ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN LIFE

The APC Pandemic team continues to monitor community conditions related to the pandemic in order for us to gather as safely and as openly as possible for worship.

We have adjusted some of our safety protocols recently.

For outdoor worship:

- We are now allowing masks to be optional after you have found your seat for worship.
- We urge those not yet vaccinated to continue to wear masks at this time.

For indoor worship:

- While worshipers are in their pews, masks are now optional, except all are to be masked while singing, since singing is a significant way to spread airborne germs. The congregation is now invited to sing whenever there and music offerings and not just at the end of it. In summary, be masked as you enter, while you are singing, and as you exit the sanctuary. We urge those not yet vaccinated to wear masks throughout their time in the building.
- We continue to practice social distancing and we urge people to refrain from shaking hands or offering hugs.

We continue our worship registration for both services so we would have the information necessary for contact tracing if necessary. And, as always, please do not attend in person if you are not feeling well that day.

Thanks for helping us to show our love for our neighbors through these efforts to keep one another safe!

From the Pandemic Work Team which consists of the following people: Medical Professionals: Frank Sandstrom, MD; Michelle Feil, MSN, RN Church Council Representatives: Suzin Weber, Carolyn Koch, Don Brooks Church Facility Expertise: Gary Koch, John Miller From the Staff: Rev. Aaron Twitchell, John Sall, Ruth Sall, Barb Foy, Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

APC Pride – A House of Prayer for All People

In association with Pride month, APC's Session has approved giving through the church directed to the Trevor Project, an organization that provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ+ youth. You can make your gift out to APC and note the Trevor Project in the memo line. Thank you! Our next APC Red Cross Blood Drive is coming up on Saturday, July 10, 2021, 8am-1pm. Please mark your calendar.

More information to come!

Runners, walkers, wheelchair athletes, volunteers and sponsors needed for the APC Summer Soaker 5k on July 17.

Email justinfeil4@gmail.com to volunteer or sponsor.

Register to participate at <u>runtheday.com</u> by July 3 to receive a super soft race T-shirt. Registration open until July 16, but no race day registration. Vaccinated participants can run in-person without a mask. Those unvaccinated or feeling unsafe can run a 5k virtually any time from July 11-17 and email results to <u>apc5krun@gmail.com</u>. They would also receive a race t-shirt. Children are \$20, adults are \$30.

This year's main race benefactor is Play On Philly which provides music education to underserved K-12 students. These students go on to perform better across the board academically. Some proceeds will also go to the Abington Fire Company, which will provide a cooling spray from their firetruck on race day.

Hi APC Families of children and youth,

We are excited to announce the return of VBS and NACK camps this summer! We have a long tradition of excellent summer programming for children with opportunities for youth volunteerism. Thankfully, we will be returning to our favorite programs, with some changes for the pandemic, of course. We are opening registration to APC families first and ask that you register as soon as possible. Due to the pandemic protocols, we have limited space this year and will not be able to accommodate last-minute additions. I am hopeful that all our APC families and our Abington community families will be excited to return for a two great programs!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) AUGUST 2-6, 9AM TO NOON Who is My Neighbor?

Rising Kindergarten through 6th grades (fall 2021) \$25 per child, \$50 cap per family All VBS activities will take place outdoors at the Abington Presbyterian Church block, rain or shine! (In the event of a thunderstorm, we have a plan to be indoors safely) All children, shepherds, teachers and staff will be masked for VBS Snack will be provided and mask breaks throughout the morning

Register at https://forms.gle/bFnBSPyBMRVANkHV8

Youth volunteers (grades 7-12) please contact Pastor Aaron Twitchell at <u>atwitchell@apcusa.org</u>.



Noah's Arts Camp for KIDS! NACK Camp Musical: *The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit* (Based on the Bible story of David and Goliath!) August 23-27, 29 9am to 4pm

Rising 3rd through 8th graders (this is a change of ages for the pandemic) \$75 per camper, scholarships available All NACK activities will take place outdoors at the Abington Presbyterian Church block, rain or shine! (In the event of a thunderstorm, we have a plan to be indoors safely) All children, counselors, teachers and staff will be masked for NACK camp. Snack will be provided and mask breaks throughout the day.

Register online https://forms.gle/JKPdPK8mcTtktdKUA

For more information or questions, please contact Ruth Sall at rsall@apcusa.org

Abington Presbyterian Church is proud of the 2021 Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

<u>Name</u> Ryan Constable	<i>is graduated from</i> Bensalem High School	<i>will attend</i> West Chester University
Griffin Johnson	Upper Dublin High School	Clemson University
Maddy Kupper	Villa Joseph Marie High School	Virginia Tech
Lauren Maransky	Abington Senior High School	University of Delaware to study Nursing
Caitlyn McCrork	Abington Senior High School	Montgomery County Community College to earn Assoc. of Science in Biomedical Life Science

UNIVERSITY DEGREE GRADUATES

Name	is graduated from	degree attained
Dan Boggs	West Chester University	B.S. Exercise Science, Pre-Physical Therapy
Molly Boggs	Bloomsburg University	B.A. Communication Studies, Minor Emergent Media
Sarah Cardwell	Drexel University LeBow College of Business	Master of Business Administration
Erik McCrork	PennCo Tech Electrician Technician	Program Awards: Top Technician award
Steven McFarland	Temple University	B.S. Computer Science, Certificate in Computer Security and Digital Forensics
Lily Sall	Wellesley College	B.A. Physics and Chinese
Emma Wynn	Christopher Newport University	B.S. in Finance, Cum Laude