



THE COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of Atascocita Presbyterian Church



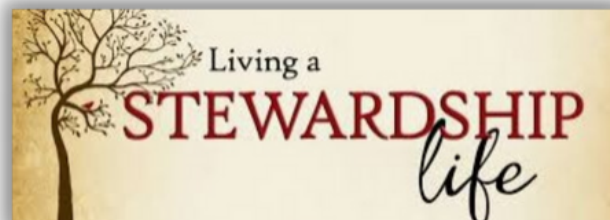
Let's Go Fishing Now!

I would be surprised if I am the only one who was jealous during our worship service on September 10. Debbie Becker had a fishing booth set up for the children. Using a pole that had a clothespin attached, the kids dropped their line over the backdrop of an ocean and, miraculously, a fish was attached to the line and the kids reeled in their prize. Watching the children, and then the youth come up and cast their line, I kept waiting for Debbie to ask us adults if we wanted a turn. Sadly, our turn never came...that day.

Instead of being jealous of the big fishing extravaganza the young people had in worship, I have decided to offer a fishing expedition for the entire congregation. It has to do with our upcoming 40th anniversary celebration on Sunday, November 12. In various conversations about the anniversary celebration, the idea of inviting friends, former members, ones who have served on the staff of the church, partners in ministry, and colleagues from the presbytery keeps coming up again and again. It took Debbie's children's sermon to help me realize all these friends we want to invite to come join us for our celebration have provided us with the perfect opportunity to have a fishing adventure.

We are going to be compiling (with your help) a list of all the people we want to invite to come back and help us give thanks to God for the forty years we have shared in ministry. As that list is compiled, we will be encouraging each one of you to take one or more of those names and extend an invitation. Forty years of ministry means we have a big pond to fish from. You might have your own favorite fishing spot, a few people who specifically come to mind when you think about this church. That's great! You can drop your line in the water any time you want, inviting them to come and share in our joyous anniversary. Others might need a little help thinking of ones to contact, and that is why we will be gathering names. We will gladly supply you with some names and numbers and send you out on a fishing expedition.

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Stay Connected!

Visit the [APC website](http://apchumble.org) (apchumble.org) for more information and service schedules.

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The first step is to gather names. You can come by church during the week or bring a list on Sunday as you help us gather names. You can send an email to the office. So many have shared in our community life over the years. We want to spread our nets as wide as we can.

While I was on the sidelines, the Sunday the young folks were invited to go fishing, I stared at that inviting backdrop with water, waves, and the colorful array of fish. I imagine Jesus walking along the shore, inviting men and women to come and follow him, to come and be "Fishers of Men and Women." All I can say is, I saw those inviting waves and thought to myself, "I wish I was a beach boy." Alas, on that Sunday, I was just the Preach Boy.

Well, this Preach Boy who wishes he was a Beach Boy has taken a tune from Brian Wilson and the other Beach Boys to give you a little diddy to carry in your heart as you go fishing for our 40th Anniversary. The tune is from "Surfin' USA." As our big 40th celebration draws near, I invite "Everybody to go fishing....for Anniversary Day."

FISHING FOR ANNIVERSARY DAY

Something big is coming

Atascocita way

For our dear old church

It's Anniversary Day

We'll lift our hearts in worship

Sing songs and pray

We want you all to come

To Anniversary Day

And we'll be fishing Lake Houston

Down to Galveston Bay

Every diner and drive-in

On 1960 way

Way out in Porter

Along Lake Houston Parkway

Everybody's gone fishin...For Anniversary Day

Don't miss out on the fun, the fellowship, and this exciting celebration of faith. Let's use every rod and reel, every lure and every net, and definitely every hook, line, and sinker to invite people to join us for our 40th Anniversary. In other words, let's tell people the good news about God's Beloved Son and the difference he has made in our lives through the ministry of Atascocita Presbyterian Church.

With the love of Christ,

Wayne

O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you.

