



THE COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of Atascocita Presbyterian Church



A word from the pastor...

I hope you have read my letter of resignation by now. If not, it's located on the next page. I pray that over these next few months we will be able to talk, maybe even visit, reminisce, laugh, and cry. My time here has been an exciting 12 years. You each have a part in that journey. It is not over so do not close the door yet.

In fact, the time between today and retirement is the most exciting and hopeful time of the church year - Advent! This year's advent theme is "The Promise of Advent: Preparing for a season of Hope during unparalleled times." Hope, faith, joy, and peace. These Advent messages are needed this year more than ever before as people struggle with the continued health concerns related to COVID-19, unprecedented loss, and a divided culture.

Indeed, these are unparalleled times and it is a time for us to come together in our faith and remember that what goes on in the day-to-day of our lives is so trivial when it is not lived with the knowledge of the birth of God's Son, our Savior. The rest of the "stuff" is just noise and should never be allowed to overshadow the Hope of Jesus Christ; that is where we find the meaning of our lives. The healing message of the Christ Child is needed this year more than ever.

Blessings, Jackie

And now for a few funnies. These are actual clippings from church newspapers. It's amazing what a little proofreading would provide.

- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- Announcement in the church bulletin for a National Prayer and Fasting Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."
- Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

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www.apchumble.org

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- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."
- Barbara remains in the hospital. She is having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jackie's sermons.
- The Minister will preach his farewell message then the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.
- Don't let worry kill you - let the Church help.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones
- The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoy sinning to join the choir.
- The Lutheran men's group will meet at 6 PM. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert will be served for a nominal fee.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.
- This evening at 7 P.M. there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the Church.
- Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Jackie's letter to the congregation:

I am sure this will not come as a complete surprise to many of you. I have decided to retire. Jim and I have wrestled with this decision and second guessed it a hundred times, but in the end, with much prayer and many conversations with God, I have decided that I will retire effective December 31, 2020.

This was a very difficult decision for me. My time at APC has been some of the happiest and most rewarding times in my career. You are truly a special congregation. I have always felt like we served together. Sometimes I listened to you, and sometimes you listened to me, but most times we came to conclusions together.

Just always remember, the church is not the pastor, the church is the people held in the arms of a loving God. As you continue the strong ministry you have, know that it is God's leading. It has been in God's hands for the past 37 years, it is in God's hands now, and it will be in God's hands in the future. We are instruments of the Lord Jesus Christ to do the work of his church. May you all be blessed as you continue the legacy of APC. The Session will have more information in the coming months but in the meantime, let us all continue to lead and guide the ministries of Atascocita Presbyterian Church as we always have.

*In Love and Blessings for the future,
The Reverend Jacqueline Hannan*

A letter from an online visitor:

Thanks for another lovely service. I've missed the last several weeks & was glad to be on line with you again. What I love so much about APC- and what I've missed so much in my other worship experiences- is your message of inclusion. A prayer in both Spanish & English, prayers for all those hurting- no matter what groups they belong to. Our nation is so divided & it is heartbreaking. Hearing the constant divisive rhetoric & then coming to your service of peace and inclusion is like getting a hug from God. We're going to be OK.

Janice Lemm, APC On Line Visitor
Savannah, Texas

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.

The Worship Committee is requesting to borrow your artificial Christmas tree that will be a part of sanctuary decorations during the Advent season. If you have one to spare (4' or up), please bring it to the church before Sunday, November 15. On weekdays, you may bring them Monday through Thursday, from 9 am until 1 pm. Thank you!

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 (apce@apchumble.org).

November Lectionary

11/1 All Saints Day

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

11/8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

11/15 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

11/22 Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

11/29 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

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
(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

Children's Faith Formation is ZOOMing!

Come join up Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for Children's Faith Formation. It's simple, it's easy, and you don't even have to get out of your pajamas!

Simply go to the APC website (apchumble.org) and click on the live streaming menu, and follow the instructions. Hope to see you on Sundays.

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.

Children's Fall Fun Day

The Children's Committee hosted a Fall Fun Day for the children of the church on Sunday, October 25. The Kona Ice truck was there and there were bubbles, sidewalk chalk, ga-ga ball, and rock painting, which was a big hit.

