



THE COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of Atascocita Presbyterian Church



A word from the pastor...

It is the Fall and that brings many traditions both in our lives and in the church. As we enter our traditional season of stewardship, I read this quote by Meredith McNabb in an article for "Building Faith,"



Stewardship season—just like the school year, the football season, and everything else—will look different this fall, but there are real strengths and blessings to be found for churches. I was reminded that even a pandemic should not interrupt the Stewardship season of the church. We cannot stop what we are doing - adapt sometimes - but stop, never. Especially in this time, the church is the presence of Christ to many individuals in a variety of different ways.

In Matthew 7: 24-25 Jesus reassures us: *"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock."* We have built APC on a rock. This church has a legacy, a foundation, of reaching out beyond our doors. It has always been our mind-set to live out of our abundance. That is, *"With what we have, what can we do?"*

First and foremost, the foundation of our church is about relationships, the people - that is all of you. Since the stewardship of the church is to tend to the values that God calls us to live we must remember that it is people first. As I write this, I know that some of our members and friends have lost jobs or their wages have been reduced. Some of us are worried about our financial investments. We are striving to use what we have to do the most good. That is exactly what the church is doing and we do that with the help of each of you.

We can look ahead because our congregational faith is built on the solid rock of our faith in Jesus Christ and our ministries are shaped by our responses to God's gifts and blessings that we have already received and will continue to receive. So, as we look forward to the future work and blessings of APC and how each of us participates in that journey, may we never forget the legacy of the past. I feel certain that all of you will commit to the future as you are able and we will have faith in Jesus Christ, who has always been there as we looked to the future with a sure and present hope.

Blessings, Jackie

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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/>

Advent Worship

The worship team, the youth ministry, and children's ministry committees are working together to make this season of Advent special in many ways.

We know it is difficult to find a sense of who we are as a worshipping community, but we assure you, by the time we are done you will know what the Hope of Jesus Christ is in times such as these.

We have a strong legacy of worship, and this Advent season will be as meaningful as ever, and, in fact, may be more meaningful, given the situation of our world.

Be sure to follow along in the Narthex News and the website.

Changes in Zoom Meetings

ZOOM has changed their security protocols so that all online meetings now 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. Sunday Worship broadcast does not use ZOOM and access continues with no change.

In-Person Sunday Worship

In-person worship is going well. It is a different experience to be sure, but the Holy Spirit is present and working in and with the worship team and a somewhat smaller congregation.

In its altered state, due to the pandemic, there is a limit of 50 people in attendance. This is a welcome step in the right direction until restrictions on everyone's health matters have diminished.

More ushers have been assigned in order to assist the congregation in a seating arrangement that provides for physical distancing. Masks are required. If you are interested in being an usher, please contact Mazie Williams (mswilli03@aol.com) or Carroll Hebert (apc@apchumble.org).

October Lectionary

10/4 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

10/11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

10/18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

10/25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Mathew 22:34-46

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, jhanna@apchumble.org
(includes prayer requests)

Aaron Seay, aaron@apchumble.org

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Jackie Hannan
Director of Youth Ministry.....Aaron Seay
Office Coordinator.....Carroll Hebert
Director of Music.....Joe Weir
Pianist.....Carl Braden
Interim IT Manager.....Forrest Craig

Introducing Aaron Seay, Director of Youth Ministry

Hello APC!

I'm sure I have seen many of the youth at this church at different church camps and conferences throughout the year, but I can't wait to officially meet you all!

I graduated from Texas State University in 2019 and have spent the past six summers at Mo-Ranch and Synod Youth Workshop serving as a small group leader. I love church camps and conferences so much that I agreed to serve as the Director for the Mo-Ranch Jr. High Jubilee Conference and the Rec Director for Synod Youth Workshop. I have also just started my part-time position as Director of Youth Ministries for the Presbytery of New Covenant (which specifically works with PYCC) about two months ago.

I just can't get enough of working with youth so I am overjoyed that I will be able to work with this incredible youth group on a weekly basis!