1 Chronicles 29:16-17 NRSV

Worship in October

10/1 "The solid rock"

Matthew 7:24-27

10/8 "When the storms break"

Matthew 14:22-33

10/15 "Guest Preacher: Rev Barbara Retzloff"

10/22 "It's who you know"

Luke 7:36-50

10/29 "Riches in the kingdom"

Matthew 19:16-22

Gospel of Matthew Bible Study Schedule

Wed, Oct 4 BIBLE STUDY: Readings 16-20 noon

Wed, Oct 11 PW, Men's Time Out (11:30 am)

Wed, Oct 18 BIBLE STUDY: Readings 21-25 noon

Wed, Oct 25 BIBLE STUDY: Readings 26-30 noon

Children's Faith Formation Classes

Children K - 5th grade. Classes meet at 9:30 am in the orange classroom.

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. Come and join our exciting new Sunday morning meeting time at 9:30 am.

We will be studying God's word, building friendships and faith, and exploring how we can reach out with God's love.

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

Time Out for Men

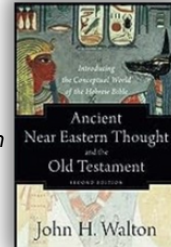
The second Wednesday of each month during the Matthew Bible study, APC men are invited to join Pastor Wayne in a program that gives everyone a chance to have fellowship, share a meal, and grow together in faith.

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

Adult Faith Formation

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

Discussion of *Ancient Near Eastern Thought and the Old Testament*, by John Walton.



*****Sermon Scripture Study meets at 9:30 am in classroom 102/hybrid.**

Everyone is welcome for a discussion of Sunday's worship scripture.

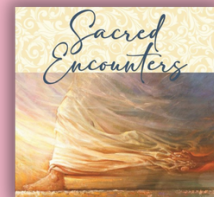
*****Christian Chat and Coffee meets at 9:30 am in classroom 104.**

Everyone is welcome for an easy hour of discussions and fellowship.

Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study

The Bible study meets **Wednesday, October 11 with** the Horizons series: *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir.

Attendants will meet at 11:30 am for a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall before starting the Bible study at noon. For more information, please contact Judi Anderson (jla.lpc55@gmail.com).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Chicks & Hogs BBQ and Brew-off benefitting Family Promise of Lake Houston



Saturday, September 30, at the Harley Davidson of Kingwood dealership, 111 Northpines Dr, 77339. The major fundraiser of the year for FPLH, Chicks & Hogs promises to be fun for all ages from 2 until 6 pm!

Admission is \$25 per person that includes a BBQ sandwich. Kids under 12 are free. Tickets to the Biergarten are \$15 per person. Tickets can be purchased online through Eventbrite or at this [link](#).

Come and enjoy some really fine BBQ, place your bids on the many items in the silent auction tent, stock up your wine cellar at the wine pull, and enjoy local craft beers in the Biergarten. Kids may enjoy a TEXAS-sized Kids Zone.

But wait...there's more!

For a \$100 donation to Family Promise you will receive a chance drawing ticket for two-\$5,000 cash prizes! Your ticket entitles you and a guest to FREE admission, including a BBQ sandwich.

With only 250 tickets available, you don't want to wait until they are all gone. To purchase tickets, contact Steve Coleman at 713-471-5152 or email stcolemans@live.com. It could possibly be the winning ticket! (Note: you do not have to be present to win.) Chance tickets are also available at the Eventbrite link.

Mark your calendar for September 30 and join the festivities at Chicks & Hogs BBQ and Brew-off.
See you there!

Community Active Shooter Response Training at Lone Star College Locations

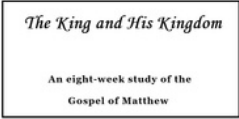
Training will be offered by the Lone Star College Police Dept throughout the LSC System during October, 2023. The classes are open to all, free of charge, and require no RSVP to attend.

The most convenient locations for APC may be:

- **Atascocita, October 4**, room 125 from 12:30 - 1:30 pm
- **Kingwood, October 10**, room SCC 104 from 1 - 2 pm
- **Kingwood, October 12**, room SCC 104 from 4 - 5 pm
- **Montgomery County, October 11**, Bldg G-102 from 11 am - 12 pm and 3 - 4 pm.



