



THE COMMUNICATOR

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“The Power of Gratitude”

“O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!”

(Psalm 95:1-2)

Ann Lamont is one of my favorite writers. She has said on many occasions that her two favorite prayers are: “Help Me! Help Me! Help Me! and Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!”

Meister Eckhart, the 13th century theologian, philosopher, and priest is famous for the following quote: “If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.”

What is it about thanksgiving that is so powerful? It has to do with focus and the unleashing of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It’s not magic. It’s a genuine appreciation for life and the gifts of life that surrounds us each day. The hymn, “Count Your Many Blessings” emphasizes this reality. God has blessed us in so many ways.

I think Atascocita Presbyterian Church is a place where folks are blessed in so many wonderful ways. There are so many committed members willing to serve and bless others with the gifts that God has woven into their lives.

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This community of faith blesses others through serving, teaching, worshipping, sharing, and caring. Underneath it all is this spirit of gratitude that I have experienced in your midst. I am thankful for the opportunity to be with you, to serve you, and to receive from you a blessing of love.

See you in the Sanctuary of God's love where folks gather to give God thanks!

Richard

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."
Colossians 3:16 NIV

September Lectionary

9/5 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125:1-5
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

9/12 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19:1-14
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

9/19 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

9/26 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
Psalm 124:1-8
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Serving the Lord's Supper

Due to the extended covid concerns, we will use prepackaged elements for the September 5 communion.

Pick up your elements from an usher as you enter.

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

The church office will be closed Monday, September 6.

Children's Faith Formation Meeting In Person

Children in Kindergarten through fifth grade meet in **the orange classroom, at 9:30 am.**

Nursery care is available for children who have not yet entered kindergarten in the nursery classroom.

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

Youth Faith Formation

Meet with Aaron **Sundays at 11:45 am** in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided. Want reminders via a "Remind" group text? Send a text to 81010 with the message @apcyouthco.

Will not meet Sunday, September 5.

Lunch is being provided to youth and their adult leaders on Sunday mornings by generous people like you. Please volunteer to help by emailing Traci Hlavaty at trh@entouch.net.

The PYCC Kick-Off Retreat has been rescheduled to Friday through Sunday, September 10-12 at Camp Cho-Yeh.

Adult Faith Formation

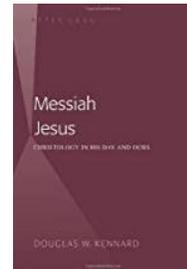
Pastor Shelley's class returns September 12 at 9:15 am in room 102.

? Interested in the "who/what/where/when" of the scripture Richard will preach in worship? Join Shelley and others to consider the biblical "story of the day."

Then, enter worship with the background ready to receive the meaning and reflections on this story for us today. All are welcome regardless of biblical background.

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

Currently studying *Messiah Jesus: Christology in His Day and Ours*, by Douglas Kennard.



Summer Youth Conferences



Summer is wrapping up, but our youth group was able to enjoy four conferences: Mo-Ranch Youth Celebration, Mo-Ranch Multicultural Youth Conference, Mo-Ranch Jr. High Jubilee, and Synod Youth Workshop. The APC youth group did a great job in participating well and getting along with one another.

Pick up your APC Cookbook!

"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.



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

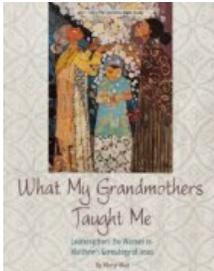
Shot Shuttle

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 Horizons Bible Study



The Presbyterian Women group meets the second Wednesday of the month (**September 8**), at **11:30 am** for lunch (BYOL) and the Bible study from noon until 1 pm in the parlor.

Please join us as we begin a new Horizons Bible Study,

"What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus." The women in Jesus' family tree have backstories that are exactly the kind of story you can imagine hearing while sitting spell-bound as your grandmother reminisces about her early life.

For more information or to get a copy of the study guide, please contact Judi Anderson (jla.lpc55@gmail.com).

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.

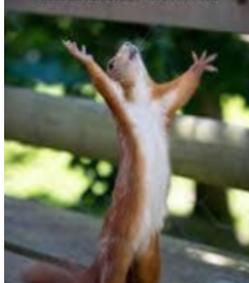
A popular event - to help you get to know your deacon a little better - will be reinstated on **Sunday, September 12** between Faith after the worship service. This is "Donuts with Deacons."

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.

TAKE A DEEP BREATH



Yoga for all!

