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Newsletter of Atascocita Presbyterian Church



TRACES OF LOVE

*Faded photographs, covered now with lines and creases
Tickets torn in half, memories in bits and pieces*

Some of you will recognize those words of a popular song from the 60's called, "Traces of Love." Packing up as we moved from our home in Rhode Island, and then unpacking once we arrived here in Texas, I have worked my way through boxes and boxes of faded photographs. True to the song, many of those old photos were covered with lines and creases. And yet no matter how faded they were, how many lines and creases covered those old photos, they each packed some wonderful memories. Each photo evoked traces of love. Along with the photos, the packing and unpacking has led us to go through the books we have gathered over the years, to sort through our keepsakes and treasures, figuring out what stays and what goes.

Traces of love...Sitting in my small study at our new home, I am staring at shelves filled with faded photographs and other precious treasures. I see one of our daughters on her wedding day...our son and his wife holding their newborn child...my parents surrounded by all five of their children, all five of our spouses, and all twelve of their grandchildren, as a trail was named in honor of my father. There is a beautiful piece of art our daughter made for me, where the shape of the cross is cut from pieces of wood, and where the cross is formed are the words to one of my favorite hymns, "How Great Thou Art." There are books from Julie's childhood, books we read together, books reminding us of places we traveled, and books that mark our journey of faith. My heart is warmed by each and every one of these traces of love.

Recently our Session gathered together for a retreat. Allan and Janet Griffin opened their home. We enjoyed the warmth and welcome they gave as we sat in a small circle in their living room. I had asked each member of our Session to bring something that was significant in their spiritual life. Several brought bibles, bibles that marked a special time in their life, or bibles that were given to them by persons who held a special place in their hearts. There was a daily devotional that has brought strength and encouragement to one as they walk closely with our Lord. A nativity scene, brought home from the Holy Land, carved from olive wood, reminded one of a time of travel that held a special place in their heart. Our childhoods hold so many of these times that shaped our lives. It was not a surprise when one held up a handprint they made when they were just a young child of four or five. Along with the handprint was a craft item made one day at a Vacation Bible School in days long past. It brought joy to my heart to hear someone reflecting on how much they looked forward to that week of the summer when Bible School took place, and it reminded me to set my hopes high for our three-week summer camp program coming up in June, when the halls of church will be filled with children. There were other things of equal importance and significance, including, of course, a faded photograph. In the photo were loved ones, and in the background of the photo was a place that held special meaning for the person

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sharing. The place was Mo-Ranch. People, places, pictures, pages from the bible, the traces of God's love come to us in so many ways. Each one of those ways is wonderful.

Moving is never an easy thing, as it means saying goodbye to ones we have come to love. And yet our experience with moving has always been positive, because God has blessed us each time with a community of faith where we are welcomed and invited to share the life of faith with new friends. In the short time we have been with you, there are already numerous traces of love that are enriching our life and filling our hearts with joy. The tears in the eyes of Libby Boyce as she shared how moving it was to deliver beds to children in need through the Sleep in Heavenly Peace ministry...the loud applause you all gave to the recent graduates on May 21st, followed by the greeting line where it was obvious these young people have been loved and embraced over the years...the reverence that fills the sanctuary when the choir offers an anthem, when Carl plays on the piano, and when Joe sings a sacred song. Traces of love.

One of you noticed I had placed a small box on the pulpit so my sermon notes would sit a bit higher, making it easier on my aging eyes. When I explained to the person what the box was for, they said, "Hmmm." The next Sunday, I arrived to find a specially built stand for my notes that fits perfectly in the pulpit.

Faded photographs, covered now with lines and creases...old bibles and VBS craft projects...a bunk bed helping a child to sleep in heavenly piece...sacred songs...a stand in the pulpit to hold my sermon notes. Traces of love, each and every one. And God is not done. There are more memories to come. What a joy to share our lives together as God continues to bless our lives with traces of his love.

With a grateful heart,

Wayne

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Psalms 16: 7, 8 NRSV

Worship in June

6/4 Communion Sunday

Sermon: "Bought, caught, and taught"

Matthew 28:16-20

Text: "Go and make disciples of all nations."

Matthew 28:19

6/11 Guest preacher, Aaron Seay

6/18

Sermon: "I know he watches me"

Psalms 139:7-12

Text: "Where can I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?"

Psalms 139:7

6/25

Sermon: "An undivided heart"

Psalms 86

Text: "Give me an undivided heart to revere your name."

