



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

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!



## 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!

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026  
for Labor Day



## Mission Council

### Letter-writing Campaign – Deadline 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](mailto: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.

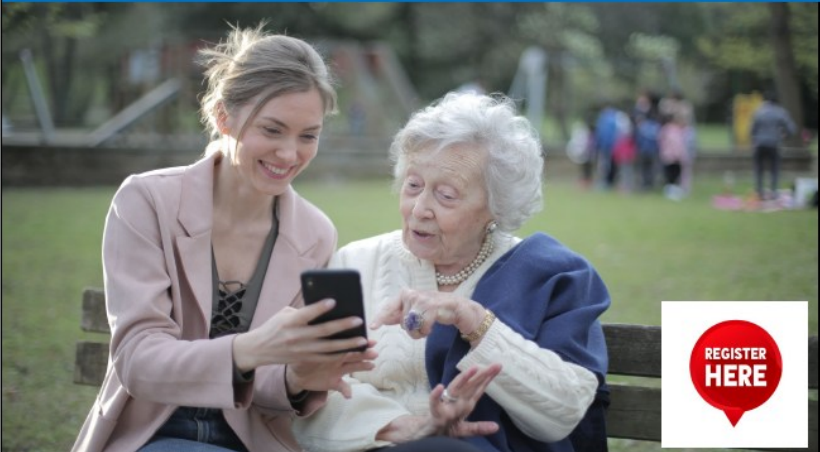
## Opportunities for Seniors

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 Cimakasky, 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.



### 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.



### A Service of Prayer: the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>?  
As a person of faith, what actions can you take to help or educate another?



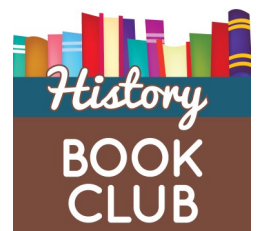
Postcards will be available on top of the filing cabinet outside of the church office. **Deadline has been extended for submission of postcards, drawings, photos and/or small objects to the church office by Tuesday, September 8.** For more information, contact Kathy Messina at [kmessina1029@gmail.com](mailto:kmessina1029@gmail.com), Karen Hoyle at [hoyleks@gmail.com](mailto:hoyleks@gmail.com) or Pastor Judy at [jdwyer@apcusa.org](mailto:jdwyer@apcusa.org).

### 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](mailto:dljskj@gmail.com).



The Presbytery of Philadelphia and the  
Session of Abington Presbyterian Church  
invite you to celebrate the installation of

The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson  
as Pastor

Sunday, September 20, 2026  
at 3:00 p.m.

Reception to Follow

The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson began her ministry among us as a Designated Pastor, serving under a two-year contract. Last October the congregation voted to call Pastor Sudie as Pastor, and to move from a designated pastoral position to a traditional “called and installed” pastoral position. On Sunday, September 20, the Presbytery of Philadelphia will install Pastor Sudie as our 21<sup>st</sup> installed Pastor. Join us as we celebrate this milestone in our shared ministry!

NOTE: There will be ONE morning service of worship  
at 10:00 a.m. on September 20.

#### **Music opportunities for all ages!**

Musical leadership for our ongoing worship life includes choirs and handbells, orchestra, and solo opportunities for participants of all ages and abilities. For further info in general or to connect with worship and music staff please contact John Sall, Director of Music Ministries: [jsall@apcusa.org](mailto:jsall@apcusa.org)

#### Choirs for All Ages

Cherub Choir (grade K-2) beginning 9/16, Wednesdays 4:15 - 4:55 under the direction of Ruth Ideen-Sall.

Carol Choir (grade 3-5) beginning 9/16, Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:00 under the direction of Ruth Ideen-Sall.

Chapel Choir (grade 6-12) beginning 9/13, Sundays 6:00 - 7:00pm (following youth fellowship) co-directed by John Sall and Ruth Sall.

Chancel Choir (adults) beginning 9/10, Thursdays 7:30 - 8:30pm under the direction of John Sall.

Oratorio Choir (community concert choir) beginning 9/10, Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30pm under the direction of John Sall.

#### Handbell Choirs for All Ages

Joyful Bells (grade 3-5) beginning 9/16, Wednesdays 4:15 - 4:55 under the direction of Lois Leong.

Festive Ringers (grade 6-12) beginning 9/13, Sundays 3:00-4:00pm under the direction of Lois Leong.

Celebration Ringers (adults) beginning 9/8, Tuesdays 7:30-8:30pm under the direction of Lois Leong.



#### Instrumental Music

Abington Symphony Orchestra (high school youth and adults) beginning 9/14, Mondays 7:30-9:30pm under the direction of John Sall.

Worship soloists (all ages) Scheduled as needed or available, prepare for specific occasions by contacting John Sall.

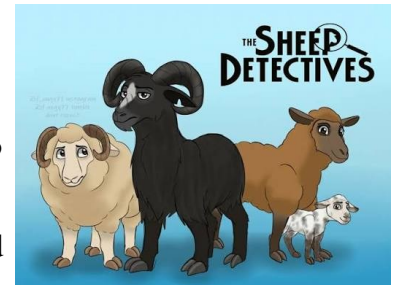


### Senior Scam Awareness

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.

**Intergenerational Movie Night**  
**Friday, September 25, 2026, in the Parish Hall**  
**Featuring *Sheep Detectives* rated PG**  
**Sponsored by Congregational Life Council**  
**Popcorn, Lemonade, and Mix-ins provided**

In this witty, new breed of mystery, George (Hugh Jackman) is a shepherd who reads detective novels to his beloved sheep every night, assuming they can't possibly understand. But when a mysterious incident disrupts life on the farm, the sheep realize they must become the detectives. As they follow the clues and investigate human suspects, they prove that even sheep can be brilliant crime-solvers.



An endearing movie with themes of grief, a play on the *Lost Sheep*, and many views on searching for truth, *Sheep Detectives* joins our many years of Intergenerational Movie Nights with heart, poignancy, and some laughter. Rated PG and open to all ages with a parent. Come and join us for a great night of movie on the big screen in the Parish Hall.



### Teacher/Shepherd/Parent Safety Meeting

**Sunday, September 27, 2026, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service in the Parlor**

All Teachers, Shepherds, and Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting regarding safe practices at APC for children. We will discuss plans in case of emergencies, exit routes, and protocols for unforeseen events. Childcare and snacks provided during the meeting. For more information, please contact Ruth Sall.

### Communion Class- all children and their families are invited to attend.

**Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Parlor.**

Learn about Presbyterian Communion Practices, the open invitation for all ages to partake in the Lord's Supper, the names of the items present at the table and more! Children will help to make bread and learn about the Last Supper where Jesus shared this sacrament with the disciples for the first time. There will be time for parents and caregivers to ask questions about Communion and our experience here at Abington Presbyterian Church. Open to all families with children in Kindergarten and older. For more information please contact Ruth Sall.

## 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](mailto:dkdykstra@verizon.net)) or Susan Schied ([sschied@apcusa.org](mailto: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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30 am – Mary DeVan, leader

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 9:30 am – Janet Gildner, leader

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 11 am – Marie Barnhurst, leader

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 11:15 am – Leader TBD

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday via ZOOM, 7:30 pm – Donna Dykstra, leader

**The Youth Ministry Committee and all of the youth at APC  
want to thank the congregation for your incredible  
generosity in donating to the “Support Our Summer”  
fundraiser.**

**We raised a total of \$1075 to support our summer youth  
programming!**

**These trips would not have been possible without your help.  
THANK YOU!**

