



Atascocita Presbyterian Church

A word from the pastor....

These past weeks and months have been difficult to say the least. We are still not sure where we are headed or what life will be like when we get “there.” As I began searching for ways to address this uncertainty through my preaching, I turned to Philippians, Paul’s loving epistle to the church in Philippi. His letter resonates with peace and faith, so I will be doing a sermon series on Philippians. However, during this difficult time on our faith journey, I realized we need guidance not only from the Word, but also from additional sources. I discovered a book I had purchased years ago entitled, *Dwelling with Philippians: A Conversation with Scripture through Image and Word*. Combining the weekly scripture with the appropriate artwork, poems, or essays should powerfully enhance our journey. The coordinating links will be available in the Narthex News and on the APC Facebook page. Hopefully, your Sunday worship experience will be enriched by the beautiful combination of Word and Image.

I know many members and friends of Atascocita Presbyterian Church are waiting for their questions to be answered. “When will we meet in the sanctuary?” “When will other activities resume?” “When will Creative Learning Center (CLC) return?” I don’t have all the answers, but I can assure you the session and leadership of APC are wrestling with these important questions. However, the dominant burden on my mind and heart is, “What must be done before we can safely and responsibly welcome the congregation home?” We are working on the answer to that paramount question even as you read this letter. But this we do know: we won’t give the people a false sense of safety. Only when the congregation is truly safe to worship again in the sanctuary, will the church resume “normal” activities. We are addressing all the “New Normal” problems and opportunities that arise in safely opening the building and resuming our programs. Although I hate the phrase “New Normal,” it works.

For now, I hope you are able to Live Stream the worship service Sunday morning and the Devotionals on Wednesday evening. I hope I am staying in touch with you through calls I make each day. I hope you are receiving our emails. I hope you are continuing to share your lives with each other and with your deacon. I hope your family is safe and well. Those are quite a few hopes, but I also have confidence God is walking right alongside each of us and His presence gives us strength.

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June Lectionary

6/7 Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

Stay Connected!

**Visit the APC website
for more information
and**

**service schedules:
www.apchumble.org**

**Make sure you are
subscribed to the
Newsletter and
Narthex News email.**

**Check us out on
Facebook!**

<https://www.facebook.com/AtascocitaPresbyterianChurch/>

A word from the pastor....(continued)

I pray we will see each other soon, even if we are “seeing” one another on the live stream. I know the Session committees are working to creatively bring the church to you, your children, and your entire family. We are planning a few small, safe gatherings which will practice social distancing. Eventually, we will reunite as one strong congregation. In the meantime, don’t stray too far. We are going to get through this difficulty and we will be stronger for it!

If you need me, my cell number is (281) 799-6693. Please call anytime.

*Blessings
Jackie*

With the recommendation of the Worship Committee and the Worship Team (Jackie Hannan, Joe Weir, Carl Braden, Forrest Craig, Jamie Hannan, Shelley Craig, and Carroll Hebert), the Session voted to extend the date to resume worship no earlier than Sunday, July 5.

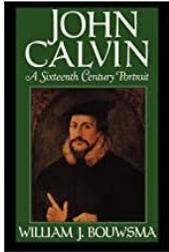
Many factors contributed to this decision such as making the sanctuary safe, expressing worship in ways that may not involve singing, and will not involve shaking hands. These examples may seem small, but they are significant concerns. We will need to make some changes in the sanctuary and the ushers will take on new responsibilities as we practice social distancing while remaining a united congregation.

The date is tentative and we will keep you informed. If you can help with the reopening, please contact Reverend Hannan (jhannan@apchumble.org) or Carroll Hebert (apc@apchumble.org) to volunteer.

Thank you to the group of APC volunteer mask-makers!

We will be able to give away safety masks to folks when we return to meeting in the sanctuary. We have already shared 18 to HAAM to assist their Meals on Wheels volunteers. At last count, we have 189 additional masks completed, with dozens more in process. At this rate, we will also be able to share the masks with other organizations in need. Thank you – Karen Frye, Janet Griffin, Sandra Berry, Terri Thomson, Lisa Ryan, Vicki Lasinsky, Linda Purves, and Carroll Hebert – for your time and generosity!

