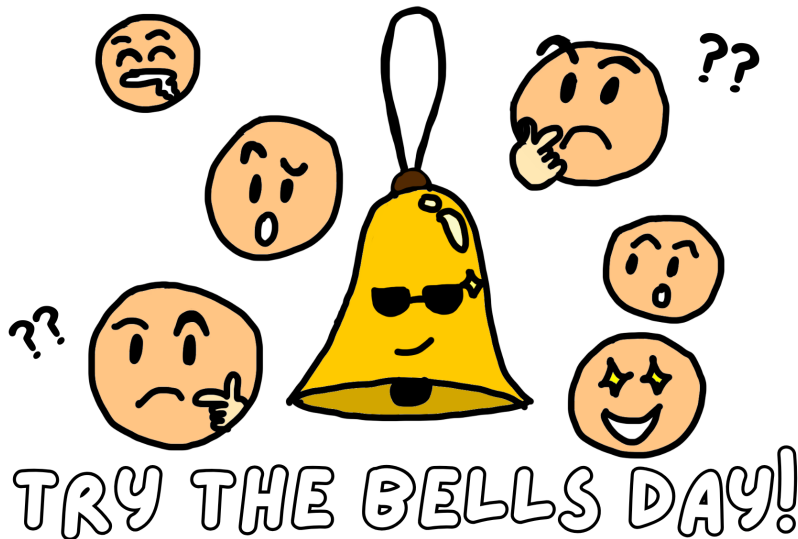




Nursery Care is offered for children birth through toddler in the nursery and the toddler rooms (110 and 112).



TRY THE BELLS DAY!

After Service @ Bell Room

Aug 16: For all individuals and families (ALL AGES)

Aug 30: For Music Readers (11+)

30 minutes. No Commitment. Low Pressure. Have fun!

Have you ever seen the handbell choir and thought, "I wonder if I could do that?" Drop by the Bell Room right after the service for a fun, 30-minute (11:15-11:45), no-commitment handbell test drive!

Aug 30: For music readers (11+)

Low pressure, lots of fun, come give 'em a ring!

Unfortunately, in the digital age when so much information can be gleaned from church websites and social media, it has become very common for bad actors to impersonate clergy and exploit the relationship of trust between pastors and their congregants by preying on members' generosity. There has been a recent uptick in fraudsters *impersonating* Pastors by creating new email accounts that use their full names in the signature line and some or all of their names in the email address.

If you receive a suspicious email please:

Check the entire email address, not just the signature. As a reminder, Pastor Sudie will *only* contact you using her apcusa.org email address.

Remember that Pastor Sudie will never ask you to purchase gift cards. Any legitimate request for donations will come via official communication channels (Eblast, mailings, website) and will direct you to give directly to Abington Presbyterian Church.

Report these emails as spam/phishing emails and delete them. Do not open any attachments or click on any links. If you'd like to go a step further, you can report phishing scams to the Federal Trade Commission.

If you have questions about whether or not an email is authentic, please reach out to the church office. Thank you for staying alert!

Mother's Group (formerly MOLO – Mother's of Little Ones)

TODAY, August 30th, following the 10:00 AM church service on the playground!

Bring your kids—or just yourself—and join us for some time to play, chat, and enjoy the outdoors. Please BYO snacks and drinks.

This gathering is weather dependent and will be canceled if the weather is not suitable.

Can't make it this time but would like to join the Mother's Group in the future? Contact Katie Kennedy at kmkenedy0316@gmail.com.

Monthly Prayer Vigils resume September 2, 2026

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month for a Prayer Vigil to pray together about immigration issues and the health of our country. We meet from 7:00-7:30 pm in the Chapel, and are starting again on September 2 after a summer break. For more information contact Peter Dykstra—Peter.dykstra@verizon.net, Karen Hoyle, or Chad Pilling. All are welcome. Please join us!

Mission Council

Letter-writing Campaign – Through September 7, 2026
250 Letters for 250 years

Is there an issue in our community, state, or region to which your faith urges you to respond? Take a few minutes this summer to write letters to your local, state, and national officials before Labor Day. We, the people of the church, are claiming space at the table of public discourse, where we are called to be in the community. **To date we have over 50 letters written!** For addresses, check out the bulletin board in the education hallway or the [church website](#).

How do I get my letter counted? Either let Alice Price know you have written, amrprix@gmail.com, or place your unposted letter in our red-white-and-blue box outside the church office. In a separate box there, you can also find letter-writing supplies.

A Service of Prayer: the 25th Anniversary of 9/11

Friday, September 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Twenty-five years after September 11, 2001, we will come together here at APC for a service of reflection and prayer.

As we pause to remember the events of that day, we also acknowledge our commitment to educate those born after 9/11 about its significance, and to share the ways in which our faith has carried us forward in hope. To that end, we invite you to participate in our memorial project, “Postcards from the Hearts of APC.” Patterned after the memorial created at the 9/11 Museum in Manhattan, our memorial will display your postcard-sized reflections and other objects in an accessible format just outside of the sanctuary. All submissions should seek to respond to these prompts:

How have you been changed by the events of September 11th?

As a person of faith, what actions can you take to help or educate another?

Postcards will be distributed after worship on August 23rd and will also be available on top of the filing cabinet outside of the church office through August 30. Deadline for submission of postcards, drawings, photos and/or small objects to the church office is September 1. For more information, contact Kathy Messina at kmessina1029@gmail.com, Karen Hoyle at hoyleks@gmail.com or Pastor Judy at jdwyer@apcusa.org.



New Benches installed in the Lower Parking Lot

Thank you to Samuel Raggi, who completed his Eagle Scout project by installing 3 new benches in the lower lot.