Gospel of Matthew Fall Bible Study



The Bible study continues on Wednesdays at noon in the parlor with

Pastor Wayne leading a discussion of the previous week's readings. The devotional guide will outline the readings for each day. The schedule in the book shows when each set of readings will be discussed at the weekly study. Pick up a copy of the devotional guide in the narthex.

Every second Wednesday Presbyterian Women and Time Out for Men meet at 11:30 for potluck lunch. All other Wednesdays through November 15 are Gospel of Matthew Bible studies.

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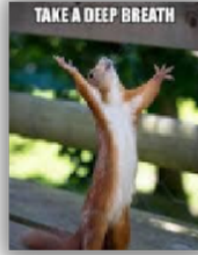
APC Needlers

Organizational Meeting

Meet with the group **Tuesday, October 10, 7 pm**, classroom 102 to help plan for a regular meeting schedule for future gatherings.

Always mission-minded, various charities have benefitted from the Needlers' creativity in knitting or crochet. Past donations have been hats to the Seafarers, scarves for Special Olympics, chemo caps for cancer patients, and sweaters for children in Eastern Europe. Anyone with needlework skills and ideas for charity projects are encouraged to come.

For more information, please contact Karen Frye (vkfrye62.kf@gmail.com) or Rosemary Mumford (rosesmum@aol.com).



Yoga for all!

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

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Seniors and Friends



Meet for lunch and fellowship on the third Thursday of the month.

Join us **Thursday, October 19, 11:30 am** at Hippo Burgers, 5324 Atascocita Rd #M, 77346.

For more information, please contact Bonnie Carr (bncrr1@gmail.com).

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Empty Nesters

Meeting the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 pm. The group will meet **Tuesday, October 24** at a location to be determined. For more information, please contact Ellen Nipe (enipe@comcast.net).

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Game Day for Grownups!



Gather for a potluck lunch and fellowship **Thursday, October 26, 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).



“GOD PROVIDES”

APC Stewardship Campaign for 2024

We invite the members and friends of the Atascocita Presbyterian Church to generously support the mission and ministry of our church as we look forward

to an exciting year before us in 2024. Our theme for stewardship this year is “God Provides.” Knowing we worship and serve the God who truly does provide, may we joyfully accept the call to give generously and joyfully to the work to which APC has been called.

During the season of stewardship we will celebrate how God has provided:

- Through the biblical witness of God’s creative power, God’s redeeming love demonstrated so clearly in Jesus Christ, and God’s sustaining power poured out through the Holy Spirit
- Through the faithful witness of APC, a witness that we celebrate with our 40th anniversary, a big celebration to be held on Sunday, November 12.
- Through the challenges of COVID, a change in pastoral leadership, an extended time searching for a pastor, and now this new season filled with hopes and dreams for our life together in worship, service, fellowship, and outreach to the community and the world.

Pledge information will be sent to each home and also made available on Sunday mornings.

This is a critical time in the life of the church. Believing in the future of our congregation, the church stepped out in faith with a budget for the current year of 2023 that projected a deficit of \$38,822.

By the grace of God, the Atascocita Presbyterian Church is growing:

- We are growing in worship attendance.
- We are growing our Sunday morning Faith Formation classes, seeing strong participation across all age groups.
- We are growing with a midweek Bible study and ministries devoted to the Women and Men of the church.
- We are growing in our Mission Outreach, delivering meals, delivering beds, building a garden, hosting Family Promise, and sharing our gifts with numerous ministries near and far.
- We are growing together with our Creative Learning Center, supporting their daily classes and partnering in exciting activities such as Wacky Wednesdays, Summer Camps, Trunk or Treat, the Blessing of the Backpacks, and monthly chapel services.

Now we must join our hearts together to grow in our giving. We are praying that through the faithful giving of our congregation through the remainder of 2023 that we can meet this year’s projected deficit of \$38,822.

We are praying that with your generous commitment and pledges we can continue to grow as a church, stretching to meet the budget goal for 2024 of \$365,314.