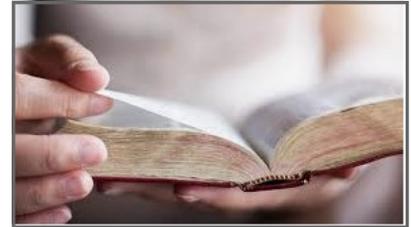
The Mission Crafters joined us outside to sell some of their wares. A fun time was had by young and old alike! A big thank you to the youth and all the adults who helped to make this a big success.



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.

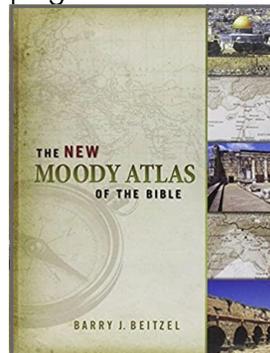


We'll continue in our regular classroom (102) since there's plenty of room to be physically distanced. Bibles are available but you may want to bring your own.

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

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.



Starting November 8, our next book is Beitzel, Barry, The New Moody Atlas of the Bible. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2009. ISBN 978-0-8024-0441-1 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.

Youth News

Join us via Zoom from 9am until 12pm

PYCC

YOUTH RALLY

“We are the Church”

NOVEMBER
15
Sunday

Worship, Small Groups, and Fellowship!

RSVP with Aaron Seay
aseay@pbyofnewcovenant.org
to let us know your church will be there!!

Youth Virtual Fundraising Contest

For Youth Rally on November 15, 9 am until 3 pm via Zoom.

- Each youth group will try to raise the most donations for a charity of their choice. The youth group with the highest amount of donations will have proceeds from all the groups go to their charity.
- Youth groups can set up a Go Fund Me page or PayPal for their donations. When the winner is announced, the donations can be sent directly to the winning group's charity.
- All donations will be due a week prior to the Youth Rally.



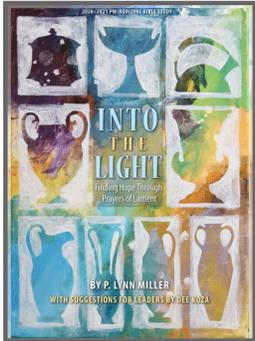
Good Luck!

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! See below.

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 next meeting of the 2020-2021 Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* will be via Zoom on Wednesday, November 11, from 11 am until noon.

We will study Lesson Three, "Women's Lament." We will also discuss the "Before You Begin" section, early in each lesson. In this nine-lesson study, Lynn Miller revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. **How timely!**

One of the points of the study is in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. And 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.

For more information please contact Judith Anderson (jla.lpc55@gmail.com) or Doris Fisher (abcdoris2003@yahoo.com).

Physically Distant but Socially Connected

Two more weeks of photos. 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. Also, archived on the APC website.

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



Happenings

Lucky Bingo Night!

Lucky Friday the 13th Bingo Night is coming up! SFC has another exciting night of Zoom bingo games coming up. Plan to join us from the beauty of your own home at 7 pm.

There will be prizes! It's fun for the whole family and a chance to see your church buddies. Grab your pizza, popcorn, drinks and head on down to your den or living room to join the party.



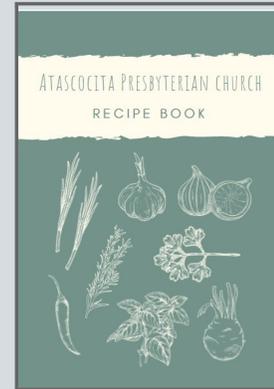
To print out cards, go to <https://bingobaker.com/cards>. If you cannot print your own cards, please let Ellen Nipe (enipe@comcast.net) know and she will get them to you.

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

The Spiritual Fellowship Committee's Cookbook Committee will meet Monday, November 9, at 10:30, via Zoom. The password is 220991.



Please bring cookbooks so we can decide on the basics.

Anyone who likes to cook or eat is welcome. This is going to be a fun endeavor!

For more information, please contact Ellen Nipe (enipe@comcast.net).

Poinsettias in Memory or in Honor of Your Loved One

Poinsettias will again be a part of the advent decorations in the sanctuary. You may purchase one or more to honor your loved one.

We are in the middle of working out all the details so please check out the next Narthex News for more information.



Family Promise

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

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to serve as Dinner Chefs and Overnight Hosts!

Family Promise will hold two volunteer training sessions virtually on Thursday, November 12 at 7 pm, and Saturday, November 21 at 9 am. If you are interested in attending, please call Linda Coleman (713-417-6221) for a link into the meeting.

