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Newsletter of Atascocita Presbyterian Church

APC Welcomes Rev. Dr. Richard Kleiman as Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. Richard Kleiman has accepted the call to become our Interim Pastor! We look forward to his spiritual leadership in matters of worship, mission, and outreach. His sermons are enlightening and he relates personally with our children. We are eager to listen and learn from Richard.

On July 11 join our reception after worship to honor Richard and his wife, Elsa, to the APC church family! We are so excited see his face in the pulpit and for him to guide us! We know his face. Let's wear our nametags so he knows our faces!

Richard and Elsa love to read novels, attend plays and concerts, and view interesting movies. Richard is a sports enthusiast and enjoys walking, yoga, and golf. He also plays the guitar and loves all kinds of music. He likes group singing and some of his musical work has been published.

Richard previously led congregations as pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Navasota, First Presbyterian Church of Baytown, and First Presbyterian Church of Stephenville. He has been an Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church and Memorial Lutheran in Texas City. A chairman of many church related committees, he also served as a Board Member for Habitat for Humanity, Board Member and President of New Horizon Family Center and President, Board of Trustees, of the Navasota Independent School District.

Richard graduated from Baylor University and earned his Master of Divinity at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary where he earned his Doctor of Ministry.

A quote from his Pastor Information Form -
My role as a pastor is to encourage life-affirming ministry in the church. God's grace says that it matters a great deal who we are and what we do with the strength of our lives. Thus, this ministry finds tangible expression in the life of a church in worship, education, spiritual growth, fellowship, evangelism, and local and world-wide mission.

Welcome Richard and Elsa!

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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.comAtascocitaPresbyterianChurch/

Meet and Greet Richard and Elsa

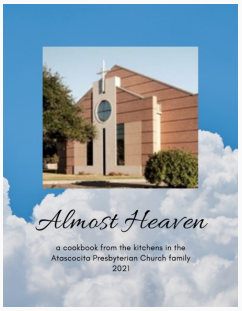
Please join APC Elders and Deacons in welcoming our new Interim Pastor, Richard Kleiman, and his wife, Elsa.

A reception will be held in the fellowship hall after Sunday service, July 11. Sandwiches, cupcakes, and lemonade will be served. Come and introduce yourselves to this lovely couple!

RSVP to the church office (281-852-8990).

APC Cookbooks are Here!

If you have not picked up your "*Almost Heaven*" cookbook, it will be available for pickup in the narthex on Sundays or you may ask that it be delivered (call the church office). Payment is accepted by cash, check, or credit card.



Credit card payment is also welcome through the APC website. Go to apchumble.org, click on the "Give Now" button at the top of the page, and enter the total number of books where indicated.

All proceeds from cookbook sales will be donated to Family Promise.

Pastor Richard is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons.

Carroll Hebert is in the office Monday through Thursday, from 9 am until 2 pm.

Aaron Seay may be reached by email: aaron@apchumble.org

CHURCH STAFF

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

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.
Psalm 95:1,2 NIV

July Lectionary

7/4 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 14:36-45
Romans 5:1-11
Matthew 22:1-14
7/11 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 17:50-18:4
Romans 10:4-17
Matthew 23:29-39
7/18 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 23:7-18
Romans 11:33-12:2
Matthew 25:14-30
7/25 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
2 Samuel 1:17-27
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 25:31-46

Shot Shuttle

Call the Shot Shuttle when you receive notification that you have an appointment for a specific time and place to get vaccinated.

We will see that you get to your appointment. Don't miss your appointment just because transportation is an issue.

Call the church office (281-852-8990) to let Carroll know if you need a ride and she will contact a driver.

Children's Faith Formation Meeting In Person

Children's Faith Formation will not meet in July. Classes resume August 1 at APC, in the orange classroom, at 9:30 am.

Please feel free to contact Lisa Stacy with any questions or concerns related to APC Children's Ministries by email, apcchildrenscommittee@apchumble.org.

