

Ashland Church News February 2020



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Pulpitshenanigans

Dearly Beloved,

Each week you hear these words of the benediction: “Even with those whom nobody loves.”

As we enter the month of February, I cannot help but think about love, romantic love, of course, as we celebrate Valentine’s Day, but Valentine’s Day also gives us the opportunity to think about God’s love.

God’s love starts with the vulnerable and the oppressed; the ones “no body” loves, or in other words, the ones for whom the world’s systems were not designed to protect. In the Old Testament this group is described as the “widow, the orphan, and the refugee (stranger).”

The truth is there isn’t anyone on earth who isn’t loved, who isn’t a precious child of God. One of the hardest lessons in life to learn is we are all worthy of unconditional love. No matter what we have done, or what we have undone. No matter where we come from or where we are going. No matter what we look like or the amount of money we make.

Nothing we can do can change God’s mind about loving us wholly and unconditionally.

This is sometimes hard for us to grasp, because human love is often so very conditional. And sometimes that’s okay, but we need to ask, and do our best to love in the way God loves. We may not be able to do it unconditionally, but we can examine the conditions we put on love.

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How do we do that? Let's look at
1 Corinthians 13: 4-7.

*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not
envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It
does not insist on its own way; it is not
irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in
wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It
bears all things, believes all things, hopes all
things, endures all things.*

As we seek to love each other the way God
loves us, we can ask is this patient? Is this
kind? Am I insisting on my own way here? Is
this true? Is this the voice of love?

These questions can be asked of us as
spouses or partners, parents, friends, all the
way to the strangers we pass on the street.

The world in which we live needs a little
more love in it, and February is a good
month to be reminded that there is no lack of
love, just the great need of extending and
receiving it's gifts.

May it be so for you and for me beloveds,
Pastor Shannon



JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY



**Rev. Harry Cahill plans to hold a
weekly bible study on the Gospel of
Mark. Beginning on February 6, they
will be on Thursday mornings at 10:00
am at the upper eating court at
Wegmans. If you would like to attend,
please contact the church office either
by email at office@ashlanpc.org or by
phone at 410-527-1884.**



let's talk

Conversations on Faith

**This ministry here at Ashland creates a
safe place to talk about various aspects
of faith as it impacts our present
culture and our ability to live it as
faithful people. All are welcome!**

**We will gather on Sunday, February 9,
from 9:15 –10:15 am in the Adult
Christian Ed Room (downstairs next to
the preschool library).**

FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE



During the offering if you prefer to use a debit or credit card you may do so by donating through our website at www.ashlandpc.org/donate or by following this QR Code to our online giving site.

You probably noticed this graphic in the weekly announcements as well as the cards in the pews. We are now offering electronic giving as a way to give any time or to automate your regular offering.

Eservic payments is a convenient, safe, and simple way to provide much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. If you currently give during worship or send in a check through your bank, you may, of course, continue to do so. If you would like to set up your weekly giving electronically, simply go to the church's website, www.ashlandpc.org. Click on the "Donate" option at the top of the page. This will take you the Donate page; click on the donate picture. At the next page, you choose the amount, the frequency, and whether it is for operating or mission. Simply follow the prompts for payment and you're done!



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In 2020, Ashland pays the Presbytery \$36 per member in per capita dues.



FEBRUARY 9TH, 5-7 PM

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THE CENTER

HAPPY HOUR AND
SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

PC: Lisa Hotell



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Sunday School 9:30 am
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 Chancel Choir: 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings 8:30 p.m.
Thursdays Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m.-7:30 pm;
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.

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2 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/ Communion Congregational Meeting after Worship 	3 Project Linus 9:30 am	4	5	6 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 am (Wegmans)	7	8
9 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15 Conversations on Faith 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	10	11 Session 6:30 pm 	12	13 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 am (Wegmans)	14 	15
16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	17 	18	19	20 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 am (Wegmans)	21	22 Sarah's Hope 2-5 pm 
23 Transfiguration of the Lord 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm 	27 <i>Bible Study</i> 10:00 am (Wegmans)	28	29

ASHLAND CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays	Anniversaries	Deacon/Elder Ordination Anniversaries
2/03 Amy Cavolo 2/08 Drew Wagner 2/15 Robbie Wheeler 2/16 Karen Hensley 2/24 Mike Benzak Emily Wheeler 2/26 Mary Jo Kern 2/28 Sandy St. Germain	2/20 Jerry and Penny DeBoer	2/2 Jim St. Germain (2003) 2/15 Cathy Griffiths (2015) Gene Ruhl (2015) Rene Florendo (2015)

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

2020	February
USHERS/ GREETERS	2/2 2/9 2/16 2/23
SERVERS	2/2
LITURGIST	2/9 Sue Ruhl 2/16 2/23
BROADMEAD DRIVERS	2/2 Butch Zink 2/9 Bill Kobokovich 2/16 Derrick Weston 2/23 Jerry DeBoer
FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP	2/2 2/9 2/16 2/23

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



Mark Your Calendar:
Ash Wednesday Service

February 26, 2020 7:00 pm



**Ash
Wednesday**

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