

Ashland Church News June 2020



Pulpitshenanigans

It is hard to believe that summer is upon us and we have spent an unprecedented number of weeks in the confines of our homes. I look back at the messages, letters and notifications I have sent out since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and they seem unreal. Who could have ever thought we would not be worshipping together in the sanctuary for this long?

Pastors, theologians and other church leaders are wondering how all of this will change the ways we are church in the world today. Over the last half-century or so there are some who thought the church was idealized as the last bastion of a bygone era, dragging our feet as we are pulled into new moralities and new spiritualities. We struggle to pause and reflect how the changes in culture have many times unknowingly integrated into our structures and practices of church.

It is too early to really know how COVID-19 will impact what it means to be church in the long term. What I do know, is that during this time I have seen so many ways Ashland has demonstrated deep relationships with one another, loving one another as Christ loved the church. There are many who have appreciated the breath and pause of this time. We have wondered about what is important about what it means to be the church when we cannot be together.

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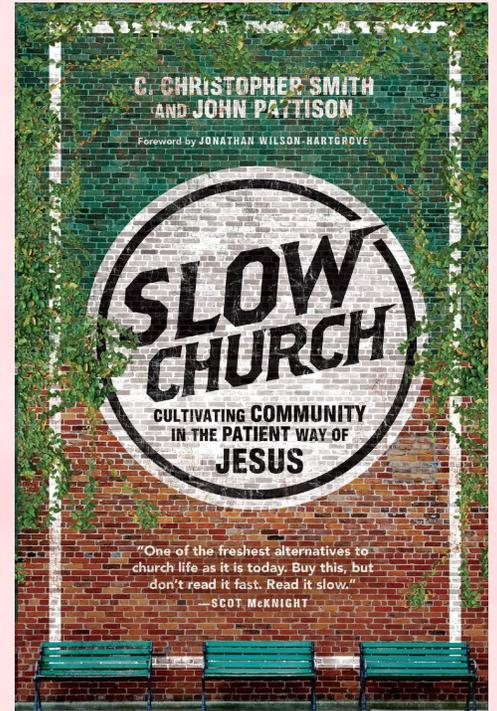
This summer I am inviting us through worship, prayer and study into the rich, deep and necessarily slow conversation about what it means to follow Jesus in the world as a community in our context. We will be using the book ***Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus*** by C. Christopher Smith and John Pattison. The authors offer a hopeful vision of the future, rooted in the Christian gospel. The themes they outline will support the deep relationships, meaningful work, spiritual vitality and commitment to loving our neighbors that Ashland is about at our core.

This worship series will start on Sunday, June 7th. We will explore one chapter a week if anyone would like to order the book and read along!

I hope you will join us for worship

Peace,

Pastor Shannon



ASHLAND CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

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.

Birthdays	Anniversaries	Deacon/Elder Ordination Anniversaries
6/2 Merritt Fausnaugh Bob Williams	6/22 Mike & Kim Ciemian	6/25 Rev. Shannon Meacham
6/7 Peg Paterson	6/26 Gene & Sue Ruhl	6/26 Priscilla Barrett
6/11 Gloria Hunt		
6/15 Bo Wagner		
6/18 Charlie Stickle		
6/19 Steve Swift		
6/22 Marcie Zink Jimmy Zhu		
6/23 Charlotte Simmons		
6/24 Marlene Uhler		
6/28 Nancy Hauss		
6/29 Justin Ciemian		

Kasupe Ministries

COVID-19 Emergency Project Launch of TIPPY TAP Hand Washing Stations And FOOD SECURITY SUSTAINABILITY Programs

On April 22, Kasupe Ministries became the first non-governmental organization in Malawi to distribute hand-washing items at household level. The ministry has been hailed for being the only local organization in the whole country to tackle COVID-19 holistically.

The launch of the project is a hope to over 3,000 families, under Kasupe Ministries, who had zero running water. The Tippy Taps will provide ready running water to prevent the transmission of the coronavirus. In addition, they also launched the *Food Security Sustainability* program with the aim of preserving the abundant food for vulnerable beneficiaries. The food security program is an intervention to mitigate the devastating effects of the Agribusiness markets' crash that has caused smallholder farmers face uncertain future.

With COVID-19 positive cases at 33 (as of June 1) and rising sharply on a daily basis, especially in the cities, the rural communities under Kasupe are thankful for the two programs.



Thanks to your generosity Ashland has collected \$4,000 for Kasupe! That money was matched and we sent \$8,000 for Kasupe to start these projects!

We are still collecting, our goal is \$10,000 and every penny of that will be matched by a generous donor. Can you help put us over the halfway point?



Sunday Worship is held online. A link to the worship video is sent out by email early Sunday mornings.

The link can also be found at the Ashland website at:

www.ashlandpc.org

Weekly Online Gatherings

Tuesday Check-In and Evening Prayer 7:30 pm

Thursday Morning Bible Study with Rev. Harry Cahill 10:00 am

These online gatherings are held via Zoom. If you have never used Zoom, Pastor Shannon has a walk-thru video on the Ashland website to get you started.

If you don't have computer access, you can call in on your phone: Call (301) 715 8592

Enter the Meeting ID when prompted: 861 940 2634

Please join us! All are welcome!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Trinity Sunday Communion Sunday Online Worship 	8	9 Session 6:30 pm (online) Check-in & Evening Prayer 7:30 pm	10	11 Bible Study 10:00 am	12	13
14 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Online Worship	15	16 Check-in & Evening Prayer 7:30 pm	17	18 Bible Study 10:00 am		
21 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Online Worship 	22	23 Check-in & Evening Prayer 7:30 pm	24	25 Bible Study 10:00 am	26	27
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Tithes and Offerings can be mailed to the church at:

**Ashland Church
116 Ashland Road
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The mail is delivered to a secure and locked mailbox. The church treasurer checks the mail multiple times a week.

**You can also donate online at:
www.ashlandpc.org/donate**

You can make a single donation or set up a recurring donation directly from your bank to the church account or by using a credit card. Electronic giving as a way to give any time and to automate your regular offering as well as a convenient, safe, and simple way to provide much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

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