Adult Faith Formation

Pastor Shelley's Faith Formation class is on summer break. Class resumes September 12.

Doug's class meets at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall as well as Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83087066050.

We will be working through W H Bellinger, *Psalms: A Guide to Studying the Psalter*. Each week Kennard will expound a psalm to illustrate the content of the chapter, and then open for discussion.

Presbyterian Women Fellowship Continues this Summer

Summer meeting dates are Wednesdays: July 14 and August 11, at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall. These meetings will not be hybrid since we are not having a formal study until September. Please bring your brown bag lunch and join us. Always a new topic for discussion.

Youth News

Aaron and the youth group meet Sundays in the APC fellowship hall from 11:45 am until 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Sign-ups are now available for the following summer programs at Mo-Ranch.

Multicultural Youth Confference, July 1 - 4. Attendees will hear from keynote speakers, experience engaging worship and small groups where they can dig into the conference theme at a deeper level.

Jr. High Jubilee, July 4 - 8, 6th through 8th grades. Activities include: keynote and worship sessions, energizers, small groups, home groups, and vespers.

Each Mo-Ranch youth conference is $250. Scholarships are available.

Synod Youth Workshop, July 14 - 16, will be held at Northwoods Presbyterian Church, 3320 Cypress Creek Pkwy (FM 1960), Houston 77068. Registration is now open. This conference is open for all high schoolers. Rides can be arranged in order to car-pool from APC. This conference is free. Northwoods will provide lunch. (There may be a small cost.)

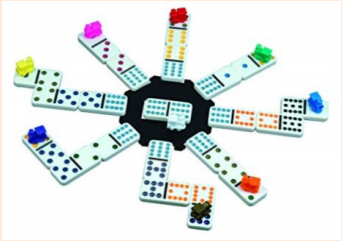
Presbytery of New Covenant 2021-2022 Presbytery Youth Connection Council (PYCC) is a wonderful opportunity for young people to share their gifts and explore their leadership abilities. Youth on the council work alongside adult members to design and lead fellowship, mission, and worship experiences for the young people of our presbytery.

Potential youth and adults should complete applications and submit them to Youth Director, Aaron Seay, for review and endorsement. APC will select and submit up to five youth (9th - 12th grades) and three adults (over the age of 23) to serve on the council to represent our congregation.

The participant's cost for council activities is $300, which covers the cost of a lock-in, two planning retreats, and two Conclave weekends at Camp Cho-Yeh.

Please see Aaron for an application.

Game Day for Grown-ups is back!



Remember what fun that was? We'll meet on **Thursday, July 29 at 11:30 am** in the fellowship hall to celebrate the 4th of Thanks-chr-easter Day, following the age-old traditions for this holiday. Please bring your lunch and stay for Mexican Train or come around 12:30 pm to play.

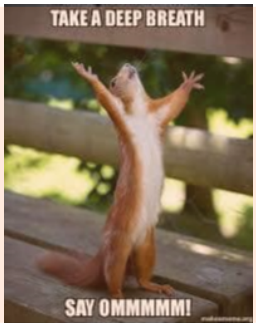
Ancient Mariners

Ancient Mariners is a Senior group organization with APC for those who are age 55 and over.

The system has changed for scheduling Precinct buses. You must first register with Harris County Precinct 2 by going to their website: pct2gether.com. If you have questions or difficulty signing up online, call 713-274-2222 and ask for DeeDee.

Linda Andrus is in the process of scheduling trips, but in the meantime, you may sign up for any trips listed on the Precinct 2 website after you have registered. You may be going with people from other locations.

Contact Linda Andrus for more information, 281-852-1668.



Yoga for all!

Meet Monday mornings at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. Bring your exercise mat.

Mission Market Place

APC crafters have been busy making new items to display for sale in the store. Stop by (Tuesday mornings and Sunday after worship) and see what's new and what's on sale!

The latest additions are crosses made and donated by Art Summer Camps students for missions. Their work is invaluable and any donation is welcome for their purchase. All the crosses are on display outside the Market Place door, on the edge of the narthex.