Faith Formation



Doug Kennard will host a Zoom class for Adult Faith Formation beginning June 7 from 9:15 to 10:15 am, and continue through the summer on subsequent Sundays. We will read and discuss the book by William Bouwsma, *John Calvin: A Sixteenth Century Portrait*. New York: Oxford, 1988. 0-19-504394-4. If you would like to join us, and don't normally get included in the class e-mail, just e-mail dkennard@hgst.edu to be included on my Zoom invite, which will be different than the APC Zoom account. On June 7 we will discuss Introduction, and chapters 1, A Sixteenth-Century Life, and 2, Calvin's Anxiety. Won't you join us to explore a critically acclaimed biography of the founder of Presbyterianism?

Pastor Shelley's Faith Formation Class will meet via Zoom on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 am through August. The class discusses the preached/sermon scripture. Those interested in joining the class will find the ZOOM link on the church website (apchumble.org) Live Streaming page. Worship will begin shortly thereafter on this same link. We welcome all who would like to preview the scripture prior to worship.



Children's Faith Formation

Faith Formation activities are sent through the Remind Messaging Group each Sunday including children's activities to do at home. The lessons follow the lectionary and are drawn from "Illustrated Ministry," a faith resource for churches.



If you haven't already done so, please respond to a survey that asks parents if they would send their children to Faith Formation classes if we held them on Sunday mornings whenever we return to the church building. Responses so far indicate they will whenever we resume.

We are working on ideas for gift drop-offs during the summer to stay connected with the children and families.

Due to the pandemic, and out of concern for our church family and the children we normally serve as part of our summer camps, we will not be hosting the camps this summer. The Children's Ministry Committee is looking at alternate ways to connect with children and their families this summer. We are bummed we will not have these fun, enriching camps this summer and look forward to being together again. Some of these opportunities may include dropping off care packages or sending items to the homes of our families with children. If you could please ensure the church has the correct mailing address for you by checking the online directory that would be very helpful.

Youth News

Faith Formation activities are sent through the Remind Messaging Group every Sunday morning for our youth to do at home. The lessons follow the lectionary and are drawn from "Illustrated Ministry," a faith resource for churches. The information has been well received with good participation.

Staying Connected

Youth are also welcome to join Jamie via Zoom on Sundays at 4 pm. The login can be found on the church website. The youth have asked that the session be continued and easily fill about 40-45 minutes with lively conversations. There are usually three to seven attendees on the calls, along with various Youth Committee leaders. The time is used to catch up with each other, pray for each other, and join in virtual fellowship. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they are struggling with so much being cancelled, big events not happening, and adjusting to the unknown.

The Youth Committee will drop off gift bags and notes in the coming weeks to let the youth know we're still there for them and thinking about them. Please let us know if we have the right mailing address for you. Please check the church directory to ensure we have the right address.

Summer Trip Updates:

Summer trips to various conferences and the summer mission trip have been cancelled for this summer. Jamie has reached out to all families and all monies paid have been sent back or applied to your annual pledge depending on your requests.

*Please keep our youth and families in your prayers,
as they have had to deal with so many changes and cancelations in plans.*

Senior Classes for 2020

The APC family is proud of our graduates and is keeping them in our prayers as they seek to navigate the next stage of their journeys during this uncertain time. They are all unique and gifted with many plans and hopes.

The youth committee has presented them with clutching crosses as we have in past years so they have something to hold onto when they remember their time with us as they move on to their next steps.



Graduates are:

Blake Camarce
Abbi Collier
Cesar Funes
Taryn Hemsing
Jenna Hlavaty
Lorrie Pritchett

May God guide and bless you as you approach the next chapter in your life.

Youth News (continued)



Banners were placed in the front yards of graduates Lorrie Pritchett and Jenna Hlavaty.



Library News

The APC Library remains closed during this hiatus. We hope to be back soon when it is deemed safe to reopen.

In the meantime:

The Harris County Public Library System has begun Curbside pickup as of Tuesday, May 26, along with a wide array of other online services. Please visit their website, hcpl.net, for more details.

