



THE COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of Atascocita Presbyterian Church



Worship in April

The Season of Lent is ending, and the Easter Season begins. On Palm/Passion Sunday we will begin our service with the procession of the Palms in joyous celebration of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. But there is a great shift in the service as we move to consider the Passion of our Lord. There will be a dramatic reading of the Passion Narrative according to Luke to help us focus on the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.

Then as God's people, we gather on Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm, for a Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service. The first part of this service focuses upon Jesus' commandment to love each other, which is the heart of the Gospel and the foundation of what it means to be a church. The service moves from the night of betrayal to the "Shadow of the Cross." The last part of the service is known as "Tenebrae." It is a service that lifts up the incredible gift of love that God bestowed upon us in and through Jesus the Christ. The service ends in total darkness and silence as we leave the sanctuary to ponder the meaning of Christ's death on the Cross.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, we come together to celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus and his triumph over death and the forces of evil.

Each Sunday in the Season of Easter we will celebrate the Lord's Supper which emphasizes the victory of this glorious risen Savior. Easter is a season of seven Sundays that culminates on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. During the Easter Season we will offer a brief service of Midday Prayer on Wednesday mornings that starts at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary. Also, as a part of our Easter Season celebration we will have an "Agape Feast" on the first Sunday in May following worship.

A great big part of what the early church did together was celebration. They would gather for worship which always included the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The foundation of these gatherings was about love, the true identification mark of the early gathered community. So, worship and communion involved fellowship. There was a special word in the Greek language of the New Testament that characterized fellowship, *koinonia*. When we gather on the Lord's Day we are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, but we are also celebrating our fellowship as followers of Christ. In the early church these fellowship times became known as agape feasts, feasts of love for one another.

Beginning May 1 immediately following worship we will have our first "Agape Feast." We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and a time of sharing and strengthening the bonds of love within our congregation. All you have to do is show up for this celebration. But we need to know if you will attend since lunch will be provided. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex or you can email the church.
So, make a reservation by April 24!

Pastor Richard

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Stay Connected!

Visit the [APC website](#) for more information and service schedules.

Make sure you are subscribed to *The Communicator* newsletter and *Narthex News* email.

Check us out on Facebook!
facebook.com/AtascocitaPresbyterianChurch

Celebrate Palm Sunday April 10

In celebration of Palm Sunday, APC has partnered with the Presbyterian Hunger Program to use Eco-Palms - a branch truly worthy of celebration.

Congregations now have the option of purchasing responsibly harvested Eco-Palm branches for Palm Sunday. The palms come from communities in Mexico and Guatemala where workers are paid fairly and engage in sustainable harvesting in order to protect the local ecosystem.



On Palm/Passion Sunday we will begin our service with the procession of the Palms in joyous celebration of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
Psalm 146:5-7 NRSV

April Lectionary

4/3 5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

4/10 Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56 or

Luke 23:1-49

4/17 Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or

Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or

Acts 10:34-43

Luke 24:1-12 or

John 20:1-18

4/24 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118:14-29 or

Psalm 150 or

2 Kings 7:1-16

Psalm 2

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Serving the Lord's Supper

In April and through the Easter Season the elements will be offered by both intinction and individual prepackaged wafer and juice sets.



Midday Prayer Time

Wednesday, April 20 through June 1 at 11:30 am. In this Easter Season, Pastor Richard will lead us in a service of wholeness and healing. We will be praying for the life of the church and the new pastor.

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Richard Kleiman

Parish Associate.....Rev Shelley Craig

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.

Pastor Shelley is in the office Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am until 1 pm.

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

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

The nursery is open on Palm and Easter Sundays.

Easter Sunday activities start at 9:30 am and include: butterfly release, egg hunt, Easter craft, and Easter themed snacks.

Otherwise, the nursery is open on an RSVP basis. Any parent or grandparent of a child under age five may contact Lisa Stacy or Terri Thomson (apcchildrenscommittee@apchumble.org) to let them know the child will be attending.

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

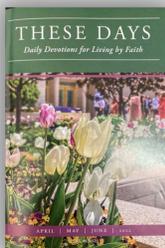
Meet for fellowship in the Youth Director's office **Sundays at 9:30 am.**

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.

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 trhe@entouch.net.



These Days Daily Devotional



Strengthen your faith with "These Days," an inspiring and uplifting daily devotional!

A supply of these booklets is provided by the Adult Education fund and available in the rack near the coffee bar area. Consider taking one to a homebound friend, starting a new devotional habit,

or using the devotions to enhance and share your faith journey with others.

Adult Faith Formation

Shelley and Doug's classes will not meet Easter Sunday, April 17

Pastor Shelley's class meets at 9:20 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."

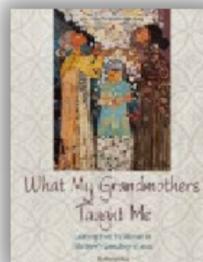
Then, enter worship with the background ready to receive the meaning and reflections on this story for us today. All are welcome regardless of biblical background.

Doug's class meets at 9:15 am in the library.

