



# Aston Press

## Monthly Newsletter



### June 2026

June 7th - Communion Sunday  
June 11th - APC LC Graduation Day  
June 21st - Father's Day

### Elder of the Month

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Spring is well underway now. We have even had a taste of summer heat. May the beauty of the Spring flowers remind us all of God's amazing abundance.

Our first sermon series following Trinity Sunday will be the Seven "I Am" statements of Jesus. In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes seven statements beginning with the words *I am*. Each of these "I am" proclamations furthers our understanding of Jesus' ministry in the world. Jesus had a unique way of expressing important truths about his personal character and his mission that would challenge his listeners. These statements are written as metaphors. After all, when Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" he did not mean he was actually a loaf of bread! Please join us as we explore these statements in the coming weeks.

The war with Iran continues. It is not clear if there are peace talks going on or not. In this unsettled time let us pray that our country and Iran will arrive at a settlement so the war can end. Let us pray for all our service members, that they will be protected from harm.

Many centuries ago the prophet Isaiah foresaw the day when, "They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore." (Isaiah 2:4) Lord God, we long for the day when this will come to pass.

God's blessings to all, Rev. Christine

# Care and Fellowship



## June Birthdays

- June 2nd - Stephanie Hart
- June 22nd - Nathan Tribbett
- June 23rd - Ryan Hart
- June 27th - Lori Clements

## June Anniversaries

- June 23rd - Andrea & Randall Sampson
- June 23rd - Stephanie and Will Hart
- June 28th - Janet & Bob John



# Buildings & Grounds

Clean up and repairs around the church property are ongoing. 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.

## Recipe of the Month Butterscotch Brownies

### Ingredients:

- ¼ cup butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp vanilla
- Nuts, butterscotch or chocolate chips -optional

### Instructions:

Cream butter and brown sugar; add vanilla, baking powder and flour and nuts (if using); mix well.

Grease and flour 8x8 pan, pour mixture into pan and spread evenly.

Bake at 350 for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

Cool completely. Enjoy

Submitted by Lori Clements





**June has arrived** with flowers blooming and children looking towards the end of the school year. June is the time to begin vacation planning and to look towards the new Church year in September. But now we pause and check back on events and experiences from past years at Aston Presbyterian Church.

**Five years ago - 2021** - The Session reported that a Pastor Nominating Committee has been formed and they are working on a job description for a new Pastor. They hope to begin receiving resumes for prospective Pastors soon. The Day Care Pre Kindergarten graduation was held in the middle of June.

**Ten years ago - 2016** - Pastor Graham Robinson wrote about the celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Philadelphia Presbytery and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our congregation. Day Care held their Pre-Kindergarten graduation ceremony on June 16<sup>th</sup> and their Summer Session started on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Our Summer worship in Heibeck Hall began on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Fifteen Years ago - 2011** — Rev. Jane Ritterson in her column wrote that she was moved by the joint choir worship at Middletown Presbyterian Church, which was led by Jan Wooden, Middletown Presbyterian Music Director, Jim Sredenschek, Aston Music Director. Andrea Sampson, Aston Cantor, Rev. Jane said that she was moved by this Worship in song and prayer along with fellowship at the concert. The Pentecost Picnic was held on June 12<sup>th</sup> following Worship. Day Care

Kindergarten Graduation was held on June 16, and their summer session began on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering for 2011 was \$1035.45

**Twenty years ago -2006** - Bill Schuler, Jr. Clerk of Session wrote about the upcoming Pentecost Worship Celebration, and he noted that our former Pastor Bob Boell would be leading us in Worship. He also thanked those who have been leading the Christian Education program and those who are caring for our church property. The Day Care Kindergarten Graduation was held on June 15<sup>th</sup> and on June 16<sup>th</sup> they celebrated Beach Day.

**Twenty-five years ago - 2001** - Pastor Pam Cowan in her column that the Apostle Paul in his First Letter to Timothy gives guidelines to help us prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Day Care Kindergarten Graduation was held on June 11<sup>th</sup> and their summer session started on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Thirty years ago - 1996** - Pastor Scott Cupp's "Ex Cathedra" column talked about the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The Pentecost Picnic was held on June 9<sup>th</sup> after Worship. Donna Marie Gawne began her service as our Church Treasurer.

**Thirty-five years ago - 1991** - Pastor Scott Cupp in his "Ex Cathedra Column" talked about the Human Sexuality Task Force report recently presented to our General Assembly the implications it might have for our denomination. The Who's Who Column featured Rena Robinson, a member of the church since 1925 who married her husband Joseph Robison 62 years before the Lord called him home. Rena served on the first Board of Deacons in our Church. In the church Family: Rob Boyer recently returned from serving in the army in Saudi Arabia, Jennifer

John graduated from Temple University as a Presidential scholar, Stephanie Carpenter made the Distinguished Honor Roll at Sun Valley High School.

Forty years ago - 1986 - Pastor Bob Boell in his column wrote that the summer season is not a time to take a vacation from God. He said that summer is the time for us to draw nearer to Jesus and to God our Father. Rev. Clarence /Sinclair was a guest preacher during Pastor Bob's vacation in June. On June 15<sup>th</sup> Children and Youth Sunday was held with various young people participating. Jennifer John and Connie Nickey were preparing to leave for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium that begins on July 7<sup>th</sup>. In the Church Family, Michelle Kane received the Coach's Award. He noted that leisure Tennis at Sun Valley High School, Connie Nickey was named Drum Major for the Chichester Marching Band, Loise Filippi was elected President of the Colonial Club.