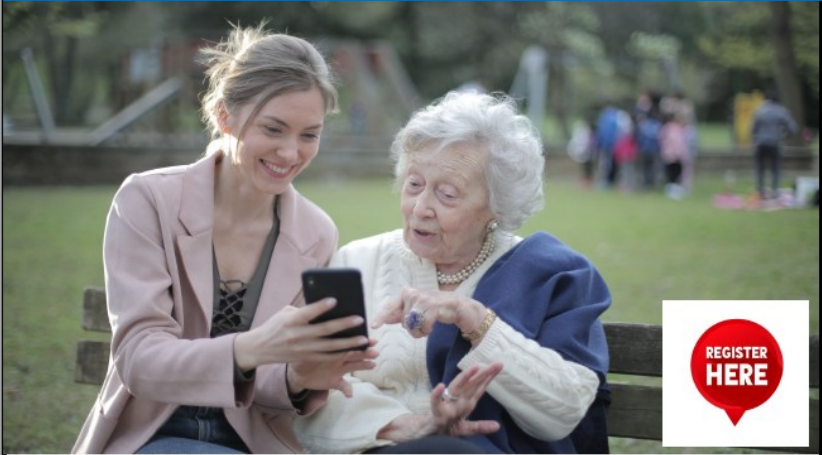
Opportunities for Seniors

To click or not to click - that is your question! When it comes to sorting out email, it's a good one to ask! Given the uptick in harmful spam that has surfaced over the summer months, APC is offering two opportunities to learn more about the best ways to protect vulnerable seniors from being scammed. The first is a free, 3-hour webinar on **Wednesday, September 9** entitled, **""Protecting Seniors Online: Think Before You Click.""** The link is here to register for this important presentation by the Department of Homeland Security.

Free On-Line Training:

Protecting Seniors Online: Think Before You Click

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



REGISTER HERE

Older adults are increasingly being targeted by financial fraud, including impersonation scams, phishing emails, and other schemes designed to steal personal and financial information.

To help protect this vulnerable population from online scams, the Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, is hosting a **virtual** workshop on cybercrime prevention.

Speakers will include Pennsylvania Attorney General Dave Sunday, David Shallcross of the Elder Abuse Unit, Mary Bach, Consumer Issues Task Force Chair of AARP PA, Rick Cimasky, representing the PA Bankers Association and VP Bank Fraud & Security Officer with Penn Community Bank and former FBI Special Agent, and the Pennsylvania State Police.

Designed for older adults, caregivers, family members, and anyone who supports seniors, this informative session will provide practical tips for recognizing online threats, protecting against financial scams, safeguarding personal information, and knowing what steps to take if you or a loved one becomes the victim of fraud.





Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 13, 2026

(Following ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 a.m.)

Join us on Sunday, September 13, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service for our annual Homecoming Party celebrating the start of the new program year!

There will be hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones and fun fellowship for all ages. There will be a Moon Bounce and games with great prizes for kids. The new Pop-a-Shot will be available for shooting some hoops. Also, back by popular demand, the dunk tank! Come and test your skill in this fundraiser and sink some of your APC favorites!

Come and enjoy a great time of food, fellowship and fun at APC!

History Book Club

Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

We had 10 people participate in our last book discussion of *We the People: A History of the U.S. Constitution* by Jill Lepore.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor and the book is **Operation Mincemeat** by Ben Macintyre (324 pages excluding Bibliography, Notes, and Index). The County library system currently has 14 books available.



Women's Gathering

Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Vintage Bar & Grill, 1116 Old York Rd, Abington.

Please join us for our next Women's Gathering at Vintage Bar & Grill at 5:30 p.m. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Sheila Jackson at dljskj@gmail.com.

Senior Scam Awareness

A shorter version of the information in the DHS webinar will be offered in a face-to-face presentation on "Senior Scam Awareness" here at APC on **Thursday, September 24 at 10:30 am**. Seniors and their adult family members are invited to attend this free, one-hour session by Officer Andy Gibbs of the Abington Police Department. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend this offering so we can be sure to provide the best space for this event.

Midyear Treasurer's Report June 30,2026

Total giving to the operation fund of APC was \$363,055, which was 2% lower than budget and 2% higher than last year.

Expenses were \$596,769 which represents 50% of the approved budget and is 6% higher than last year.

Support from our endowments that represent a sustainable draw of 4.5% were \$142,500 leaving \$91,241 deficit to also be drawn from endowments.

Thank you for your continued support and fiscal responsibility as you do the work of our church.

An opportunity for enriching your spiritual life – a new season for Circles of Trust

All are invited to join a **Circle of Trust** group this fall. Groups will meet monthly for an hour of quiet scripture reading, meditation, and prayer. Using the ancient Christian practice of *lectio divina*, groups will meet in the APC Chapel, a peaceful space where one can experience the presence of God in a small group setting.

Lectio Divina is an ancient practice of engaging with the scriptures that helps you connect scripture with day-to-day life. It involves prayerful reading and meditation on a short passage of scripture and listening for the wisdom it offers.

Circles of Trust offers you the unique opportunity of being **quiet together** as you grow in your faith journey.

Sign up for one of the groups (listed below) with Donna Dykstra (dkdykstra@verizon.net) or Susan Schied (sschied@apcusa.org) by September 20. Uncertain? Join a “sample session” in the Chapel on Sunday, September 20, after the 10 am worship. The season begins in October.

2nd Tuesday, 9:30 am – Mary DeVan, leader

2nd Friday, 9:30 am – Janet Gildner, leader

2nd Friday, 11 am – Marie Barnhurst, leader

3rd Sunday, 11:15 am – Leader TBD

3rd Thursday via ZOOM, 7:30 pm – Donna Dykstra, leader