Come-and-Go Social Gathering

The Spiritual Fellowship Committee would like to invite you to a "Come-and-Go" gathering Thursday, June 4 from 9-10 am. The building will be closed but we will meet in the parking lot on the shady, street side of the church. Bring a folding/camp chair and wear your favorite mask. This will be an opportunity to see and talk with your friends from an appropriate social distance. Bring along your coffee or tea in your favorite insulated cup. For questions, please contact Ellen Nipe at enipe@comcast.net. We will reschedule if it rains.



Presbyterian Women Horizons Day Circle and Bible Study

We have had several requests to continue our Zoom meetings through the summer months so that we can check in with each other, share joys and concerns, and share some of our favorite scriptures and devotionals. I will be setting up our first meeting for Wednesday, June 10 from 11:00 am -12:00 pm. I will send you the Zoom link and password a few days before the meeting.

Also, I wanted to let you know that I recently received information regarding our study for 2020-2021 entitled, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*.

Finance Committee

I pray that everyone is self-distancing, staying safe, have enough food, and plenty of games, puzzles, and activities to occupy your time. We have all missed the fellowship of corporate worship even though virtual worship and meetings continue to keep us connected as a body of Christ.

Although the building has been closed to all activities, our expenses continue as before. While we can assure you that all committee chairs are diligently working to minimize all of our operating expenses, we are asking that you prayerfully continue your pledge and non-pledge contributions to Atascocita Presbyterian Church.

To assist everyone in maintaining their generosity of giving, we have arranged for secure online credit card giving on the APC website.

Click on the green "Give Now" button and follow the simple instructions. This method of giving also allows, if you would like, to cover the 2% service fee we are charged for credit card processing. You can, of course, continue to provide your donations by sending a check to Atascocita Presbyterian Church, 19426 Atasca Oaks Dr, Humble TX 77346.

We continue to monitor our stewardship of God's gifts and thank you for your continued support, even though we are apart. We know everyone will be excited to be together in personal fellowship in the not too distant future.

Ron Tribolet
Finance Committee



Missions



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BY GIVING TO THE PENTECOST OFFERING
you're supporting ministries that unite young people and inspire them to share their faith in Christ.

40% Congregations keep for local ministries with children at risk
10% Children at risk
25% Ministries with Youth
25% Young Adult Volunteers

The Pentecost special offerings will be accepted through June.

- Many of our members are finding it more convenient to utilize online giving. The Presbyterian Foundation has added "Pentecost Special Offering" as an option for our online giving web page.
- APC can accept checks mailed to the church for the Pentecost offering. Please clearly indicate in the memo line that the check (or what portion of it) is for the Pentecost Offering.

Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) News

HAAM opened its resale stores on Saturday, May 23, with limited days and hours. Both the Resale Store on First Street and the Black Cat Junction on Loop 494 in Kingwood will be open Thursday through Saturday from 1-4 pm. Donations will be accepted during those hours only.

HAAM is also accepting donations of non-perishable foods Tuesday through Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm. Therefore, we will place the garbage can outside the church's front door for non-perishable food or special requested items ONLY! The container will be emptied each Thursday. Books, toys, clothes, etc. must be taken to HAAM by the donor.

Please note that HAAM has removed the clothing bin that was on the east side of the church parking lot. The bins were being used for trash and junk at many locations so a decision was made to remove all of them. HAAM will revisit this decision at a later date.

#GivingTuesdayNow was successful as HAAM received over \$38,000. Thanks to those who donated. While this was a significant amount, it does not come close to offsetting what HAAM lost due to the closing of its resale shops and the two cancelled major fundraisers.

Cash donations are still welcome. To donate, go to HAAM's secure website, haaministries.org. Of course, donations are accepted at any time. Thanks for your continued support of HAAM.

The church's liaison persons for HAAM are Ray Peregoy and George Williams. If you have any questions please contact them. Ray at 832-788-8654 or George at 281-772-4706.

Thanks for your continued support of HAAM!



