

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.

- Our safety protocols call for all to be masked as you enter the sanctuary, while you are singing, and as you exit. Masks are optional at other times, except for those who are unvaccinated, who are urged to be masked at all times when in the building.
- We continue to practice social distancing. The blue tape on the pews will help you know where to sit in the sanctuary so all of us can maintain safe distances.

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. If you end up with a positive COVID test after attending worship, please contact KLHill@apcusa.org as soon as possible.

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

Coffee/fellowship time will be held under the tent after 10 a.m. worship next Sunday, September 26.

Golf Outing to benefit West Kensington Ministries on September 27! We still need volunteers to help take pictures, load golf bags onto carts and help with registration. And it's not too late to register to play! Contact Chad Pilling for more information (pillingcb@gmail.com).

Pastor Aaron's Installation as our Associate Pastor by the Presbytery of Philadelphia had been long delayed because of the pandemic. Please put on your calendar to attend his installation service to be held on APC's west lawn so our youth and children's choirs can participate.

The date is Sunday, October 10 at 4 p.m.

ORDAINING OF OFFICERS TODAY

During the 10 a.m. service today, we will be ordaining three of our youth who were elected in our annual congregational meeting to serve as officers for APC. They are being ordained to the same offices as our adult officers, but their term of service runs for one year instead of three and follows the school year. They are being ordained as they begin their term of service. Historically, Ruling Elders and Deacons are ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands. During the pandemic, we are using an altered form of the liturgy to maintain social distancing while still trying to convey our connections as the Body of Christ. Being ordained today are Miriam Sall and Andrew Waite as Ruling Elders (part of the Session), and Allison Wysocki as a Deacon (part of the Board of Deacons). Samantha Thomas continues her service as a Deacon, having been elected to a second year of service.

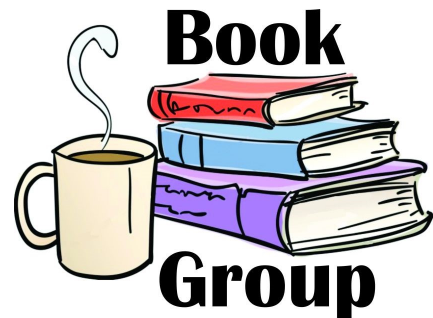
Our next APW book group meeting is Tuesday, October 5. We continue to meet via Zoom.

We'll be discussing [The Wild Trees: A Story of Passion and Daring](#) by Richard Preston.

Our discussion leader is Cindy Nuss.

Here's a portion of a review/description:

Preston's account of this amazing world, by turns terrifying, moving, and fascinating, is an adventure story told in novelistic detail by a master of nonfiction narrative. The author shares his protagonists' passion for tall trees, and he mastered the techniques of tall-tree climbing to tell the story in *The Wild Trees*—the story of the fate of the world's most splendid forests and of the imperiled biosphere itself.



Please begin considering book suggestions for 2022 so we can start a list of candidates.



Choirs resume!

Despite the challenges of the past year presented by the Coronavirus ongoing research continues to reveal strategies to reduce risk for choral singing. We are incorporating these plans for a careful reintroduction of choirs to programming this fall. Please contact Director of Music John Sall jsall@apcusa.org or Director of Children's Choirs Ruth Sall rsall@apcusa.org if you are new, interested, or have questions.

Cherub Choir (gr.K-2): Wednesdays 4:15-4:55

Carol Choir (gr.3-6): Wednesdays 5:00-6:00

Chapel Choir (gr.7-12): Sundays 6:00-7:15

Chancel Choir (adults): Thursdays 7:30-8:30 (sings each week for worship)

Oratorio Choir (adults): Thursdays 8:30-9:30 (sings for special concert, programs, events)

Handbells are scheduled to resume this fall, but may be delayed a few weeks as we continue our search for new director. Current schedule plans remain as previous ones:

