one should be set aside for Sarah’s Hope, a shelter for women and children. This is also a good way to teach math skills! You may bring your candy to church and place it in the Halloween tub in the back of the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 1. Our deacons will take the candy and deliver it to Sarah’s Hope.

## Youth

Youth Group met on Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>. We gathered in the Sanctuary for a lesson about privilege and tolerance, enjoyed pizza for dinner and packaged the “College Goodie Boxes”. There were seven students in attendance.

For our October meeting (the 11<sup>th</sup>) we will explore the differences of All Saints Day and Halloween. Do you know the difference? After our exploration we will take to the church grounds in a scavenger hunt to find prizes!

I am looking for Youth who would like to be part of the junior worship team. This entails reading scripture at services, taking offering, and handing out bulletins. I would like to invite those in 5 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to be a part of the team. We will discuss the possibilities at our next youth fellowship meeting in October.

## Adult

Presbyterian Women met on the second Monday of September with 6 ladies in attendance. Our first lesson started us at the beginning! We studied Genesis 1 and 2. Our focus was on how out of the waters of chaos God created everything and it was good!

I also learned about the “least coin” program sponsored by the Presbyterian Women. Each time the bible study group meets they offer to share whatever small coins they have that day. These coins are then used for a larger purpose. They are collected at each meeting and the women pray for peace, justice, and reconciliation among families and communities, and worldwide. Each year the coins are donated to the Fellowship of the Least Coin fund as a symbol of prayer, and the coins support projects for women and children around the world.

## Adult Sunday School

Do you sometimes feel like the media are making us crazy with all the things they tell us we need to be happy? Do you sometimes wish you could respond better to people who do things like cut you off in traffic? Do you wish you could love others better and be more merciful? Are you at peace? Are you comfortable with God? How do you deal with loss, the aches and pains of life, death? Do you wonder whether you’ll get to heaven? These are a few of the topics we would like to explore, and any others you have. Kim Bednarik and Rick Losemann met on Sunday, September 27 in the Pastor’s office to share ideas for a year of adult learning.

*-Cheryl Goode*



The preschool has been busy with lots of orientations. So far, the children are separating nicely and learning the new routines quickly. Throughout the month, the students will learn about school, friends, apples, farm animals, and themselves. They will use graphs to determine their favorite apple and examine the results. The children will learn about various farm animals and make some tasty butter. The children will also have the opportunity to record their favorite colors, books, foods, and activities in "All about Me" books. These are only a few of the educational and fun lessons .

The classes are almost full with the exception of the CC3's. Since the teacher/student ratio changes from the 2's (2 teachers per 12 children) to the 3's (2 teachers per 20 children), we have quite a few spaces to fill. We are slowly getting more registrations.

Our Innisbrook Fundraiser has begun, and we are hoping to raise money to add more sand and wood chips. If anyone is interested in purchasing any gifts, food items or wrapping paper, please contact the preschool office. We will provide you with a catalog and order information.

As we end summer and approach fall, we look forward to beginning the school year with our new groups of students. They will have the opportunity to learn the new routine and enjoy being at school. This will be yet another great year at Ashland!

- Anne Auvil  
Pre-School Director



## Women's FELLOWSHIP

### **BEST BOOK CLUB EVER**

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

If you are an Ashland Presbyterian Church woman, you are invited to our Bible Study/Fellowship the 2nd Monday, September through May, at 12:30 p.m. The APC Presbyterian Women support various activities of our church. Share this fellowship with APC women and enjoy the 2015-16 Bible Study, *Come to the*

*Waters*, by Judy Record Fletcher. Contact Susan Williams, Moderator, at 410-785-6955, for additional information.

On the Calendar for Presbyterian Women:

**Monday, October 12, 2015, Ashland Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Fellowship, Lesson 2, at the home of Susan Williams. 12:30 p.m.**

**SAVE THE DATE—Fall Presbytery Gathering, November 14, 2015, with workshops specifically for PW by the PW Coordinating Team.**

PW Gathering on Saturday, November 14, 2015 starting at 9:00 AM. The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County will host the Gathering. This will be the first time the PW Fall Gathering will "piggyback" with the November General Presbyterian Gathering.

- Susan Williams



## **The Musician's Prayer**

-Anonymous

*Oh Lord, please bless this music  
that it might glorify your name.*

*May the talent that you have  
bestowed upon me be used only to  
serve you.*

*Let this music be a witness to your  
majesty and love, and remind us  
that you are always watching,  
and listening, from your throne  
above.*

*May your presence and beauty be  
found in every note, and may the  
words that are sung reach the  
hearts of your people so they will  
draw closer to you.*

*May your Spirit guide us through  
every measure so that we might be  
the instruments of your peace, and  
proclaim your glory with glad  
voices. Amen*

On Sunday, October 11, Second Sunday  
Special Music welcomes the Flute Duo  
Judy Sammel and Merrell Weiss.  
Following is information to help you get  
to know the performers.

