



THE COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of Atascocita Presbyterian Church



EVEN A CUP OF COLD WATER

It feels like pretty much everyone else has had to deal with it, so I guess it only seems fair that I got my turn. I had to wait 63 years, but on March 12, 2024 I received my first cast. And with the cast came a pair of crutches. I thought my problem was with a tendon that was thinning on the ball of my left foot. And yet once I received the crutches, I realized I also have had a lifelong problem with my vision. In other words, having to navigate the world on a set of crutches has been an eye-opening experience.

I never realized the challenge it is to open a door when you are on crutches. Between the need to get out the key card, swipe the card, swiftly rush over and pull the door open, which I have found is nearly impossible, I have not been able to enter the church on my own. Thankfully, and I do mean thankfully, someone has been there to open the door. When I pull into church I am almost overwhelmed with joy when I see Carroll's car. Carroll drops everything and meets me at the door to let me in. Cathy Gerald was there one day. That day turned out to be very special. I entered through the preschool door. The class whose window looks out on the sidewalk saw me hobbling up on my crutches. Immediately ten little faces were pressed against the window. Their looks of concern, and the smiles that followed when they found out I was going to survive my "injury" truly made my day. The old saying has become real to me in a new way. I never knew the myriad of challenges that face someone on crutches until I hobbled a few steps in those shoes.

Because we live in a townhouse, all of our mail is delivered to a set of mailboxes in the front part of our complex. When Julie was in Guatemala, I had to pick up the mail. I would drive my car and park as close to the mailboxes as possible. With mail key in hand, I would get out of the car on my crutches and scramble the few steps to the box. At this point I faced the challenge of propping myself up on one crutch and using the key to open the box, remove the mail, and somehow throw the mail from where I was standing into the car because I couldn't hold both the mail in my hand and use the crutches. Who would have ever known the struggle...unless you have also walked a mile on someone's crutches. One day I pulled up to get the mail, a young woman, probably still in her teens, saw me trying to get out of the car with the crutches. She immediately intervened. "Here, give me your mail key and I'll get it for you."

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We have a small lake in the center of our townhouses. I have been trying to get out and exercise just a bit by making a loop on my crutches. In case you are wondering, it takes 468 crutch-steps to circumnavigate the lake. But who's counting? One morning as I made my way out of our small street toward the lake, a car drove past me. Some ten yards after passing me, the driver stopped the vehicle. He rolled down the window. He looked at me and asked, "Can I give you a ride somewhere?" I told him that I was heading out for a little exercise. He smiled, waved, and passed on. But he stopped. He stopped to see if he could help. I thought of that one small gesture during each of my 468 crutch-steps that morning.

Getting to church, hopping out of my car, navigating those intimidating doors, and clip copping all the way to my office is enough to wear me out. One day I sat down at my desk, feeling like I had just summited Mount Everest. I plopped into my chair. I began to sort through the papers on my desk. At that moment Carroll walked in. She had a cup of water. She had a cup of ice-cold water. Oh my goodness! Hot, tired, worn out, spent from my labors, someone brought me a cup of cold water. Maybe that is what this article is all about. When Jesus wanted to let his disciples know the importance of every act of kindness, every act of compassion, every act of concern, Jesus commended to his disciples someone who gives even a cup of cold water to a person in need. Having walked a mile on a set of crutches, I now have discovered how very important a cup of cold water truly is, and a helping hand with a door, and an offer to grab the mail, and a window rolled down with an invitation to take a ride if you need it.

Romans 12 is a beautiful chapter about how being drawn into the Body of Christ gives us the chance to work together, to use our gifts to build up the body, to love and learn and serve and give, all in the name of Jesus Christ. Verse 13 in the twelfth chapter of Romans ends with a two-word sentence. That two-word sentence packs a punch. "Practice hospitality."