I know this is such a weird time to be getting a new Youth Ministries Director. Even though COVID has made everything so strange and we have been finding ourselves being burned out from so much screen time, I hope that you all are just as excited to meet me as I am to meet you! Be ready to work with me as we begin to get to know one another and as we begin navigating this incredible ministry. While being burned out from Zoom is normal, we can still look forward to things like movie nights and games. Being a part of the small group leader team for our Synod Youth Conference Virtual Conference this past summer has definitely taught me the more fun side of Zoom and I am looking forward to bringing some of what I've learned to the weekly meetings with the youth group! And, once it is safe again to meet, we will be able to look forward to having our in-person meetings and activities.

Once we begin worshiping in person, you can most likely find me in the back of the sanctuary and I always enjoy sitting/worshiping next to my youth group friends so please feel free to come join me! I am also very much looking forward to meeting everyone in the congregation so please come up and introduce yourself! Just be patient as I learn your names.

For those of you in high school, I know that you do not get very many free days. I am aware of just how valuable a free afternoon is... If you're lucky enough to get them. School work and extracurricular activities are taking up more of our time than ever! While I hope to see you all on a regular basis for Sunday activities, I know that it may not be as realistic for everyone. Let's brainstorm together and figure out what the best way to connect will be. I'm a huge fan of breakfast food and coffee shops so I would be more than happy to meet with you all over food and/or coffee!

Stay safe and see y'all soon!

Blessings,
Aaron Seay

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. At this time, rather than trying to do too much too soon, we have decided to wait a little longer to start Sunday classes.

We will be doing children's programming in October and planning a special fall event at the end of the month. Watch the website and Narthex News for details.

Please feel free to contact Lisa Stacy with any questions or concerns related to APC Children's Ministries by email, lisastacy3@yahoo.com or home phone 281-852-2986.

Adult Faith Formation

Pastor Shelley's Faith Formation class meets from 9:15 to 10:15 am by BOTH ZOOM online AND in person. Please make the choice that is right for you. The class will discuss the scriptures being preached: Who, what, where, and when of the story.

We'll continue in our regular classroom (102) since there's plenty of room to be physically distanced. Bibles are available but you may want to bring your own.

Please wear a face mask. Hand sanitizers will be on the table.

Class will not meet October 11.

Shelley's and Doug's Zoom 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.

Doug Kennard's class will continue meeting 9:15 to 10:15 am through the Zoom invite <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83087066050> or from apchumble.org live streaming page. Currently reading and discussing Kennard's book, *A Biblical Theology of the Book of Isaiah*.

Youth News

Aaron is hosting weekly Sunday afternoon Zoom calls at 4 pm with youth, along with various Youth Committee leaders. The time is used to catch up with each other, get to know one another, 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. Youth can also still get excited for the presbytery's annual Youth Rally this year which will be done virtually in November! More information will be provided soon.

Go to apchumble.org and click on "View our live streaming worship and meetings schedule" at the top of the page, then click on "Join Youth Group." The meeting passcode is shown next to the meeting link on the website.

Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study

The 2020-2021 Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study continues with *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 14, from 11 am until noon via Zoom.

In this nine-lesson study, Lynn Miller revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. In preparation, please read lesson 2, *Lamenting Together*, for discussion, as well as the "Before You Begin" section.

One of the points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. Hope implies movement: both God's inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may be one of the church's most timely gifts to the world.

The login is listed on the APC website (apchumble.org) under "View Scheduled Live Stream Gatherings." The meeting passcode is shown next to the meeting link on the website. Study Guides are now available. Please contact Doris Fisher (abcdoris2003@yahoo.com or Judith Anderson (jla.lpc55@gmail.com) for more information.

A Prayer For Everyone Born

Following are the words to our hymn, "*For Everyone Born*," which we've been singing in worship as we envision God's kingdom here on earth and pray in the Lord's Prayer: "Thy (God's) kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." God's kingdom is already partially realized here, yet not yet complete.

With text by Shirley Elena Murray (Hope Publishing Co, 1998) and music by Brian Mann (Admin General Board of Global Ministries t/aGBCMUSIC, 2006), we remember that God's kingdom happens when there is enough for everyone.

The hymn text footnote reminds us the hymn "affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace."

For Everyone Born Glory to God Hymnal, #769

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,
3. For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,
4. For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live,
5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

Happenings

Two Lucky Bingo Nights!

