



THE COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of Atascocita Presbyterian Church



COMPASSION, COMFORT, AND CARE

The letters of the New Testament provide us with some powerful examples of how God is at work within the hearts of believers. Writing to the church in Corinth, the Apostle Paul explores a theme of great importance.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. (II Corinthians 1:3-7 NIV)

Unlike many things in Paul's letters that take concentration and study to understand, this passage describes a process that seems to flow so naturally.

1. The Source is God, who is the Father of all compassion and comfort.
2. As the Source of compassion and comfort, God comforts us in all our troubles.
3. Then, we who have received compassion and comfort from God are able to share that same compassion and comfort with others.
4. And each time compassion and comfort are shared, each time the compassion and comfort of God is shared, it provides yet another opportunity for the one who receives the compassion and comfort to pass it on to someone else.

If you have ever received the compassion and comfort of God, a compassion and comfort that often comes through the kindness and concern of others, you know what a blessing it is to receive such compassion and comfort. Having received such compassion and comfort, Paul insists that you and I are now equipped to share that beautiful gift with others.

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Believing the church is a community of disciples who have been blessed to receive God's compassion and comfort, and that as a community of disciples we are called to share these wonderful gifts with others, our Deacons are hosting an evening for us all to gather for a workshop that will explore the theme, "Creating a Caring Community." The workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 28 at 6 pm and will include refreshments. I like that. When we receive, and when we share compassion and comfort, it is incredibly refreshing for our hearts and our souls.

Shelley Craig and I will work together to lead the workshop. Drawing on her experience as a pastor with visitation, Shelley will offer training and ideas that will focus on making visits to people, particularly in the home or in the hospital. It can be intimidating to make such a visit, and with Shelley's help we will gain some insight on making those important visits as we seek to create a caring community.

For my part in the workshop we will use Paul's words to the church in Corinth as we ask ourselves, "How have we received compassion and comfort?" My guess is that our list will be long and our answers full of life-giving experiences and examples. From letters and phone calls, a listening ear, a pot of soup or a plate of cookies, a prayer of concern and a word of encouragement, there are countless ways we can share compassion and comfort with others when they face the challenges of life. And as is so often the case, the things that helped us when we struggled are the very things that might bring help to others.

Save the date for this workshop on "Creating a Caring Community." Wednesday, August 28th at 6 pm. What a gift we have to be God's church in this time and this place, a time and a place where many are longing to receive support, encouragement, compassion, comfort, and care. As we dedicate ourselves to being a community that cares for one another, let us never forget the words of our Lord Jesus that people will know we are his disciples by the way we love one another. (John 13:35)

With the love of Christ,

Wayne

I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Psalms 121 NRSV

Worship in June

7/7 Guest Preacher - Shelley Craig

7/14 Guest Preacher - Doug Kennard

7/21 Guest Preacher - Barbara Retzloff

7/28 Partners in faith "The Sabbath"
Exodus 20:8-11

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....Pastor Wayne Eberly

Office Coordinator.....Carroll Hebert

Director of Music.....Joe Weir

Pianist.....Carl Braden

Pastor Wayne is in the office Monday through

Wednesday, 9 am until 2 pm.

Carroll Hebert is in the office Monday through

Friday, 9 am until 2 pm.

Children's Faith Formation Classes

Children's (K-grade 5) classes meet in the orange classroom with David Gerald in July, August, through September 1.

Nursery care will be open each week during FF and worship hours for children who haven't yet entered Kindergarten. Sundays 9:30-11:30 am in the nursery.

Please feel free to contact Terri Thomson with any questions or concerns related to APC Children's Ministries by email (apcchildrenscommittee@apchumble.org).

Youth Faith Formation

Youth 6th - 12th grade classes are on summer break in June, July, and August.

Although Sunday classes are on hold, there are plenty of opportunities to get together for fellowship.

An invitation from Presbytery of New Covenant to join with other youth groups in the Presbytery **Thursday, July 18** for a volunteer day building beds for kids through the Sleep in Heavenly Peace program. See page 5 for details.

Northwoods will also host MessFest on July 31. Details are coming soon!

Contacts for the Youth program are Julie Eberly, Joe Breda, Joyce Olson, and Terri Thomson.

