



THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 2026 EDITION

This Month from Pastor Wayne
Wallace, Idaho

Albert Borgmann writes about making an annual summer trip with his family. They would travel from Missoula, Montana to Seattle, Washington, along Interstate 90. They began making this journey in 1970. In the early days, there were stretches of two narrow, winding, and shoulder-less lanes. The interstate also ran through many of the small towns along the way. This obviously slowed travel.

Over the years, the interstate has grown into one long stretch of four-lane highway. Looking back on this evolution of an interstate, Borgmann describes how, as each new stretch of interstate was added, the ease and grace of travel was a welcome addition.

But something is lost when something is gained. Such was the case with Wallace, Idaho, which Borgmann describes as “the most recalcitrant obstacle to the westward progress of I-90. For twenty years we would look forward to Wallace with dismay and pleasure. Wallace invariably arrested our smooth and pleasant progress, ensnared us in slow-moving traffic, and more often than not stopped us at Seventh and Bank Street. But inevitably also we were captivated by the courageous grace of the Victorian buildings and by the waning aura of mining and prostitution. At times we stopped to look at the fading splendor of hotels and banks and to immerse ourselves in the talk and smells of a coffee shop, witnesses to the slow and familiar ways of small-town life.”

Then came the fateful day. “On September 7, 1991, we were driving from Washington back to Missoula. There was no detour from I-90 as we approached Wallace. Before we realized it, we were continuing to cruise along on a familiar interstate surface.” As the family zoomed by, Borgmann laments, “On that day the heroic substructure had become invisible; Wallace was reduced to a picturesque jumble of roofs and facades. Within less than two minutes, Wallace had appeared and disappeared.” (Albert Borgmann, *Real American Ethics*).

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Interstates allow us to bypass the snarls of traffic that are found in small towns like Wallace, Idaho. But Borgmann identifies something profound and complicated. Bypassing small towns with their unique personalities and quaint characteristics leaves us with an endless freeway interrupted only by rest stops littered with the identical fast food and chain restaurants. We get to places sooner. Maybe we get to places poorer.

In much the same way, technology allows us to bypass human interaction. We drive instead of walk. We watch television rather than interact with friends. We communicate with people through email instead of a handwritten note. We connect with the internet instead of connecting with a community. Like the interstate, we can do things quicker and with more convenience, and even efficiency.

But something is lost when something is gained. Wallace, Idaho becomes a blur through a windshield rather than a town with a pulse. And the neighbor in our life becomes someone we pass by rather than a precious child of God with whom we form a friendship.

As you carry out your summer plans, I encourage you to think about Wallace, Idaho. Please don't be in such a hurry to get somewhere or to do something that you bypass or avoid some snarls with traffic, be it automobile traffic or human traffic. Those encounters might slow you down. They might also provide you with an unexpected blessing, the blessing of discovering the grace, dignity, and beauty of God's creation.

With the love of Christ,

Wayne



Messages for July

July 5

"Let Freedom Ring" | Leviticus 25:8-12

July 12

Guest Preacher | Reverend Jack Haberer

July 19

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July 26

"The Fruit of the Spirit" | Galatians 5:22-25

John Hancock's signature is the most famous autograph in American history, written boldly across the center of the Declaration of Independence. His oversized, confident script gave rise to the American expression "put your John Hancock," meaning to sign a document. As our nation approaches the 250th anniversary of its independence, Hancock's bold signature reminds us of the courage and conviction that shaped our country's beginnings. As people of faith, we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy, pray for wisdom for our leaders, and seek to live out Christ's call to justice, compassion, and peace in our nation and in our daily lives.



Office Hours

Pastor Wayne Eberly

Mon-Wed
9 AM – 2 PM

Rhonda Blake

Mon-Fri
9 AM – 2 PM

Church Staff

Pastor - Reverend Wayne Eberly

Office Coordinator - Rhonda Blake

Director of Music - Joe Weir

Pianist - Carl Braden

Director of Creative Learning Center - Cathy Gerald

JULY EVENTS



America's 250th Independence Day

Semiquincentennial - This milestone marks exactly 250 years since the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776!

SAT
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Congregational Meeting

11:45am

Election: 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee

Location: Fellowship Hall

SUN
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Empty Nesters

5:30pm

Contact: Nancy Anderson at nancy.anderson56@yahoo.com

Location: Italiano's in Humble, 217 FM 1960 Bypass

TUES
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Game Night

6:00pm - 8:00pm

All Ages Welcome! Come & enjoy some family friendly games and fellowship!