### **Merrell Weiss**

A transplanted New Yorker, Merrell studied flute and piccolo with Frederick William Heim of the New York Philharmonic. She retired from the federal government after a 25 year career as a computer specialist. She is a founding member of the Baltimore Philharmonia Orchestra and performs with them on the flute and piccolo. Merrell is very active in the local community music scene. She enjoys playing in theatre orchestras, and has performed with the St. Gabriel Players, Reisterstown Theatre Project, Liberty Showcase Theatre, Glyndon Area Players, and St. Paul's School in Brooklandville. She also performs with the Chesapeake Concert Band and the Social Security Administration Band.

### **Judy Sammel**

Judy currently performs with the Baltimore Philharmonia Orchestra, the UMBC Wind Ensemble, and the Frederick Flute Choir. In the flute choir, she performs on piccolo, concert flute, alto flute, bass flute, and contrabass flute. Groups she's performed with in the past include the Gettysburg Symphony, Longwood Symphony (Boston), Londontowne (MD) Symphony, Columbia (MD) Orchestra, Columbia (MD) Concert Band (including as a soloist), Herrenberg Stadtorchester (Germany), Rhein Hessische Bläserphilharmonie (Germany), and a variety of chamber ensembles and in community theater pit orchestras. She's participated in concert tours to France, China, and Turkey with the International Flute Orchestra. She has a B.S. in Mathematics, an M.S. in Computer Science, and recently retired after a 33-year career with the federal government.

On a sad note one of our former flutists, Michele Grden passed away on Sept. 13th at age 52 from Multiple Myeloma. She will be greatly missed. Judy Sammel and Michele played here several times and Merrell Weiss is a newcomer.

### **Looking Ahead:**

November 8th: The Satyr Hill Blue Grass Band  
December 20th: Brass Reflections



Peg Paterson  
Coordinator

We will have **one** service on **Sunday, October 25th at 11:00 a.m.** due to the Komen Race for the Cure. Please allow extra time to get to church this morning due to all the lane closures.

**Road closures are as follows:**

- Shawan Road at York Road: no traffic will be permitted to travel westbound on Shawan Road after 6 a.m. At 7:30 a.m. all southbound traffic on York Road will only be allowed to go onto the Giant parking lot.
- Shawan Road at the entrance to the Hunt Valley Towne Centre (east entrance, across from Verizon): no traffic will be permitted to exit the Towne Centre parking lot after 6 a.m.
- Shawan Road at main entrance to Hunt Valley Towne Centre (near light rail): no traffic will be permitted to exit the Towne Centre parking lot after 6 a.m. Once the end of the race is on Schilling Road, eastbound Shawan Road will be opened.
- Shawan Road at McCormick Road: no traffic will be permitted to enter Shawan Road from McCormick Road Pedestrians will be assisted in crossing. All eastbound traffic on Shawan Road from N/B I-83 will be directed to turn left onto McCormick Road Traffic from S/B I-83 entering eastbound Shawan Road will be directed to turn left onto International Drive.
- McCormick Road at International Circle: traffic will be directed from eastbound International Circle left on McCormick Road No traffic will be permitted to turn right onto McCormick Road toward Shawan Road
- Westbound Shawan Road ramp to northbound I-83: pedestrians will be assisted along Shawan Road
- Westbound Shawan Road at ramp from northbound I-83: pedestrians will be assisted along Shawan Road
- Westbound Shawan Road at ramp to southbound I-83: pedestrians will be assisted along Shawan Road
- Eastbound Shawan Road at ramp to northbound I-83: pedestrians will be assisted along Shawan Road
- Eastbound Shawan Road at ramp from southbound I-83: pedestrians will be assisted along Shawan Road
- McCormick Road at Schilling Circle: at 6 a.m. no **vehicles** will be permitted to travel N/B on McCormick Road. At 7:30 a.m. no vehicles will be permitted on Schilling Road and McCormick Road. All vehicles coming out of Schilling Circle will be directed to go southbound on McCormick Road

*So many shades of gold  
Autumn  
Another miracle we take for granted  
Another expression of the artist's vision  
The blending of the autumn hues  
with the setting sun  
Warm  
Comforting  
Perfect  
Thank you for autumn, Lord*