Time Out for Men

Return in September, the second Wednesday of each month, APC men are invited to join Pastor Wayne in a program that gives everyone a chance to have fellowship, share a meal, and grow together in faith. We look forward to our time together!

Meet at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall to share a potluck lunch with Presbyterian Women who meet for their monthly Bible study. At noon, the men's group will gather in classroom 102 for their fellowship.

Adult Faith Formation

***Doug's class, 9:15 am in the library.

A unit that explores sin and solutions to sin beginning with the fall. The text covers events in Genesis and Exodus. Class will continue through summer.

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***Sermon Scripture Study is on summer break in June, July, and August. See you Sunday, September 8!

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***Christian Chat and Coffee is on summer break in June, July, and August. See you Sunday, September 8.

Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study



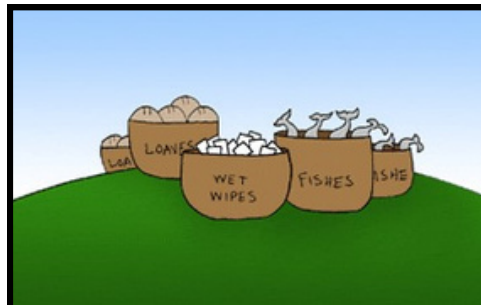
Meet **Wednesday, July 10 at 11:30 am**. Please bring a simple dish or salad to share for a potluck lunch. If your last name begins with A-H,

please bring a salad. I-P, light pasta dish. R-Y, dessert.

PW will continue at noon with a time of sharing some of our family roots. Please bring a picture of your parents along with a story to tell about the life of our loved ones.

The next Horizons Bible Study book is available for \$10. Please see Linda Buchanan.

For more information, please contact Linda Andrus (harley3064@aol.com).



UPCOMING EVENTS



Some events request an rsvp.
Please respond by email to rsvp@apchumble.org.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Delivery

Will not deliver in July and August.
We will be ready to go again in September.
Watch for an update in the Narthex News and Communicator.

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APC Needlers

Meet the second Tuesday each month.
The next meeting is **July 9, 7-9 pm** at Karen Frye's house, 8335 Atascocita Lake Way, 77346.
For those who knit (or want to learn), crochet, or sew, there are projects to do. Currently we are working on baby booties and caps for a charity organization.
For more information, please contact Karen Frye (vkfrye62.kf@gmail.com) or Rosemary Mumford (rosesmum@aol.com).

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Seniors and Friends

Meet for lunch on the third Thursday of the month. Join us **July 18, 11:30 am** at a local restaurant to be determined soon.
Email your RSVP to rsvpeapchumble.org. For more information, please contact Bonnie Carr (bncrr1@gmail.com)

Youth Build-a-Bed Volunteer Day

On **Thursday, July 18 from 8 until 10:30 am**, the bed building takes place in the Sleep in Heavenly Peace workshop, 13000 Jones Rd, Houston 77070.

Wear old clothes in case you're staining wood. Also, dress comfortably because the work is done outdoors in the shade with large fans. Bring a water bottle, no previous skills or experience required.

For transportation, there are two options. Meet at the warehouse at 8 am or meet and carpool from APC at 7 am. Please let David Gerald (davidcathy@comcast.net) know which option you will be taking.

Bring a few dollars and we will join several other churches for lunch at a nearby "In-N-Out Burger."

Each member of your family will need to sign up (includes a waiver) at this [link](#). Friends are welcome! For those in a scout, school, or club that has a volunteer component, enter that in the sign-up and credit will be applied.

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Yoga for all!

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

Game Day for Grownups



We're back! The fourth Thursday of the month. Join the fun **July 25, 10 am**, in the fellowship hall.

Begin with a coffee break and treats at 10 am followed by games of Bunco.

If you haven't played Bunco, it is easy to learn. A fast-paced dice game for groups of players that involves rolling dice to score points and win rounds.

Linda and Jenny Buchanan are hosting this first meeting by bringing the treats and introducing Bunco to everyone. Snacks for upcoming meetings may be provided by whoever chooses to contribute. There will also be a variety of games from which to choose.