Two Lucky Bingo nights coming up! Be a big winner. Laugh with your friends. Celebrate life. SFC has two exciting Zoom bingo games coming up this fall. Plan to join us from the beauty of your own home on **Friday, October 16 at 7 pm** for Lucky O night and **Friday, November 13 at 7 pm** for Lucky Friday the Thirteenth night.

There will be prizes! Food and a wide variety of drinks will be available depending, of course, on what you prepare or order in. Dress is casual. Shirts please, but shoes are optional. You don't need your mask either.

Don't miss out because, if you do, you will not have the very latest information on fashionista Carol Cutshall's headgear.



To print out cards, go to <https://bingobaker.com/card> s. If you cannot print your own cards, please let Ellen Nipe (enipe@comcast.net) know and she will get them to you. Sign in and register on the APC website

(apchumble.org) or SignUp Genius. Hope you can make it. Stay safe and well!

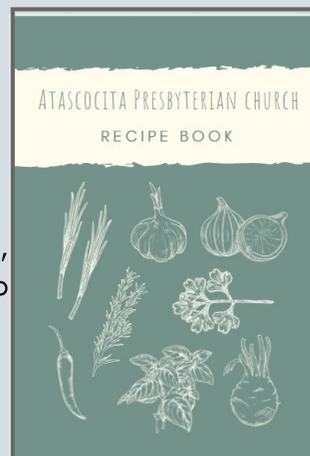
Your Spiritual Fellowship Committee

APC Cookbook

Have you been cooking more lately? Yeah? Same old stuff? Well, it's time to shake it up a little bit. It's time to share our tried and true, as well as our new recipes with our friends at APC.

The Spiritual Fellowship Committee is forming a committee to develop a new APC cookbook.

If you like to cook or like to eat, we'd like you to join us. Let us know if you are interested by contacting Ellen Nipe (enipe@comcast.net), Ann Owen (annowen@suddenlink.net) or Carol Cutshall (carolpcutshall@gmail.com).



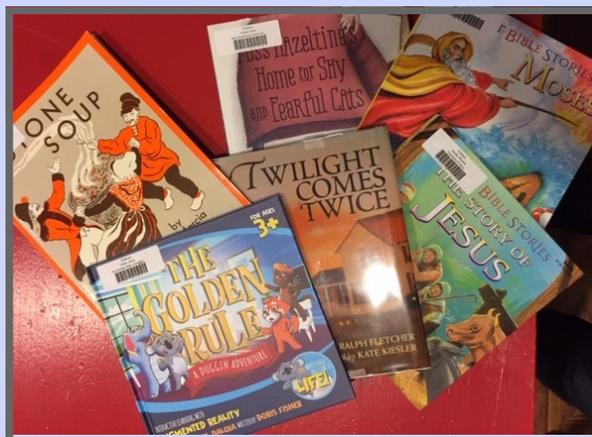
Library News

I love books! I found a variety of children's books in the APC library. No one has visited lately and here's a few of the many titles begging to be read. One of my favorites, "Stone Soup." Notice a familiar name in the author's line of "The Golden Rule," our own Doris Fisher!

APC Library Resources are searchable online. To locate a book or resource, go to the APC website (apchumble.org).

- Select "Menu."
- Select "Church Library." An option will appear to "Search Inventory."

To check out a particular book during the Covid-19 pandemic, contact Lisa Ryan (lkwryan2@gmail.com) and she will arrange for a safe delivery of the book(s) to your home.



Physically Distant but Socially Connected

The Tuesday Morning Worship Planning Team is continuing this project by adding a request for more of your photos in the coming weeks. A Bible scripture is included that may enhance each topic. It is fun to get a glimpse into families at APC!

Please send only one photo in each category. Photos received by the deadline will be shown before and after the Sunday morning worship service the following week.

September 27 & October 4 (Deadline Friday, September 25, noon)

Picture of you and/or family on vacation

Genesis 1:1-2 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

October 11 & 18 (Deadline Friday, October 9, noon)

Favorite picture of child or children

Job 21:11 "They send out their little ones like a flock, and their children dance."