Psalms 86:11

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....Pastor Wayne Eberly

Director of Youth Ministry.....Aaron Seay

Office Coordinator.....Carroll Hebert

Director of Music.....Joe Weir

Pianist.....Carl Braden

Pastor Wayne is in the office Monday through Wednesday, from 9 am until 2 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

Volunteer Opportunity

Children's Committee is looking for volunteers to attend the nursery during Pastor Wayne's installation service, Sunday, June 4 from 2:30 until approximately 4:30 pm.

If you are available, please contact Lisa Stacy or Terri Thomson (apcchildrenscommittee@apchumble.org).

Children's Faith Formation Classes

Children 1st - 5th grade. Classes are on summer break from June 4 through July 30. Classes resume Sunday, August 6, 9:30 am in the orange classroom.

Nursery care will be open each week during summer months for children who haven't yet entered 1st grade. 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. Bible Study is on summer break but will return at 9:20 am, Sunday, September 10. For more information, please contact Aaron (aaron@apchumble.org).

Bible Study at 11:45 am in the youth room with Aaron. Lunch is provided.

Please feel free to contact Aaron (aaron@apchumble.org) with questions or concerns.

Youth News

Congratulations to Adrianna Burleigh who completed the confirmation program with Aaron Seay, Youth Director, and Charis Nees! Adrianna was confirmed, baptized, and joined the membership of APC on Sunday, May 21.

All youth (6th-12th grade) are welcome and encouraged to attend Bible study with Aaron on Sundays at 11:45 am in the youth room where we have a chance to fellowship, eat lunch, and study the Word.

Mark your calendars for these special events coming up!

FREE Youth worship concert featuring *Hope Ascending*, Saturday, June 3 in the Northwoods Pres gym. Open for ages 11-18. Enjoy pizza, games, summer camp info, and camp goodies

Youth Celebration (grades 9-12) at Mo-Ranch, Sunday, June 25 through Friday, June 30.

Jr High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch, Sunday, July 9 through Thursday, July 13.

Registration for Youth Celebration and Jr High Jubilee, please contact Aaron Seay (aaron@apchumble.org).



The following graduating students were recognized during worship on Sunday, May 21.

High School

Jada Akrong
Garrett Clary
Dylan Frye
Eric Hlavaty
Jake Humlick
Catherine Imboden
Johnathan Martin
Hunter McPherson
Lauren Mitchell
James New
Aly Wiggin
Bailey Wrobliske

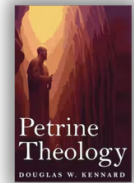
College

Ryan Lewis
Lorrie Pritchett (Dec 23)
Maggie Pritchett
Mackenzie Wiggin

Adult Faith Formation

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

Discussion of Doug's recent book: *Petrine Theology*. Purchase the paperback book or Kindle from Amazon.



*****Shelley's class** is on summer break but will return Sunday, September 3. Meeting at 9:20 am in classroom 102.

Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study

The Bible study resumes in September when another book will be chosen for study. In the meantime, the group will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the fellowship hall for a unique program that has yet to be determined.

The potluck lunch at 11:30 am will stay in place for these summer months to share and enjoy fellowship together. The summer programs begin Wednesday, June 14 from noon until 1 pm.

For more information, please contact Judi Anderson (jla.lpc55@gmail.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS

GATE Update

When the weather allows us and the ground dries, we plan to refresh the GATE area. There will be a delivery by an 18-wheel truck full of crushed granite to re-top the walking trails and stage area. A tractor with a front-end loader and box blade will be rented, but a lot of help will be needed to spread and level areas the tractor cannot access.

Shovels, rakes, and wheelbarrows, along with the personnel to man them will be needed. We also plan to till the butterfly garden area and create a new one next to the original. Workdays for a Friday and Saturday will be planned soon.

Seniors and Friends



Meet for lunch and fellowship on the third Thursday of the month. Join us **Thursday, June 15, 11:30 am** at Azul Agave TexMex, 20669 Lake Houston Pkwy, 77346.

For more information, please contact Bonnie Carr (bncr1@gmail.com).

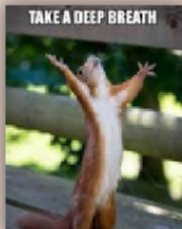
Game Day for Grownups!



Gather for a potluck lunch and fellowship **Thursday, June 22, 11:30 am**, in the fellowship hall and stay for games of Mexican Train or Bingo.

For more information, please contact Terri Parmerlee (tmparmerlee@gmail.com).

Yoga for all!