Forty-five years ago - 1981 - Pastor Bob Boell in his column wrote that recreation is refreshment for the mind and the body. He noted that leisure can refresh and renew us for service to Christ and our family. The sermon title for Pentecost Sunday was "The Blowing of the Wind." Pulpit supplies for the Pastor's vacation were June 28<sup>th</sup> Elder Elsie Bullen and July 26<sup>th</sup> Elder Bill Schuler, Jr.

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**Fifty years ago - 1976** - Pastor Bob Boell in his column wrote about his experience as a first time Commissioner to the General Assembly last month. On June 27th Bicentennial Community Service was held at Mt Hope United Methodist with all Aston Township Churches participating. The Youth Group from Sunrise Presbyterian Church in Salina Kansas visited our church for a few days at the end of June.

**Sixty years ago - 1966** - On June 25<sup>th</sup> on one of the hottest days of the year Rev. Bob Boell officiated at his second wedding since becoming our Pastor when he married Ruth Ann Rumbel and William Schuler, Jr.

**As we prepare to enter the Summer of 2026**, I leave you with this definition of what Church Membership means:

Proclaiming the good news

- Taking part in the common life and worship of the church
- Praying and studying the Scriptures and the faith of the Christian church
- Supporting the work of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents
- Participating in the governing responsibilities of the church
- Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church

If our congregation is to continue in service and witness to our Savior, we need to welcome new people into our ministry to help us increase our witness to the resurrected Christ.

May your Summer be filled with the Lord's joy and peace.

In Christ's Service, Bill Schuler, Jr.

## MISSION COMMITTEE

**MAY's Cents-Ability** have been designated to **Presbytery's HUNGER campaign**. All funds received in the month of MAY will go to that mission. Thank you for your contributions.

**Cents-Ability** recipient for **JUNE** will be Chester Eastside. 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**: all donations received in **JULY** will be provided to **Delco Helping Hands necessity closets**, AND in **AUGUST, Chester Eastside** will receive any monies and the usual food cupboard items.

**Our Learning Center's Family Fun Night** was a success and enjoyed by all who attended. Graduation day is fast approaching for the Pre-K class. We wish all those who are moving on to Kindergarten a fun and restful summer, and a wonderful experience in Kindergarten. The Center's Summer Program begins mid-June through Mid-August and has a full complement of students. Hope all enjoy a fun filled summer, students and teachers.

Submitted by Ruth Voss

# Aston Pres. Learning Center



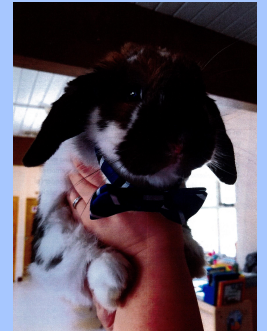
**SO LONG**  
**PRE-K**  
**IT'S BEEN FUN!**  
**LOOK OUT**  
**KINDERGARTEN**  
**HERE I COME!**



## June 2026 Learning Center Events

June 9th - Best Friend Day  
 June 10th - Field Day  
 June 11th - Pre-K Graduation 4:30pm  
 June 12th - LC Closed  
 June 15th - Summer Camp Starts

June 17th - Root Beer Float Day  
 June 21st - Father's Day  
 June 22nd - Sunglasses Day  
 June 23rd - Pink Day  
 June 26th - Chocolate Pudding Day  
 June 29th - Camera Day



## APC Learning Center

Happy June! This school year is flying fast! There is so much to do as we prepare for our Pre-K graduation and end of the year celebrations. In the coming days we are looking forward to our last days with our classmates and looking forward to our last event of the school year- Field Day as we wear our school shirts and travel in small groups around the center doing fun activities and cheering on our friends. It's a bittersweet time of year as we say goodbye to some of our little ones and encourage them to grow and become the leaders we know them to be. Before then we are also looking forward to Barefoot Day as our little ones enjoy nap time without their shoes on and Best Friend Day as they dress like their best friend. This school year was Cinnabun's last year with us as he has officially retired and is now hopping happily at Ms. Given's home. We are welcoming baby hermit crabs to the Pre-K class and the kids are very excited!

Summer Camp starts Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> as we welcome some new friends and say goodbye to some of our graduates. This summer is starting off with a visit from Mr. Vince as he demonstrates safety and the use of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics). This is always one of our highlights of summer and we are so glad to experience this so early! Some fun days include Sunglasses Day as they show off their shades out in the sun, Pink Flamingo Day as we wear pink, camera day with a fun camera craft, and fun food themed days we enjoy chocolate pudding, cheese dips, and something new- root beer floats. So many fun things to do all month long plus our water days once a week as we enjoy water activities as we try to stay cool this summer. The staff and children are also thrilled to have Happy Feet return for our weekly soccer lessons! We hope everyone has a great start to summer!

Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful men in our lives who are always there to lend a hand, have a listening ear, or a shoulder to cry on, etc. Thank you for all you do! We hope you all enjoy your special day!