

# Ashland Church News

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#### **Director of Christian Education**

**Cheryl Goode**

#### **Director of Music**

Yeri Jang

#### **Pre-school Director**

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## Worship Committee Report

This summer saw various worship configurations during the single summer service – traditional, blended, contemporary, special, and our end of summer outdoor worship and picnic. (We're going on faith on this last one, as this is written before it is scheduled to occur!) As we prepare for cooler weather, changing leaves, and the start of school, we are also contemplating what to do with our worship services. The goal of the worship committee is to assist and support Pastor Shannon and provide a meaningful spiritual experience for all who seek it. But what constitutes a meaningful, spiritual experience is different for each person. We started the early "contemporary" service over ten years ago to offer a different way to speak with God (and to alleviate our parking problems!) The attendance at that service has ebbed and flowed. With our recent loss of Rob, as well as other congregational changes, the attendance at that service has been more on the "ebbing" side of the equation.

Some of the things we love about that service – it is more informal, participatory, and relaxed. It is a more intimate experience, where we all pass communion to each other. And of course, the music is quite different. Some things in question – is the time of the service (9:00 am) the best time? Would a different format work better? Is there a need for two services still? If we move back to one service, do we want to keep some of the contemporary music and features, at least occasionally?

These are things the worship committee will be exploring this fall. We will start back in September (after Labor Day) with two services. The first service may see some more experimentation with different formats, which we will try to communicate to you in advance. We will be gauging the interest in having that first service continue as a separate service, or incorporating some of the early service elements into a single service. This discernment process will go on throughout the fall and Advent. A decision will be made at the beginning of the year, by Session, as to what direction to go with that service. If you have thoughts or ideas, please seek out a member of Session or Worship committee and let us know! We really want your input!

Blessings from the Worship Committee,  
Rene Florendo, Jacquie Sasser, Sarah Beckwith, Peg Patterson, Yeri So,  
Rick Losemann, Carla Ulgen



I can't believe one year as the Director passed so quickly. It has been a productive year with many new learning experiences. This summer has been filled with fun activities for the children such as water days, a luau, a summer picnic with hot dogs, and a movie day. The children learned about summer foods, ocean creatures, camping, and the beach. They made a painted king salmon, butterflies with cereal wings, 3D sea snails, the ocean in a bottle, hand and foot print parrots, liberty bells with real bells, and many more creative art projects.

The quiet of the summer program will soon change because the nursery program will be back in session. Most of the classes are full except for the Child Care 3's and Child Care 2's. I am still giving tours to prospective families, so I am hopeful the numbers for these classes will increase. Anyone who knows of families looking for child care, please have them contact us.

The summer seems to be winding down and preparations for the start of the school year are beginning. I know that we will have another great year at the preschool!

**Pre-school Director**  
Anne Auvil

## 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, September 14, Ashland Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Fellowship, Lesson 1, 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 that the PW Fall Gathering will "piggyback" with the November General Presbyterian Gathering.

Women will register and pay a fee for the Gathering, and choose a workshop to attend. Details will follow.

The Bible Study Workshop will be led by Terry Martin-Minnick. We will join the General assembly for lunch.

Another workshop has been discussed for attendees. This would comment on issues such as the money collected and dispersed by PW, roles for the CT, and who are the Presbyterian Women. After all, "We are not your mother's PW anymore, and we aren't making punch!"

## Personnel Committee Notes

Welcome to our new Director of Christian Education! In August, we introduced Cheryl Goode as our new Director of Christian Education. Cheryl is a resident of New Cumberland, Pennsylvania and most recently served for seven years as Director of Children and Family Ministry for Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg. She is an Associate Christian Educator and has worked with all age groups including preschool and elementary level through senior high. Cheryl is also a member of the Presbyterian Youth Council of Carlisle Presbytery. Being an advocate for children and youth is an important part of Cheryl's life. In her free time, Cheryl enjoys gardening, reading and cooking in her spare time. Please welcome Cheryl to our Ashland family!

### **A Note About Office Hours:**

With the addition of our new staff members, office hours may have changed. The office hours for Pastor Shannon, our new DCE Cheryl and our office manager Cecil are listed in the weekly bulletin. We also post the weekly office schedule on the bulletin board in the church office hallway.

- Carla Ulgen

## *JOURNEYS*

My faith journey has brought me to this warm and welcoming church. In my initial conversations with Pastor Shannon and Karen Hensley I was struck by Ashland's commitment to mission. I see a commitment to mission through prayer, generous giving and service. I also see a commitment to this faith community. I am excited to be part of this community and grow with all of you on this journey.

In Marjorie Thompsons' book, "Soul Feast", she talks about spiritual direction in the Christian tradition. As we know there are spiritual teachers, pastors, rabbis, priests, elders or mentors. There are also spiritual learners, disciples, apprentices, and followers. Our spiritual guidance can come from any and all of these. All of us are given the grace of the Holy Spirit to be shared within our faith community and beyond.

The responsibility of a spiritual guide is to listen to others, help them be aware of God's presence, help us to respond to God's call, and to love you and pray for you. Most importantly they will model all of these things in their daily life.

I see Ashland as a community that is full of spiritual direction, and who is ready and willing to model that which Jesus has called us to do and be.

Peace to you!

Cheryl

## Christian Education Corner

### Children

For all the children (and teens) at Ashland, welcome back after a good summer break! Sunday School begins September 13 with a Kick-off in Fellowship Hall that includes a continental breakfast, registration and meeting teachers, and a short program. After breakfast and registration, students will go to their classrooms with their teachers. Parents we need you there too!