Am I glad I am crutches? No. No, I'm not glad I am on crutches. But am I learning through this experience? Oh yes, indeed I am. Walking a mile on someone else's crutches has opened my eyes in some wonderful ways, allowing me to experience countless acts of kindness from folks who saw my need and have reached out. Someday I'll be back on two good feet. Someday I'll put the crutches away. But I pray to God that I remember what others are going through, whether it is crutches or cancer, loneliness or the loss of loved ones, a broken relationship or a bruised heart. I sure hope I will remember what a gift it was when someone saw me hobbling along and took a moment to help. Thank you to each one for all the ways you have supported and encouraged me as I am walking this mile on crutches. Your kindness and your countless acts of hospitality have touched my heart.

With the love of Christ,

Wayne

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, (11)so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (12)For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. (13)Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Isaiah 55:10-13

Worship in April

4/7 Partners in faith "Barnabas: The son of encouragement"

Acts 4:32-37

4/14 Partners in faith "Peter and John: Resurrection witnesses"

Acts 3:12-19

4/21 Partners in faith "Peter and John: Courageous witnesses"

Acts 4:5-12

4/28 Partners in faith "Philip"

Acts 8:26-40

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

Pre-school - 2-4 years old. Classes meet at 9:30 am in the teal 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 Julie Eberly, Joe Breda, Joyce Olson, and Terri Thomson.

Time Out for Men

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 **Wednesday, April 10.**

Meet at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall to share a potluck lunch with Presbyterian Women who meet for their monthly Bible study. Then, 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.**

Discussion of *Messiah Jesus: Christology in His Day and Ours*, by Doug Kennard.



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

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

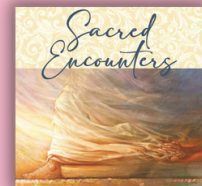
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*****Christian Chat and Coffee, 9:30 am in classroom 104.**

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

Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study

The Bible Study meets **Wednesday, April 10** from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.

Share a potluck lunch at 11:30 am. We welcome the "Time Out for Men" group to join us before they break out for their own session.



PW will continue at noon in the Horizons series: *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Delivery

Saturday, April 6, 8:30 am meet in the APC parking lot to load your truck and get your delivery route. Adult and teen volunteers are needed! Sign up on the website (shpbeds.org/chapter/tx-houston-n) or use this [link](#).

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Kingwood Fox Trot 5K Run & Walk

Benefiting The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. **On April 6, the event starts at 9 am** in the parking lot across the street from Kingwood Methodist Church, 1799 Woodland Hills Dr, 77339. Registration is \$35 per person (receive 1 t-shirt) at <https://give.michaeljfox.org/kingwood2024> or use this [link](#). For more information, please contact Julie Payne (7276payne@gmail.com) or Lisa Ryan (lkwryan2@gmail.com).

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APC Needlers

Meet the second Tuesday each month. The next meeting is **April 8, 7-9 pm** at Rosemary Mumford's house, 18323 Marlin Waters Dr, 77346.

For those who knit (or want to learn), crochet, or sew, there are projects to do. Currently we are working on mariners' scarves, crochet/knit blankets for charity, and baptismal quilts.

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

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CLC Spirit Night

Thursday, April 11, Lake Houston Brewery, 10614 FM 1960, Huffman, 77336. Support this CLC fundraiser by dining at Lake Houston Brewery from 5 - 8 pm. Pick up and present the printed flyer in the narthex to assure CLC gets credit for your purchase!

Spring Outing Washington-on-the-Brazos

Saturday, April 13 we will drive to Washington-on-the-Brazos among the bluebonnets and take the walking trail from the historic site visitors' center. You are in charge of your own transportation so plan for an arrival time of 10:30 am. Following a one or two mile walk (depending on how energetic you are), we will drive to Brenham for lunch at LJ's BBQ on West Main. For more information, please contact Pastor Wayne (pastorwayne@apchumble.org).

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Ancient Mariners Baywatch Dolphin Tour

Sunday, April 14 is the deadline for registering for the Baywatch Dolphin Tour in Galveston, **Monday, May 13**. Harris County precinct bus will depart APC parking lot at 8:30 am and arrive at approximately 10:30 am. After a quick run on The Strand, lunch will be at "Fish Tales." The Dolphin tour is at 2 pm and should last about 45 minutes. The bus will get back to APC by 4:30 pm. For more information, please contact Linda Andrus (281-852-1668 or text 281-923-6286).

