



Ashland Church News

MARCH 2013

Dear Ashland Family,

It's a short few months between the joy of Advent and Christmas and the passion, pain and triumph of Lent and Easter. When it's explained, most adults can grasp the symbolic nature and annual rhythm of the Christian year. But for the child who is more literal, the interval between the baby Jesus, whom we meet at Christmas, and the adult Jesus, whom we crucify and bury during Holy Week, is just too short.

How do we help our young concrete thinkers embrace the meaning of Lent and Easter without scaring them or pushing them away?

Traditionally, the season of Lent has been a season of faith formation in the church. As we involve children in the various events of the season, we allow them hands-on experiences of repentance, forgiveness, community, sadness and joy. When a child attends an Ash Wednesday service and receives the mark of ashes, there is an opportunity to talk about who we are as children of the earth. There will be death; there will be burial for each of us. We can tell our children that even Jesus experienced death and burial, but death was not the end for Jesus. Neither is death the end for us, for Jesus promises to welcome us to a life beyond any wonderful thing we can know. This is our hope forever and ever.

It is often difficult to talk about such things as adults, let alone as children. But the concrete experiences of Lenten worship give us entry points for sharing God's wonderful, hopeful promises with children.

At the beginning of Lent, we mark the time when Jesus is sent into the wilderness. While there, He prays and prepares for what lies ahead for Him. Likewise, the season of Lent can be presented to children as a time to pause, to pray, and to prepare for what lies ahead for us. These brief six weeks can stand as a respite from the regular rhythms of life. Families and congregations can set aside this time for special study, prayer, or weekly fellowship. Parents and teachers can use the Lenten season to teach children about prayer by helping them to learn and memorize the Lord's Prayer or the Apostles' Creed, or to read the Bible passages about Jesus praying. Parents can encourage a family prayer time each week or each night during Lent.

The Last Supper, which Jesus shared with his friends, is another concrete Bible story that churches and families can share with children. Whether the Last Supper is recalled during a Maundy Thursday worship service, or during the celebration of communion on a Sunday morning, children hear and experience Jesus calling his friends to gather around a table with Him. Children are able to connect with this concept of people who gather to share a special meal. In the celebration of communion, Jesus and his friends are likened to an extended family, as the church community is the extended family for those who worship together. Common table elements are blessed, shared, and eaten, just as families often share common foods at home. The communion table is also an entry point for talking with children about Jesus' final meal with his friends and the meal we continue to share in our churches. At these meals, we remember Jesus. We can also talk with children about sharing this communion meal again with Jesus and with all of our friends and family, in heaven and on earth. This can be a rich teaching moment for a child to draw on each time the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the church.

Finally, the brightness and joy of Easter morning stands as an antidote to the solemn passion of Holy Week. The reality of life is that sadness, pain, and disappointment exist. All children, as well as adults, have experienced these emotions on some level in their lives. Easter morning and Jesus' resurrection stand in our faith tradition as ringing affirmations that there is good. God is good. Light shines and darkness cannot overcome it (John 1:5)!

We want to talk to our children about these things. We want to tell them the good news, to tell them about Jesus, to assure them God holds all things in His hand. Words can't convey all the mysteries of faith. Experiencing events in concrete ways, participating, worshiping, praying, and celebrating, give openings for the words we want to share. Ultimately what we seek for our children is that they embrace the faith we have also received. Let's walk along with them and deepen our faith together.

Pastor Shannon



A great big "thank you" to Graham Hensley and fellow scouts Peter Vaccacio, Sean & Ben Demchak, Nick Inglisa and Sam Crosby, along with their leader Gene Ruhl from Troop 485 for the terrific job of renovating the sewing room. Graham will be receiving his Eagle Scout badge on May 26th. Congratulations on your accomplishments.

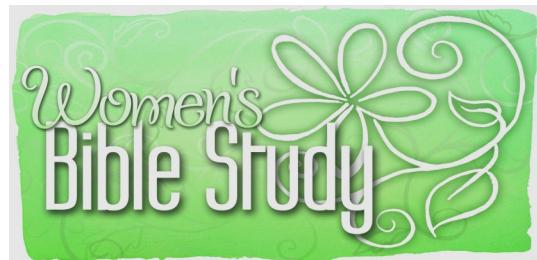
All the quilters were so pleased to see the addition of shelves and fresh paint. This newly clean, bright and uncluttered room can also be used as a pleasant gathering space for congregational meetings and events.

The Project Linus Ladies

(Presbyterian) WOMEN

CELEBRATING PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Best Book Club EVER!!

You Are Invited!



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 scholarships in Guatemala through the Mary Helen Grimm Scholarship Fund, the washing/social mission contributions sent to Cabaiguan, Cuba, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Sarah's Hope, etc. Share this fellowship with APC women and enjoy the 2012-13 Bible Study, *Dispatches to God's Household—The General Epistles*. Contact Susan Williams, Moderator, at 410-785-6955, for additional information.