Seafarer's Ministry

Seafarers Gift Boxes

The gift boxes lift the spirit of seafarers while they are away from their families and confined in the vessel, missing the most important and meaningful events with their family during this holiday. We thank you in advance for your consideration!

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. **Please return your filled boxes to APC on any Sunday in November.** Of course, if you have a shoe box of your own, they will be accepted as well.

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	Band-Aids (fabric)	Magnet clips
Toothbrush	Dental floss	Earbuds/headphones
Toothpaste	Q-tips	USB flash drives
Disposable razors	Kleenex	Mechanical pens & pencils
Shaving cream	Nail clippers	Pocket-size notebooks
Gold Bond powder	Baseball cap (new)	Word search/Sudoku/fill-in books
Gold Bond cream	Socks	2021 Calendar
Hand lotion	T-shirts (new)	Texas souvenirs
Deodorant	Knit stocking cap	Needle & thread sewing kit
Soap	Cotton or leather work gloves	Playing cards
Shampoo	Key chains	Water based hot chocolate mix
Lip balm	Flashlight with batteries	Gum & hard candy (no chocolate)
		Popcorn

Seasons of Sharing

HAAM Seasons of Sharing benefits local families for Thanksgiving and Christmas



www.haaministries.org

Learn More



WAYS YOU CAN HELP A LOCAL FAMILY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON:

Monetary Donation

- \$30 will feed ONE (1) FAMILY
- \$60 will feed TWO (2) FAMILIES
- \$90 will feed THREE (3) FAMILIES
- \$120 will feed FOUR (4) FAMILIES

DONATE

Contact us at 281-446-3663 x 120



Thanksgiving distribution has begun and your donations are appreciated by November 10th.

HAAM's Community-Wide Toy Drive



- Stuffing Mix
- Packet of Turkey Gravy
- Cornbread Mix
- 1 Lb. Bag Pinto or Red Beans
- Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes
- 2 Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit, Cranberry Sauce or Yams
- 1 Lb. Bag of Rice
- Brownie Mix

Our toy drive looks different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of toys, HAAM is asking for \$25 Target and Walmart gift cards to minimize the risk of exposure to the virus for client families, donors, volunteers, and staff. We appreciate your understanding and support as we work to stay healthy and safe!

Thank you.

Donations appreciated by December 14th.



Visit Our Website

Donations may be dropped off between 9:00AM - 3:30PM at:

HAAM Social Services
1302 First St. in Humble
Monday through Thursday





Earth Care Corner

Fall Cleanup in GATE

The APC Earth Care Team is helping CLC with fall cleanup of the GATE area near the playground. Grab your rake, gloves, and mask, and join us Saturday, November 7, at 10 am. This will be a nice day outside, socially distancing while cleaning up the garden area!

Styrofoam Recycle

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

The APC Earth Care Team is sponsoring a Recycling event for polystyrene packaging on Sunday, December 6, from 10 am until noon in the church parking lot. Please start saving acceptable items now.

Electronics Recycle



Drop off electronics for recycling at the church Audio-Visual room, just inside the front door on your left.

Acceptable items include: old phones, iPads, laptops, printers, cords, phones, small TV screens or monitors (Please do not drop off large items or appliances!).

Electronics recycling is also available on the first Saturday of each month at the Kingwood Park and Ride for City of Houston residents. For everyone else, items will be collected from the APC AV room on the first Friday of every month and transported to the Kingwood recycle. For more information please contact Lisa Ryan (lkwryan2@gmail.com), Gayle Grubbs (gaylegrubbs3@gmail.com), or Forrest Craig (fcraig3@gmail.com).

Walk the Talk

Join Lisa Ryan and others who combine a pleasant walk with their concern for the environment by walking in Kingwood's East End Park every Wednesday at 9:15 am. Please contact Lisa (lkwryan2@gmail.com) for more information on where to meet.

Additional information from the City of Houston Recycling page

What is polystyrene foam?

Polystyrene foam is used in thousands of homes by individuals and businesses around Houston and provides superior performance in packaging and food applications. Also commonly known as Styrofoam, it is widely used to keep electronics and other fragile items safe for transportation.

What kind of polystyrene foam is collected and recycled?