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A Walk in the Word: "The Acts of the Apostles"

Join Pastor Wayne for the second of three Bible study series, "The Acts of the Apostles." Meet Wednesdays at noon in classroom 102 from **April 17 through May 22**. Study Guides are available in the narthex.

An outline of the weekly readings are:
April 17 - Jerusalem, Acts 1-6
April 24 - Judea and Samaria, Acts 8-12
May 1 - Paul's first Missionary Journey, Acts 13-15
May 8 Time Out for Men (Meets at 11:30 am with PW)
May 15 Paul's second Missionary Journey, Acts 16-20
May 22 To Rome and the ends of the earth, Acts 21-28

Wednesday Night Dinner

The famous Wednesday Night Dinner is back again **April 17 at 6 pm**. Come for fellowship and an Italian menu prepared by an APC able and talented kitchen crew! Adult meal is \$8 and children (3-17) is \$4. Sign up in the narthex.



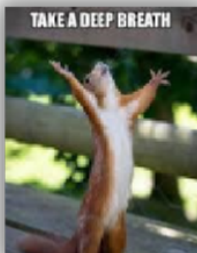
Seniors and Friends

Meet for lunch on the third Thursday of the month. Join us **April 18, 11:30 am** at Hippo Burgers, 5324 Atascocita Rd Ste M, 77346. For more information, please contact Bonnie Carr (bncrr1@gmail.com)

Wills Emphasis Workshop

APC invites you to attend a presentation regarding ways you can include the church as you make plans for your will and estate.

Rick Young, the President of Texas Presbyterian Foundation will lead a workshop following worship on **Sunday, April 21**. He will offer creative and inspiring ways to use the resources we are blessed with to support the ministry and outreach of the church. Lunch will be provided. Sign up in the narthex.



Yoga for all!

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

Game Day for Grownups!



Gather for a potluck lunch and fellowship **Thursday, April 25, 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).

Empty Nesters

Meeting the last Tuesday of the month. The group will meet **April 30, 6 pm** at a restaurant to be determined. For more information, please contact Ellen Nipe (enipe@comcast.net).

Pictorial Directory Update



The Pictorial Directory Committee members will be taking free pictures of individuals and households before and after Sunday worship on May 5, 12, and 19.

Photos will go in our online members and friends directory. Bring your smiles to share God's love with one another!



Greece and the Greek Isles In the Steps of Paul Monday, March 18 - 25, 2025

Pastor Wayne and Julie are inviting you to travel with them in the Footsteps of St Paul. The journey takes us to treasured spots in Greece such as Athens, Corinth, Philippi, and Thessalonica.

Included in the trip is a cruise which will allow us the wonderful opportunity to see the ancient ruins of Ephesus as well as the Island of Patmos, where John received the inspiration for the Book of Revelation.

Brochures are available in the narthex. The trip is open not only to APC members, but also to others who are interested in gaining a firsthand perspective on the the world in which Paul lived and traveled.

For more information, please contact Pastor Wayne (pastorwayne@apchumble.org).

Men's Conference Mo-Ranch

April 19 is the extended registration deadline for Men's Conference at Mo-Ranch. Join George Williams and friends who will be attending **Friday, May 3 through Sunday, May 5.** Men's conference is a gathering of men for fellowship and spiritual renewal. Activities include keynote presentations, worship, songs, workshops, relaxation, and recreation. About 10 men are attending, so there is **room for a few more.** The registration form and more detailed information may be found at moranch.org. Follow the link under Programs & Events. For more information, you may also contact George Williams (281-772-4706).

Mission Market Place

New items have been added to the store and the display nook in the narthex. Think: cards and gifts for Spring, Birthdays, and Anniversaries. Also, check out their Home Décor pieces.