Participants can choose to Run, Walk, or Bike a 5K on their own time between June 22-June 30 to support our Virtual 5K for the Promise House! Participants can then share their own selfie or video on our social media event pages or tag Family Promise on their own social media page with one of these hashtags:

[#iRunforthePromiseHouse](#)
[#iWalkforthePromiseHouse](#)
[#iBikeforthePromiseHouse](#)

Registration is open TODAY through June 5 online at FPLH.org. Each registered participant of the Virtual 5K will receive a ribbon commemorating this event and their contribution to the future home of Family Promise. Additionally, T-shirts are available to order in sizes Youth Small through Adult 3XL for only \$12 per shirt. 2XL and 3XL shirts are an additional \$2 and \$3 respectively.

We hope that you will join us in sharing this event with your friends and family as a way for us to come together during this time of social distancing to support the Promise House build!

How Green Is Atascocita Presbyterian?

Or - How are we doing with our re-use, reduce, and recycle efforts? Following are some members' stories of their "green" Earth Care efforts:



(1) "I no longer use plastic storage containers for leftovers etc. I use glass containers - either ones made for that purpose, or glass containers repurposed after the contents have been used."

(2) "We "always use organic fertilizer on our yard and plants after realizing the benefit in using organic fertilizer as opposed to synthetic. We learned that dirt's microorganisms, bugs, and worms eat, live, and poop in the dirt. Organic fertilizers sustain nutrients/food in the soil so all the microorganisms, bugs, and worms can thrive. 🌱🐛 The healthier the microorganisms, bugs, and worms - the more porous the soil. The more porous the soil - the deeper water can go, giving plants and grass deep roots. 🌱🐛 St. Augustine grass in our area stays greener and stronger if it can develop deep roots. Fertilizing in early spring and fall allows our grass to grow so hearty that it overtakes the weeds. Organic fertilizers never over-fertilize or burn our grass or plants and are safe for kids and pets. Organic fertilizers also prevent chemicals going into our sewer system. As stewards of God's green earth, we feel that we're caring for the whole earth even though it is just our yard. 🌍"

(3) "We bought a composting bin for red wiggler worms, which came with worms. Our backyard composting is ongoing, along with our veggie garden. The Master Gardener volunteer program was shut down for COVID so we brought home some plants started for the spring sale (also cancelled). We shared worms and plants with neighbors. We pick up litter when walking our dog. Just small-scale stuff."

(4) "This picture shows how big our broccoli 🌱 and beans are that we started from APC's Wednesday night compost lesson!"



Earth Care Committee (continued)

(5) “We were gifted old letters from Cedar Landing and plants from some other church members so we're trying our hand at growing vegetables and using those letters as our planters. We're also using the compost we've been working on for quite some time to feed the plants and hopefully have them grow into peppers, tomatoes, and eggplant!”



Earth Friendly Family Activity

Are you looking for some free and easy outdoor fun with your family? The iNaturalist App is an easy way to learn about plants, flowers, trees, bugs, even turtles and lizards! Grab your phone and go for a walk!

Download the free app and create your account. Check your settings and view the handy tutorial. You can upload nature pictures and use the identify options. Experts will check your classification and even use the location of your observations in their research. Create or join a project - we even have one for APC! If you want help getting started, contact Lisa Ryan (lkwryan2@gmail.com) with the Earth Care Committee.

Doug Kennard has recently finished writing his latest book, *A Biblical Theology of the Book of Isaiah*. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2020. It has just gone to press and will be available for purchase at a later date. *Congratulations Doug!*

Weekly Contributions Through May 24		Weekly Attendance by Live Streaming	
Budget	\$154,512	May 3	139
Actual	162,484	May 10	124
		May 17	121
		May 24	128



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Prayers

June 21

Happy Father's Day!

