



THE COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of Atascocita Presbyterian Church



THANKS

Friday, April 1, 1974 was a day that made a huge impact on my life. I was in seventh grade. I was a huge sports fan. Of all the teams I loved, and I loved a lot of teams, none compared to the UCLA Bruins basketball team. Under Coach John Wooden UCLA won the collegiate championship seven straight years. My heart broke in 1974 when UCLA lost in double overtime to the Wolfpack of North Carolina State. Friday, April 1, 1974, my Sports Illustrated arrived in the mail. Normally I would race to the mailbox to read my newest edition of all things sports. That day, that Friday, April 1, in the year 1974 I dragged myself out to our mailbox. Part of me hoped the loss of UCLA had all been one huge April Fool's joke and that the cover of the magazine would proclaim UCLA had prevailed once again. Alas, there was no April Fool's Day joke to rescue the day. The headline on the cover simply said, "End of an Era."

Funny how we remember childhood disappointments. To this day seeing that cover on that day marking what was truly the end of an era impacted my life in a powerful way. But something else happened. When I finally mustered the courage to read the article about the defeat of UCLA, I learned about an incident that happened after UCLA had lost the game. And what I discovered is something I have cherished and held close to my heart. It occupies a bigger place than you can imagine. Curry Kirkpatrick was the author describing the classic confrontation between UCLA and NC State. He chose to close the article with a story that made an impact on me as a teenage boy. Curry Kirkpatrick chose to close the article with a story that continues to make an impact on my life more than 50 years after that fateful loss.

Bill Walton, the center for UCLA was my favorite player. Walton had led UCLA not only to championships his first two years, but he had led UCLA to a men's record 88 consecutive victories. In the final paragraph of his article, Curry Kirkpatrick closed with a story about how Bill Walton handled defeat. "After dressing (from his shower), Bill Walton shoved his uniform into a bag and left to sign autographs for some children. He stopped at the Coliseum exit when a man in overalls grabbed his arm. 'Mr. Walton,' the man said, 'I work here, and I just wanted to shake your hand.' 'Thanks,' said Walton. And thanks for all you've done for us.'"

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Stay Connected!

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On the heels of what was surely at that point the biggest loss in his life, Bill Walton took time to tell a Coliseum worker, dressed in overalls, thanks. Bill Walton told him thanks. I had to look up the story online to remember the details. For years I have remembered the story as Bill Walton walking back on the floor of the arena, a floor empty save for one person, the custodian sweeping the floor. Bill Walton told the custodian sweeping the floor, "Thanks." Even though I now stand corrected, I think I will hold on to my own version of events.

Telling someone thanks. Yes, I remember the loss of my mighty Bruins on the basketball court. But more importantly, I remember a lesson that rang like a bell in the heart of a 13-year-old boy, a lesson on saying thanks.

A dear friend of our church is beginning a new chapter in her life. Carroll Hebert is completing her time as our Office Administrator and beginning anew in San Marcos. Carroll was here for me when I began a brand new job at a brand new church in a brand new city back in February of 2023. She has been here for me, for previous pastors, for committees, and the Session and Deacons, and for you as members. She has been here as a friend. Carroll has not worn overalls to work, but man, has she done just about every job you can imagine. She has popped open the plastic covering on our street sign and exchanged old news for new news about the life of the church. She has handled recycling. You might find her trekking out to get the mail, answering phones, pushing buttons to let folks enter through the front door, searching her computer for clip art or creating a PowerPoint for upcoming events. She changes out the attendance pads in the sanctuary and keeps an eye on supplies in the kitchen. She is our publisher-in-chief with bulletins, newsletters, Narthex News, and Prayer updates.

Carroll's departure has sent me back to April 1, 1974, and an issue of a sports magazine that had a message much more meaningful than the outcome of a collegiate championship. Carroll's departure has sent me back to a story of a person who took time to stop and tell a person who had worked hard and long and faithfully and devotedly...Carroll's departure has taken me back to a story about someone who stopped to tell someone else "Thanks." Carroll, on behalf of our entire church family, I hope these words will travel with you in your new season of life. "Thank you." And to echo the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

With the love of Christ,

Wayne

You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month - on the day of atonement - you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you...