Located just outside the sanctuary, come by Sunday after worship and Tuesdays from 10 am till 3 pm.
Everything in the narthex nook is 50% off!

Women's Conference Mo-Ranch

June 7-9

The theme for this year's conference is: "Getting to the Good Part: Weaving Community in Christ." The focus scripture is Luke 10:38-42 where Jesus has visited the house of Mary and Martha. "Martha is distracted by her many tasks" and concerned that Mary is not helping her. Jesus tells Martha, "Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

As people of faith, we have opportunities to mark these liminal spaces by recognizing that God is with us on the journey, giving us grace. We will spend the weekend reflecting on God's presence in all the times of our lives - and in the midst of singing, prayer, worship, keynotes, workshops, and rest, we will mark those times and places of grace in our lives.

Each year, hundreds of women from across the region gather together for the Mo-Ranch Women's Conference.

Take a break from the busyness of life to recharge physically, mentally and spiritually. Conference activities include keynote presentations, worship, fellowship, recreation, free time and workshops.

You can sign up for one of two art classes presented by Kathy Gava during the conference.

Friday, June 7 - check in from 4-6 pm
5:30-7 pm dinner

Activities begin at 7 with everyone gathering with music, a welcome, worship, and keynote speaker.

During this weekend the conference will promote mothers, daughters, and granddaughters to come together for a time of reunion and growth. Friendships that last a lifetime are made by women who would not have otherwise met.

Register on the Mo-Ranch website (moranch.org) or use this [link](#).

Pentecost Special Offering



A very special program that focuses on children at risk, youth, and young adults is collected from April 1 to May 19. A foundation of faith established during childhood through young adulthood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ. Distribution of donations are handled this way:

- 40% is retained by our congregation to develop and support programs for young people in our church and community.
- 25% supports young adult volunteers serving in communities around the world and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.
- 25% supports ministries like the Presbyterian Youth Triennium that inspire and guide youth as they grow in their walk with Christ.
- 10% provides advocacy and education that protects and nurtures our children and youth.

For more information, please refer to a brochure in the pew pocket in the sanctuary. Your gift of cash or check (indicate Pentecost offering on the memo line) may be placed in the envelope provided for your convenience or online through the APC website (apchumble.org). Click on the "Give Now" button, choose the appropriate category, and enter the amount.

Earth Care Corner

It's Coming: Mark your calendars for Saturday April 27!

B.O.P.A. & National Drug Take-Back Day Kingwood Green Recycling Center on Kingwood Drive behind the Kingwood Community Center.

B.O.P.A. is: batteries, motor or cooking oil, old latex (water-based) paint & antifreeze. These hazardous items should never end up in our trash. City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department will be at the Kingwood Metro lot from 9 am to 1 pm to collect and recycle these items. **The event ends promptly at 1 pm.**

Pete with "Junky Business" will also be there to recycle your scrap metal and clean, empty appliances. If you have a large appliance you need picked up prior to B.O.P.A. call Pete at 832-377-5865. (there may be a charge depending on distance & item.)

Also, **Annual Prescription Drug Take-Back Day!** The Houston Police Dept in cooperation with the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will collect unused or expired medications at the Metro lot **from 10 am to 2 pm.** No identification required. All prescription drugs and over-the-counter medication will be responsibly disposed. No questions asked! All items collected are incinerated. These items should never be flushed down the drain or put into trash.

For year-round free drug disposal visit the local CVS at 1350 Kingwood Drive.

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



Work in the Community Garden

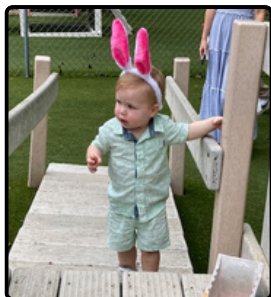


Rick Anderson planting tomato plants. Also planted are squash, beans, okra, peppers, and cucumbers.



The fruit of hours of loving efforts by the gardening team is going to pay off with a good harvest!

Scenes from Easter Sunday





Help Support Our Mission

Together, we can create lasting change and a brighter future.