Birthdays

- 6/2 Arden Kephart
- 6/3 Joyce Olson
- 6/5 Susie Shelton
- 6/5 Patti Schreiber
- 6/9 Elijah Strader
- 6/11 Marilyn Friedersdorf
- 6/13 Joe Breda
- 6/19 Doug Kennard
- 6/19 Ann Stephens
- 6/21 Julie Arnold
- 6/21 Jill Spross
- 6/23 Grace Burgos
- 6/24 Gina O'Toole
- 6/24 Jerry Sessions
- 6/27 Kris Betts-Adrian
- 6/30 Susan Sheridan
- 6/30 Ryan Lauer

Anniversaries

- 6/2 Shelley & Forrest Craig
- 6/4 Lindsay & Jeremy Trepagnier
- 6/10 Cathy & Ron Fovargue
- 6/15 Ellen & Russ Nipe
- 6/18 Linda & Gene Andrus
- 6/21 Karen & Don Frye
- 6/21 Joyce & Tom Olson
- 6/21 Traci & Steve Hlavaty
- 6/22 Rev. Jackie & Jim Hannan

- Prayers of guidance for graduates facing the uncertainty of where they will be in job search or college plans.
- Prayers of strength for those who are facing layoffs and unemployment.
- Prayers of strength and patience for all those who are separated by distance or quarantine.
- Prayers of guidance for those who are doing research for a Covid 19 vaccine.
- Prayers of strength and protection for first responders who are keeping us safe.
- Prayers of guidance for those who are making decisions for keeping us safe.
- Prayers of strength for Katie Hannan and the foster children she serves.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Tillery McGee who is out of the hospital with Covid 19.
- Prayers of Christian love and sympathy for Cheryl Lyons, a friend of Gwen Poirier, who has lost both mother and father in the past few days.
- Prayers of peace and comfort for the Mills family.
- Prayers for David and Vicki Lasinsky as David recovers from surgery.
- Prayers for Deondra, Ann Owen's granddaughter, and her young clients at CPS.
- Prayers for Sherry, Ann Owen's sister, at this difficult time.
- Prayers for Ellen & Russ Nipe's granddaughter Maddy, whose lowered immunity means she is at high risk in this pandemic.
- Prayers of healing for Hugh Parry's mother, Diane, who is quite ill.
- Prayers for Emily Murphy's niece, Shannon Elixson, awaiting surgery.
- Prayers of safety for Pete Kennard, son of Jan and Doug Kennard, an essential worker.
- Prayers for Linda and Gene Andrus's son Coady, recovering from a vehicle accident.
- Prayers for Gabrielle as she recovers from a fall that fractured her wrist.
- Prayers for Tom Olson, as he recovers from hip surgery.
- Prayers for Sandy Lee's sister in hospice.
- Prayers for Sandra Berry's sister, Nancy, as doctors explore treatment for a tumor in her lung.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Kathleen McPherson recovering from surgery.
- Prayers for Julie Arnold who has been hospitalized and for Bob, as he cannot visit.
- Prayers for Kathleen McPherson's cousins, Cindy and Kyle Harris, upon the sudden death of their son Jacob.
- Continued prayers for Julie Arnold, the Kepharts, Esther Crosby, Bev O'Brien, and Sine McCarty.

JUNE 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30 AM Yoga - CANCELLED 5:00 PM Children's Ministry Committee - LIVE STREAMING	2 10:00 AM Mission Crafters - CANCELLED	3 6:30 PM Wednesdays on the Beach Devotional Series - LIVE STREAMING 7:15 PM Chancel Choir - CANCELLED	4 9:00 AM Come & Go Gathering (parking lot) 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 1942 (Fellowship Hall) - CANCELLED 6:30 PM Mission Committee	5	6
7 Trinity Sunday 9:15 AM Doug's Class -John Calvin:A Sixteenth Century Portrait—LIVE STREAMING VIA DOUG'S ZOOM ACCT 9:15 AM Pastor Shelley's Class, Today's Sermon Scriptures - LIVE STREAMING 9:30 AM Children's Faith Formation - "Illustrated Ministry" curriculum 9:30 AM Youth Faith Formation - "Illustrated Ministry" curriculum 10:30 AM Worship with Communion - LIVE STREAMED	8 9:30 AM Yoga - CANCELLED	9 10:00 AM Mission Crafters - CANCELLED 7:00 PM Needlers Circle - CANCELLED	10 7:15 PM Chancel Choir - CANCELLED	11 11:30 AM Seniors & Friends Lunch - CANCELLED	12	13
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