Ashland Church News
Summer 2019

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From Pastor Paula....

1 Chronicles 16:32-34
32 Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them! 33 Let the trees of the forest sing, let them sing for joy before the LORD, 34 Give thanks to the LORD, for goodness and love flows to us from the heart of our God forever!

We welcome the arrival of spring with a loud shout of joy! The cold, dreary winter is past and the signs of a new life break forth everywhere! The summer season will soon be upon us and folks will get ready to take well earned vacations to the beach, mountains, to those places that bring joy and restoration!

Don't forget to schedule some time at Ashland Presbyterian as we welcome artists and storytellers into our summer worship:

Sheldon Lebowtiz-Gruber – Visual artist on Sunday June 23
Tracy Radosevic – Biblical storyteller on Sunday June 30
Rev. Katie Jo Sudaby – sand artist on Sunday July 28

Sunday 9 is Pentecost Sunday and we will celebrate the confirmation of Hannah Wagner and Joanna Shang! We will also be treated to special music by the **Charm City Brass Handbell Choir**.

Sunday July 14 we will welcome ***Jared Denhard and the Hagan House Brass Trio.***

So please come and join us at Worship!

- Pastor Paula

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Where in the world is Pastor Shannon?! (continued)

In our last newsletter, we followed Pastor Shannon through her journey to Greece. Here are her summer plans up to her return in August. (You can follow along on Instagram or go to: https://www.instagram.com/sabbaticalshenanigans/)

June 4-July 1 "When there is love in the home, there is joy in the heart."

Shannon will spend this time at home resting from her life-changing journey to Greece, helping the kids finish up their school year and continue the spiritual practices begun before the trip.

July 2-July 10 "Think of all the joy you'll find when you leave the world behind and bid your cares goodbye." - Peter Pan

There is no joy as infectious as seeing children happy and excited! Shannon, Derrick and their four children (two girls and two boys between the ages of 5-10) will be ecstatic to see their favorite characters come to life! All six of them will travel to Disney World in Orlando, Florida for a 5-day Disney cruise. A journey of a lifetime for all!

July 11-August 1 "There's No Place Like Home." - Dorothy, The Wizard of Oz

Recovery from Disney and continued spiritual disciplines.

August 2-5 "A jazz musician is expressive, intensely feels, fervently articulates & adventurously journeys into the unknown to create their world." -Anonymous

To celebrate the conclusion of the sabbatical time, Shannon & Derrick will travel to the Newport Jazz Festival in Rhode Island. They connected over jazz and music, along with their love of God and community. Jazz is arguably the most creative form of music and live music is often a worship experience for Shannon and makes her soul come alive!

August 6-11 "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." John 5:11

The last week of renewal time will be spent at home in prayer and thanksgiving, preparing to send the kids back to school and to return to work, refreshed and renewed in joy. Shannon will speak with her spiritual director for guided reflection on how to keep the healthy practices of the sabbatical time going upon her return to Ashland.

Pastor Shannon returns on August 12.

Time of Renewal

While Pastor Shannon is on sabbatical, this is also a time of renewal for the congregation of Ashland as well. To to do your part, please come to worship. Volunteer to serve communion, be an usher, lay reader, or host fellowship after worship. On Sunday mornings, help out. If a visitor looks lost, say hello and introduce yourself. If you haven't seen someone in a while, give them a call. Let the church office know if you hear about someone in the hospital.

If you have needs or concerns that require pastoral attention, please call Pastor Paula at 410-236-3434 (ministerpaulaw@gmail.com) or during the week, call the church office at 410-527-1844.

There are special events planned throughout the summer—come, and support them with your presence. Bring a friend!

This time of renewal is about joy. Pastor Shannon is praying for all of us while on sabbatical. Remember to keep her and her family in prayer that they may renew their lives in joy as well. Take on the discipline yourself to renew joy in your life. Take a walk in the woods, garden, travel, read, pray, and worship in joy!

Special Music has music planned for all the summer months!