### Youth

Youth Group is gearing up for a new year. Our first week together is September 13 starting at 5:00pm. We will enjoy worship, dinner and an activity to let the college students know we are thinking of them too! Come help us fill "Goodie Boxes" for our college students.

### Adult

Calling all adults! Calling all adults! We would love to see you here at Ashland as we begin Adult Sunday School. The year will start on September 13, 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Come study the Bible with Kim Bednarik (other teachers to be determined) and fellowship together!

### Congratulations to Teen Sunday School !

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Teen Sunday School class hosted a fund-raising event for Habitat for Humanity. Our class spent the spring learning about homelessness and Ashland's long-standing involvement with this mission project. The event included food, fun activities for the younger Sunday School classes including games, a video, and building activity stations for children of all ages. The event finished off with a rousing auction of gingerbread houses made by each class and other dollhouse or Lego structures. The class raised over \$1200 and a check was presented to Leanna Powell of Habitat on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the Teen Class for their dedicated efforts and thanks to the congregation for making this a success!

Six members of the Teen Sunday School class also completed their confirmation studies this spring and presented their statements of faith to the congregation on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We welcome Harry Beckwith, Justin Ciemian, Lisa Eshleman, Amy Eshleman, Drew Wagner, and Robbie Wheeler as new members of Ashland Church.

Finally, we wish good luck to our senior high students starting college this fall – Cerys Beckwith, Zach Kobokovich, Elyssa Ruth, Natalie Wagner, and Emily Wheeler. Cerys and Emily were also recipients of the Dawn Audi-Racke scholarship awards.

Carla Ulgen

# Hello September

*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.**
- 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
		1	2	3 Chancel Choir rehearsal resumes	4	5
6 Worship 11:00 am	7 Office Closed  	8 Session 6:30 pm	9	10	11	12
13 Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Special Music at 11:0 am Worship Charm City Bronze Bell Choir	14 Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm	15	16 Newsletter Deadline	17	18	19
20 Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am	21	22 Committee Meetings 6:30 pm	23	24	25	26 Sarah's Hope
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# ASHLAND CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

**9/8** *Jean Shockley*  
**9/10** *Whitney Benzak*  
**9/14** *John Walter*  
**9/15** *Noble Pribble*  
**9/17** *Jennefer Thomas*  
**9/18** *Betty Wirtz*  
**9/21** *Carter Habicht*  
**9/22** *Phill Bednarik*  
**9/23** *Amanda Zentz*  
**9/25** *Adam Gribble*  
**9/26** *Ken Hutcherson*  
*Ron Baldwin*

## ANNIVERSARIES

**9/6** *Joy & Paul Standiford*  
**9/13** *Barb & Bill Crow*  
**9/24** *Glinda & Rene Florendo*  
**9/27** *Yvonne & Merritt Fausnaugh*  
**9/29** *Kathy & Kim Aspden*

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

As you can see, there are no ushers, greeters, or servers signed up for the month of September or any of the remaining months in the calendar year. If you come to worship, why not sign up to be involved?

Pastor Shannon is also looking for liturgists for the 11:00 a.m. Worship. Another way to share your faith!!

2015	SEPTEMBER	
USHERS/ GREETERS	9/6	
	9/13	
	9/20	
	9/27	
SERVERS	9/6	
VAN DRIVERS	9/6	Bob Hensley
	9/13	Mike Benzak
	9/20	Jerry Deboer
	9/27	Butch Zink



On Sunday, September 13, 2015, Charm City Bronze Handbell Ensemble will join us at the 11:00 a.m. Worship.

Charm City Bronze, founded in 2013 by Artistic Director Beau Lochte, performed this past Holiday season with the Children's Chorus of Maryland and last summer with Arsis Handbell Ensemble from Estonia. The group recently premiered original arrangements of Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade" and Grieg's "Piano Concerto in A Minor".

Mr. Lochte graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Composition from Towson University. He currently directs three handbell choirs including Second Presbyterian Church and also teaches piano lessons at St. Paul's School.

And looking ahead, in November, the Satyr Hill Bluegrass Band will be here.

**Peg Patterson  
Coordinator**

### **SARAH'S HOPE**

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



*Bread  
Fresh fruit  
Breakfast bars  
Pop tarts  
Cereal  
Instant oatmeal  
Canned fruit (big cans)  
Shelf-stable milk  
Peanut butter and jelly  
Soup and stews (big cans)  
Frozen hot dogs  
Frozen hamburgers  
Hot dog & hamburger rolls*

*Paper cups  
Paper Plates  
Toothbrushes & paste  
Shampoo  
Deodorant  
Dove Soap  
Liquid Soap  
Lotion  
Feminine products  
Razors  
Baby wipes  
Diapers  
Formula*

*Granola Bars  
Graham Crackers  
Fruit Cups  
Cookies  
Plastic ware  
Napkins  
Laundry detergent  
Aspirin  
Band aids  
First Aid kits  
Towels & wash clothes  
Twin Sheets*

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTING SEPTEMBER 13:

9:00 A.M. CONTEMPORARY  
10:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

**SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR—AGES 3-10**

**TEEN CHOIR—AGES 11-18**

**ADULT CHOIR—AGES 19 & UP**

**SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON THE TABLE IN  
THE HALLWAY OR E-MAIL**

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