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

Wacky Wednesday!
RESCHEDULED
 June 7 5 - 6:30 pm
 SPLASH GAMES
 ART & CRAFTS
 SNACKS & DRINKS
 Atascocita Presbyterian Church
 19426 Atasca Oaks Dr, Humble 77346
 RSVP
 Cathy Gerald
 cathy@apchumble.org
 281-852-4832
 OR
 APC office 281-852-8990

**Atascocita Presbyterian Church
 Summer Camp, 2023**

APC Summer Camps are so popular that registration for all camps were filled within a couple of days! Camps are Tuesday through Thursday, June 6-8, 13-15, and 20-22.

Volunteers are needed to assist in children's activities or prepare and serve theme-based snacks. For more information, please contact Lisa Stacy or Terri Thomson (apcchildrenscommittee@apchumble.org).

Has been proven - volunteers have just as much fun as the kids!

Ancient Mariners' Day Trip

Friday, June 9 we set off on another adventure to Schulenburg and Flatonia via Harris County precinct bus.

Last day to sign up is Sunday, June 4. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for your convenience. For more information, please contact Linda Andrus (call 281-852-1668 or text 281-923-6286)

APC, A Safe and Welcoming Church

You are encouraged to attend an open meeting for the congregation on **Wednesday, June 28, at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.**

Following up on a meeting last fall when we heard a presentation about securing the church, the Session has appointed a committee to make a comprehensive plan to meet our needs as a church concerning safety and security, while maintaining our commitment to being a place where all are welcome.

This meeting will be a chance to hear on progress the church is making toward those goals. You will have the opportunity to give input on how we can all work together as a congregation to meet these important goals.

Committee members are Ron Powell and Joe Weir, representing the Session, and Linda Andrus, Tommy Russell, and Dick Bruns, representing the congregation. Pastor Wayne is an ex officio member.

Donate your Eyeglasses

Give the gift of sight! The First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood Peru Mission Team is collecting new and used eyeglasses for their upcoming mission trip to Lima in July, 2023.

Accepting:

- new and used readers (+0.25 to +4.75)
- used, contemporary eyeglass frames with prescription lenses. NOTE: we cannot accept broken or invisible (string) frame eyeglasses.
- prescription/non-prescription sunglasses
- small, compact, soft-sided eyeglass cases that can be packed easily.
- hand-sewn eyeglass cases - for further instructions, contact Lisa Ryan (lkwryan2@gmail.com)

Extra eyeglass donations that do not fit in the packing will be donated to HAAM or The Lions Club. Unused eyeglass donations left in Peru will be stored for future Mission trips or donated to other in-country mission efforts.

HAAM

Help and Hope in Action

A major component of HAAM's Senior Services program is Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels provides food assistance to vulnerable



homebound seniors throughout the country and right here in our own community. Meals on Wheels is more than just a meal delivery service. This special program helps seniors to remain independent in their own homes while addressing their health and nutritional needs.

Due to the COVID pandemic, our Meals on Wheels program scaled back delivery for the health and safety of seniors and volunteers. We are happy to announce that hot meal delivery is coming back and we will need your help. Meal delivery takes just a few hours out of your day, and you can give one day a week, a month, or a quarter to commit to being a Meals on Wheels volunteer. Contact our volunteer coordinator at cschrofe@haaministries.org to find out how you can get involved. You'll be glad you did!

Earth Care Corner

Presbyterians for Earth Care is a nationwide network that cares for God's Creation by:

- Connecting with God and others through biblical and theological reflection, study, and experiencing God in Creation;
- Equipping members with news and effective tools and resources; and
- Inspiring members through conferences on timely eco-justice issues and Creation-honoring worship.

You can take advantage of their webinars, such as "Reduce Waste and Methane Emissions: Understanding Food Labels" on Thursday, June 29, 6:30 pm. Presented by Minnie Ringland, ReFED Climate Fellow. (A link will follow soon.)

If you missed the Presbyterians Planting for Wildlife webinar, you can view it at this [link](#).



APC is a certified Earth Care Congregation of the PC(USA).

Recap from Men's Conference

Eight APC men attended the 71st Annual Men's Conference at Mo-Ranch. The conference title was "Navigating Life's Balance. There were over 20 workshops to choose from. They ranged from "Beer Evangelism" to "Planning Your Funeral Before It's Too Late."

The Keynote speaker was the director and professor at UT Health Houston. His topic was medical ethics in which he explored several real-life situations involving law, morals, and ethics. The other highlight from the conference was Bible Study by the Rev Dr Bob Crilley. You don't fall asleep during his presentations!

