

Aston Press

Monthly Newsletter



July 2026

July 3rd - LC and Church Closed

July 4th - Happy 250th Birthday America!

July 5th - Sept. 6th -

Summer Worship in Heibeck Hall

Elder of the Month

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From the Pastor's Desk

In July we will move our worship into Heibeck Hall. With hot summer days it is much better to worship in air-conditioning!

Throughout July we will continue in our sermon series on the Seven "I AM" statements of Jesus.

As I write this it has been announced that the United States and Iran have reached a deal to end the war in Iran and reopen the Strait of Hormuz. I pray that by the time you get this newsletter this will have happened and we will no longer be at war.

As I am sure everyone knows this July 4th was the 250th year since our country gained its freedom from the British. In fact, we were the first country to win freedom from England. It is wonderful to have this freedom from tyranny, but is it only political freedom. We are still bound by sin.

There is a greater freedom available to Christians though. We can see this in several places in the Bible. Here are several examples. **John 8:36**: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." **Galatians 5:1**: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then and do not be encumbered once more by a yoke of slavery." **Romans 8:1-2**: "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death."

These verses are not talking about political freedom though; the Romans continued to rule Israel. The freedom that Christ offers us is spiritual freedom, freedom from sin and death. This freedom has been available for over 2,000 years! I pray that all of us are set free through Jesus.

God's blessings to all, Rev. Christine

Care and Fellowship

July Birthdays



- July 2nd - Donna Marie Gawne
- July 23rd - Richard Clements
- July 28th - John Ritterson
- July 29th - Patricia (Pat) Zebley

July Anniversaries

- July 9th - Jessica & Jeremy WorriLOW
- July 12th - Rev. Jane & John Ritterson
- July 25th - William (Bill) & Joanne Schuler Jr.



Staying Healthy with the Summer Heat



1. Stay Hydrated
2. Take Breaks and avoid being outside for long between 10am and 4pm
3. Dress in loose and lightweight clothing
4. Use sunscreen
5. Cool down with a cool shower or bath
6. Eat light meals

More Tips and Information at www.ready.gov/heat

MISSION COMMITTEE

JUNE's Cents-Ability receipts will be provided to Chester Eastside Ministries. They will receive the funds as well as the usual Food Cupboard items. All non-perishable food items provided for the Chester Eastside Food Cupboard (located in the Narthex) will be transported to assist our neighbors with food. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Looking ahead to **JULY and AUGUST**: Donations received in **JULY** will be provided to **Delco Helping Hands necessity closets**. Bins will be set out to collect any items you wish to donate in addition to monies. The necessity bins cover baby products, Hygiene items, pet supplies, and household items. A full list is in the weekly bulletins. The necessity closets help with the non-food items needed by families.

AUGUST, Chester Eastside will receive all funds and the usual food cupboard items.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING! Enjoy your summer. ~ Mission Committee

Financial Corner

Financial Corner as of May 31, 2026

How are we doing?

	Budget	May
Envelope Giving	22,916.67	21,752.00
Loose Offering	250.00	127.07
DC Learning Ctr	6,645.83	6,000.00
DCLCtr (shared exp.)	-	306.00
Building Use	416.67	99.00
Initial Offering	100.00	90.00
Per Capita	300.00	230.00
Investment Fund Div.	1,458.33	1,272.99
Insurance Div.	-	833.54
Misc. Income	104.17	357.00
Income	32,191.67	31,067.60
Local Expenses	38,775.38	35,279.20
Mission Giving	1,130.20	-
Operating Expenses	39,905.58	35,279.20
Surplus (Shortfall)	(7,713.92)	(4,211.60)
Other Mission & Special Offerings		\$ 275.94

Our May 2026 YTD financial results are shown here. We are showing a shortfall compared to budget of \$4,211.60. Annualizing our financial position, we are ahead of our anticipated year-end shortfall through May.

Our Cents-Ability offering for May was designated for the Presbytery's Hunger program. June's will be sent to Chester Eastside and July is designated for Delco Helping Hands.

Colossians 3:17 - "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Respectfully submitted Michele Kane



As we begin July, in this the 250th Anniversary of our nation, we prepare for the many celebrations on the history of our great country. We pause now to reflect on some past years at Aston Presbyterian Church.

Five years ago - 2021 - We at Aston Presbyterian Church were once again searching for a new Pastor to move our ministry for Jesus Christ our Savior. Day care events for July: Mr. Tom and his giant foam party, Christmas in July celebration. Outdoor Worship was held in the Labyrinth on July 4th.

