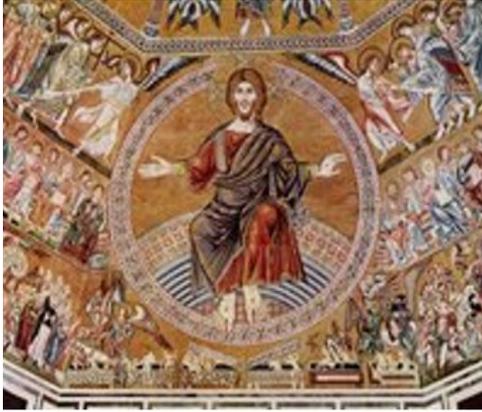


NARTHEX NEWS

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22

Weekly Email Newsletter from Atascocita Presbyterian Church



WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 22

Christ the King Sunday

**Live streamed and
In-person with limited attendance
10:15-11:30 am**

Lectionary for this Sunday:

Ephesians 1:11-23

Matthew 25:31-46

Pastor Hannan and the weekly Worship Team, encourage everyone to attend worship in the sanctuary. Although maximum attendance is 50, there's room for you and your family. We all wear face masks and maintain physical distance. Please join us if you're comfortable. No need to register. We look forward to seeing you!

To enhance your Sunday morning worship, you may view or print the Order of Worship from a link on the website.

Changes to online viewing of the worship service, classes, and meetings are outlined on the last page.

USHERS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Everyone who agreed to be ushers, please be available in the narthex between 9:30 and 10 am on Sunday, November 22. If you cannot attend please call the church office (281-852-8990) to let Carroll or Mazie know.

A Signup Genius email has gone out requesting ushers for January 2021. Please sign up for Usher Captain or Usher for a month at a time. Thank you!



WEDNESDAYS ON THE BEACH DEVOTIONAL SERIES LIVE STREAMED

The mid-week devotional will not meet Wednesday, November 25.

DECORATING THE SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT

The Worship Committee will begin decorating the sanctuary after worship **Sunday, November 22**. Anyone interested in helping set up Christmas trees (may need some strength here), or other assistance in general, is welcome!



Poinsettias will be available for purchase beginning **Sunday, November 22** for

\$10 each. The Presbyterian Foundation has set up an additional option when clicking on the Give Now button on the church website. In addition to the General Fund option (used for offerings and pledges), there is now

a Poinsettia Fund option for payment of Christmas poinsettias. All online giving is subject to a 2% transaction fee.

To designate your poinsettia in honor of or in memory of your family or friend, please call the church office (281-852-8990) or send an email (apc@apchumble.org) to indicate your wishes. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve worship service.

POINSETTIAS IN THE SANCTUARY

ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

The Advent Season is approaching! Two sets of Advent digital guidebooks have been pre-ordered - 30 for families with children at home and 30 for families without children. Each guidebook includes

scripture, reading, and an optional craft for at-home study and activities during the season.

An adult with children at home, may access this link:

https://ferncliff.org/sdm_downloads/ferncliff-advent-in-a-box-guidebook-digital-download-family-edition/.

An adult without children at home, may access this link:

https://ferncliff.org/sdm_downloads/ferncliff-advent-in-a-box-guidebook-digital-download-older-adult-edition/.

For those who prefer a printout of the guidebook, please contact Carroll in the church office to get a copy. For those who do not have access to the craft materials, Lisa Ryan has offered to assist you. In either case, call the church office (281-852-8990) or email (apc@apchumble.org).

The Adult Christian Education committee and Carroll will work together to make sure you get the link or printed materials, whichever method works best for you!

November 29 through December 20

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING

The Presbyterian Foundation has set up an additional option when clicking on the Give Now button on the church website. In addition to the General Fund option (used for offerings and pledges), there is now a Christmas Joy Fund option to accept your donation. All online giving is subject to a 2% transaction fee.

FAITH FORMATION LESSONS FOR CHILDREN

As APC moves to reopen the church, we are looking forward to the time when we can meet for in-person Faith Formation. Lisa Stacy will be teaching Children's Faith Formation on **Sunday, November 22, at**

9:30 am via Zoom. We hope to "See you again" on Zoom! Let's try to get all the children to attend! A link is on the APC website.

