


10:00 AM				
AGE/GRADE	ROOM	TEACHER	TOPIC	Pick Up
Birth– 2 year olds	110-112	Childcare	Childcare	110-112
Preschool	211	Sue Parsons	The Lost Sheep	221
K—5th Grades	Youth Lounge	Jennie Colt	Lost Sheep & Lost Coin	Parish Hall

Children ages 30 months through 5th grade attend Sunday School during the 10am service. Preschool classes start at 10am and are listed in the grid. Kindergarten through 5th graders start the worship service with their families and proceed to their classrooms after the Children’s Moment. All children are welcome to attend Sunday School. If you are a visitor today, please feel free to accompany your child to his or her classroom.



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

Mission Council Hands-On Mission Project
Sunday, March 9th after the 10:00 a.m. worship service in Parish Hall.

In the recent past Mission Council has sponsored several all-age mission projects to support our neighbors at Face to Face. The Grab & Go Lunches that we made were a big hit with their guests! All are invited to the Parish Hall for another project, but with a twist. We will be assembling 200 personal care bags that include soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and combs. These bags will be shared with several social service agencies in our community, including Face to Face. Come join us!

Adult Forum—March 9, 16, & 23—What does the Bible really say about that? with Rev. Dr. James Thornton

Obviously, the world at the time of the biblical writers was extraordinarily different from our world today. Life for them was profoundly different from us in terms of culture, lifestyle, language, science, and philosophy, which frequently makes it difficult for us to grasp the truths they were trying to convey to their original audiences and thus have created many unfortunate contemporary beliefs. We’ve previously looked at several instances of specific misunderstood biblical passages and the significant affect those misunderstandings have had on the Christian church and the larger society. This series, on the first three Sundays in Lent (March 9, 16, 23), will take the same approach to clarify the biblical teaching contextually but will deal with the larger issues of “salvation,” “women in leadership,” and “abortion.”

March 9 – Many Christians have a sense that the principal biblical concept of the term “salvation” is that, because of the cross, being a “Christian” means that we’ve said the magic words of “believing in Jesus” during some moment in life which has become our ticket to heaven when we die. True?

March 16 – There is a significant section of the Christian church who believe that men are called by God to be the leaders in church and society, with women providing only roles of support. Subsequently, most of the contemporary church and culture have missed the biblical mark of this divinely instituted design. True?

March 23 – In the highly contentious political debates on abortion, the idea that is proffered most often in the media is that “Christianity” opposes all abortions because of the biblical teaching against it. “Pro-life” Christians (more appropriately: “Anti-Abortion”) generally believe that those who are “Pro-Choice” approve of what the Bible clearly condemns. True?

Sunday, March 16th
Potluck
11:15 am
In the Parish Hall
Hosted by the Congregational Life Council

Bring a dish to share with 6-8 people.
Enjoy food, fellowship, and an opportunity to hear about some of the go-ings on here at APC. All are welcome!



Lenten Circle of Trust opportunity

Are you interested in making this year's Lenten season a time of spiritual growth?

You are invited to consider joining a Circle of Trust group. The group will meet for five consecutive Wednesday evenings at 7 pm during Lent (March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9) to experience a time of quiet reading, meditation, and prayer. The hour-long gatherings will be held in the APC Chapel, a peaceful space in which to experience the presence of God in a fresh new way.

Circle of Trust welcomes people of all ages. It is important that you commit to attending each of the five of the weekly meetings during Lent.

Circle of Trust groups have been meeting at APC for the past year. This year 21 people have participated in these groups.

If you'd like to learn more about this calming and quiet devotional practice you are invited to reach out to Donna Dykstra (dkdykstra@verizon.net), Tia McCoun (tmccoun@apcus.org), Janet Gildner (gildner456@gmail.com) or Bonnie Zetick (bhzetick@aol.com).

You can sign up by contacting Susan Schied at the church office (215-887-4530). The deadline for signing up is March 7.

INTERFAITH MULTICULTURAL AWARENESS WEEK

The purpose of the week is to unite people of different faiths, cultures, and races in our community to learn with and from one another. This year, the week will include three Zoom programs and conclude with a special Interfaith Multicultural Celebration of the Arts.