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

Game Day for Grown-ups



Meet in the fellowship hall on the fourth Thursday of the month. In September, that is **September 23 at 11:30 am**. Please bring your lunch and stay for Mexican Train or come around 12:30 pm to play.

You will be glad you joined in this fellowship, whatever time you have to share!

Men's Group Meeting

All men in APC are invited to a meeting **Sunday, September 12, after worship** in room 101, to make plans for a regular gathering for breakfast or dinner, or any number of activities.

Let's Do Lunch!

Single Adults and Friends (couples) will be back Sunday, September 26! If you enjoy eating out on Sundays after worship, don't go alone!

Meet with Ann Owen and others in the narthex and drive together to a favorite

SPRING-CREEK BARBEQUE

local restaurant. (Dutch Treat) On Sunday, September 26 the destination is Spring Creek Barbeque, 5613 FM 1960 E, 77346.

Library Corner

Check out new entries in the library inventory. A wide variety of books includes: research, Bible translations, Bible commentaries, youth and adult education, self help, contemporary authors, and many more.

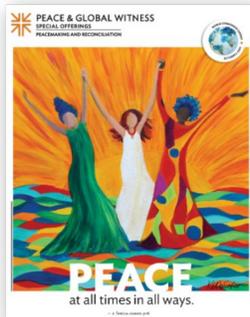
Books may be checked out weekdays during office hours as well as Sunday mornings.



Mounds of Thanks!

APC Session Elders and Deacons had a special message for Pastor Richard as displayed on this poster. "We were in a real "Crunch" because of being "Twix" a retired pastor and needing an interim. You came along and you were the "Bit O' Honey" we needed, a real "Cracker Jack!" We were all "Snickers" and excited. You are definitely worth a "\$100Grand" and more. We give you "Mounds" of thanks. The "Whatchamacallit" gang: Elders, Deacons, and members.

Peace and Global Witness Special Offering



Peace and Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

Twenty-five percent of this offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. Another 25% will go to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region. Lastly, 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

APC will be accepting your contributions from **September 5 through October 3**.

Options for giving are:

- the APC website by clicking on the "Give Now" button,
- writing a check made out to APC with "PGW" in the memo line, or
- cash in the offering tray using the PGW envelope in the pew pocket.

Mission Crafters

HELP... don't put all your "trash" in the can! See listing below for needs of the Mission Crafters.

Part of our being a "green" congregation is recycling and repurposing materials.

Also, know that we do special orders. Come have a chat or, better still, come join us for our weekly creative sessions on Tuesday mornings at 10 am.

Be sure to visit the store on the edge of the narthex. New items added all the time.

We appreciate you!

- wood scraps
- moulding scraps
- wooden yardsticks & rulers
- wooden fence pickets
- fence hardware
- sheet music or music books
- old tools, metal
- door knobs
- tile (whole or broken)
- dishes, plates or cups with handles (whole or broken)
- glass (whole or broken)
- mirror (whole or broken)
- old jewelry
- small tables, night stands, plant stands, wood chairs
- Modge Podge
- Floetrol (paint dept at Lowes or Home Depot)
- glue sticks
- Sharpies (fine point)
- painters tape
- clear tape

Ancient Mariners

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

Ancient Mariners has planned a trip, **Friday, September 24**, to the River Rendezview in Brazoria. Enjoy a ride on the Yellowstone Paddlewheeler down the San Bernard River and dine at Dido's Restaurant. Cost is \$26.70 plus \$3 for the Pct 2 bus. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. The bus will depart APC at 8 am.

Please take a menu (underneath the sign-up sheet) as it will be necessary in order to take the trip. The last day to sign up is Sunday, August 29.

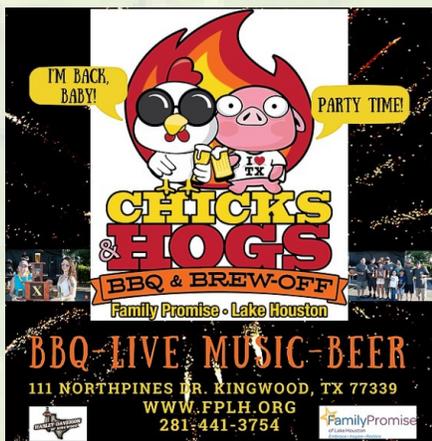


The system has changed for scheduling precinct buses. You must first register with Harris County Precinct 2 by going to their website: hcp2.com/events. If you have questions or have difficulty in signing up online, call 713-274-2222 and ask for DeeDee.

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



Family Promise News



Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 25, 2-7 pm**, when Family Promise will be holding its major fundraiser for the year. Chicks and Hogs BBQ and Brew-off will be at the Harley Davidson dealership, 111 Northpines Dr at I 69.