October 25 & November 1 (Deadline Friday, October 23, noon)

Favorite Halloween Costume

1 Corinthians 10:31 "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

November 8 & 15 (Deadline Friday, November 6, noon)

Picture of Parents

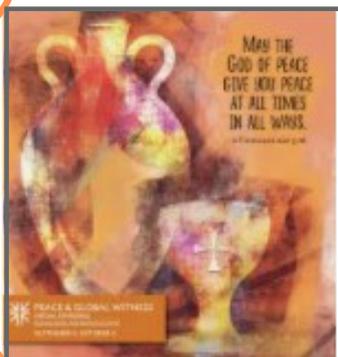
Exodus 20:12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

November 22 & 29 (Deadline Friday, November 20, noon)

Thanksgiving

1 Chronicles 16:34 "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever."

**Please send only one photo to:
youbelong@apchumble.org**



Peace and Global Witness Special Offering

Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, APC is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. We celebrate the truth found in 2nd Thessalonians, "May the God of peace give you peace at all times in all ways."

Donations may be made from now until World Communion Sunday, October 4 online through the APC website (apchumble.org). Click on the "Give Now" button at the top right of the home page. Checks mailed to the church (19426 Atasca Oaks Dr, Humble, 77346) with a notation on the memo line will be credited to the P&GW Fund.

Humble Area Assistance Ministries



***** ONE DAY ONLY ONE DAY ONLY ONE DAY ONLY *****

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

For one day only, a HAAM truck will be parked in the church's parking lot to collect your donations. **Contactless Drop-off!**

The truck will be onsite from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

APC is responsible for providing these two items:

- Stuffing Mix (bag or box)
- Turkey Gravy (packets only)

These items are requested as specified to facilitate handling, packaging, and distribution.

For those who miss the deadline, you may drop off items with Carroll in the office. Hours are 9 am until 1 pm Monday through Thursday.

Thanks for your continued support of HAAM and the community!

George Williams, Ray Peregoy

Family Promise



To raise funds for Family Promise, there is a Chance Drawing for a \$15,000 travel voucher, for use however you wish! Tickets are \$100, and only 350 will be sold!

The drawing will take place on **Saturday, October 24 at Harley Davidson of Kingwood at 1 pm.**

You do not have to be present to win, but you might want to be there for a scaled back Chicks & Hogs BBQ event from 11 am - 2 pm.

For more information, or to buy tickets, contact Steve Coleman (713-417-5152) or the Family Promise Day Center (281-441-3754).



APC will host Family Promise families Sunday through Saturday, November 1-7

Very soon, we'll be sending out Family Promise Signup Genius forms for Dinner Chefs and Overnight Hosts.

For dinners, we request that you deliver food to the church at 5:15 pm in disposable containers. The food will then be brought into the church. Evening hosts are not required at this time.

Overnight hosts can be assured that every precaution will be made to make it safe to spend the night. Most of the time, the guests are in their rooms by 8 pm, and out by 6 am. Everyone who enters the church gets a temperature check. The adults must wear a mask. The areas in use are cleaned every day (including the restrooms). We Lysol the host beds everyday.

At this time, two "small" families are scheduled to be here. One of the families is gluten free, and allergic to strawberries.

If you can prepare dinner or stay overnight, please sign up on the Signup Genius form coming out at the end of September. Groceries are already taken care of.



Earth Care Corner



Semi-Annual Rain Barrel & Compost Bin Sale

The City of Houston Green Building Resource Center is holding its Semi-Annual Rain Barrel & Compost Bin Truckload Sale. You can buy the classic black 50-gallon Ivy Rain Barrel for \$72.

The 65-gallon backyard compost bin is \$67. Five percent of your purchase will go to the Green Building Resource Center.

Pickup: Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 10 am until 12 pm. Location: Houston Permitting Center, 1002 Washington, Houston, TX 77002.

Return of Electronics Recycle in KW

Keep Kingwood Green announces the return of electronics recycle for City of Houston residents at the Kingwood Park & Ride lot, 3215 W Lake Houston Pkwy. CompuCycle accept electronic items beginning Saturday, October 3 from 9 am until 3 pm and continue the first Saturday of each month. For a list of acceptable items to be collected, along with recommendations for safety issues, please visit:

<https://keepkingwoodgreen.org/electronics-recycling-returns-october-3rd/>



APC Pollinator Garden

Butterflies and hummingbirds have taken advantage of our Turks Cap, Cestrum, Milkweed, Hamelia, and Duranta. Pause for a minute and look for them as you enter or leave by the front door.