Leviticus 25:8-11 NRSV

Worship in May

5/4 Guest preacher

Julie Eberly (Pastor Wayne is with the men at Mo-Ranch)

5/11 "Celebrate"

Deuteronomy 16:9-12

5/18 "Rebuilding the walls: Put your back into it"

Nehemiah 3:1-5

5/25 Guest Preacher

Kristin Beall

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 class (grades 1-5) meets in the orange classroom.
 Children's class (age 4-K) meets in the teal classroom.

Nursery care will be open each week during FF and worship hours for children ages 0-3. 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 (apccchildrenscommittee@apchumble.org)

Youth Faith Formation

Youth 6th - 12th grade classes meet at 9:30 am in the youth room with Julie Eberly.

Congratulations to 2025 APC confirmands! Ainsley Colescott, Ray Nelson, Maximus Pongkorung.

Contacts for the Youth program are Julie Eberly, Lisa Clark, and Terri Thomson.

Adult Faith Formation

***9:15 am Doug Kennard's class in the library. Currently studying in the Gospel of John.

***9:30 am Sermon Scripture Study, with Rev Shelley Craig in classroom 102. Topic is the sermon scripture.

***9:30 am Christian Chat and Coffee in classroom 104. An informal discussion of a variety of topics.

Pastor Wayne at CLC Chapel



Who is having more fun?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Delivery



Meet in the APC parking lot, **Saturday, May 3, 8:30 am** - usually done by 1 pm. Adults and teens are welcome - no previous experience is required.

In just a few hours of your time, you can make a direct, permanent impact in the quality of life for dozens, if not hundreds, and maybe even thousands of kids in your community.

Sign up on the SHP website (volunteer.shpbeds.org) or this [link](#). For more information please contact Rick Anderson (andericl@me.com). Twin-size bedding sets are welcome anytime at the display in the narthex.

Jubilee Celebration Two Events for the Entire Family

Wednesday Night Mexican Fiesta Dinner, May 7, 5:30 pm, in the fellowship hall. Please join us for a fun-filled evening that is planned to include a slide show, music, testimonies, and sharing special remembrances. This is a wonderful fellowship opportunity for our church family! The meal is complimentary and child care will be provided.

Pentecost Picnic, Sunday, June 8, immediately following worship.

More information on page 7.

Help us celebrate by wearing red on Pentecost Sunday!

Ancient Mariners

The next adventure is **Friday, May 9** to the Houston Fire Museum. Harris County precinct bus departs APC at 9:30 am. Lunch is at Barnaby's Cafe in Houston.



Plans for **Friday, June 20** is the Yellowstone paddleboat ride on the San Bernard River. Harris County precinct bus departs APC at 3:30 pm for the 6:30 pm paddleboat, followed by dinner at Dido's Seafood Restaurant, Brazoria TX. Cost of the Yellowstone is \$24 per person. Dinner is a separate cost. This is the last trip until fall.

Sign-ups for both trips are in the narthex. For more information, please contact Linda Andrus (harley3064@aol.com).

UPCOMING EVENTS

APC Needlers

Meet the second Tuesday each month. The next meeting is **May 12, 7-9 pm** at a location to be determined.

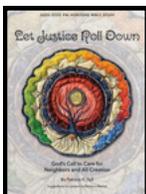
For those who knit (or want to learn), crochet, or sew, there are projects to do. Currently we are working on baby booties and caps for a charity organization.

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

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Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study

Wednesday, May 14, 11:30 am at Pat Litzinger's house, 2115 Misty River Trl, 77345.



Pat is providing the lunch but asks that each person bring \$3 to help with the cost of the food.

This is the last meeting, closing the last chapter in *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and*

All Creation.

PW will return in September with a new study guide. For more information, please contact Linda Andrus (harley3064@aol.com).

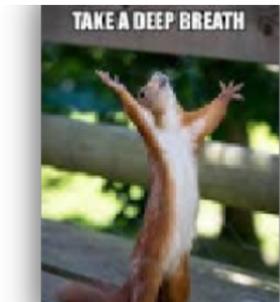
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Time Out for Men



Meet with Pastor Wayne **Wednesday, May 14, 11:30 am** at Time-Out Tavern, 7540 FM 1960, 77346 for food and fellowship.

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Yoga for all!