Houston Responds

Atascocita Presbyterian Church is a member of Lake Houston Responds, which is a part of a collaborative system of regional coalitions of churches in Harris and surrounding counties to collaborate disaster and crisis response.

We are getting into hurricane season, when it is possible for this area to be impacted again. Jeff Schulz, the contact for Lake Houston Responds, has organized meetings recently to introduce people in the churches who have identified one or more areas in which they will be able to participate. APC has, in the past, been able to help with food distribution and providing face masks.

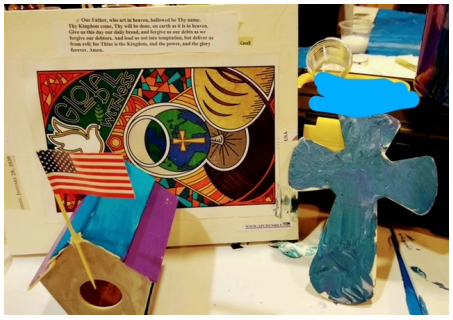
The people in those meetings have shared their cell numbers with each other so when/if a need arises, the coalition will be immediately connected to assist where needed.

Carroll Hebert has initiated APC as a partner in this effort and would appreciate another two or three colleagues to serve as additional contacts within the coalition. If you would like to be in the loop of communication for APC, please call the church office (281-852-8990).

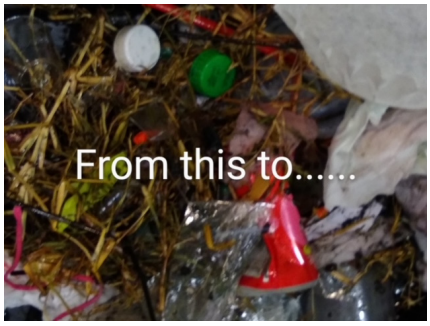
Three GREAT weeks of learning, playing, and making new friends!

Week one - Music Camp. Everyone is a musician. "Make a joyful noise" with several types of instruments to explore.

Week two - Art Camp. Beautiful projects to create every day.



Week three - Science Camp. APC Summer Scientists! They are trying to discover a way to clean up storm drain water. They had a blast! During camp they studied water pollution, fingerprints, bacteria growth, built bridges, created a rubber ball, and a cotton ball launcher. They had fun learning many ways to use their minds, bodies, and spirits to worship all that their Creator has gifted them.



The Children's Committee would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of the people who volunteered their time and gifts and talents to make our Children's Summer Camps a big success! We couldn't have done it without you. From the many talented adults and the ever helpful youth (and their boundless energy).

We had about 30 campers each week, each with a different theme. Week 1 was Music, where the kids sang, learned different rhythms, and were able to play different musical instruments.

Week 2 was Art, where they got to explore their creative sides and learn about different art techniques. They made bird houses, did paint pouring among other things. Our campers also made crosses which they have donated to sell in the Mission Market Place, proceeds to benefit Family Promise. Please go shopping!

Week 3 was Science, where we explored the different types of science. Some of their favorites were chemistry (bouncy balls), environmental (trash clean up), and engineering (bridge making).

Family Promise of Lake Houston
Embrace • Inspire • Restore

From Family Promise Directors, Jessica and Tiffany.

We are PSYCHED to be back in the day center and it is simply wonderful for our families to have their own spaces! Only a few cosmetic touches remain to be done. Special thanks to HomeAid Houston and their relationship with MI Homes (who donated that amazing floor!), and FSR Services for all their efforts getting us fixed up! Also, all the volunteers who have sweat equity in this repair, we appreciate you immensely!!

There are a few things still needed to get us back up to speed. If you are interested in contributing, a registry is listed on the Family Promise website.

It may be summertime, but we are still planting ....are you with us?

You plant, you nurture, you hope, and THEN you harvest.

We are planting, we are nurturing, we are praying and hoping, (and planning and praising!), and we need your help.