On the Calendar for Presbyterian Women:

Monday, March 11, *Dispatches to God's Household—The General Epistles*, Lessons 6 & 7 at the home of Kathy Nicht, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, April 8, *Dispatches to God's Household—The General Epistles*, Lesson 8 at the home of Pat Morgan, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27, Spring Gathering, at Grace Presbyterian Church, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Thanks so much to our Ashland family for the many phone calls, emails, meals, cards, prayers, and visits after the death of my father, G. Leroy Haslup, on February 3rd. Words cannot express the depth of our gratitude for your love and kindness during this difficult time.

*Our sincere appreciation,
Susan Ruhl and Family*

Community—“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4: 8

Ashland's Kids Corner

Dear Parents,

We're heading into a busy season...

Family Movie Night on March 2 at 6 p.m.

Palm Sunday: Combined SS classes at 10 a.m. and parents discussion on communion.
Special worship at 11 a.m. and Easter Egg Hunt at 12 p.m.

Easter on March 31st: No Sunday School classes!

We're also looking ahead to **children's worship on April 28th, closing of the Sunday School year on May 19th**, and other family programming this summer!

We hope you can join us for some or all of these programs. Please contact me,
KCashin@ashlandpc.org, if you have any questions.

Peace,
Katie



The ground hog, who has a success rate of 39%, has "proclaimed" that it will be an early spring. I'm all for that but while we wait there will be lots to do and celebrate in February. The children are preparing for Valentine's Day by learning about being special friends to each other, making cards and painting giant hearts. This holiday is such a favorite of theirs. They love the treats but more than anything they love opening all the cards from their friends. February also brings the opportunity to learn about our early presidents and the values they taught us.

We have begun our registrations for the fall. Our return registrations are coming in steadily and it seems we are in a better place this year than we were last year at this time. If we can fill the T, Th3s and the PM Pilot I think we'll be in decent shape. The whole thing, we've discovered over the years, is a long process that takes almost until the start of the new school year to be resolved. Please spread the word that we are currently accepting registration for the fall sessions.

This month, Little Helping Hands is collecting bedtime items for St. Vincent's Children's Center. We will have Pajama Days when the children will wear P.Js to school and, hopefully, they will bring underwear, P.J.s or other useful and needed items for the children at the Children's Center.



...FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

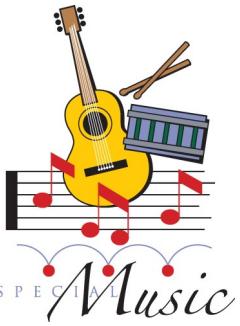
UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP FUN ACTIVITIES

DAY	DATE	TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION
Sat	3/2	6-8:30 pm	Family Movie Night	Fellowship Hall
Sun	3/10	12 pm	Coffee Hour	Classroom 5
Sun	3/24	12 pm	Easter Egg Hunt	Playground/Yard
Thurs	3/28	6 pm	Soup and Bread Supper	Fellowship Hall

Explore Faithful Ways Through Religious Conflicts: " A MUSLIM PERSPECTIVE" with IMAM F. ABDUL RAUF

Wednesday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m.
Kraushaar Auditorium, Goucher College
1021 Dulaney Valley Rd, Towson
Free Lecture with Q & A
More Info? see www.icjs.org
Carpool Needed? Call Bonnie at 410-472-2758

The talented young artist, Jacqueline Pollauf will provide special music for the March 10th traditional service at 11:00am. Jacqueline made her debut at the age of 16 with the Perrysburg Symphony Orchestra. She has made appearances with many other orchestras including the Baltimore Symphony as well as a recitalist. She released her first solo album "Bouquet" in 2009.



Jacqueline seeks to explore and expand not only the role of classical music in society, but also the perception and capabilities of the Harp. As part of this mission, Jacqueline is a member of Pictures on Silence, a duo with saxophonist Dr. Noah Getz. Jacqueline is on the faculties of the Univ. of Md., Balto. Co., American University., Goucher College and the Baltimore School for the Arts. In addition, she is the founder and director of the Baltimore Harp Camp. Jacqueline holds Master and Bachelor of Music degrees from the Peabody Conservatory.

Special Note: This is the weekend we return to DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME so do not forget to set your clocks ahead!

Looking Ahead: Easter Sunday, March 31st: Greg Small, Trumpeter

Celebration—“Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; celebrate His lovely name with music.” Psalm 135: 3

DEACONS REPORT AND APPEAL – APC Newsletter March 2013

HELP

The APC deacons are still hoping to identify an overall coordinator for fellowship and hospitality events held at the church or taking place off-site. In the past this job was assumed by the Fellowship Committee Chairperson, a position that has remained unfilled for over a year now. For 2013 the members of the Board of Deacons have developed a skeleton calendar that includes:

On-going events, such as monthly coffee hours, Sarah's Hope meals ...