Pledge Sunday is November 12, 2023. We look forward to a joyful celebration, believing and praying that God will provide all we need to continue this wonderful ministry in which we all share.



HAAM NEWS

2023 COMMUNITY-WIDE SEASONS OF SHARING To Benefit Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Meals and Gifts

Thanksgiving:

Each covenant church, of which APC is one, has been asked to select food items to collect for the HAAM Holiday food basket.

For this season, APC is responsible for collecting 1-lb bags of rice and packets of turkey gravy (no glass jars please) for the food basket. The deadline for donating these items is Sunday, October 29. Please bag your donated items and place them in the HAAM Box in the narthex.

Christmas information will be shared in a later newsletter.

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

Thanks for your continued support of HAAM.
George Williams

Earth Care Committee Challenges You to Walk the Walk



ALL CHURCH HIKE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 TO THE LONE STAR TRAIL

One of the best ways we can develop a love and appreciation for God's good creation is simply to take a walk. As you walk, take time to look, listen, admire, and appreciate the blessings of this beautiful world in which we live.

The more we love and appreciate what God has given, the more we will work to preserve and protect the world in which we live. We are blessed with many walking trails all throughout the area. For those who want a more extended chance to walk, join us November 4!

We will meet at the church parking lot at 7:30 am. We will carpool up to a spot not far from Cleveland. Maps will be handed out.

Our plan is to do a two-hour up and back hike. Because it is an up and back hike, everyone can go at their own pace. You walk for an hour in one direction and then turn around and head back to the starting point. We plan on returning to the church parking lot by 1 pm.

Please contact Wayne and Julie Eberly for more information. Sign ups are in the narthex.

Come on APC! Let's Walk the Walk!



Community Garden

Stop by and see the vegetable seeds that have sprouted and look very impressive! See carrot, beet, radish, yellow squash, butternut squash, kale, and turnip plants making a show.

Thanks to those who have done the planting and those who continue to nurture what appears to be a successful first-ever APC garden.

If you know of any local shelters or pantries that accept fresh produce, please share that information with Liz Frye (281-682-6889).



APC is a certified Earth Care
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Birthdays

10/3 Jenny Ingram
 10/5 Paul Curtis
 10/7 Kai Williams
 10/8 Janet Griffin
 10/10 Scott Bosard
 10/11 Brad Wimberg
 10/17 Scott Hubbard
 10/19 Michael Burgos
 10/20 DeeDee Mills
 10/20 Shirley Williams
 10/22 Dru Frye
 10/24 Elise Frye
 10/26 Matthew Sheppard
 10/29 Vicki Lasinsky

Anniversaries

10/25 Katie & Jamie Hannan

Worship Attendance and Offering Summary					
Date	In Person	BoxCast Live	Facebook Live	Total Viewers	Offering Total
27-Aug	82	18	34	134	\$3,920
August End of Month Credit Card Receipts					\$3,914
3-Sep	89	14	36	139	\$3,854
10-Sep	120	16	44	180	\$3,323
17-Sep	114	17	22	153	\$2,091
24-Sep	109	13	15	137	\$2,103
Total Offerings for Year-to-date					\$223,790
Budgeted Offerings for Year-to-date					\$208,688

Prayers, Concerns, & Condolences

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan, and in other parts of the world.
- Victims, families, and communities affected by violence.
- Those impacted by recent natural disasters.
- Petra, friend of Heather Pritchett and Sandy Lee, safe delivery of her baby due anytime. Petra is also being treated for cancer and other high risk factors.
- Maureen Allen recovering from surgery.
- Mike Wolford, brother-in-law of Ron and Cathy Fovargue, in a long-term illness.
- Nancy Davis, Cathy Fovargue's sister, in surgery.
- Vicki and David Lasinsky, medical concerns.
- Jake Hack, friend of Terri Parmerlee, has covid.
- Ongoing concerns: Sine McCarty, Garland McCarthy, Betsy Gould, Anne Wallace, Jerry Sessions, Michael Burgos, Ann Owen.

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

For pastoral care emergencies, please contact your deacon or elder for October, Libby Boyce (281-630-6347).

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, from 9 am until 2 pm.

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