



THE COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of Atascocita Presbyterian Church



"A Story Worth Sharing"

This past Christmas our son and daughter-in-law gave us a beautiful gift, a subscription to StoryWorth. Each week we are given a question about some aspect of our lives to answer. Then at the end of the year all the answers to the questions of our lives are bound into a book. I have found this weekly remembering of different people and events in my life to be quite illuminating. This past week the question that was sent to me was this: what do you admire most about your mother?

My mother died on the Friday before Mother's Day, 1993. I did her "Celebration of Life" service on Mother's Day. That was her wish that I would conduct her service. It was not easy. I loved and admired my mother. I was blessed to have such a wonderful mother. My admiration for her has only deepened as I have aged and grown in my own life story.

One of the things I admired most about her was her faith. She had this wonderful biblical imagination. She was the consummate storyteller. She was the keeper of the family lore and nurtured me with family stories bringing to life relatives and their exploits. She spun tales of my great grandfather, a U.S. Marshall, and his confrontation with outlaws, shootouts that occurred right on main street. But her best storytelling ways were reserved for the ones that emerged from the pages of scripture. She had this way of interjecting family members into the biblical narrative that captured my heart and mind. One of the reasons I have always loved the Bible is because of the way she brought it to life. She was an active church member, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, participating in the women's gatherings, and serving on church committees. She loved church and passed that love on to me and my older brother. Both my parents were active members of our church.

Nurturing faith in our children, our youth, and adults is so vital and important in the life of any church community. One of the things I have already experienced here at Atascocita Presbyterian Church is that nurturing spirit for all ages.

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Stay Connected!

Visit the APC website for more information and service schedules:
www.apchumble.org

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

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On Sunday after worship, I heard elders in our Session meeting share their heartfelt desire that every member in our church feel valued as a child of God. The Session expressed the intention that each member would be nurtured in the Christian faith through the different activities and programs that the church offers. It was refreshing and uplifting. I am glad to be part of this community of faith that takes seriously God's call to serve and share God's love.

Come to think of it - we have a "Story Worth" sharing, God's story of love in Jesus the Christ.

See you in the sanctuary of God's love where folks are called to love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Richard

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.
Isaiah 12:2-5

August Lectionary

8/1 10th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalms 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

8/8 11th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalms 130:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

8/15 12th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Psalms 111:1-10

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

8/22 13th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43

Psalms 84:1-12

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

8/29 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Serving the Lord's Supper

August communion will be by intinction. At the proper time, the congregation will come forward and partake of the bread and cup. An elder will be wearing gloves for your safety and protection.

If you are not comfortable with this procedure, remain seated and an elder will serve prepackaged elements.

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

Pastor Richard is in the office Monday through Thursday.

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

Children's Faith Formation Meeting In Person

Classes resume **Sunday August 1** for children in first through fifth grade, in the orange classroom, at 9:30 am.

Nursery care will also resume August 1 for children who have not yet entered first grade from 9:20 - 11:45 am in the nursery classroom.

Also, accepting applications for nursery workers.

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 8. Students are encouraged to bring their backpack for a special prayer during the worship service. All school teachers are welcome to attend this special time.

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.

Thank you! From the Youth

APC, thank you for all the prayers and support for the past month! Our youth were able to participate and enjoy four conferences this summer: Mo-Ranch Youth Celebration, Mo-Ranch Multicultural Youth Conference, Mo-Ranch Jr. High Jubilee, and Synod Youth Workshop.

Our group of youth were able to interact with other youth from all over and worship together, have fellowship, and join in on small groups throughout the conference. Friendships were made and our spiritual faith grew each day that we were there.

Our keynote speaker at Jr. High Jubilee, Clay Brantley, had used this quote that has really stuck out to me: "I used to think I only heard God at Mo-Ranch. But now I think this is just where I am able to hear God the best." He then warned us to be careful while we are at youth conferences because it is especially during those weeks that so many people, myself included, feel the call to ministry. These words resonated so well with me since I will be starting divinity school in the fall and more than one youth from APC has communicated with me that they are feeling called to ministry.

The church is very much alive and moving! We are extra grateful for a caring and dedicated church family.
--Aaron Seay, Youth Director

Where Are We Going Next!

APC youth will continue to be busy in the coming weeks.

- **Sunday, August 1**
Pool Party at the Craig's residence, 4 till 7 pm
- **Friday through Sunday, August 13-15**
Kick-off retreat for PYCC at Camp Cho-Yeh.
- **Saturdays, September 11, October 9, and November 12**
PYCC meeting dates, all 9 till noon at the presbytery office, 4803 San Felipe St, Houston, 77056.

The youth group meets Sundays, noon till 2 pm except August 15 and 22 (PYCC retreat and Aaron away at school). Each one is invited to bring a sack lunch.