Location: Fellowship Hall

WED
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JULY EVENTS



Ancient Mariners

8:30am

Leave from APC Parking Lot, Lunch on own at the food court.

Location: Outlet Mall on 290, Hempstead

FRI

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Seniors & Friends

11:30am

Contact Bonnie Carr,
bncrr1@gmail.com

Location: Takumi Hibachi Chinese Buffet, 5421 FM 1960

THUR

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Houston Food Bank

8:00am - 12:00pm

Contact: Jamie Hannan,
jameshannanjr@gmail.com
281-799-0320

Location: Houston Food Bank, 535 Portwall St., Houston, TX. 77029

FRI

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Fun Cooking Class

6:00pm

A fun night for APC - Atascocita Presbyterian Chefs!

Location: Fellowship Hall

WED

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Fill the Bin Donation Drive

This June, our congregation partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to provide Bed-in-a-Bag twin-size sets for children receiving new beds. We are so close to reaching our goal of 100 sets, and every contribution helps push us nearer to the finish line. Each 5-piece set — complete with sheets, comforters, and pillows — helps ensure that every child not only has a bed to sleep in, but a warm and comforting place to call their own.

A donation bin remains available in the Narthex for complete sets, and financial gifts may still be made online. The Finance Office tracks all designated donations, and each time enough funds accumulate, a full set is purchased on behalf of the congregation.

Every contribution brings us closer to helping a child sleep safely and comfortably. Thank you for supporting this meaningful ministry. For more information, please contact Rick Anderson at (713) 859-1695.





Rebuilding Hope in Kerrville

Atascocita Presbyterian Church is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to support families who are still rebuilding after the devastating July 2025 floods in Kerrville. Many homes were damaged or destroyed, and recovery continues.

APC is stepping in to help restore stability, dignity, and hope.

Mission Trip: October 12-17

A team of APC volunteers will travel to Mo Ranch, located just 30 minutes outside Kerrville. Mo Ranch will serve as home base while volunteers work with Habitat for Humanity on construction and repair projects throughout the area.

This trip is open to adults, families, and older youth accompanied by a parent. No construction experience is required—just a willing heart and hands ready to serve.

Cost & Registration

\$150 per person, \$400 maximum per family

Scholarships available for anyone who needs assistance.

If you feel called to participate, please contact the church office for scholarship information or to sign up.

CONGRATULATIONS LINDA REPPUCCI

Congratulations to Linda Reppucci! Linda is this year's Tomato Weight Guessing Contest winner, coming closest without going over to the total pounds of tomatoes donated from our church garden. A heartfelt thank-you to Janet Griffin for turning part of this harvest into delicious homemade salsa. Our tomatoes continue to be a blessing to HAAM, and we're grateful for the wonderful, generous community we have here at APC that makes ministries like this flourish.



**390
Pounds**



We're going back!

houston  **foodbank** MEMBER OF **FEEDING™**
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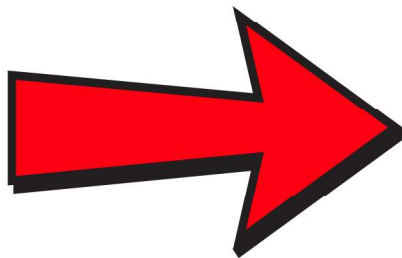
IF YOU MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY IN
JUNE TO HELP SERVE AT THE
HOUSTON FOOD BANK,
NOW IS YOUR CHANCE -

WE ARE HEADED BACK!

July 17, 8AM - 12PM

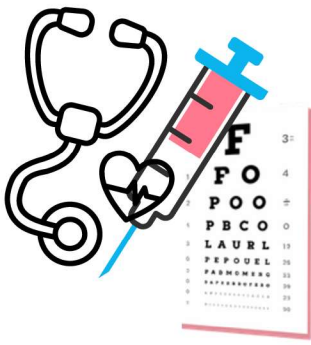
We will be inspecting and sorting food
items for community distribution.

Register here by
scanning the QR code
with your
smart phone's
camera.



2026.07 Food Bank

Contact Jamie & Abby Hannan
Email: jameshannanjr@gmail.com
Phone: 281-799-0320



Erase the Need Fair

Each year HAAM partners with Humble ISD in co-hosting this fair. This event connects students and families with essential back-to-school services in one convenient location including vision screening, immunizations, haircuts, school supplies, resources, etc.