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

Seniors and Friends



Meet for lunch on the third Thursday of the month at a local restaurant.

Join us **May 15, 11:30 am** at Spring Creek Barbeque, 5613 E FM 1960, 77346.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or RSVP to rsvp@apchumble.org. For more information, please contact Bonnie Carr (bncrr1@gmail.com).

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Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build-A-Bed Volunteer Day

On **Friday, May 16 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 are 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 Gary Denmon (gdenmonjr@gmail.com) know which option you will be taking.

Bring a few dollars and we will stop for lunch on the way back.

Each member of your family will need to sign up, that includes a waver (bit.ly/3YEgwtF) or at this [link](#). Friends are welcome. Help get the word out - we need more people to sign up!

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Wednesday Bible Study

Due to a full schedule (boy, it feels good to say that!) the Wednesday Bible Study is taking a break until fall.

Pastor Wayne is making plans for a new study using Disciple Bible Study, a resource from the Methodist Church. Disciple is a 32-week class, that is effective in terms of learning about the Bible, and very meaningful regarding the interactions that participants have as we share together in the study.

Stay tuned for more information about Disciple Bible Study. We hope you will consider being a participant.

Game Day for Grownups



Meet the fourth Thursday of the month. The next gathering is **Thursday, May 22, 10 am**, in the fellowship hall.

Treats are provided by one of the attendees on a rotating basis. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or RSVP by email to rsvp@apchumble.org. For more information, please contact Linda Buchanan (buchananl2246@gmail.com).

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APC Blood Drive

"Ride the wave of saving Lives!" Receive a free beach towel as a thank you when you "Seas the day" and donate blood at the Gulf Coast APC Blood Drive, **Sunday, May 25.**

Conveniently, you may donate before or after church. How amazing that in just minutes you can save a life! Please sign up using this [link](#) or scan the qr code.



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Empty Nesters

Meet for dinner the last Tuesday of each month at a local restaurant.

The next gathering is **Tuesday, May 27, 6 pm** at a location to be determined.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or RSVP by email to rsvp@apchumble.org. For more information, please contact Nancy Anderson (nancy.anderson56@yahoo.com).

Eyeglasses Donations

Eyeglasses needed! First Presbyterian Kingwood is collecting gently used prescription eyeglasses (men's, women's, children's), non-prescription sunglasses, and reading glasses for their upcoming mission trip to Peru. They are not able to use hard-shell glasses cases, just the soft, packable ones.

If you like to sew, they are also collecting easy-to-pack soft-sided cases. Instructions are at this [link](#).

Please contact Lisa Ryan (lkwryan2@gmail.com) and bring donations to the drop-off box in the narthex.

Battery/Light Bulb Recycling Now Available

The Earth Care Team is again accepting all batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs for recycling. Please place them in the black bucket in the narthex.

Mission Trip to North Carolina

The APC Mission Committee is sponsoring a mission trip to North Carolina in October, 2025 to do hurricane recovery work for those affected by Hurricane Helene in the fall of 2024.

We will work with the Fuller Center for Housing, and will be staying at the Montreat Conference Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina.

You are invited to an informational meeting on **Sunday, May 18, 4 pm**, in the fellowship hall. The work project will be Monday through Friday, October 13-17 with travel days on either end. At the meeting we will discuss the costs of the trip and the travel options.

We hope you will join us on Sunday, May 18 as we get this project off the ground!

DON'T MISS OUT!



KIDS CAMP SUMMER

JUNE 10 - 12
JUNE 17 - 19
JUNE 24 - 26

CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER

- T/W/TH 9:30 - 2:30
- 18 Months - Children completing Kindergarten
- Early Bird Registration \$150 per week;
- Price Increases to \$165 after May 1st Deadline
- If registered for all 3 weeks, \$25 discount

REGISTER HERE!
OR AT:
www.creativelearningcenteratapc.org

QR code

Illustrations: Sun, clouds, rocket, windmill, children playing with blocks and a soccer ball.

SIGN UP & TELL YOUR FRIENDS!



ATASCOCITA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ELEMENTARY DAY CAMP

early bird pricing!
\$60
per week
price increases to \$75 on 5/1

june 10-12, june 17-19, and june 24-26
9:30am-2:30pm

QR code

register here!

