

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 current safety protocols call for all to be masked when you are in the sanctuary except when receiving communion or when you are speaking as a worship leader.
- 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 larger groups of people from the same pod.

You no longer have to register for worship attendance, with the exception being the Christmas by Candlelight programs on December 12 and the Christmas Eve services. If contact tracing is necessary, an email will be sent to all on the congregational email blast list. You can opt in to be contacted using the 'We Want You to Know' card you find in the pew rack. 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: 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 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 - 6th Grade | Parish Hall | Ruth Sall | Christmas Pageant Rehearsal | Parish Hall |



The next session of our Advent Bible Series will be on December 7, 2021 via Zoom from 7:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The first lesson is entitled "To Us A Child is Born: Isaiah's Prophecy".

Thank you, Pastor Jade

The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86775347423?pwd=M3ZkdDNyWUpEM2psdERzMnFTbXpndz09>.

| Date | Title | Scripture |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| November 30 | Matthew 1: 18-25 | Isaiah 9: 1-7 |
| December 7 | Waiting and Hoping | Luke 1:1-25;57-80 |
| December 14 | Nothing Is Impossible | Luke 1:26-56 |
| December 21 | Divine Interruption | Mathew 1:18-25 |
| January 4 | Season of Wonder | Luke 2:1-20 |
| January 11 | In Search of the King | Matthew 2:1-18 |



A Stewardship thought –

The initial response for our annual stewardship campaign in support of Abington Presbyterian Church’s ministry has been encouraging. However, as some of the challenges of the pandemic persist, each and every pledge and financial gift is vitally important for the church to have as strong a ministry as possible going into 2022.

If you have not yet done so, please fill out a 2022 Pledge Card and put it in the offering plate today or go to apcusa.org/give/pledge/ to pledge electronically. The Stewardship Council has a goal of more people pledging this year than last year. THANK YOU!

The Committee for Older Adult Ministry will be hosting a Christmas party at Rydal Park. APC Rydal residents are welcome to join APC staff and committee members for entertainment, caroling, fellowship and refreshments. Please join us for this festive gathering.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 7, 1:30 - 3p.m.
WHERE: Sun and Social Room, 6th Floor
THEME : Favorite Christmas Memory



CHRISTMAS DONATIONS 2021

We are so very blessed at APC to enjoy beautiful and inspiring music in a lovely and worshipful sanctuary. At our most holy times of year we are even more fortunate to be able to witness even more of those gifts in a sanctuary that has been lovingly decorated. Thanks to those who have given their time, talents and treasure we are able to make this happen each year.

This Christmas, consider making a gift to enrich the season and enhance our music with added musicians as well as beautifying the sanctuary with flowers and special decorations in memory/honor of a loved one. We ask that you mark your check as “*Christmas Gift*” and include this form with your donation.

Yes, I/We would like to remember/honor a loved one with a gift:

Your Name:

Your Name (s) as printed in the Bulletin:

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Enclosed please find \$ () Check () Cash

APC envelope # (if available)

Please make checks payable to Abington Presbyterian Church.



Mission Council Offers Christmas Giving Opportunities



Purchasing alternative gifts for family and friends are tangible ways that we can share our faith by supporting people at home and around the world who are in need of hope and relief from the traumas of poverty and upheaval. A small gift has a big impact and adds joy to families celebrating Christmas. Below are giving opportunities that will directly impact the children and families who receive your gift.

Gift Cards for Gemma Services (formally the Village)

Gemma Services changes lives by transforming hope into action for children, youth and families facing emotional and behavioral challenges often caused by loss or serious traumas such as abuse, neglect and addiction. Your donation of gift cards or monetary support will help children and families experience joy and hope during the Christmas season.

___ **Gift Card Total** (Gift Cards in the amount of \$25: Target, Walmart, Amazon, 5-Below.) Complete this form and return with your gift card to the church office. If you rather, make a \$25 donation (check made payable to Abington Presbyterian Church) and we'll purchase a card for you.

Presbyterian Giving Catalogue

Gifts purchased from the Presbyterian Giving Catalogue are tangible ways that you can provide help and relief to people, families and communities around the world.

___ **Fishing Net, \$15.** Small-scale fishermen rely on their catch for income and food. When damaged, nets are too expensive to replace, some use mosquito nets which can introduce insecticides into waterways. Help protect livelihoods and the environment with a gift of a fishing net.

___ **Family of Chickens, \$25.** Eggs for food, feathers for pillows and fertilizer for crops. By giving a family of chickens, you can help improve the food security and livelihoods of farmers and families around the world.

___ **Kitchen Kit, \$25.** Food requires preparation and families who have lost everything in a disaster often lack the basic tools needed to cook a meal. A kitchen kit contains cooking pots, utensils, bowls, cups and spoons.

___ **Sewing Machine, \$50.** New sewing equipment can launch a business that mends, alters and sells clothing and linens. Your gift can help provide a stable source of income for a family in a developing part of the world.

___ **Water Filter, 50.** In places like Flint, Michigan, Puerto Rico and other communities, residents must cope with contaminated local water systems. Your gift of a water filter provides a family with safe water for drinking, bathing and cooking and keeps empty water bottles out of local landfills.

___ **Teacher Training, \$85.** Your gift can increase access to education for girls around the world by expanding teacher training. Through an innovative learning program that doesn't require any technology – not even electricity – more teachers can be effectively trained to serve in remote communities where girls may otherwise have little opportunity for schooling.

___ **Women's Empowerment Project, \$100.** Where women receive education and economic opportunity, communities thrive. By helping to provide agricultural and vocational training, literacy education and access to loans and credit services for women, you are helping them in their efforts to care for their families and reduce hunger and poverty in their communities.

Alternative Gift donations should be made by December 19.

Please fill out this form with your Gift Card and/or Check for gifts from the Presbyterian Gift Catalogue and mail to the church. Please make checks payable to Abington Presbyterian Church and add your member number. We will mail you a card(s) with the project(s) you purchased for your honoree.



NAME _____ Total \$ _____ Member # _____

Your address: _____

COME TOGETHER TO CREATE CHANGE. Small Gifts. Big Impact.
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TAKE A NAME TAG!

It is a tradition at APC each Christmas season to send Christmas Cards to members who are ill, home-bound, moved away or someone who has lost a loved one. You will find name tags with addresses on the small Christmas tree located outside the church office. Sending a Christmas Card will let each person know we are thinking of them during the holidays. In fact, take two, three or more if you can.

Thank you, Committee for Older Adult Ministry



Coffee Fellowship

Join us today at 11:00am, after the Worship Service, for Coffee and Hot Chocolate Fellowship. We will meet at the Flagpole. Hope to see you there.

at Music Abington **50TH ANNIVERSARY**
SEASON 1972-2022

Christmas by Candlelight

The Heart of Christmas

4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 12, 2021

Abington Presbyterian Church's Children, Youth, and Adult Choirs
Lit by candlelight with Christmas Carols for all

Masks and distanced seating for audience and singers
Preregistration for limited seating recommended • Livestream option
www.apcusa.org/MusicAtAbington

INDEPENDENT This project was supported in part by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

To attend Christmas by Candlelight please sign up! We know that seating is limited and we want to include as many of our church members as possible. See the website NEWS link at apcusa.org/news/ for the online signups for 4:30 or 7:00

This QR Code takes you to
the donation page on our
APC website



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