HAAM has committed to distribute 1,000 boxes of cereals. Between APC and CLC, let's get together to donate at least 100 boxes of any variety and size. We can do this! Please drop your bagged cereal boxes in the HAAM box in the Narthex by Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact
George Williams at 281-772-4706.

Thanks for you continued support of HAAM.



June 2026 Attendance & Offering Summary

2026 Worship Attendance and Offering Summary		
Date	Attendance	Offering Total
7-Jun	144	\$3,408
14-Jun	90	\$1,623
21-Jun	76	\$6,842
28-Jun	95	\$3,352
Total Offerings for Year-to-date		\$138,049
Budgeted Offerings for Year-to-date		\$180,670

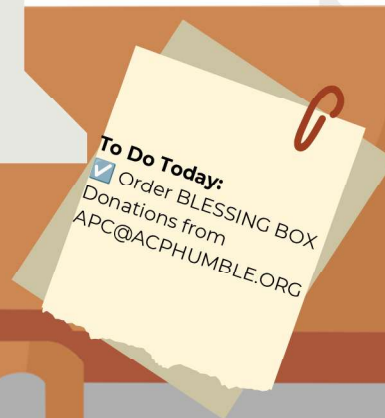
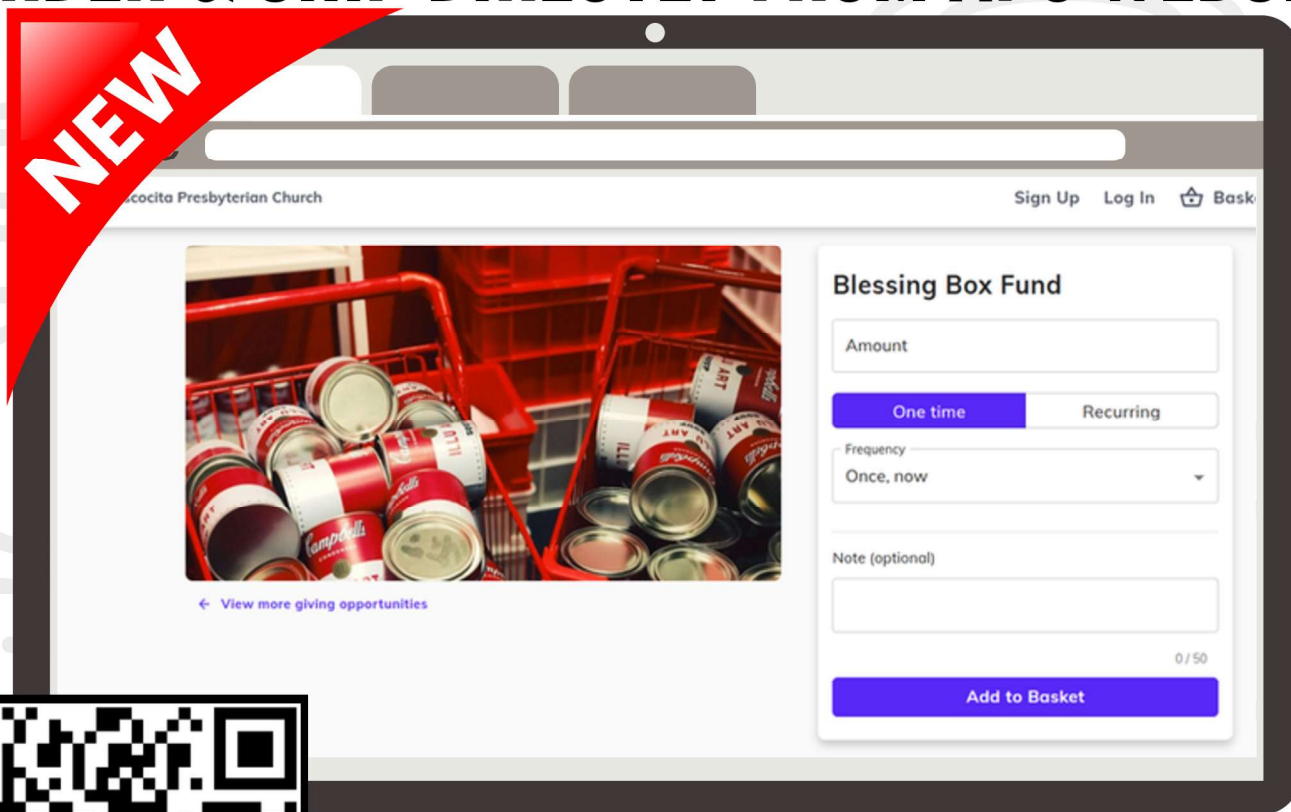


The Blessing Box



NOW AVAILABLE!