Liturgical events, such as the Maundy Thursday supper & worship, outdoor worship & picnic ...

Departmental or committee sponsored events, such as Sunday school kick-off and closing, children's Easter egg hunt, mission fairs ...

These types of events will be placed on the calendar by Debbie in the church office as they are proposed and approved, and the coordinating person or team will be identified on the calendar.

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Special events, such as small group dinners, holiday social events, dinner or sports outings ...

Special events can be scheduled upon the written request of a sponsoring person or group with the approval of the pastor and/or the session. An event coordinator must be identified before the event can be scheduled. The coordinator can then arrange with Debbie to post the event details on the calendar, place a notice in the bulletin and newsletter, and put a sign-up sheet for volunteers and participants on the hall

GOT QUESTIONS? Contact JoAnn Ruther at 443-212-5161

WANT TO SERVE AS EVENTS COORDINATOR? Definitely call JoAnn!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBPAGE...



The Ashland Presbyterian website www.ashlandpc.org has been updated. We have organized the site menu based on our core values:

- Celebration – Worship and Music
- Commitment – Staff
- Community – Session, Newsletter, and Church Business
- Faith – Christian Ed, Youth Group
- Love – Deacons, Congregational Care, Fellowship, Women's Association
- Mission
- Pre-School

The lower section of the home page also offers three sections of information for visitors:

- Welcome with worship times, directions, an email link, tour, and site map.
- Questions and Answers
- This Season in Worship, a summary of what to expect in worship.

We hope the website will evolve and grow as everyone becomes familiar with it. If you would like to contribute an article or post to the website please send an email to cbwalter@ashlandpc.org.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter via on-line please sign up in the church hall.

The Ashland Church Family CARES ... *Update from the Ashland Angels*



Hello dear friends. May this find you joyfully tolerating the last days of winter (I hope!).

A special thanks to Barb and Bill Crow for providing transportation to and from the hospital (outpatient procedure) for Betty Wirtz. Some of our frozen dinners (lovingly prepared by our own Ashland folks) were delivered to the Thompsons courtesy of the Pribbles. Thank you Noble and Mary. Sue Ruhl's father passed away recently; and on behalf of the Angels I want to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Ruhl family. A meal was prepared and delivered to them, thanks to JoAnn Ruther and Bonnie Clarke. All of these many good deeds are greatly appreciated.

There will be a Care Meeting on Tuesday, 2/26, at APC, during Committee Meeting Night. Any significant information will be shared in the next Newsletter. In closing, I would like to remind all of you to be especially mindful of those Ashland folks who may not be able to attend our services, or who may be having special care needs. Your phone call, card, and/or visit might be just what they need to know they are not forgotten. Please do what you can and thank you for your concern and help.

*God Bless you all,
Penny DeBoer*

You who have received so much love, share it with others.

*Love others the way that God has loved you,
with tenderness.*

Mother Teresa

SARAH'S HOPE

Please remember Sarah's Hope during one of your next shopping trips!

<i>Bread</i>	<i>Paper cups</i>	<i>Granola Bars</i>
<i>Fresh fruit</i>	<i>Paper Plates</i>	<i>Graham Crackers</i>
<i>Breakfast bars</i>	<i>Toothbrushes & paste</i>	<i>Fruit Cups</i>
<i>Pop tarts</i>	<i>Shampoo</i>	<i>Cookies</i>
<i>Cereal</i>	<i>Deodorant</i>	<i>Plastic ware</i>
<i>Instant oatmeal</i>	<i>Dove Soap</i>	<i>Napkins</i>
<i>Canned fruit (big cans)</i>	<i>Liquid Soap</i>	<i>Laundry detergent</i>
<i>Shelf-stable milk</i>	<i>Lotion</i>	<i>Aspirin</i>
<i>Peanut butter and jelly</i>	<i>Feminine Hygiene products</i>	<i>Band aids</i>
<i>Soup and stews (big cans)</i>	<i>Razors</i>	<i>First Aid kits</i>
<i>Frozen hot dogs</i>	<i>Baby wipes</i>	<i>Towels & wash clothes</i>
<i>Frozen hamburgers</i>	<i>Diapers</i>	<i>Twin Sheets</i>
<i>Hot dog & hamburger rolls</i>	<i>Formula</i>	

Mission—“I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.” John 13: 15

Lectionary Texts for MARCH

March 3rd:	Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:108; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
March 10th:	Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
March 17th:	Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
March 24th:	<i>Palms:</i> Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 <i>Passion:</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49
March 31st:	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
	<i>Easter Evening:</i> Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49