Currently studying the book of Acts by reading the scripture and the book "Acts," by N.T. Wright as a study guide.



Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study



The Presbyterian Women group will meet **Wednesday, April 13, at 11:30 am** in the fellowship hall for BYOL (bring your own lunch) and the Bible study from noon until 1 pm.

Please join us as we explore the 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 please contact Judi Anderson (jla.lpc55@gmail.com).

Faith Formation Teacher of the Month - Charis Nees

The Christian Growth and Nurture Committee will feature one teacher each month in *The Communicator*.



We posed a few questions to Charis to help you get to know her.

Number of years teaching Faith Formation (Sunday School) at Atascocita Presbyterian Church?

10+ years

What does prayer mean to you?

To me, prayer is taking everything - the good, the bad, and the minute to God and then having the faith that he hears and will do what is best in his own time. Often I cannot see his resolutions until years later and then I can see that he was beside me all along.

What is your favorite worship song/hymn? Why?

"I Danced in the Morning." It is joyful!

Who is your favorite person in the Bible? Why?

Mary, because she had complete trust and faith in God. I feel that God gave her the tools she needed and the understanding to accept His will. She found happiness and joy in God's gifts to her.

What are three things you believe about God?

- 1) If God expects something of you, he will give you the tools to accomplish it.
- 2) God is present and working through the Holy Spirit all the time.
- 3) If you are walking through the valley of the shadow of death, God will send people to be his rod and staff to support you.

Anything else you would like to share about yourself?

Micah 6:8. "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

**Charis is one of the children's Faith Formation teachers.



MIGHTY WATERS SUMMER CAMP

For children entering 1st grade through 5th grade

at

Atascocita

Presbyterian Church

19426 Atasca Oaks Dr Humble TX 77346

281-852-8990

Tuesday through Thursday

9:30 am until 2:30 pm

JUNE 7, 8, 9 - ART



JUNE 14, 15, 16 - MUSIC



JUNE 21, 22, 23 - SCIENCE



\$60 per week with a 10% discount for multiple children in one family.

Adult volunteers needed as teachers, teacher helpers, and snack makers.

For more information, please contact Lisa Stacy or Terri Thomson (apcchildrenscommittee@apchumble.org)

Creative Learning Center Summer Program will coincide with APC Summer Camps for children 18 months to those entering Kindergarten. Contact Cathy Gerald (281-852-4832).

Holy Week at APC

Passion/ Palm Sunday, April 10, 10:30 am

Nursery care will be open

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7 pm

Holy Communion and the Service of Shadows

April 17, Easter Sunday

9:30 am Activities for children includes:
egg hunt, Easter craft, children's snacks,
and butterfly release

10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

Nursery care will be open



Watch for the Grand Re-opening of Mission Market Place!

Mission Market Place will reopen Easter Sunday, April 17 in their new location!

Beginning Sunday, April 17, classroom 101 in the narthex will be the new home for the talented crafters of the APC family. Mission Market Place features handmade items for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or "just because." Stroll among the home décor items, seasonal décor, jewelry, and greeting cards.

In addition to these one-of-a-kind items, Addie Kephart's family donated several of her creations for a silent auction. Sale of Addie's work will fund a special organization in her memory. Addie played an active role in establishing the Mission Market Place.

The silent auction begins Sunday, April 3 and culminates Easter Sunday, April 17.

All items at Mission Market Place are the work of creative crafters who take discarded or unused items and transform them into beautiful one-of-a-kind gifts. All proceeds go toward missions supported by APC, including Wounded Warrior Project and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Our group of passionate creators welcomes everyone to join us in the APC crafters' workroom on Tuesday at 10 am. No experience required.



upcoming events

Empty Nesters

**MENCIUS GOURMET
HUNAN**

Empty Nesters gather again on **April 12 at 6 pm** at Mencius Hunan Restaurant, 1379 Kingwood Dr. Please plan to join us for an excellent meal, good company, and a laugh-filled

evening. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Empty Nesters needs a new coordinator. If you are interested in organizing the outings for Empty Nesters, please contact Ellen Nipe (281-813-8684).

Seniors and Friends

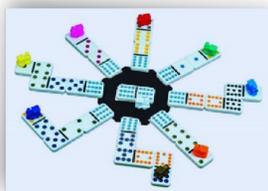
Meet for lunch and fellowship on the third Thursday of the month. Join us **April 21, 11:30 am** at Tin Roof BBQ, 18918 Town Center Blvd, 77346.



A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or contact Bonnie Carr (bncrr@gmail.com) so she can get a head-count.

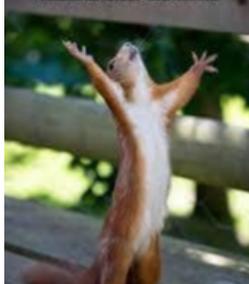
Game Day for Grownups

Need a spring tonic? A little excitement in your life? Join us **Thursday, April 28, at 11:30 am** for a pot luck lunch. Bring a dish to share. Stay to play Mexican Train or Bingo. It's fun, it's easy, and, spiritually uplifting.



Okay, maybe not so much, but it's still fun. There will be prizes. Not sure you'll want them, but nonetheless...