Attention Rising 6th graders - 12th graders

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN APC Youth Pool Party

at the Craig Residence
20523 Riverside Pines Dr, Humble TX 77346

SUN, AUGUST 1, 4 - 7pm

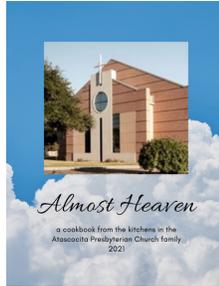
Please RSVP with Aaron (aaron@apchumble.org)

What to bring:

Drinks to share, swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen

Pick up your APC Cookbooks!

"*Almost Heaven*," the new APC cookbook, is available for purchase in the narthex on Sundays or you may ask that it be delivered (call the church office). The price is \$15 and 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.

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.

Presbyterian Women Fellowship Continues this Summer



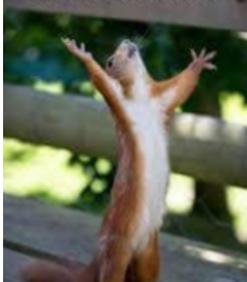
The next summer meeting date is **Wednesday, August 11**, at 11:30 am in the parlor. This meeting will not be hybrid since we are not having a formal study until September. Please bring your brown bag lunch and join us. Always a new topic for discussion.

Game Day for Grown-ups



Meet in the fellowship hall on the fourth Thursday of the month. In August, that is **August 26 at 11:30 am**. Please bring your lunch and stay for Mexican Train or come around 12:30 pm to play.

TAKE A DEEP BREATH



Yoga for all!

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

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: hcp2.com/events. If you have questions or have a difficulty in 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.



SENIOR BUS TRIPS 2021

June Trips

June 17th.....Woodland Mall & Sam Moon
June 24th.....Heights Resale Shopping & Lunch

July Trips

July 1st.....Cypress Outlet Mall & Lunch
July 8th.....Hemi Hide Out \$10.00 & Lunch
July 15th.....Shangri La Gardens
Schulenburg Bakery
July 22nd.....Schulenburg Bakery
Shangri La Gardens
July 29th.....Froberg's Farm
Huntsville Statue & Conroe Outlet Stores

August Trips

August 5th.....Huntsville Statue & Conroe Outlet Stores
Froberg's Farm
August 12th.....Rose Emporium & Blue Bell
August 19th.....Galveston Outlet Store
August 26th.....Memorial City Mall

September Trips

September 2nd.....Cypress Outlet Mall
September 9th.....Galveston Shopping
September 16th.....Discovery Green
September 23rd.....Katy Mills Mall
September 30th.....Froberg's Farm

October Trips

October 7th.....Nacogdoches Museums
October 14th.....Beaumont Spindletop Museum \$5.00
October 21st.....Mercer Arboretum
Botanic Gardens
October 28th.....Sam Moon & Woodlands Mall

November Trips

November 4th.....Baybrook Mall
November 11th.....Katy Mills Mall
Shopping and a Movie
November 18th.....Christmas Lights Tour

December Trips

December 2nd.....Belville Bakery & Meat Market
December 9th.....Kemah
December 16th.....Christmas Lights Tour

First Trip with Precinct 2?

Priority will be given to First Time Riders

For more information, call: 713-274-2222
or visit www.hcp2.com/events

Social distancing and masks are encouraged

Donuts with Deacons

Can you answer this question: Who is your deacon? Who is the person who has been calling and emailing you to ask if you are well and if you are coming back to worship in the sanctuary. You may recognize the name but not the face.

A popular event will be reinstated on **Sunday, September 12** after the worship service. This is the "Donuts with Deacons."

Each Deacon will have a table set up in the fellowship hall with donuts and a few other snacks to greet you and chat for a few minutes.

APC is blessed with a dedicated group of Deacons who have been contacting APC families throughout adverse weather events, Covid restrictions, and changes in family situations, both happy and sad. "Let me pray for you." "Congratulations!" "Be well-be safe." They want to make sure the APC family has the support they need to get through a variety of situations by providing a friendly and spiritual shoulder to lean on.

Please stay after worship on Sunday, September 12, walk into the fellowship hall and see a room full of smiling faces who care about you and your family and want to get to know you better.

Lake Houston Clean-up

Atascocita Presbyterian Church has an opportunity to team up with Lake Houston Brewery for a workday on the banks of Lake Houston, specifically around the McKay Bridge. This event is in the planning stage as we gather names of individuals at APC and other churches that may be interested.



A possible time-line is a Saturday in September.

Attire and supplies would include: rubber boots, long pants, t-shirt, hat, sunscreen, garbage

bags, work gloves, mosquito spray, and brown-bag lunch. Bottle water will be provided.

For more information, please contact Carroll (281-852-8990).