Joyful Ringers (gr. 3-6): Wednesdays 4:15-4:55

Festive Ringers (gr.7-12): Tuesdays 7:30-8:30

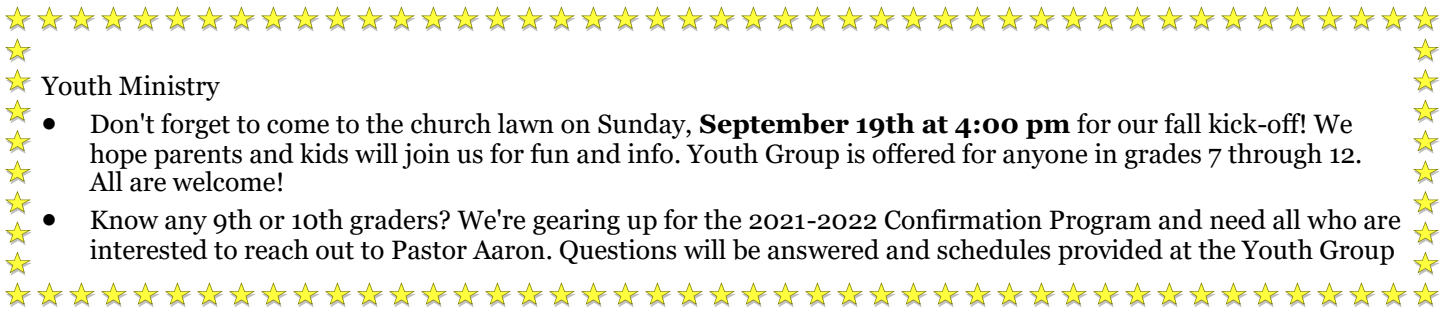
Celebration Ringers (adults): Tuesdays 8:30-9:30

Orchestra returns

The Abington Symphony Orchestra is planning a return to a more familiar programming schedule this year and has opportunities for players in all string sections and several wind openings. Rehearsals Monday evenings 7:30-9:30 with several programs scheduled through the year. Please contact Director of Music John Sall jsall@apcusa.org

Adult Education returns to APC!

- Join your friends on a journey of spiritual growth and self-discovery. Starting on Sunday, October 10th, we will host a workshop each week on The Enneagram, a tool for understanding one's inner motivations and developing empathy for others. Sessions will begin immediately following Simple Gifts at 8:40, location TBD.
- Plans are being developed for a Bible Study to be held on a weekday afternoon or evening, to begin in mid- to late-October. If you already know this is your kind of thing, please contact Pastor Aaron.
- We are looking for folks of all ages to help us deepen our Adult Ed programming here at APC. If you are looking for ways to get involved, please consider joining us! Contact Pastor Aaron with your eagerness or questions.



Youth Ministry

- Don't forget to come to the church lawn on Sunday, **September 19th at 4:00 pm** for our fall kick-off! We hope parents and kids will join us for fun and info. Youth Group is offered for anyone in grades 7 through 12. All are welcome!
- Know any 9th or 10th graders? We're gearing up for the 2021-2022 Confirmation Program and need all who are interested to reach out to Pastor Aaron. Questions will be answered and schedules provided at the Youth Group

The Children's Ministry Committee is collecting new and gently used books for the Kindergarten, First and Second Grade classroom libraries of Fort Washington Elementary School that were damaged by a tornado on September 1. Please bring books to collection boxes outside the office. Any books beyond what the teachers need for their classrooms will be donated to Cradles To Crayons to benefit their reading initiative for Philadelphia schools and children. Thank you for your generous donations. For more information contact Ruth Sall rsall@apcusa.org or Blythe Palumbo blythep42@gmail.com.



Sunday School Starting September 19- Children in preschool through 6th grade are invited to our Children's Church at 10am followed by Sunday School classes. We will divide children into preschool, K-2nd, and 3rd-6th for classes. All children check in at the tent at 10am. We will have 15-20 minutes of Children's Church, and will then attend a Sunday School class with adult teachers and shepherds who are vaccinated and wearing masks. We will use the largest rooms in the Parish Hall basement with windows open and fans running for optimal airflow. The Preschool class will meet in the

Children's Choir Room in the sanctuary basement which has windows and access to the courtyard play area. All children will be escorted to the flag pole outside the sanctuary doors to meet their parents at the end of worship. Please register online for worship and Sunday School so we can be prepared each week with adequate spacing and supplies. <https://apcusa.org/worship/in-person-registration/>

Nursery Care- has resumed for children birth through toddler in the nursery and the toddler rooms (110 and 112). All nursery volunteers will be vaccinated and wearing masks. Our limit per room is 4 children. Please register online for worship and nursery each week so we can be prepared with adequate volunteers.

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Welcoming New Members

The Session of APC has welcomed Russ and Judy Cornman into church membership. They come to us from a church in Batavia, New York, having moved to our area in retirement to be closer to family. Judy has worked as a Christian Educator and a church administrator. Russ has been social worker and has worked in the field of mental health. They experienced worship through APC's livestream service even before moving to the area! We welcome them to Abington Presbyterian Church!

10:00 AM	AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
	Birth- 2 years	Nursery & Toddler Room 110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
	3 years - Pre-K	Children's Choir Room Sanctuary Basement	Cary McAllister	Frolic Bible	Flagpole outside church
	Kindergarten - 2nd Grades	Outdoor Tent	Ruth Sall	David: Drama	Flagpole
	3rd - 6th Grades	Richard Treat (71)	Michelle Feil	David: Art	Flagpole

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