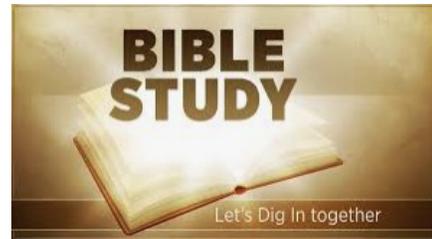


Meet with Aaron at APC Sunday, November 22, at 4 pm to watch "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving." Snacks will be provided.

We will be practicing social distancing, but please bring your mask. A Zoom connection (see APC website, live streaming page) will also be available. Please join us in person or via Zoom!

YOUTH MINISTRY

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS WITH PASTOR SHELLEY LIVE STREAMED AND IN PERSON

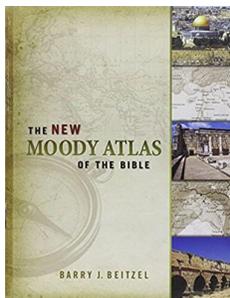


Faith Formation, Sunday, November 22, will be BOTH ZOOM online AND in person. Please make the choice that is right for you. If you'll be online, sign into the class at 9:15 am using the Zoom link provided on the church website.

The scripture is Matthew 25:31-46. It's yet another judgment story as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday before Advent begins. It's subtitle is "The Sheep and the Goats" which will sound familiar to many of you. It's a long story, but we'll look at it as the standard or bar by which Jesus calls us to undertake and do as our mission as Christ followers. It's a valuable way to understand our call to care for others.

Bibles are available in the classroom, although you may want to bring your own Bible. Please wear a face mask. Hand sanitizers will be on the table.

Questions? Of course, don't hesitate to email me at pastorshelleycraig@gmail.com. See you Sunday one way or another!



Doug Kennard's Sunday Adult Faith Formation class is Sunday 9:15 to 10:15 am through the zoom invite

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83087066050>.

We are currently exploring Beitzel, Barry, *The New Moody Atlas of the Bible*. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2009.

ISBN 978-0-8024-0441-1

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS WITH DOUG KENNARD LIVE STREAMED

The goal is to get the BIG picture of history and geography and movement in the Bible and I know of no better source to do this. The main point is not archeology, nor apologetics, but maps, but there is really nice overview textual discussion of these big movements.

PRAYERS, CONCERNS, AND CONDOLENCES

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- The medical and economic issues surrounding Covid virus.
- Justice for all those who experience social, racial, and sexual bias.
- Our police officers and fire fighters.
- All children and school staff who have gone back to school either virtual or in-person.
- The president, congress, and our courts during this time of transition.
- Don Swanson, Gladys Swanson's brother, with lung cancer complications.
- Carolyn Shaw, Sharis Mayer's mother, who fell and broke her arm in three places.
- Carol, Kathy Gava's friend, continues with cancer treatment.
- The Mills family.
- David Lasinsky as he continues chemo.
- Deondra, Ann Owen's granddaughter, and her young clients at CPS.
- Ellen & Russ Nipe's granddaughter, Maddy.
- Hugh Parry's mother, Diane.
- Pete Kennard, son of Jan and Doug Kennard, an essential worker.
- Older family members of Elaine McCool who have tested positive for Covid-19.
- Mazie Williams as she recuperates from knee surgery.
- Nina Petty, Carroll Hebert's sister-in-law, continuing recovery at home and making progress after an auto accident on Friday, October 16. Please pray for her, husband Bill, and the family.
- Healing for Wayne and Sharon Parker, friends of Elaine McCool.
- Healing for Smith/Stewart families, friends of Elaine McCool.
- Traveling graces for Jerry and Shelia McCool, Elaine's brother-in-law and his wife.
- Ann Parkinson, friend of Nancy Hebert and Maureen Allen, diagnosed with colon cancer.
- Jacob and Stacy McCool, Elaine McCool's son and daughter-in-law, exposed to Covid-19.
- Eric Lagergren, friend of Emily Murphy, praise for diagnosis, tumor was not malignant.
- Shannon Elixon, niece of Emily Murphy, praise for tumor responding to treatment.
- Kathleen McPherson hospitalized for afib.
- The Kepharts, Julie Arnold, Esther Crosby, Bev O'Brien, and Sine McCarty.