A young associate pastor delivered the sermon at Sunday morning worship service. He started with, "While I was attending the Houston Pride parade, I overheard a young lady giving directions to someone over the phone and she said she was near the Jesus people." (There was a group of protestors on the corner.) The sermon went uphill from there as the pastor explained who Jesus calls us to be.

During free/recreation time, we participated in horseshoes, washers, a "closest to the pin" contest and visited with friends. Each night we solved world problems and practiced astronomy around the fire pit.

This year's conference was very inspiring, meaningful, and motivating - as usual. The next year's conference is scheduled for May 3-5, 2024. APC men, please plan to attend!



A glorious setting at Mo-Ranch



These faces tell it all. John Sheridan, Dick Bruns, Chris Friedersdorf, George Williams, Don Frye, Bill Mumford, and Gary Denmon. Happy to be in the Hill Country with friends and listening to God's word.

Recap from Women's Conference



Attendees were Sara Lewis, Claudia Nelson, Linda (Claudia's friend), Melissa Breda, Kathy Gava, and Lesli (Kathy's daughter).



Along the trails.

"Shalom of Life" was the theme of the Women's Conference at Mo-Ranch. It is certainly the setting to reconnect with ourselves, God, and each other. The definition of Shalom in relation to the message from keynote speaker, Natarsha Sanders, is a time, place, relationship where no-thing is broken and where no-thing is missing. Shalom is the act of achieving homeostasis in our souls - think balance, equilibrium, and interdependence - no matter what is going on in the world around you.

There were so many excellent workshop choices, that it was tough to decide which ones to attend. A poll taken from first-time visitors to Mo-Ranch revealed that 100% of them would definitely return!

Reserve time for the next Women's Conference scheduled for June 6-9, 2024. Pencil in your calendar now!



Mo-Ranch Chapel

Birthdays

6/3 Joyce Olson
 6/9 Elijah Strader
 6/11 Marilyn Friedersdorf
 6/13 Joe Breda
 6/19 Doug Kennard
 6/23 Grace Burgos
 6/24 Chris Friedersdorf
 6/24 Gina O'Toole
 6/24 Jerry Sessions
 6/30 Ryan Lauer
 6/30 Susan Sheridan

Anniversaries

6/2 Shelley & Forrest Craig
 6/10 Cathy & Ron Fovargue
 6/12 Bonnie & Tommy Russell
 6/15 Ellen & Russ Nipe
 6/18 Linda & Gene Andrus
 6/21 Karen & Don Frye
 6/21 Joyce & Tom Olson
 6/21 Traci & Steve Hlavaty
 6/22 Jackie & Jim Hannan
 6/23 Carl Braden & Joe Weir

Prayers, Concerns, & Condolences

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine, the Middle East, and in other parts of the world.
- Victims, families, and communities affected by gun violence.
- Michael Burgos, continued treatment. Strength and peace for Grace and the family.
- Jerry Sessions, health concerns.
- Dominique Cousin, Chef Adrian's wife, for continued health improvements as she battles MS.
- Peace and comfort for Kevin, Michelle, Sarah, and Laura Bennett.
- Ann Owen, health concerns.
- Tom Olson, health concerns.
- Petra, friend of Heather Pritchett, enduring significant complications during cancer treatment.
- Prayers of comfort for family and friends of Ed Hinson, family friend of Will and Charis Nees, in hospice. Prayers of thanksgiving for a wonderful life well lived and comfort for the family.
- Robby Owen, Ann's son, health concerns.
- Peter Ham, Ray Peregoy's friend and longtime member of Seafarers Ministry, diagnosed with cancer.
- Jacob and Stacy McCool, Elaine's son and daughter-in-law, health concerns.
- Sine McCarty, Betsy Gould, Anne Wallace, Garland McCarthy, Helen Wirt

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

For pastoral care emergencies, please contact your deacon or elder for June, Terri Thomson (713-205-0115).

Worship Attendance and Offering Summary

Date	In Person	BoxCast Live	Facebook Live	Total Viewers	Offering Total
30-Apr	104	8	55	167	\$2,236
April End of Month Credit Card Receipts					\$3,738
7-May	82	12	63	157	\$7,767
14-May	124	14	14	152	\$9,404
21-May	104	15	50	169	\$5,866
Total Offerings for Year-to-date					\$145,979
Budgeted Offerings for Year-to-date					\$112,371