Day Camp (Tues, Weds, Thurs)
Week 1 Theme: Music
Weeks 2 & 3 Themes: TBD (Science or Art)

Daily Schedule:
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM: Bible Time & Classes
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM: Lunch (BYO)
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM: Sportzball

for students who have completed 1st-5th grade, siblings receive 10% off!

for more information call (281) 852-8990

Illustrations: Kite, children playing.



The timing of our Jubilee at APC is symbolic. The Year of the Jubilee in the Old Testament marked a powerful biblical tradition of liberation and restoration. Every 50 years, the Israelites celebrated this sacred time by forgiving debts. Since the Jubilee was once every 50 years, our campaign symbolically will last for 50 days.



The campaign started on Easter Sunday, April 20, will carry on for the 50 days of Pentecost, and conclude on Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

The purpose of the campaign is to raise funds to pay off both the building loan and the roof loan, to provide additional funds for the Capital Maintenance Fund, and to provide additional funds for Missions. Debt service on the two loans is \$47,600 per year, accounting for 12% of the operating budget. Eliminating the debt would allow APC to focus more of its resources on the mission of the church.

The total amount to be raised would be \$425,000: \$320,000 to pay off the loans and \$65,000 to fund Capital Maintenance. Because we are not only concerned with retiring the debt but also expanding our outreach to the community, Jubilee at APC has designated 10% of the campaign (\$40,000) for Mission Ministry and giving.

We are asking the members and friends of APC to prayerfully consider a financial gift or pledge in support of our Jubilee campaign. Pledges can include an immediate contribution and/or payments over a three-year period.

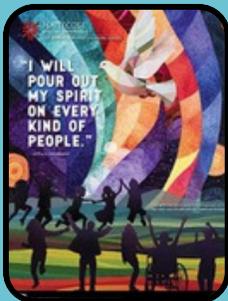
During the campaign, we will have sermons and testimonies throughout the 50 days focusing on the Jubilee campaign. Join us for a **Wednesday Night Dinner May 7 at 5:30 pm** (see message page 3) and a **Pentecost Picnic on Sunday, June 8** (see message page 3).

The church burned to the ground on Pentecost Sunday in 2001. Now, 24 years later we will dedicate our pledges and our lives to retiring the debt and embracing the bright future God has in store for Atascocita Presbyterian Church.

Watch for more information. We look forward to celebrating a successful campaign as we join together to support the Jubilee at APC!

Help us celebrate by wearing red on Pentecost Sunday!

PC(USA) Pentecost Special Offerings



Pentecost celebrates the renewal of the relationship between God and the community of faith. With our gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we are there to help build a foundation of faith in our youth which will last a lifetime.

- 40% of the gifts stay with APC to support ministries with children, youth, and young adults.
- 25% supports young adult volunteers serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.
- 25% supports ministries with youth, including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.
- 10% is devoted to children at-risk and supports to improve education and provide safe havens.

Your gift of cash or check (indicate Pentecost offering on the memo line) may be placed in one of the envelopes in the pew pockets 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.

ATTENTION APC WOMEN 2025 Women's Conference at Mo-Ranch

A conference for women to come together, build relationships, worship, and do fun activities.
2025 Theme & Scripture: Crowded Table - Hebrews 10:24



As people of faith, we have opportunities to recognize that God is with us on this journey, giving us grace. Join us **Friday, June 6 through Sunday, June 8** as we 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, 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 worship, keynote presentations, fellowship, recreation, free time, and fantastic workshops.

Dormitory housing is \$355 per person. If you would like to spend an extra day at Mo, register for Extended Stay! There will be no scheduled programming so you are free to enjoy the ranch at your own pace. More information can be found at moranch.org/attend.

Thanks to generous funding from St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston, Mo-Ranch is thrilled to offer childcare during Women's Conference. Infants through 8th grade will be welcome, with structured programming offered to those Kinder-8th grade. Childcare is available at \$25/child and pre-registration is required by June 1. For more information or to register, contact Mo-Ranch at 1-800-460-4401 ext. 246 or email registrarmoranch.org.

Earth Care Corner

Even Old Houses Can Learn New Elec-Tricks

Home improvements are great when you get to upgrade living areas for aesthetics and comfort. There are different kinds of home improvements that make your home cleaner, healthier, and more comfortable.