Drive-through testing will be set up in the APC parking lot from 8 am until 3:30 pm, Monday through Wednesday, November 23 through 25 and Saturday, November 28. You will not get out of your car.

**HARRIS COUNTY MOBILE
COVID-19 TESTING**

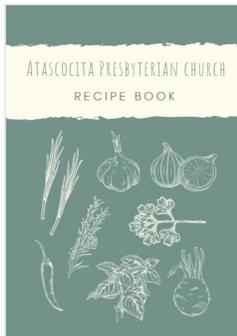
To sign up for testing, please register online at covcheck.hctx.net where you are given a barcode that provides Harris County Health Dept with your information when it is scanned at the testing site.

Test results will be sent via email and may take around 1-4 days. It is completely FREE.

JACKIE'S RETIREMENT GIFT

Pastor Jackie is retiring at the end of December. We would like to mark this milestone but are limited by Covid-19. The SFC and Personnel Committees are collecting a love offering. We will combine everyone's gift and present it on her last Sunday.

Please consider what her leadership and love have meant to you and to this church. You may use the Pastor Retirement Gift Fund option under the Give Now button on the church website or you may send a check made out to APC with the notation that it is for the "PRGF." Checks should be sent to the attention of the Financial Secretary. This is not part of your APC donation and not tax deductible. We will give Jackie a list of the contributors, but will not mention amounts. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity. Ann and Carol



The APC cookbook committee is in full swing! We would love to have recipes from each church member - men, women, and

children....so please **send in your favorites as soon as possible**. Please list all ingredients first, followed by detailed instructions and your name.

Submit recipes by emailing to the church (apc@apchumble.org). If you have any questions, please feel free to call Libby Boyce at 281-630-6347. Other committee members who can be reached are Ellen Nipe, Bonnie Russell, Patty Williams, Linda Andrus, Ann Owen, and Carroll Hebert. Thank you!

APC COOKBOOK

SEAFARERS GIFT BOXES

The seafarers appreciate these items tremendously. As there are very few women and children on board the ships these days, we would request that the boxed gifts be packed for male seafarers.

Boxes for the seafarers ministry are available in the narthex for filling with meaningful Christmas gifts. You may also come by the church Monday through Thursday any time from 9 am until 1 pm and pick up a box. If you have a shoe box of your own, they will be accepted as well. **Please return your filled, wrapped boxes to APC by Sunday, November 29.**

Ray Peregoy will remove them from the narthex each week and arrange for delivery to the union office. The following list is a suggestion for items to be included in your box: (full sized items are preferable over travel size)

Hairbrush/comb
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Disposable razors
Shaving cream
Gold Bond powder
Gold Bond cream
Hand lotion
Deodorant
Soap
Shampoo
Lip balm

Band-Aids (fabric)
Dental floss
Q-tips
Kleenex
Nail clippers
Baseball cap (new)
Socks
T-shirts (new)
Knit stocking cap
Cotton or leather work gloves
Key chains
Flashlight with batteries

Magnet clips
Earbuds/headphones
USB flash drives
Mechanical pens & pencils
Pocket-size notebooks
Word search/Sudoku/fill-in books
2021 Calendar
Texas souvenirs
Needle & thread sewing kit
Playing cards
Water based hot chocolate mix
Gum & hard candy (no chocolate)
Popcorn





HAAM Seasons of Sharing benefits local families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

HAAM SEASONS OF SHARING

- **The Community-wide Toy Drive: gift cards in the amount of \$25 to Target or Walmart by Monday, December 14.**
- **Monetary donations welcome anytime: a check may be mailed to the HAAM Social Services office, or by a link on their website (www.haamministries.org) any time.**
- **Donations may be dropped off Monday through Thursday between 9 am and 3:30 pm at the HAAM Social Services office, 1302 First St, Humble 77338.**