On June 9, ***The Charm City Bronze Handbell Ensemble*** joins us for worship. The Choir was founded by Artistic Director Beau Lochte. The Choir is composed of adults and students who are constantly learning and improving their skills in bell playing. 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.

On July 14, the ***Hagan House Brass Trio*** under the direction of ***Jared Denhard*** will be here. Jared is a multi talented musician who has shared his many talents with us on many occasions, playing Trombone in the trio. Jared is a graduate of the Peabody Conservatory and currently teaches at Howard Community College and Stevenson University as well as freelancing in the Baltimore/Washington area. ***Adam Watson*** was born and raised in the DC area and earned a Bachelor of Music in horn performance from the University of Maryland, College Park and also free lances in the Baltimore/ Washington area. His day job involves working as a technical case manager for a veterinary software company. ***Dave Baxter*** has been teaching at the Pritchard School of Music since moving to Maryland in 2013. Previously, he was Director of Instrumental Music at Newman University in Wichita, KS. He studied at the New England Conservatory and the Cleveland Institute.

On August 11, special music will be provided by the ***Cello and Oboe Duo of Gretchen Gettes and Sandra Gerster Lisicky. Ms. Gettes*** studied with the well known cellist, Lynn Harrell, at the University of Southern California and was a member of the Pacific Northwest Ballet Orchestra. She teaches privately and is on he faculty of Goucher College and Baltimore School for the Arts. ***Mrs. Lisicky*** performs regularly with the Baltimore, Maryland and Annapolis Symphonies as well as the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, Bach Concert Series, the Orchestra of St. John's and Annapolis Opera. Mrs. Lisicky serves on the faculties of the Peabody Conservatory and the Baltimore School for the Arts.

Mark your calendar!

- Peg Paterson

Dear Friends,

A big thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, visits well wishes during my recent hospitalization and recouperation. What a blessing to have the support of the Ashland family in so many ways!

- Peg Paterson

Dear Pastor Paula & Ashland family,

Thanks to everyone for the cards, emails, flowers and other well wishes! It always puts a smile on my face when I get a new card in the mail. I'm so lucky and blessed to have my faith family & I really appreciate all of your prayers.

- Carla Ulgen

To the Ashland Congregational Care Team,

Thank you so much for always sending me such kind thoughts and cards, and of course, prayers. I appreciate and am motivated and inspired by every one.

With so much gratitude, and prayers of thanks,

- Melissa Florendo

On **Sunday, June 23**, artist ***Sheldon Gruber-Lebowitz*** will join us at worship. Sheldon tells us:

"I was born and raised in Baltimore. I'm 58 years old and converted to Christianity in 1991 after being raised in a very secular Jewish home. I count the day of my baptism as one of the most joyous and important days of my life, and my Christian faith is the center of all I am.

I recently retired after a meaningful 31 year career as an elementary school art teacher, 26 of those years in Baltimore County Public Schools. In retirement, I'm enjoying the opportunity to get back to my own artwork as a watercolor painter. Most thrilling has been my collaboration as illustrator of two recently published children's books with my author husband Mark. I have been married to my husband legally for ten years - this December - and this summer we'll celebrate 30 years as a couple.

In recent years, I have found my voice as an activist for peace and justice. Mark and I are especially passionate in our hope for the national abolition of the death penalty. We have been deeply inspired in that fight by the life and work of Sister Helen Prejean.

I'm honored to bring any gifts and graces I may possess to Ashland Presbyterian Church. I am always delighted and humbled when opportunities arise to combine my love of Christ with my love of making art! "

On **Sunday, June 30**, biblical storyteller, ***Tracy Radovic*** joins us at Worship. Tracy is a dynamic, energetic, internationally-acclaimed storyteller, educator, and retreat facilitator. Since 1991 she has traveled all over the United States, as well as to several foreign countries, bringing her special brand of humor, insight, and faith to audiences of all ages through the power of narrative.

She has a wide range of story genres that she shares—historical, humorous, fantasy, folk, poetic, personal. She particularly enjoys telling stories that provide food for thought, encouraging her listeners to look at usual occurrences in unusual ways.