Photo courtesy of Emily Murphy

APC welcomes Pastor Richard and his family at a Reception Sunday, July 11

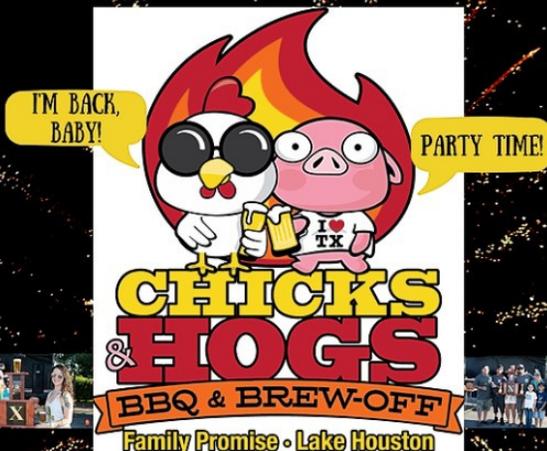




Family Promise News

**CHANCE DRAWING!
FAMILY FUN!
FRIENDLY COMPETITION!**

**SATURDAY
SEPT. 25, 2021
2-7 PM**



BBQ - LIVE MUSIC - BEER

111 NORTH PINES DR. KINGWOOD, TX 77339
WWW.FPLH.ORG
281-441-3754



HAAM News



Last year HAAM volunteers delivered 43,190 meals to homebound seniors in our area.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we deliver meals, but HAAM volunteers continue to make contact with the seniors and ensure they have the food they need each week.

Volunteers are needed. HAAM delivers meals to over 1156 individuals on six routes in the Humble, Kingwood, Atascocita, and Huffman areas. That means HAAM needs a minimum of 120 volunteers each month to operate this program successfully.

In the coming months, Meals on Wheels will shift from delivering frozen meals back to hot meals five days a week and volunteers are vital to this program and to the wellbeing of these homebound seniors.

WE NEED YOU! - Can you help deliver hot meals? This program is a great way for families, businesses, clubs, individuals, and church groups to volunteer together. Contact HAAM to get more information on how you can volunteer for this meaningful program at cshrof@haaministries.org.

HAAM also appreciates assistance for the summer nutrition packs for children. This link will [Feed a child this summer](#).

PANTRY NEEDS: peanut butter, tomato sauce, juices (large), Ziploc style sandwich size bags, flour, sugar, sports drinks, shampoo/conditioner



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

8/2 Garrett Clary
 8/4 Jeanne Wilkinson
 8/4 Jim Hannan
 8/5 Erica Mooney
 8/5 Rene Lemer
 8/7 Jamie Hannan
 8/9 David Lasinsky
 8/10 Lisa Cruz
 8/10 Sydney Boyenga
 8/11 Gary Frieders
 8/13 Grant Miller
 8/13 Porsha Berry
 8/14 Nancy LaNasa
 8/15 Lisa Clark
 8/15 Robbie Hubbard
 8/15 Dustin Inboden
 8/22 Lucy Ray
 8/23 Gene Andrus
 8/23 Elaine McCool
 8/24 Randy Rea
 8/27 Megan Vance
 8/28 Edward Cooke
 8/29 Bob Strader
 8/30 Ron Lemer

Anniversaries

8/9 Vicki & David Lasinsky
 8/10 Jan & Doug Kennard

Prayers, Concerns, & Condolences

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Deondra, Ann Owen's granddaughter, and her young clients at CPS.
- Mazie Williams
- Richard Munoz.
- Sandy Lee's cousin
- The Landry family and their missing son, Jason.
- Betsy Gould
- Jeanette King, wife of Ron Powell's friend.
- Jerrie Anderson, Judi Anderson's stepmom.
- Maggie Pritchett in Army Cadet Basic Camp until August 5.
- Students of Christina Michie. Their father has passed away and their mother is battling cancer.
- David Lasinsky, upcoming medical testing and the results.
- Vicki Lasinsky, upcoming knee replacement surgery 8/9.
- Emma and Gracie Patterson, great nieces of Emily Murphy, needing kidney transplants.
- Jack Sarver, Mary Ann Sarver's son, medical issues.
- Ray Perego's aunt
- Gene Andrus, cataract surgery
- The Mills family, Addie Kephart, Sine McCarty, and Bev O'Brien.

Please email prayer requests to the church office (apceapchumble.org).

For pastoral care emergencies, please contact your deacon or elder for August, Don Nelson, phone 281-468-1939.

We Are Blessed To Have Our Church Facility...

and it takes all of us to take care of it. We would like to have it presentable at all times. As we open up every area of the building for worship, meetings, classes, and fellowship, please be mindful of the appearance of the areas being used when you leave. Please:

- return chairs, other items, and equipment to the room or area from which you borrowed them;
- when food is involved, please clean the table(s);
- wash, dry, and put away dishes;
- wash, dry, and return dish cloths and towels;
- wash, dry, and return tablecloths to the fellowship hall closet; and, last but not least,
- take your trash to the dumpster.

If we all take a few extra steps to leave the area clean and inviting for the next group to come in, we will also be presenting a clean and inviting facility to anyone who visits and is possibly considering making APC their church home.