Zoom Meeting ID: 840 9569 5257
Passcode: 432730

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SUNDAY, MARCH
2:00 P.M.
IN PERSON

• The Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Philadelphia warmly invites participants to attend a devotional gathering, tour of the center with a brief introduction to the Baha'i faith, followed by a Q & A with Massoud Mohadjeri and Roya Taheri. Philadelphia Baha'i Center 2462 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

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TUESDAY, MARCH
7:00 P.M.
ZOOM

• Dr. Carl Stauffer, Senior Advisor at the United States Institute of Peace, focuses on advancing global conflict resolution and prevention. Through its Gandhi-King Global Academy, the institute trains individuals in diplomacy, mediation, and peacebuilding strategies. Carl will share insights from his work in various countries worldwide.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH
7:00 P.M.
ZOOM

• Charlie Minn is the Executive Producer of *Kensington*, a documentary on Philadelphia's opioid crisis, now streaming on Amazon Prime. He travels nationwide, raising awareness that the opioid crisis impacts people regardless of location, financial status, or family support.

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THURSDAY, MARCH
7:00 P.M.
ZOOM

• Gwen Ragsdale, Curator of the Lest We Forget Slavery Museum, is dedicated to preserving the history of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade through powerful artifacts and storytelling. She has produced award-winning documentaries and is the author of *Peculiar Relationships*, a novel that explores the complex ties between black and white women from slavery to the present.

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SUNDAY, MARCH
3:00 P.M.
IN PERSON

• Interfaith Multicultural Celebration of the Arts at Grace Presbyterian Church 444 Old York Rd. in Jenkintown. The program will feature poetry, dance, and singing from many different cultures. Admission is free. You are encouraged to bring canned goods that will be given to The Jenkintown Food Cupboard.

at Music
Abington presents

4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 16, 2025

Les Muses de Calliope

(Calliope's Muses)



Kristin Ditlow, piano
Guillaume Combet, violin

Abington Presbyterian Church, 1082 Old York Road, Abington PA
livestream option available at www.apcusa.org/MusicAtAbington
free childcare • fully accessible • free will donations received

The next Women's Gathering will be held on Thursday, March 20th at 11:30 A.M. at The Vintage Restaurant located at 1116 Old York Road, Abington.

To RSVP, please contact Sheila Jackson at dljskj@gmail.com.

The TALENT SHOW



Proceeds support
Youth Scholarship Fund

Saturday
March 22, 2025

Parish Hall
Doors open at 6 p.m.
for Desserts and
bidding on raffle baskets

Show starts at 7 p.m.

Suggested donation:
\$15/adult
\$7/child
\$40/family cap

Raffle basket tickets:
\$2/each or \$10 for 6

Crafts & Laughs

Attention all Crafters! We have a new day! A new time! And a new meeting space! We are moving to the 4th Sunday of the month, following the 10:00am Service. Bring a snack, a beverage, your craft and come and join us! Hope to see you there!"

Labyrinth Event

Wednesday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lower Parking Lot.

Part of our Labyrinth meditation this month is from *Bread for the Journey* by Henri J.M. Nouwen. "To console does not mean to take away pain but rather to be there and say, 'You are not alone, I am with you. Together we can carry the burden. Don't be afraid. I am here.' That is consolation. We all need to give it as well as receive it."

Due to weather, schedules or uncertainty, you may not have been able to walk the labyrinth at the church. That's okay. We want to invite you to walk, tap your foot, trace a printed-out labyrinth, light a candle or meditate on these words through the month. How do these words touch your life? What happens when you repeat the phrases above in quiet and with intention?

We invite you to join in person or in practice to this beautiful discipline. Our next official walk together is **March 26 at 6 pm.** We are also opening the Labyrinth on designated days for anyone who wishes to come by and walk. Look to the church calendar for those approved dates and times. And if you think you might be interested in a tour of other local, community labyrinths please let us know of your interest.

Yes, that suspicious email or text message “from Pastor Sudie” is a phishing scam!

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.

If you receive a suspicious email or text message “from Pastor Sudie,” 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 or published phone numbers.
- **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!

APPORTIONMENT FOR 2025

Please be aware that the Presbytery apportionment amount for this year is **\$37.00 per APC member, not per family!** These funds help to pay for staff at Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly levels of our denomination.

**Kindly make checks payable to
Abington Presbyterian Church**

You can mail or drop-off your payment at the Church Office.