Inside our homes, the path to reduce carbon dioxide and methane emissions is electrification. Electrifying everything offers more than just reduced emissions, it is often more efficient, cheaper, and better for our health. These features can include a heat pump, an induction stove, and electric water heater.

When you are dealing with an older home, we want to make it perform better by reducing the energy use of that building. The big one is the heating and cooling loads. First thing to consider is air leakage around windows and doors. Other leakage prone areas are the attic and rim joist. Adding weather stripping around doors and insulation to the attic are very effective. Air on the inside leaks through the roof and air that comes in is from a low point, which is typically from the rim joist.

The next step is to consider the HVAC system. This is where a heat pump can be effective and efficient. Heat pumps have four different categories that fit four types of operations in different weather conditions.

Solar panels may be applied to your roof that can power everything in your home or just minimize the electricity that is supplied from other sources. You have to have the right size system and the right roof, orientation, construction, and age to make it work.

For more information on any of these systems, you can read the entire transcript at climateone.org. The program was recorded on January 17, 2025.

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





- 5/3 Robert Frye
- 5/4 Jan Kennard
- 5/4 Charis Nees
- 5/5 Cathy Vance
- 5/6 Valerie Phillips
- 5/7 Mazie Williams
- 5/10 Connie Brown
- 5/12 Anne Wallace
- 5/18 Mary Ann Kaminski
- 5/19 Kristi Stanley
- 5/24 Bob Arnold
- 5/25 Laurie Coleman
- 5/26 Bradley Clark
- 5/27 Alexandria Cruz
- 5/27 Heather Pritchett
- 5/30 Rick Anderson
- 5/30 Patricia Williams
- 5/30 Derek Munoz



- 5/1 Susie & Jonathan Akrong
- 5/11 Mazie & George Williams
- 5/18 Susan & John Sheridan
- 5/30 Nancy & Rick Anderson

2025 Worship Attendance and Offering Summary					
Date	In Person	BoxCast Live	Facebook Live	Total Viewers	Offering Total
6-Apr	121	10	81	212	\$2,509
13-Apr	116	22		138	\$5,210
20-Apr	181	29	62	272	\$4,170
27-Apr	94	14	91	199	\$1,456
April End of Month Credit Card Receipts					
Budgeted Offerings for Year-to-date					\$125,079

Prayers, Concerns, & Condolences

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Praying for peace where there is war.
- Ukraine
- Those impacted by recent floods and other natural disasters and weather extremes.
- Victims and families caught in gun violence.
- Peace and safety for all who are serving in the military away from home.
- Ron Fovargue recovering from knee replacement surgery. Strength for Cathy as she assists Ron.
- Denis Poirier recovery from surgery.
- Jack Sarver, Mary's son, heart surgery rescheduled.
- Peace and comfort to family and friends of Carolyn Bertrand, friend of Emily Murphy, she has passed away at age 98.
- Peace and comfort to family and friends of Teresa Whitworth, friend of Colemans, she has passed away.
- Prayers for the passing of Pope Francis and thanksgiving for his great service.
- Rev Debbie Grohman, pastoral colleague of Shelley Craig, entering hospice care.
- Healing and wellbeing for several in the Mission Crafters group who have health concerns.
- Peace and strength for Vicky Anderson, friend of Eunice Munoz, she is supporting her husband who has dementia.
- Healing for John, father of Megan Griffin, an employee of Riverwood Middle School and co-worker of Melissa Frye. Wisdom for the doctors as John seeks healing for a blood clot in his leg.
- Karen Holliday, sister of Linda Andrus, home from the hospital recovering from pneumonia.
- Healing for Russ Nipe in hospital.
- Ongoing concerns: Sine McCarty, Garland McCarthy, Anne Wallace, Michael Burgos,
- Ann Owen, Connie Brown, Carl Braden, Russ Nipe, Judi Anderson, Jane Church, David and Vicki Lasinsky, Danny Eberly, Denis Poirier, Betty Shipley

APC: How Does Your Garden Grow?



Mighty fine, thank you!

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

For pastoral care emergencies, please contact your deacon or elder for May, Jenny Ingram (281-728-7703).