For more information, please contact Linda Buchanan (buchananl2246@gmail.com).

APC Hosts Family Promise

Family Promise families return to APC on Sunday, July 28 through Saturday, August 3. Respond to the SignUp Genius email or sign up in the narthex to prepare an evening meal for them, be an overnight host, or assist with grocery supplies. For more information, please contact Linda Coleman (lilnannyc@live.com).

Empty Nesters

Meet for dinner the last Tuesday of each month at a local restaurant and twice a year in someone's home. The next gathering is **July 30, 6 pm**, at a local restaurant to be determined soon.

Please **RSVP by email to rsvpeapchumble.org** so the restaurant can plan for the appropriate number of people.

For more information, please contact Nancy Anderson (nancy.anderson56@yahoo.com).



Ancient Mariners to Astros Game

Sunday, September 22, we will travel to Minute Maid Park to attend the Astros baseball game at 1 pm. The Harris County precinct bus will depart APC parking lot at 12-noon. Tickets are \$70 each that includes a \$25 food voucher. Seats are in Section 109, Row 21 and 22.

Please **RSVP by email to rsvpeapchumble.org by Sunday, August 4**. After your rsvp, please send your \$70 (check or cash) to Linda Andrus or the church office.

For more information, please contact Linda Andrus (harley3064@aol.com).



Chefs for Wednesday Night Dinner,
June 5
Roy Barnes, John Sheridan, Don Frye,
Bill Mumford, David Gerald

Volunteers to work in the
Houston Food Bank warehouse
Tuesday, June 18



Scenes from CLC
Summer Camp, June



Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the love and support you have shown us over the years, and especially as we prepare for the littlest Hannans to join us later this summer.

We had a great time at the Baby Shower and were touched by the overwhelming outpouring of love and generosity of everyone.

The way APC has embraced us over the years, and continues to embrace us, means so much and we are grateful for our church family.

Thank you again.

Love,
Jamie, Katie, Abby, and James

Missions is on the Move!

This is an exciting time for APC and our mission involvement in the community and the world!



Houston Food Bank. In response to a very meaningful Minute for Mission given by Melissa Breda, a group of 14 traveled to the Food Bank on Tuesday, June 18 and worked on the assembly line sorting and packing boxes of food which will be delivered to families in need.

We were also able to participate in a 3-to-1 matching grant through the Food Bank so that the \$1,000 donation from APC turns into \$3,000!

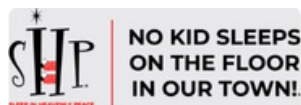
Kid's Hope. Lizzy Frye touched our hearts with her Minute for Mission on Sunday, June 23 about the beginning of an APC mentoring ministry this fall at Oaks Elementary through Kid's Hope.

The Oaks is literally just a few blocks away from church on Upper Lake Dr. The response to Lizzy's invitation was fantastic, and we hope even more will get on board!



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Ministry. In response to the ongoing crisis in Gaza and Israel, APC sent \$1,000 to support the work of the Presbyterian Church through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Ministry, where people are involved right there in the heart of the struggle trying to bring peace and reconciliation.

Back to School Drive. Coming up in July and August we collect school supplies for children in the community. We work through HAAM on this project, and are always grateful for the work HAAM does to bring hope and help to folks who face challenges.



Sleep In Heavenly Peace bed delivery is taking a break from the summer heat. We hope when the work continues in the fall we will grow our involvement in the bed deliveries which take place the first Saturday of each month.

While the deliveries are taking a break over the summer, APC youth and members of the congregation will participate in a city-wide youth build on Thursday, July 18 at the Sleep in Heavenly Peace warehouse.

We encourage the entire congregation to join in supporting these exciting Mission Initiatives, and we look forward to our next opportunity to host Family Promise families coming up Sunday, July 28 through Saturday, August 4.





Help Families in Need

Thanks to you the ministry of Family Promise of Lake Houston is able to care for homeless families in our community. Every day faithful friends, like you, give of themselves by volunteering to provide meals, temporary housing, and child care.

We are so grateful for your partnership in our work.

Today, I would like to ask you to further extend your commitment to Family Promise. Will you join us as a monthly financial supporter?

