# 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.

- 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. Yellow tape marks spaces for individuals to sit. Blue tape shows where two can sit together. Red tape is for 3-4 people from the same pod.

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 <u>KLHill@apcusa.org</u> 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

10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth– 2 years	Nursery & Toddler Room110—112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
3 years - Pre-K	Children's Choir Room Sanctuary Basement	Cary McAllister	Frolic Bible	Flagpole outside
Kindergarten – 6th Grade	Parish Hall—Basement Youth Lounge	Mariam Freeman	David: Cooking	Flagpole



Please join us under the tent for a celebration of John Sall's 20 years (!) of service to APC as Director of Music Ministries today after the 10 a.m. worship service.

The Session of APC has welcomed Anna Meyer into church membership by transfer of letter. Anna is married to our organist, Erik Meyer, who began serving APC at the beginning of this year. Anna works for a non-profit organization called Play On Philly which provides music education for children and she teaches flute at Temple University. Anna and Erik have two children, Lydia and Lukas in grades 9 and 7. We are so glad to have the Meyers a part of Abington Presbyterian Church!



A Stewardship thought – programs your gifts support



APC has deep roots – we will be 308 years old in 2022. If each pledger was able to add \$308 to his/her annual pledge (85 cents a day), we would go beyond our \$50,000 goal to increase our congregational giving!

Pledge Sunday will be Sunday, October 31, 2021.

# HISTORY BOOK CLUB

The next book for the History Book Club will be <u>Time to Teach: A History of the Southern</u> <u>Civil Rights Movement</u>. The book is written by Julian Bond, who was a civil rights leader of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, but his book shares an insider's account of many of the historic events of the civil rights movement from the Montgomery bus boycott to the assassination of Martin Luther King. The meeting time will be this Thursday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. and you are invited to participate..

2021 Third Quarter Contribution Statements

The contribution statements are being mailed or emailed next week. Please check your mail or email. Emailed statements will have the following message in the "From Line" and "Subject line" since they are sent through our vendor, CCIS:

From line: support @ccissoftware.com Subject line: Contribution Detail - .... Etc.

If you changed your email, please send an email to <u>bettyg@apcusa.org</u> requesting your email to be updated including whether "individual name and/or family update".

Thank you! Any questions, please contact Betty Gwiazdowski in the Church Office.



#### "Help Fight Hunger – Deacons 7

# Deacons Thanksgiving Project" Annual Fall Food Basket Drive

With your contributions and our service, the Deacons are delivering Thanksgiving Meal Baskets to 50 families this year!

If you are able and wish to contribute, donations are needed for our local community outreach! Consider options below:

Sponsor a food basket for a family with a \$40 donation. Please state "Deacons Food Basket" and your envelope # on your check, or use APC Website-Give Tab <u>https://apcusa.org/give/</u> or the Mobile App.

• Purchase food items for the baskets.

Some of the items needed for the baskets include:

• **Boxed Items**: macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, pancake mix, cereal, and packaged cookies

- Canned Items: green beans, corn, baked beans, & tuna
- Jar/Bottle Items: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, and pancake syrup.

We will be collecting items until November 14, 2021 Food Donations maybe placed in the "Food Pantry" bins in 1) the Narthex or 2) outside of the church office.

> Please contact the Deacons with any questions! (deaconsapc@gmail.com)

Adult Education for this Fall:

The Enneagram Workshop takes a two-week break during which time I hope folks will spend time determining their Enneagram number. The Enneagram Institute test is \$12 and can be found at https://tests.enneagraminstitute.com. For a free test, I recommend https:// www.eclecticenergies.com/enneagram/test. All Workshop materials, as well as session recordings and PDFs, can be found on the Workshop landing page of the APC website by going to https://apcusa.org/grow/adult-ministry/the-enneagram/. Once you know your type, I invite you to email me and share. You can also reach out if you have any questions. The Workshop will continue in-person on Sunday, November 7th from 8:45-9:40 in the Parlor.

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- Youth Ministry
- $\checkmark$   $\checkmark$   $\checkmark$ Regular Sunday morning Dialogue from 8:45-9:40 am downstairs in the Parish Hall, and Fel-☆ lowship at 4:00 pm this week outside. Confirmation returns for the next two weeks on-site in
- the Richard Treat room below the Parish Hall, also from 8:45-9:40 am. Hope to see everyone!
- Please remember to RSVP for the College Settlement mini-retreat, scheduled for November 14th from 1-4 pm.

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Children's Sunday School - Children in preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to our Children's Church at 10am followed by Sunday School classes. We will divide children into preschool, K-2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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 wear-

ing 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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# **Drivers** Wanted

Abington Presbyterian Church has an outreach Older Adult Ministry for the bereaved and shut-ins that delivers plants twice a year. We deliver poinsettias at Christmas (around  $2^{nd}$  week of December) and tulips at Easter (usually 2-3weeks prior to Easter). We are very short of drivers and are hoping that some of you will find the time and desire to help.

The delivery involves:

- Picking-up the plant(s) from the Recreation Room (lower parking lot door) between 9 10 a.m. on a Friday morning. 1.
- Calling your recipient to tell them you are coming and to find an agreeable time if possible. 2.
- Delivering the plant. In this time of COVID, you do not have to have contact, you may leave the plant at the door. 3.

We try to keep deliveries to a similar area so that time and gas expenditures are kept to a minimum.

Currently we have 46 plants to deliver and 12 drivers. Will you help us in this rewarding mission? Please call me, Mary DeVan, at 215-947-4618, or 410-831-0777 (cell) or email me at marydevan1023@aol.com. Thank you.



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