Ten years ago - 2016 - Pastor Graham Robinson in his column wrote that we as a Church community need to stay in touch with each other during the summer seasons. Day Care July events were a visit from Silly Joe, a visit from the Great Holtze, and a Safari Party.

Fifteen years Ago - 2011 - Pastor Jane Ritterson in her column said that Meghan Kok who was recently confirmed Day Care events for July: Bible Story Time with Mars. John, a visit to Bette's Fun Center, a visit from Vickie Town, a storyteller, a Bike-a-thon for ST. Jude's Hospital.

Twenty years Ago - 2006 - Bill Schuler, Jr. The Clerk of Session wrote that the session has formed a committee to begin the search for a new Pastor for our congregation. Committee members were Paul Beggs, Pat Zebley, Lori Clements and Staci Gawne. July Day Care happenings: Burger King Day, Ice Cream Day, Water Ice Day, Hot Dog and Chips Day, and Camping Week.

Twenty-five years Ago - 2001 - Pastor Pam Cowan wrote about attending the 2001 Presbyterian Youth Triennium as the Leader of the Delegation from Philadelphia Presbytery which included two for our Church. The theme of the gathering was: "Even the Stones Will Shout" which come from the Psalms about the Messiah's entrance into Jerusalem.

Thirty years ago - 1996 - Pastor Scott Cupp in his Ex-Cathedra Column wrote about ancient Greek as the language used in the writing of most of the New Testament books. During the summer of 1996 we held two worship services: one at 8:30 A.M. which with more Contemporary music and folks were encouraged to dress casually and one at 10:30 A.M. which was more formal.

Thirty-five years ago - 1991 - The Deacons "Who's Who Column featured Rena Wheaton Robison, a longtime member who was part of our first Board of Deacons and was active in the Ladies Aid Society. In the Church family: Jennifer John graduated from Temple University and Stephanie Carpenter was named to the Distinguished Honor roll at Sun Valley High School.

Forty years ago - 1986 - Pastor Bob Boell who left us in July of 1986 to become Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Corning, New York wrote in his final column that his new church in Corning did not yet feel like home. He gave thanks for his twenty years of ministry with our congregation. He prayed that as we move through this transition time towards a new Pastor that God would God and support as we serve Jesus Christ.

Forty-five years ago - 1981 - No Newsletter on file.

Fifty-years ago - 1976 - No Newsletter on file.

Sixty years ago - 1966 - Our Guest Preacher during Pastor Bob Boell's vacation was retired Army Chaplain Lt. Colonel Gray G. Johnson. Chaplain Johnson was the Post Chaplain at Warner Barracks Post in West Germany when Bill Schuler, Jr. was serving there as a Chaplain's Assistant in the Army

Now as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our Nation and as we continue in the 160th year of our ministry for Jesus Christ our Lord, we need to consider the future of our witness for Christ. If we do not take steps to invite new folks to join our witness and service, the future of our service to the Lord may not last too long.

May our Lord Jesus Christ lead us as we seek His will for the future of His Church.

Grace and Peace,

Bill Schuler, Jr.

Buildings & Grounds/St. Andrews

Buildings & Grounds - Summer Jobs around the church are happening. If you are available to help out please contact James Coia at 610-675-5704 if you are available to help out on a sunny Saturday or after church on a sunny Sunday.

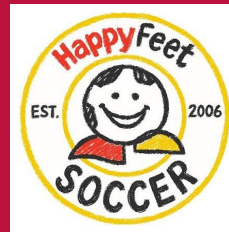
Aston Pres. Learning Center



July 2026 Learning Center Events

- July 3rd - LC Closed for 4th of July
- July 4th - Happy 250th Birthday America!
- July 9th - Silly Joe Show
- July 17th - Surprise Day
- July 21st - Tie-Dye Day
- July 24th - Christmas in July
- July 29th - Planetarium

Happy Feet Soccer



Every Monday
through the Summer

APC Learning Center

Happy July! Summer is flying by here at Aston Pres. as we soak up the sun! There is always something to look forward to whether it's our fun filled water days, soccer practice with Coach T of Happy Feet or guest performances the kids can't get enough! This month we are excited to have Tie Dye day with our little ones as we watch their creativity come alive! Our water field day is always a popular event as well as celebrating Christmas in July with Mrs. Claus. We are also looking forward to Silly Joe, Musicopia, and a new favorite, Stars on the Move as we learn about space. Summer is always a joy to share our love of learning together! Hope everyone has a wonderful and safe 4th of July, as we celebrate America's 250th birthday! Our little ones enjoyed creating a patriotic link of chain for every year, that they proudly have displayed in Heinbeck Hall!