MEALS ON WHEELS

Join the Friendly Neighbor Call Team - to deliver some holiday joy to homebound seniors by way of a personal phone call on Thanksgiving morning. Each volunteer/family sign-up will be provided access to a list of approximately 10 seniors to call between

10 am and 12 noon on Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26. These calls will be made via a Virtual Phone Bank, to which our volunteers will be granted access. NO need to use your own phone number - You will be assigned a local area code and number and be good to go! Training will be provided as the event nears. More details can be found at www.imgh.org/thanksgiving/

For more information, please contact Lauren Lewis, Manager of Volunteer Services at llewis@imgh.org or call 281-818-0855.

Yoga meets at 9:30 am every Monday in the fellowship hall.

Mission Crafters meet at 10 am every Tuesday in the craft room.

The Mission Marketplace is open on Tuesday morning or call Kathy Gava (713-591-5323) for other times. Plan on finding unique Christmas gifts available in the shop!

YOGA AND MISSION CRAFTERS ARE BACK!

STYROFOAM RECYCLE

With the holidays approaching, and an increase in online shopping, comes an increase in polystyrene (Styrofoam) packaging that cannot be easily recycled.

The Earth Care Team is sponsoring a Recycling event for polystyrene packaging (not peanuts) on **Sunday, December 6**, from 10 am until noon in the church parking lot. Please start saving acceptable items now.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE TUES, NOV 24

MAKING YOUR PLEDGE OR DONATION BY ONLINE GIVING



Click on the “Give Now” button on the APC website (apchumble.org) and you’ll be taken to a giving page with our church photo at the top. You can set the frequency of your gift, proceed as a guest, or create a profile, and charge the gift to your checking or saving account or to your credit card. Your gift will be electronically deposited in our checking account on a regular basis. You may also cover the cost of the fee charged to APC along with your donation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Forrest Craig (finance@apchumble.org) or Will Nees (seen27@embarqmail.com).

Stewardship letters have been mailed. Please fill out the card and mail back to APC or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday.

CONTACT APC STAFF

Carroll Hebert is in the office Monday through Thursday, from 9 am until 1 pm.
Pastor Jackie and Aaron Seay may be reached by email:

Pastor Jackie, jhannan@apchumble.org
Aaron Seay, aaron@apchumble.org

PASTORAL CARE FOR NOVEMBER

Please call Lisa Ryan, 832-444-9733

ONLINE VIEWING OF WORSHIP SERVICES, CLASSES, AND MEETINGS

Sunday worship is through BoxCast, a professional live streaming application.

To get the BoxCast video: From the website home screen (apchumble.org) –click on the “Our Next Live Broadcast” link or anywhere on the picture with the count-down clock showing the time remaining to the start of the broadcast. When the play button appears in place of the count-down clock, click on it and the broadcast begins.

Click on the red “HELP – How to View BoxCast” if you need assistance. Note that you can put the mouse cursor on the video (on a computer) or touch the video (on a phone or tablet) to show the control bar and from there you can enlarge the video to full screen, pause it, or adjust the volume.

If you’re a little late arriving or want to watch later, you can view the entire broadcast from the beginning. Use the chat screen to the right of the broadcast or email us (youbelong@apchumble.org) to let us know that you’re watching or give us feedback.

If you would prefer to watch the worship service on your big screen TV and have a Roku, Apple TV, or Amazon Fire TV stick attached, you can add the BoxCast Channel, open that channel, and search for “Atascocita” to view the broadcast.

All meetings and Faith Formation classes are via ZOOM. A change in their security protocols require either a passcode or a waiting room to gain entry.

Shelley’s and Doug’s Faith Formation classes now have waiting rooms when you first enter the meeting. The meeting host will release you from the waiting room and admit you to the meeting.

All other ZOOM meetings require a passcode. The meeting passcode is shown next to the meeting link on the church website.

Any time there are technical difficulties in connecting to the Wednesday devotion or worship, please know that those services are available for viewing on the website on the “Worship” tab, drop-down menu, “Worship Services and Devotional Archives.”