Tracy's favorite stories, however, are biblical. Working across denominational lines, Tracy puts to good use the extensive training she received while working as a Director of Christian Education at First United Methodist Church in Cherryville, NC, as an adjunct professor at East Tennessee State University, as Artist-in-Resident at Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church in Baltimore, MD, as well as from her various degrees (Bachelor of Arts from Grove City College, Grove City, PA—double major in Elementary Education and Christian Ministries; Master of Religious Education from Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC; Master of Arts in Storytelling from East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN; Doctor of Ministry—focusing on Spirituality for Life Together with a special emphasis on Digital Storytelling—from Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC).

Tracy hails from Canton, Ohio but currently lives in Baltimore, MD. She is a member of the National Storytelling Network and the Network of Biblical Storytellers (NBS). She is a former NBS Board member, served for seven years as the Coordinator of their annual Festival Gathering, was the editor of their bi-monthly newsletter The Biblical Storyteller for eight years, and is now the Dean of the Academy for Biblical Storytellers. In her spare time (miniscule as it is!) she enjoys volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, photography, watching (particularly independent) movies, scrapbooking, playing her accordion, rollerblading, trips to the ocean, hanging out with her friends, and going barefoot.

On **Sunday, July 28**, sand artist **Rev. Katie Jo Sudaby** joins us at worship. Though Katie Jo had done other forms of art, when she found sand painting, she came home. A Tibetan lama at an interfaith festival mesmerized her with this art form and it's message of letting go. She taught herself the technique using tools she made from oil funnels and cake-decorating tips. After several years of only YouTube videos as her guide, she got the opportunity to study briefly with several lamas visiting Rochester, NY. Since then, her craft has blossomed. For Katie Jo, sand painting has become a way to meditate and to teach. Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby is also an ordained pastor in the American Baptist Churches, USA.

Here is an example of her work:

With the school year coming to a close, we are ready to start our summer program. Ashland will be a lively place this summer learning about: Florida, travelling, ocean life, Independence Day, camping and the beach.

We have some special days too. Kona Ice will be here with snowballs a few times throughout the summer to help us cool down on those hot days. And on July 23, we will have a visitor (or two) from the Baltimore Zoo!

Have a safe and fun summer!

-Anne Auvil

ASSIGNMENTS

Why not become more involved in Worship? Sign up to be an usher/greeter, liturgist or server. Sign up sheets are on the table in the hallway.

	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
USHERS/ GREETERS	6/2 Jerry DeBoer/ Betsy Segelken 6/9 6/16 6/23	7/7 7/14 7/21 7/21 7/28	8/4 8/11 8/18 8/25
SERVERS	6/16	7/7 JoAnn Ruther	8/18 JoAnn Ruther
LITURGIST	6/2 6/9 JoAnn Ruther 6/16 6/23 JoAnn Ruther 6/30	7/7 7/14 JoAnn Ruther 7/21 7/21 JoAnn Ruther 7/28	8/4 8/11 8/18 8/25
VAN DRIVERS	6/2 Bob Hensley 6/9 Jerry DeBoer 6/16 Butch Zink 6/23 Bill Kobokovich 6/30 Bob Hensley	7/7 Jerry DeBoer 7/14 Butch Zink 7/21 Bill Kobokovich 7/28 Bob Hensley	8/4 Jerry DeBoer 8/11 Butch Zink 8/18 Bill Kobokovich 8/25 Bob Hensley

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

ASHLAND CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

JUNE

6/2 Merritt Fausnaugh
Bob Williams
6/7 Peg Paterson
6/11 Gloria Hunt
6/15 Bo Wagner
6/18 Charlie Stickles
6/22 Marcie Zink
Jimmy Zhu
6/23 Charlotte Simmons
6/24 Marlene Uhler
6/25 Debbie Mendel
6/27 Lillian Luciano
6/29 Justin Ciemian