Serving the families in our community requires financial resources. There are so many deserving children and parents who suffer right here in the Lake Houston area. They are our neighbors. Often they need little more than an opportunity to put their lives back together and get a fresh start.

We stand ready to help them. You have seen first-hand how just a little bit goes a long way. It is the same with your financial giving. Even a small monthly gift will help provide the resources these families need. Will you help?

Your gift will provide shelter, food, clothes, job readiness, financial planning, and all resources that a family needs. These are bare essentials necessary to stabilize a family in crisis and help them develop a plan for future independence. We have helped so many...and yet more families are coming to us every day. We must be prepared financially to help.

Thank you for your monthly commitment. You can give at our website [here](#). While we would love for you to consider monthly support, even a one-time gift today will make a significant difference. On behalf of the families we serve, thank you!

Blessings,
Tiffany Venekamp, BS-CS, CPST
 Executive Director



HAAM News

Back-to-School Bag

On August 2, HAAM will be partnering with Humble ISD and the YMCA to co-host an "Erase the Needs" resource fair for families who are preparing for the 2024-2025 school year. Last year, this collaboration provided 500 food bags to families who attended.

Due to the anticipated volume of attendees, an ambitious goal has been set to double that number to meet the needs of the community. To achieve this goal, we have been asked to volunteer to collect food bags. The items needed are listed below and should be dropped off at APC by Sunday, July 28.

FOOD BAGS

- Gather the items below and pack neatly into a reusable cloth bag.
- Tie the handles of the bag in a knot so nothing falls out.
- NO GLASS JARS PLEASE

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| 1 Reusable Cloth Bag | 2 Cans Soup |
| 1 Box Dry Cereal | 2 Cans Tuna |
| 1 (1 lb) Bag Rice | 2 Cans Chicken |
| 1 (1 lb) Bag Beans | 2 Boxes Mac & Cheese |
| 1 Can Fruit | 1 Box Pasta |
| 1 Jar Peanut Butter | 2 Cans Green Beans |
| 1 Can Tomato Sauce | 2 Cans Corn |

Thank you for your continued support of HAAM. If you have any questions, please contact George Williams (281-772-4706).

The Impacts of Our Efforts

HAAM is only able to achieve our mission of helping community residents in crisis with the continued support of generous people like you. Take a look below to see the differences we have all made in this community.

- 87,389**
Individuals received food assistance
- 595**
Individuals were assisted through Housing programs
- 439**
Individuals received Education and Employment services
- 11,979**
Individuals were provided with Holiday meals

APC is grateful to members and friends who contribute financial gifts as a response to God's boundless grace and generosity.

FINANCIAL MATTERS



Here are some ways to give -

By Cash or Personal Check: You can place your personal checks or cash in the offering plate each Sunday morning or drop by the church during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9:00-2:00) or Mail your check to APC, 19426 Atasca Oaks Dr, Humble TX 77346.

Online Bill Pay: This service is offered by most financial institutions, which creates automatic recurring or one-time gift payments electronically from your bank account. Designate Atascocita Presbyterian Church as the payee, and have payments sent to: APC, 19426 Atasca Oaks Dr, Humble TX 77346.

Online Donation or Payment: You can "Donate" (to the General Fund, Gifts and Memorials, or Special Offerings) or "Pay" for purchases or fees on our website at apchumble.org. Select the "Donate or Make a Payment Online Now" button at the top of the screen and follow the instructions to use your checking or savings account or your credit/debit card. NOTE: This form of giving is especially secure. It will not be lost in the mail and cannot be stolen from the mailbox!



Gifts of Stock: Donating stock that has appreciated for more than a year can actually give 15% more than if you sold the stock and made a cash donation. The reason is simple: avoiding capital gains taxes ... But if you donate the stock directly to a charity, there is no capital gains tax to pay. Plus, you are still eligible to deduct the full fair-market value of the asset you donated from your income taxes, up to the overall amount allowed by the IRS. Be sure to consult your tax adviser to be certain this is the best strategy for you. Contact us at finance@apchumble.org for more information.