Come out and enjoy some great BBQ and live music. Sample local craft beers as you check out the silent auction for some great bargains. There will also be fun and games for the kids as well.

Did I mention the Chance Drawing?! For the price of a \$100 ticket, you get free admission for two as well as TWO chances to win a \$5,000 cash prize. That's right! There are two grand prizes this year. Only 250 tickets will be sold, so **contact Steve Coleman at church, or text 713-417-5152, or email stcolemans@live.com**.
Thank you for your support!

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

9/1 Trey Bosard
 9/2 Nancy Morrison
 9/2 Spencer Denmon
 9/3 Jasper Stanley
 9/5 Will Douglas
 9/5 Trent Botkin
 9/5 Katie Redmon
 9/6 Pat Litzinger
 9/6 Tom Purves
 9/6 Terri Thomson
 9/6 Kim Humlick
 9/6 Kevin Stacy
 9/10 Belinda Borgers
 9/11 Shannon Botkin
 9/11 Jennifer Frye Doolittle
 9/11 Beverly O'Brien
 9/12 Maggie Pritchett
 9/13 Eunice Munoz
 9/13 Steve Coleman Sr
 9/13 Jenni Strader
 9/14 Rosemary Mumford
 9/15 Shelley Craig
 9/15 Lee Nelmes
 9/15 Michelle Bennett
 9/16 Ashley Vance
 9/18 Nikisha Williams
 9/18 Melissa Frye-Saathoff
 9/19 Kari Lauer
 9/20 Maureen Allen
 9/20 Rev. Jackie Hannan
 9/20 Elisa Mahone
 9/21 Ryan Mills
 9/23 Doris Fisher
 9/23 Jennifer Spross
 9/23 Jeremy Trepagnier
 9/24 Cameron Strader
 9/27 Jean Treleaven
 9/27 Susie Akrong
 9/29 Bob Stephens
 9/29 Bonnie Russell
 9/29 Lawrence Martin

Anniversaries

9/1 Melissa & Joe Breda
 9/2 Janet & Allan Griffin
 9/3 Judy & Harry Brookby
 9/4 Carroll & Doug Hebert
 9/7 Carol & Paul Curtis
 9/16 Sharon & Jerry Sessions
 9/20 Morgan & Grant Miller
 9/23 Linda & Steve Coleman
 9/27 Ann & Bob Stephens
 9/27 Heather & Robert Pritchett
 9/27 Claudia & Don Nelson

Prayers, Concerns, & Condolences

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- People of Afghanistan with the chaotic situation in their country.
- Richard Munoz
- Sandy Lee's cousin
- The Landry family and their missing son, Jason.
- Betsy Gould
- Jerrie Anderson, Judi Anderson's stepmom.
- David Lasinsky, medical testing and the results.
- Vicki Lasinsky, recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Emma and Gracie Patterson, great nieces of Emily Murphy, assuring volunteer donor match.
- Ray Perego's aunt
- Sandy Lockett, Judi Anderson's friend, a recurrence of cancer.
- Michael Stephens, Terri Thomson's dad, strength and healing while facing brain surgery consultation.
- Cara, Ed Cooke's daughter, health issues.
- Tim Jarzombec, Mary Ann Kaminski's nephew, in ICU with covid.
- Margaret Arnold, Bob Arnold's sister-in-law, medical issues.
- Roosevelt Standifer, Mazie Williams' brother, having surgery.
- Praise for Bob Arnold's Michigan church, having the choir return after 1 ½ years. Praise for Bob as he will begin practice with them until their debut September 12.
- Celebration for the birth of Odessa Inez Tye, eighth granddaughter of Will and Charis Nees, daughter of Marideth and Kevin Tye in Denton.
- Sarah Carman and her daughter Maddy, Russ and Ellen Nipe's daughter and granddaughter, both with an illness.
- Mazie Williams, surgery Sept. 1.
- Vic Thompson, Elsa's cousin, in need of a blood transfusion at MD Anderson. Your donation or designation for him is greatly appreciated. His birthdate is 7/14/1959.
- Peace and comfort to family and friends of Marv Novotny, friend of Russ and Ellen Nipe, he has passed away August 24.
- Peace and comfort to Jimmy Humlick's family on the passing of his mother.
- The Mills family, Addie Kephart, Sine McCarty, and Bev O'Brien.

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

For pastoral care emergencies, please contact your deacon or elder for September, Doug Kennard, phone 281-740-6266.