Ashland Church Office Hours **410-527-1844**

Rev. Shannon Meacham Schedule will be posted weekly in the Bulletin. You are always welcome to drop by the office, but please call ahead if you want to schedule a specific time.
Pastor

Katie Cashin Katie's office hours will be posted weekly in the bulletin.
Director of Children & Family Ministries

Debbie Pfeifer Mon, Wed, and Fri.— 9:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m.
Office Assistant



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The Rev. Shannon Meacham ~ Pastor
Gloria Hunt ~ Organist/Choir Director
Rob Kelly ~ Director of Contemporary Music and Creative Arts
Katie Cashin ~ Director of Children and Family Ministries
Sara Carney ~ Youth Coordinator
Cathie Lansdell ~ Pre-school Director

ASHLAND CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATIONS



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| 3/3 | Lil Holland |
| 3/4 | Zach Kobokovich |
| 3/6 | Michael Porter |
| 3/8 | Sandy St. Germain |
| 3/9 | Harrison Beckwith |
| | Tom Griffiths |
| | Bill Kobokovich |
| 3/10 | Amy Rudai |
| 3/14 | Margie Berlin |
| 3/15 | Thomas Beckwith |
| | Hank Bethel |
| 3/18 | Chris Cole |
| 3/19 | Mason Braverman |
| 3/22 | Pat Rudai |
| 3/29 | Jacquie Sasser |

ANNIVERSARIES

3/14

**Bill Kobokovich and
Carla Ulgen**



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 with additions and/or corrections for the database.

ASSIGNMENTS

We Need:

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HELP MAKE CHURCH HAPPEN!
**Volunteer *today* for one of these
essential jobs!**

LITURGISTS – lead the printed Call to Worship, read the First Scripture Lesson, receive the Offering and pray the Prayer of Dedication

USHERS – prepare and restore sanctuary before and after worship. Insure that other assignments are covered. Assist with seating, distribution of prayer cards and any other needs of the congregation. CONTACT: **Carla Ulgen or Jacquie Sasser**

GREETERS – cheerfully greet worshippers and hand-out bulletins, introduce themselves to visitors and give them a Welcome Packet.

CONTACT: **Carla Ulgen or Jacquie Sasser**

VAN DRIVERS – pick-up and return worshippers from Broadmead Retirement Community. Training required. CONTACT: **Bill Kobokovich**

COMMUNION	LITURGISTS 11:00 am	USHERS	VAN DRIVERS
3/3 Kim Aspden	3/3 3/10 3/17 3/24 3/31	3/3, 3/10, 3/17 Jerry & Penny Deboer 3/24 Amy Cavolo & Dawn Habicht 3/31	3/3 Jerry DeBoer 3/10 Noble Pribble 3/17 Butch Zink 3/24 Kim Bednarik 3/31 Will Meacham

Ashland Presbyterian Church Calendar

Contemporary Worship ~ 9:00 am

Adults' Bible Study ~ 10:00 am

Christian Education Classes ~ 10:00 am

Traditional Worship ~ 11:00 am



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 MOVIE NIGHT 6-8:30 p.m.
3 3rd Sun. in Lent COMMUNION  DEADLINE FOR LILY SIGN-UP	4 PROJECT LINUS 9:30 a.m.	5	6	7	8	9
10 4th Sun. in Lent  DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS 2ND SUN SPECIAL MUSIC JACQUELINE POLLAUF COFFEE HOUR	11 WOMEN'S GROUP 12:30 p.m. at the home of Kathy Nicht	12 SESSION MEETING 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15	16
17 5th Sun. in Lent	18	19	20 APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21	22	23 SARAH'S HOPE ~ 2-5 p.m.
24 Passion/Palm Sunday BLENDED WORSHIP ~ 11 am  Easter Egg Hunt 12 pm	24 Preschool Spaghetti Dinner	26	27	28 Soup & Bread Supper 6 p.m.  Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 p.m.	29  GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE NOON Church offices closed	30
31 Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter BLENDED WORSHIP 11 am  Special Music by Greg Small						

WEEKLY EVENTS ... Wednesdays - Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting 8:30 pm

Thursdays - Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30pm ~ Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m.



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UPCOMING HOLY WEEK/EASTER SERVICES AT ASHLAND

March 24th



Palm and Passion Sunday

11:00 a.m. Blended Service with Liturgy of the Palms & Liturgy of the Passion
Featuring Children's Sunday school Classes
12:00 p.m. Easter egg Hunt

March 28th

Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. – Soup and bread supper
7:00 p.m. – Service with Holy Communion



March 29th

Good Friday

Noon – Service in the style of Taize

March 31st



Easter Sunday

11:00 a.m. Blended Service with Special Music
(No Sunday school Classes on Easter Sunday)