ORDER & SHIP DIRECTLY FROM APC WEBSITE!



Scan the code & Order Today!

APC IS HIRING



NURSERY WORKER
LOVE GOD? LOVE CHILDREN?

Requirements

Age 21+

Experienced working with children 0-4

Follower of Jesus

Available for additional events, as needed

WORK HOURS

Sunday mornings - 9:15am - 11:45am

Some Wednesday evenings 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Want MORE DETAILS?

Contact Rhonda

Phone: 346-770-7198

Email: apc@apchumble.org

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WE WELCOMED 75 CAMPERS TO APC SUMMER CAMP THIS YEAR
— AND IT WAS AN AMAZING THREE WEEKS!

THE DEDICATION, JOY, AND HARD WORK OF OUR SPECIAL TEAM OF
VOLUNTEERS MADE THIS SUMMER UNFORGETTABLE!



Thank
You!

TO OUR WONDERFUL TEACHERS -

PASTOR WAYNE ♦ TERRI HARSHAW
MELISSA SAATHOFF ♦ KAMI WIGGIN

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR GIFTS, CREATIVITY & LOVE FOR
THE CHILDREN OF APC!

TO OUR AMAZING CAMP HELPERS -

LIBBY BOYCE ♦ LISA CLARK ♦ LISA CRUZ
MARILYN FRIEDERSDORF ♦ RAYNEE FRYE ♦ RENE LEMER
JOYCE OLSEN ♦ LINDA REPUCCI ♦ ELAINE MCCOOL

YOUR HELPING HANDS AND WARM HEARTS KEPT EVERYTHING
RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO
FORREST CRAIG

THANK YOU FOR FAITHFULLY MANAGING ENROLLMENT
AND ALL THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES DETAILS
THAT MADE CAMP POSSIBLE.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

LISA STACY

THANK YOU FOR OVERSEEING ALL 3 WEEKS OF CAMPERS WITH
GRACE, ENERGY, AND EXTRAORDINARY DEDICATION.

YOUR LEADERSHIP BLESSED EACH CHILD AND THEIR FAMILIES,
AND LIFTED EVERY VOLUNTEER.



Atascocita
Presbyterian Church

Game Night

Join us for a casual dinner and
a night full of fun, laughter and fellowship!

★ JULY 8TH 6:00-8:00 ★

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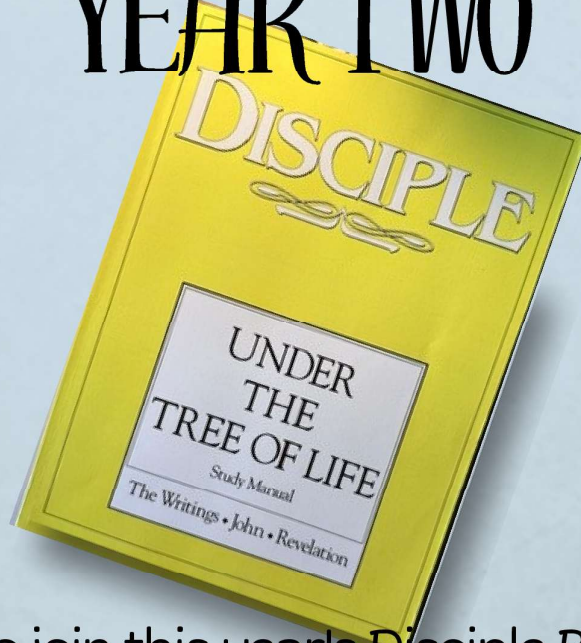
EVERYONE OF ALL AGES
INVITED!



Join us in the
Kitchen!
Wednesday, July 29
6:00pm
A great night for APC -
Atascocita
Presbyterian Chiefs!

Sign Up in
the Narthex

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY YEAR TWO



You are invited to join this year's Disciple Bible Study as we study the Old Testament books of Genesis and Exodus, and the New Testament books of Luke and Acts. Disciple meets on Wednesdays 12:00pm -1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We will have an orientation meeting to give an overview of the class on Wednesday, August 12th at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

Our study will begin on Wednesday, August 26th.