**Early Worship 9:00 am**  
**Christian Education Classes 10:00 am**  
**Worship 11:00 am**

**WEEKLY EVENTS ...**

**Sundays**                      **Special Needs Troop #927 2:00 p.m.; Church of the Nazarene 5:00 pm**  
**Tuesdays**                    **Daisy Troop #625 7:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesdays**                **Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings 8:30 p.m.**  
**Thursdays**                    **Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir: 8:00 p.m.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 Worship Services 11:00 am—World Communion Sunday Sunday School 10:00 am	5 Project Linus 9:30 am	6	7	8	9	10
11 Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 am Special Music at 11 am Sunday School 10:00 am  Youth Group 5:00—7:00 pm	12 Women's Group 12:30 pm	13 Session 6:30 pm	14 Newsletter Deadline	15	16	17
18 Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am	19	20	21	22	23	24 Sarah's Hope
25 Worship Services 11:00 am No Sunday School	26	27 Committee Night 6:30 pm	28	29	30	31 

# ASHLAND CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

**10/3** Carl Schleunes  
**10/4** Pat Morgan  
**10/8** Melissa Florendo  
**10/20** Melissa Cole  
**10/23** Laura Baldwin  
 Annette Merrill  
 Neil Ruther  
  
**10/27** Tom Grubb  
**10/28** Maggie Meacham  
 Steve Miller  
 JoAnn Ruther

## ANNIVERSARIES

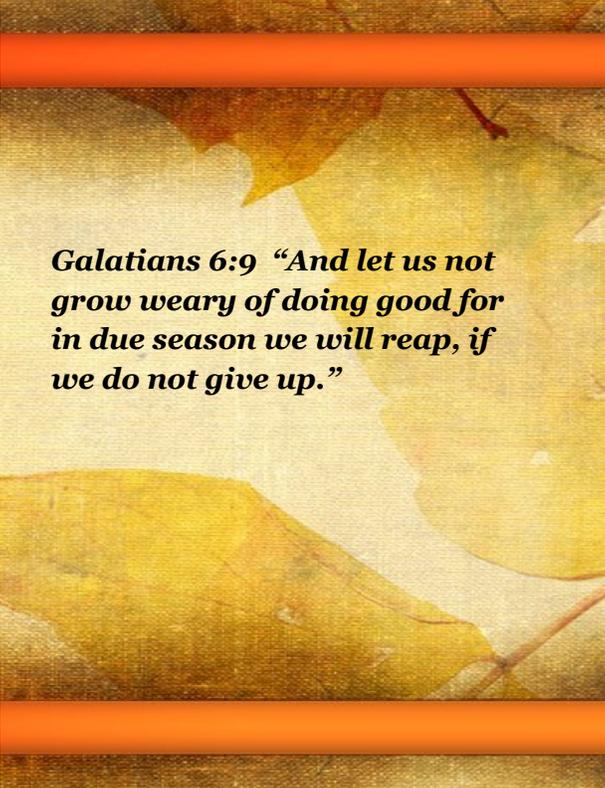
**10/12** Nancy & Charles Stickle  
**10/18** Carol & John Walter  
**10/25** Jeanette & Ron Baldwin

Do we have YOUR family's important dates to share and celebrate? Have we made any mistakes? Please contact the Church Office at 410-527-1844, or [office@ashlandpc.org](mailto:office@ashlandpc.org) with additions and/or corrections for the database.

## ASSIGNMENTS

2015	OCTOBER
USHERS/ GREETERS	10/4 Deb & Steve Miller
	10/11 Bob & Karen Hensley
	10/18
	10/25 Deb Miller
SERVERS	10/4 Jennefer Thomas & Susan Ruhl
LITURGIST	10/4 Priscilla Barnett
	10/11
	10/18 Susan Ruhl
	10/25
VAN DRIVERS	10/4 Bill Kobokovich
	10/11 Kim Bednarick
	10/18 Bob Hensley
	10/25 Mike Benzak

There are still opportunities in October for ushers, greeters, or liturgists. If you come to worship, why not sign up to be involved?



*Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."*



**Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
Where there is injury, pardon  
Where there is doubt, faith,  
Where there is despair, hope,  
Where there is darkness, light,  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so  
much seek to be consoled as to console,  
not so much to be understood as to  
understand,  
not so much to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

--- St. Francis of Assisi



**Worship 9 & 11**  
**October 11 & 18**  
**November 1, 15, 22, & 29**

**Worship 11am Only**

**October 4**  
World Communion Sunday  
Church of the Nazarene

**October 25**  
Race for the Cure

**November 8**

**This Season**

**In Worship**



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*God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them—Hebrews 6:10*