JULY

7/2 Gillian Carney
7/7 Nancy Starr
Gus Meacham
7/9 Bill Sasser
Maya Cavolo
7/14 Laura Ward
7/20 Matt Simmons
7/24 Rick Losemann
7/24 Amy Eshleman

AUGUST

8/1 Jim St. Germain
8/2 Graham Hensley
8/6 Sara Carney
Patrick Rudai
8/18 Chad Cavolo
8/19 Nancy Stickles
8/21 Hannah Wagner
8/22 Rene Florendo
Barbara Crow
8/25 Glenn Simmons
8/26 Bill Crow
Eric Ruhl
Jacob Simmons
8/27 Joanna Shang
8/29 Bonnie Clarke
Corrie Griffiths

Anniversaries

JUNE

6/22 Mike & Kim Ciemian
6/26 Gene & Sue Ruhl

JULY

7/11 Glenn & Charlotte Simmons
7/28 Neil & JoAnn Ruther

AUGUST

8/12 Will & Debbie Nassau
8/19 Dick & Marlene Uhler
8/26 Don & Susan Williams

Deacon/Elder Ordination Anniversaries

JUNE

6/25 Rev. Shannon Meacham
6/26 Priscilla Barrett

JULY

7/10 Dick Uhler
7/10 Fred Wagner

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.

Worship 10:30 am

Fellowship after Worship

WEEKLY EVENTS ...

Sundays	**Church of the Nazarene 5:00—7:00 p.m.**
Mondays	**Daisy Troop #1623 6:00-8:00 pm**
Tuesdays	**Daisy Troop #625 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Church of the Nazarene Choir Practice 7:30—9:30 p.m.**
Wednesdays	**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings 8:30 p.m.**
Thursdays	**Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m.-7:30 pm; Chancel Choir: 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**
Fridays	**Church of the Nazarene 7:30 pm -9:30 p.m.—2:00 a.m.**
Saturday	**Alcoholic Anonymous Svc. Mtg. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Church of the Nazarene 7:30-9:30 p.m.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 ***7th Sunday of Easter Communion Sunday*** 10:30 am Worship Service	3 ***Project Linus 9:30 am***	4	5	6	7	8
9 ***Pentecost*** 10:30 am Worship Service ***Confirmation Special Music: Charm City Bronze Handbell Choir***	10	11 Session 6:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16 ***Trinity Sunday*** 10:30 am Worship Service	17	18	19	20	21	22 Sarah's Hope 2-5 pm
23 ***12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** 10:30 am Worship Service ***Visual Painter—Sheldon Lebowitz-Gruber***	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time** 10:30 am Worship Service ***Biblical Storyteller—Tracy Radosevic***						

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	1 ***Project Linus will <u>not</u> meet.***	2	3	4 ***Church Office Closed*** 	5	6
7 ***14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** 10:30 am Worship Service with Communion	8	9 Session 6:30 pm 	10	11	12	13
14 ***15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** 10:30 am Worship Service; Rev. Harry Cahill preaching	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 ***16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** 10:30 am Worship Service	22	23	24	25	26	27 Sarah's Hope 2-5 pm
28 ***17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** 10:30 am Worship Service ***Sand Artist—Rev. Katie Jo Sudaby***	29	30	31			