The cost for the study guide is \$45.00.

Please make payment to the church.

Sign up now to participate in this life-changing experience as we grow together in our faith through the study of God's word.





A NOTE FROM THE
earth care team

Solar Power EarthCare Good News

In May, for the 1st time, solar supplied more of our nation's electricity than coal, or 12.8%. "For years solar power has risen in the US electricity mix." Solar also became the 3rd-largest source of electricity in the US in May. Electricity is produced by converting sources of energy – fossil fuels, renewable resources and nuclear – into electrical power. Burning coal, oil and natural gas for electricity emits carbon dioxide, trapping heat in the atmosphere and warming the planet. By contrast, solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower and nuclear are carbon-free. After about 2 decades of essentially flat electricity consumption in the US, electricity demand is increasing to power artificial intelligence, grow domestic manufacturing and electrify transportation and heating. We can expect to see more months when solar exceeds coal generation, before overtaking it on an annual basis in a few years. These milestones signify: solar "has staying power". Wind and solar combined have overtaken coal in the past, and wind power alone has outpaced coal during spring months when wind speeds pick up. Globally, electricity generation from renewables is growing rapidly. Renewables will be the largest global energy source, used for almost 45% of electricity generation by 2030. Solar and battery storage were practically the only energy resources being built in the 1st quarter, making up 91% of all new generating capacity.

Data Sources: global energy thinktank Ember, Solar Energy Industries Association (Seia), analytics firm Wood Mackenzie, and US Energy Information.



June Highlights



JULY

birthdays

Happy Anniversary

Marilyn & Chris Friedersdorf

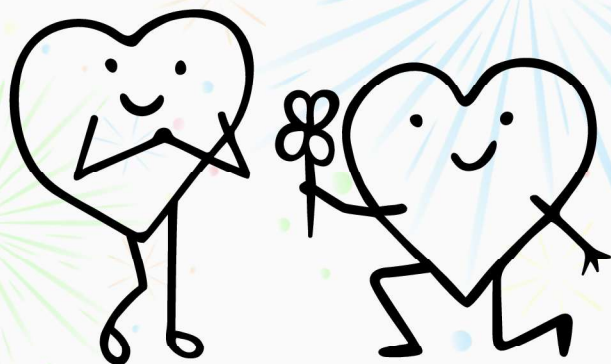
Jul 10

Lisa & Kevin Stacy

Jul 18

Thomas & Carol Hedgepath Sr.

Jul 21



Eric Hlavaty	Jul 01
Debora Hedgepath	Jul 03
Mike Ryan	Jul 03
Frank Willoughby	Jul 03
Elliott Denmon	Jul 06
Dianne Johnson	Jul 06
David Reppucci	Jul 06
Leslie Willoughby	Jul 06
Judy Brookby	Jul 07
George Clark	Jul 07
Katie Hannan	Jul 09
'Sine McCarty	Jul 09
Libby Boyce	Jul 10
Don Frye Jr.	Jul 11
Kathy Gava	Jul 11
Alex Lemer	Jul 12
Jonathan Akrong	Jul 14
Sharis Mayer	Jul 14
Linda Sheppard	Jul 14
Carol Cutshall	Jul 15
Bobby Grawl	Jul 15
David McPherson	Jul 15
Daniel Michie	Jul 15
Mya Lauer	Jul 17
Sara Lewis	Jul 17
Summer Humlick	Jul 19
Ashli Simms	Jul 19
Suzan Bosard	Jul 20
Ellen Nipe	Jul 21
Allan Griffin	Jul 22
Melissa Breda	Jul 23
Lisa Stacy	Jul 24
Will Nees	Jul 27
Bill Boyce	Jul 30
Joseph Breda	Jul 31
Natalie Burgos	Jul 31



A Prayer for July

Holy God, as July unfolds with long days, bright sun, and the hum of summer all around us, we pause to rest in your steady presence. In this season of warmth and wide-open skies, remind us that your faithfulness stretches farther than we can see and holds us more securely than we know.

Slow our hurried steps so we may notice the gifts you scatter through each day — the laughter of children, the kindness of neighbors, the beauty of creation in full bloom. Renew our spirits and teach us to delight in the simple graces that reflect your love.

Bless this month with safety, joy, and a deep sense of your nearness. And as we move through these summer days, may your Spirit guide us, sustain us, and lead us into the fullness of your grace.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.



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