Required Minimum Distributions: If you are over 70 and a half years of age, you can make a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) from your IRA. The QCD gifting option allows you, starting at age 70½, to instruct your IRA administrator to direct IRA distributions—up to \$100,000 per year—to a qualified 501(c)(3) charity such as APC. Because the distribution goes directly to charity, you do not report the QCD as taxable income or owe any taxes on the QCD, which may be particularly beneficial to you if you are forced to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and don't need the extra money. In addition to avoiding taxable income, your IRA distribution can be put to good use by your favorite qualified charity. It's truly a win-win option. Be sure to consult your tax adviser to be certain this is the best strategy for you. Contact us at finance@apchumble.org for more information.



THANK YOU for your financial support! Your generous contributions are very much appreciated and help us grow the ministry and mission of APC.

Commitment Committee



- 7/1 Eric Hlavaty
- 7/1 Tiffany May
- 7/3 Debora Hedgepath
- 7/3 Mike Ryan
- 7/6 Elliott Denmon
- 7/6 David Reppucci
- 7/7 Judy Brookby
- 7/9 Katie Hannan
- 7/9 'Sine McCarty
- 7/10 Libby Boyce
- 7/11 Don Frye Jr
- 7/11 Kathy Gava
- 7/12 Alex Lemer
- 7/14 Sharis Mayer
- 7/15 Carol Cutshall
- 7/15 Bobby Grawl
- 7/15 David McPherson
- 7/17 Mya Lauer
- 7/17 Sara Lewis
- 7/19 Summer Humlick
- 7/21 Ellen Nipe
- 7/22 Allan Griffin
- 7/23 Melissa Breda
- 7/24 Lisa Stacy
- 7/27 Will Nees
- 7/30 Bill Boyce
- 7/31 Joseph Breda
- 7/31 Natalie Burgos



- 7/10 Marilyn & Chris Friedersdorf
- 7/18 Lisa & Kevin Stacy
- 7/21 Tom & Carol Hedgepath
- 7/25 Kristen & Ronnie Knecht

Prayers, Concerns, & Condolences

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and in other parts of the world where there is war.
- Praying for peace in Israel and Palestine.
- Victims, families, and communities affected by violence.
- People of Ecuador as they deal with turmoil and unrest.
- People of Haiti in their country's unrest.
- Those impacted by recent floods and other natural disasters and weather extremes.
- Victims and families caught in recent gun violence.
- Peace and safety for all who are serving in the military away from home.
- Peace and safety for grandkids of Ron and Cathy Fovargue serving in Marines and Air Force overseas.
- Peace and patience for Pastor Wayne as his recovery takes another "step" closer to a full recovery.
- Katie Hannan, safety and strength in her pregnancy with twins.
- Bonnie Carr recovering from knee surgery.
- Nancy Keyes, mother of Chris Wiggan, has health concerns.
- Kathy Gava in treatment for broken toes.
- Thanksgiving for Ellie Elizabeth, granddaughter of Wayne and Julie. Travel mercies for their trip to see her.
- Jeff Fisher, son of Doris, for successful hip surgery June 27.
- Annette, friend of the Hemsing family, healing after an injury due to a fall.
- Midge Patterson, sister of Emily Murphy, has facial weakness after a dental procedure.
- Ann Owen had a procedure done that will assist with management of her back pain.
- Judi Anderson is half-way through chemo treatments.
- Blessings and safety for Kiernan Dulaney as he joins military service July 2.
- Linda and Johnny Buchanan healing from covid.
- Ongoing concerns: Sine McCarty, Garland McCarthy, Anne Wallace, Michael Burgos, Ann Owen, Connie Brown, Carl Braden, Pat Litzinger, Russ Nipe, Judi Anderson.

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

For pastoral care emergencies, please contact your deacon or elder for July, Ryan Lewis (832-829-4024)

2024 Worship Attendance and Offering Summary

Date	In Person	BoxCast Live	Facebook Live	Total Viewers	Offering Total
2-Jun	92	6	51	149	\$3,387
9-Jun	109	12	27	148	\$2,068
16-Jun	91	7	27	125	\$2,679
23-Jun	89	15	27	131	\$1,822
June End of Month Credit Card Receipts					
30-Jun				0	
Total Offerings for Year-to-date					\$131,076
Budgeted Offerings for Year-to-date					\$133,775