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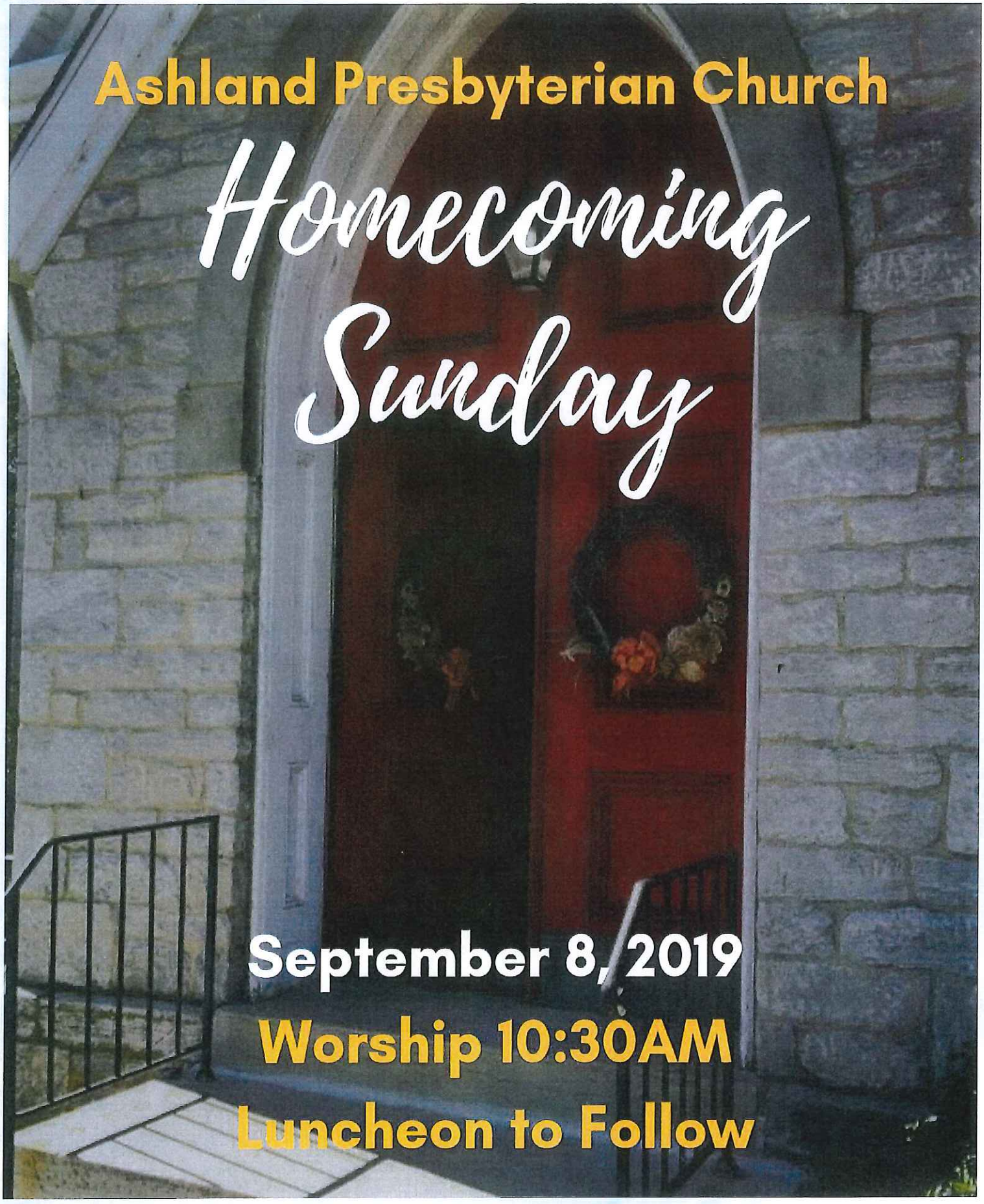
4 ***18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***NO Communion*** 10:30 am Worship Service	5 ***Project Linus will not meet***	6	7	8	9	10
11 ***19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** 10:30 am Worship Service ***Pastor Paula's last Sunday***	12 ***Pastor Shannon Returns***	13	14	15	16	17
18 ***20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*** 10:30 am Worship Service with Communion	19	20	21	22	23	24 Sarah's Hope 2-5 pm
25 ***21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*** 10:30 am Worship Service	26 ***Newsletter Deadline***	27	28	29	30	31

Cecil—Out of Office

Mark Your Calendar!!!



A Prayer of Remembrance

God of Consolation,
Every time we mark an anniversary that recalls
a time of war or act of violence,
we struggle to make sense of our world.

As time moves on, remind us of the call to
remain open-hearted.

May our memory not harden into fear and anger,
but pulse with compassion and generosity.

Give us the collective voice to speak for healing
and forgiveness, bring us the peace we long for.

With hope in your steadfast love, we pray. Amen.

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