There's No End in Sight to Hurricane Laura Relief

Assistance to those who experienced devastation from Hurricane Laura doesn't really have a deadline.

The APC office will continue to serve as a drop off location Monday through Thursday, from 9 am until 1 pm. The next scheduled pickup from here to the warehouse is Thursday, October 8.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has organized a Hygiene Kit and Cleanup Bucket drive to send to those in need in Louisiana. For a list of items to be included, use this link: <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits>, or call or email Carroll in the office for a list.

Donations are also being accepted for Houston Responds in their effort to assist those who have been affected by the hurricane destruction. The following is a link to their website regarding supply drop off locations, needs, and volunteer opportunities: houstonresponds.org/disaster. If you would like to make a financial contribution, see the "Give Now" tab on the home page and enter an amount in Disaster Assistance, or you can send a donation to the Presbytery office. Presbytery of New Covenant, 4803 San Felipe St, Houston, TX 77056.

Birthdays

10/3 Jenny Ingram
 10/3 Hannah Adrian
 10/5 Paul Curtis
 10/7 Kai Williams
 10/8 Janet Griffin
 10/10 Scott Bosard
 10/11 Brad Wimberg
 10/14 Nancy Tribolet
 10/17 Scott Hubbard
 10/19 Michael Burgos
 10/20 DeeDee Mills
 10/20 Shirley Williams
 10/22 Dru Frye
 10/24 Elise Frye
 10/26 Matthew Sheppard
 10/29 Vicki Lasinsky
 10/30 Roxie McInnis

Anniversaries

10/14 Lisa & Shanti Herrington
 10/25 Katie & Jamie Hannan

APC by the Numbers

Weekly Contributions
 through September 27

Actual 9/27	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
\$21,671	\$273,913	\$286,950

Prayers, Concerns, & Condolences

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Our country and our medical and economic issues surrounding Covid virus.
- Our African American brothers and sisters seeking justice.
 Also, God, as there are always more to the stories of justice, we pray for the families of police officers killed on duty. Prayers for all police officers and their families as they risk their lives daily to protect us.
- Those trying to clean up and work through the destruction of hurricane Laura.
- Firefighters tackling fires on the west coast and Brazil. Also, residents who are in danger and those who have lost their homes and property.
- Children and school staff who have gone back to in-person learning and those who are learning from home. May their decisions be sound and safe.
- Congratulations to Lisa and Mike Ryan's daughter, Kim, giving birth to a baby girl September 2.
- Ron Powell's sister, Joan, who has had complications following a medical procedure.
- Kathy Gava's friend, Carol, has cancer and has returned to the hospital.
- The Mills family.
- Emily Murphy's niece, Shannon, and her husband, Steve.
- Family and friends of Sarah Nickodam upon her death. Sarah was Katie Hannan's sorority sister and a friend of Jamie's in college. She leaves behind a husband and newborn baby.
- The Wiggin family. Daughter Kenzie has Covid-19. Chris has been furloughed from his pilot job at United.
- Ray Peregoy
- Ursula, granddaughter of Gene and Linda Andrus, has Covid-19.
- Desi, Liz Epie-Tchussen's son, recovering from surgery.
- David Lasinsky as he continues with chemotherapy.
- Deondra, Ann Owen's granddaughter, and her young clients at CPS.
- Ellen & Russ Nipe's granddaughter, Maddy.
- Theresa Stacy, Lisa Stacy's sister-in-law, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Hugh Parry's mother, Diane.
- Pete Kennard, son of Jan and Doug Kennard, an essential worker.
- The Kepharts, Julie Arnold, Esther Crosby, Bev O'Brien, and Sine McCarty.

The chat feature has changed in Boxcast. Please email prayers to Pastor Jackie by Friday for inclusion in Sunday's Prayers of the People.

Prayer requests may be sent to jhannan@apchumble.org. For pastoral care emergencies, call Jackie at 281-799-6693.