Supporting HAAM goes beyond traditional donations; it's about joining a community dedicated to making a tangible difference in people's lives. Whether you contribute financially, volunteer your time and expertise, shop at our resale stores, or spread awareness about our mission, every action counts. Your generosity enables us to provide essential services to those in need, fostering a healthier and more equitable community for all.

Ways You Can Help

DONATE	FOOD PANTRY	VOLUNTEER	SHOP RESALE STORES
KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS		HOST A DRIVE OR FUNDRAISER	

**UNITY
IN SERVICE**
AN INTERFAITH COLLABORATION

Join us for a women's interfaith day of volunteerism benefiting HAAM. We will be tying fleece blankets and organizing hygiene kits.

Millie Garrison, HAAM Executive Director, will be our keynote speaker over a complimentary light lunch at noon.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
COME AND GO ANYTIME DURING THESE HOURS.
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
4021 DEERBROOK DR. KINGWOOD, TX 77339

MATTHEW 25:40 AND THE KING SHALL ANSWER AND SAY UNTO THEM, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME.

RSVP HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 2
8 - 9:15 am

Wayne and Julie hope you will join them for HAAM's National Day of Prayer Breakfast at The Clubs of Kingwood. The prayer breakfast is open to all community members. We hope others from APC will be able to attend this important time of praying for our nation. Hope to see you there!

Tickets are \$35 per person. Sponsorships range from Table Sponsor-a reserved table of eight, to Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum for a VIP table of 10. Registration is available at this link.



4/4 Jenny Buchanan
 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
 4/18 Tchana Fangtang
 4/19 Doug Hebert
 4/19 Max Reppucci
 4/22 Erik Jones
 4/23 Don Nelson
 4/23 Betty Jo Pruetz
 4/25 Jane Church
 4/25 Kelly Munoz
 4/28 Linda Coleman
 4/29 Matthew Burgos
 4/29 Jerry Havlik
 4/30 Frieda Walker



4/24 Sandra & Jeff Berry
 4/30 Lisa & Mike Ryan

Date	In Person	BoxCast Live	Facebook Live	Total Viewers	Offering Total
3-Mar	112	19	7	138	\$5,330
10-Mar	78	12	41	131	\$2,740
17-Mar	107	25	51	183	\$6,546
24-Mar	122	17	53	192	\$1,803
31-Mar	259	16	48	323	\$3,313
Total Offerings for Year-to-date					\$66,588
Budgeted Offerings for Year-to-date					\$69,563

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 right now.
- People of Haiti in their country's unrest.
- Those impacted by recent 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.
- Pat Litzinger recovering from surgery.
- Judi Anderson for health concerns.
- Peace and patience for Pastor Wayne as he recovers from an injured foot.
- Strength for Jane Brubaker, caregiver for Karen Frye's brother, as he is in dementia.
- Healing for John Buchanan, Jenny's dad, after a fall and transported to St Luke's for examination.
- Russ Nipe hospitalized for heart condition.
- Doris and Julie Fisher recovering from an auto accident.
- Strength and patience for teachers and students in the final eight weeks of school.
- Comfort and healing for Kelley Lundquist having knee surgery Monday, April 1.
- Strength for Lisa Breda, sister of Joe Breda, transitioning their mom and dad into memory care. Peace for Mom and Dad.
- Abby Clark, 3-yr-old daughter of Brad Clark, Lisa's son, did not have appendicitis and is doing fine.
- John Schroeder, uncle of Patty Williams, his continued rehab after removal of a blood clot in his lung.
- Comfort for Kay Pritchett, Bob Pritchett's mother, in dementia care. Peace and strength for the family.
- Betty Arnold, sister of Carol Curtis, hospitalized with respiratory difficulty.
- Ongoing concerns: Sine McCarty, Garland McCarthy, Betsy Gould, Anne Wallace, Michael Burgos, Ann Owen, Connie Brown.

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

For pastoral care emergencies, please contact your deacon or elder for April, Jamie Hannan (281-799-0320).