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.

Last minute tickets are still available for the Ancient Mariners' trip to Space Center Houston, **Friday, April 8. Please contact Linda Andrus** (harley3064@aol.com).



The bus will leave at 9 am from the APC parking lot.

Your Opportunities Await!

Sign up for these opportunities at APC.

Currently, your service is welcome:

- as a front door greeter,
- an usher during worship,
- a cookie provider for Sunday morning, and
- Summer Camp volunteers

Pick Me!

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.

Clothing & Food Donations:

HAAM's Resale Store, 1302 First St, Humble, and the Black Cat Junction Resale Boutique, 22310 Loop 494, Kingwood are accepting donations only on the days and hours noted -Thursday through Saturday from 1 to 4 pm.



HAAM is in need of Cereal and Mac & Cheese. Please place your bagged donations in the HAAM box in the narthex.

The HAAM box in the narthex is for non-perishable food or special requested items ONLY! Please bag all donated food items. Books, toys, clothes, etc must be taken to HAAM by the donor.

Volunteer Opportunity:

HAAM is looking for Food Pantry volunteers. Duties are filling baskets with food items for the families and replenishing the shelves.

If interested, please contact Cathy Schrof at 281-446-3663, ext 120.

New HAAM covenant representative for APC:

Please welcome Michael Burgos as a new covenant representative replacing Ray Peregoy.

Thanks for your continued support of HAAM.

George Williams

Michael Burgos

ATTENTION APC MEN

70th MEN'S CONFERENCE AT MO RANCH

Please join several of us who will be attending this year's conference which will begin Friday, April 29 and end Sunday, May 1. The cost is \$390 per person, which includes tuition, meals, and housing. **Full payment is due by April 15, 2022.**

The men's conference is a gathering of men for fellowship and spiritual renewal. Activities include keynote presentations, worship, song, workshops, relaxation, and recreation. The Saturday afternoon optional free time includes recreational activities and sports. Saturday dinner is "not to be missed" BBQ!

The APC men traditionally stay in a Triplex which is comprised of two bedding areas, a family/dining room and a full-sized kitchen. We have reserved one of the Triplexes and have a hold on another one depending on the number of APC participants. Each evening we enjoy games, libations, and sitting outside by the fire pit.

Also, several of us leave on Wednesday before the conference to play golf on Thursday and Friday mornings.

If you have questions, are interested in attending the conference, and want to play golf, please contact George Williams (281-772-4706) before April 5, 2022.

Pros: Everything about the weekend!

Cons: Being away from family
Very limited cell phone service

More detailed information may be found at moranch.org. Follow the link under Programs & Events.

Birthdays

4/5 Erin Rea
 4/9 Terry Harshaw
 4/13 Traci Hlavaty
 4/14 Mary Ann Sarver
 4/15 Sandra Berry
 4/17 Cathy Fovargue
 4/19 Doug Hebert
 4/19 Rachel Potts-Wells
 4/19 Larry Mooney
 4/20 Ron Spross
 4/22 Erik Jones
 4/23 Betty Jo Pruett
 4/23 Don Nelson'
 4/25 Jane Church
 4/25 Kelly Munoz
 4/28 Linda Coleman
 4/29 Jerry Havlik
 4/29 Matthew Burgos
 4/30 Frieda Walker

Anniversaries

4/24 Sandra & Jeff Berry
 4/25 Mary Ann Kominsky
 & Ron Powell
 4/30 Lisa & Mike Ryan

Worship Attendance and Offering Summary						
Date	In Person	BoxCast Live	Facebook Live	YouTube Live	Total Viewers	Offering Total
27-Feb	60	18	26	0	104	\$11,373
February End of Month Credit Card Receipts						\$3,127
6-Mar	80	15	17	0	112	\$12,679
13-Mar	64	20	31	0	115	\$1,095
20-Mar	70	21	24	0	115	\$5,435
Total Offerings for Year-to-date						\$66,776
Budgeted Offerings for Year-to-date						\$70,787

Prayers, Concerns, & Condolences

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine.
- Pastor Nominating Committee
- Sandy Lee's cousin
- Victor Garns, friend of Kathy Gava, for healing.
- Jack Pruitt, friend of Emily Murphy, in hospice.
- Comfort and joy for former General Presbyter Rev Mike Cole and his wife Ellie. Mike's sister, Carol Poppi, died on Thursday, March 24 in Papillion, NB. On the same day, Mike's great-granddaughter, Astrid LaFleur Allen, was born at home.
- Sine McCarty

Please email prayer requests to the church office (apc@apchumble.org).

For pastoral care emergencies, please contact your deacon or elder for April, Marilyn Friedersdorf 713-204-0064.

Pastor Nominating Committee

Please pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee that has been selected for a most important task.

From the session: Marilyn Friedersdorf, Traci Hlavaty, and Will Nees.

APC members from the congregation: Michael Burgos, Cathy Gerald, Allan Griffin, Claudia Nelson, and Tom Olson.

You will be hearing about updates from them as they go through the process of making a recommendation for an installed pastor.