Clean, white block type and polystyrene foam packaging is accepted. Polystyrene foam cups, plates and clamshell containers are also accepted but they must be free of all food residue. Only clean packaging that is free of food contaminants, debris, and foreign objects such as tape, plastics, or metal is accepted. Packing peanuts are not accepted.

What is the market for recycled polystyrene foam?

Almost half of the polystyrene foam packaging recycled is remanufactured into new packaging. Other applications for recycled polystyrene foam packaging include building applications such as siding and deck board, ceiling texture, molding, electronic products, auto products, agricultural products, office supplies, egg cartons, and beanbag filler. Markets for non-foam polystyrene include coat hangers, picture frames, waste baskets, videocassettes, flowerpots, and nursery trays.

Birthdays

11/1 Carol Peterson
 11/2 Jada Akrong
 11/3 Erin Nemes
 11/3 Eric Mills
 11/4 Bill Mumford
 11/5 Judith Anderson
 11/6 Sandra Lee
 11/8 Claudia Nelson
 11/9 Lisa Herrington
 11/9 Brian Lemer
 11/9 Michael Cruz
 11/16 Michelle Vance
 11/16 Susanne Wilkerson
 11/18 Craig Smith
 11/20 Sarah Olson
 11/21 Dorothy Jane Casas
 11/23 Casey Ingram
 11/23 Jenna Hlavaty
 11/23 Donald Wilkerson
 11/26 Elroy McHenry
 11/28 John Sheridan
 11/28 Erin Kinney
 11/28 Sarah Bennett
 11/29 Liz Epie-Tchussen
 11/30 Julie Fisher
 11/30 Alicia Taylor

Anniversaries

11/9 Kristi & Jasper Stanley
 11/16 Janna & Scott Hubbard
 11/22 Addie & Arden Kephart
 11/24 Sharis & Scott Mayer
 11/27 Dolly & Craig Smith

APC by the Numbers

Weekly Contributions
 through October 25

Actual	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
\$3,525	\$299,700	\$316,381

Prayers, Concerns, & 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.
- The families of police officers killed on duty and for those who risk their lives daily to protect us.
- Those trying to clean up the destruction of the recent storms.
- Firefighters tackling the fires on the west coast and Colorado and the residents in danger.
- All children and school staff who have gone back to school either virtual or in-person.
- Christina Michie tested positive for Covid-19. Daniel, Jaxson, and the Hannan family are quarantining.
- 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.
- The Howell family, friends of Sandra Berry.
- Kathy, dear friend of the Olson's, recovering from Covid-19.
- Madalyn, Tom Olson's aunt, anticipating her 100th birthday.
- Carol, Kathy Gava's friend, is resting at home and continues with cancer treatment.
- The Mills family.
- Family and friends of Mary Mitchell, Katherine and Lauren's mother, upon her passing.
- 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.
- Sophie (10 months old), daughter of Kristi and Jasper Stanley's neighbor, has had febrile seizures and is awaiting a diagnosis.
- The family and friends of Harry Brookby upon the death of his mother.
- Suzan Bosard's sister and her husband, Linda and Gary; her aunt, Rhoda; her niece, Tiara; and nephew, Zak; all currently battling Covid-19.
- Suzan Bosard's son, Tyler, and his wife, awaiting the birth of their son.
- Pete Kennard, son of Jan and Doug Kennard, an essential worker.
- Lisa Stacy's sister-in-law's mother.
- Older family members of Elaine McCool who have tested positive for Covid-19.
- Diane Ruffin, sister of Sharon Botkin, has tested positive for Covid-19.
- Mazie Williams as she recuperates from knee surgery.
- Eric Lagergren, boyfriend of Midge, Emily Murphy's sister, is being tested for cancer.
- Emily Murphy, undergoing medical testing.
- Emily Murphy's brother-in-law, Ty Murphy, and his wife Julie, both fighting cancer.
- Nina Petty, Carroll Hebert's sister-in-law, is still in a coma after an auto accident on Friday, October 16. There are minor signs of improvement. Please pray for her, husband Bill, and the family.
- The president, congress, and our courts.
- The Kepharts, Julie Arnold, Esther Crosby, Bev O'Brien, and Sine McCarty.

The chat feature has changed in Boxcast. **Please email prayers to the church office (apceapchumble.org) by Friday for inclusion in Sunday's Prayers of the People.**

For pastoral care emergencies, call Jackie at 281-799-6693.