The Promise House construction started June 14. Now is the time to talk about and raise awareness for this big project. We've got a BIG goal and we need our community to take ownership for this dream, the need for which has only grown. Are you planting alongside us?

Hello APC,

HAAM
Humble Area Assistance Ministries

Each summer HAAM conducts a summer nutrition program for children.

The purpose of this program is to provide healthy foods for school age children who qualify to receive free or reduced-price meals at school. During the summer months when family budgets are stretched even tighter, HAAM aims to ensure that children in our primary service area have access to nutritious food during this time.

Did you know that your gift of only $40 will feed one child with 3 nutrition packages this summer? $80 will feed two children with 6 nutrition packs - each filled with fruit, yogurt, lunchmeat, cereal, milk, and peanut butter.

Our goal to provide children with summer nutrition packs is only made possible with your help. Your generous donations can change the life of a child this summer. Can you help?

This link will Feed a child this summer.

Millie Garrison
Executive Director
HAAM

EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

APC Earth Care

The Earth Care Committee will soon be changing meeting times. Stay tuned for updates.

Recycle Batteries

Drop your old batteries in the black bucket to the right of the front door at APC and they will be sent to recycle.

Electronics Recycle

Drop off electronics for recycling in 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!)

Birthdays

7/1 Tiffany May
7/1 Eric Hlavaty
7/3 Mike Ryan
7/3 Kahlan Martin
7/3 Debora Hedgepath
7/6 Elliott Denmon
7/7 Judy Brookby
7/9 Katie Hannan
7/9 'Sine McCarty
7/10 Libby Boyce
7/10 Emily Gerald
7/10 Adam Mooney
7/11 Don Frye Jr
7/11 Kathy Gava
7/12 Alex Lemer
7/14 Sharis Mayer
7/14 Jonathan Akrong
7/14 Linda Sheppard
7/15 Carol Cutshall
7/15 David McPherson
7/17 Sara Lewis
7/1 Mya Lauer
7/19 Jeffrey Spross
7/19 Jarrett Bennett
7/19 Summer Humlick
7/20 Suzanne Baker
7/20 Suzan Bosard
7/21 Ellen Nipe
7/22 Allan Griffin
7/23 Melissa Breda
7/24 Lisa Stacy
7/24 Dalton Cruz
7/25 Kristen Nazarko
7/25 Kelly Mooney
7/27 Will Nees
7/28 Dave Leyshon
7/28 Sarah Gerald
7/29 Sharon Sessions
7/30 Bill Boyce
7/31 Joseph Breda
7/31 Natalie Burgos

Anniversaries

7/18 Lisa & Kevin Stacy
7/21 Carol & Thomas Hedgepath
7/25 Kristen & Ronnie Knecht

Prayers, Concerns, & Condolences

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Victims and families of Florida's building collapse.
- Rescue teams searching through the building's rubble.
- Multicultural Youth Conference at Mo-Ranch July 1-4.
- Jr. High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch
- Deondra, Ann Owen's granddaughter, and her young clients at CPS.
- Mazie Williams
- George Clark
- Bart Baker
- Richard Munoz.
- Sandy Lee's cousin
- The Landry family and their missing son, Jason.
- Betsy Gould
- Anne Wallace
- Jeanette, wife of Ron Powell's friend.
- Randy Rea, Libby Boyce's friend, recovering from heart surgery.
- Jerrie Anderson, Judi Anderson's stepmom, undergoing treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.
- Peace and comfort to family and friends of Rod Noonan, father of Judi Anderson's friend, Suzanne Murphy, he has passed away.
- Peace and comfort to Laura and the Botello family, family of Aaron Seay.
- The Mills family, Addie Kephart, Sine McCarty, and Bev O'Brien.

Please email prayers to the church office (apc@apchumble.org) by Friday for inclusion in Sunday's Prayers of the People.

For pastoral care emergencies, please contact your deacon or elder for July, Ann Owen, phone 832-724-7331.