Aston Press

Monthly Newsletter

September 2026 Events

September 7th - Labor Day
September 8th - Session Meeting 6:30 pm
September 13th - 1st Sunday back in Sanctuary/Communion Sunday

Elder of the Month

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From the Pastor's Desk

We will be back in the sanctuary the second Sunday in September. I enjoy our time in Heibeck Hall but there is something special about being in the sanctuary with the Good Shepherd window.

Each fall we return to the beginning of the Bible and draw scripture verses from Genesis and on through the Old Testament until Advent. My prayer for us is to be uplifted and comforted by the sermons.

There are many things to cause us to worry in our world. Grocery prices keep climbing, how will we afford it? What about gas prices? How will we be affected by tariffs? When will the war with Iran end and our armed forces return? We can't change any of these things but we worry about the future. Not only these things but our own issues with health, finances, aging, relationships and so on.

In the sixth chapter Jesus has much to say about worrying. Verse 25: [25] "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?" Later in the same chapter Jesus says, "[27] Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" He ends with, "[33] But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. [34] Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." May we listen to Jesus, let him calm our hearts and trust Jesus to bring us through.

God's blessings to all, Rev. Christine

APC Committees

September Birthdays

September 7th - Walt Beddow
September 12th - Jean Boell
September 14th - Will Hart
September 16th - Michele Kane
September 20th - Erin Schuler Coia
September 27th - Robert Sampson
September 28th - Sue MacArthur

September Anniversaries

September 2nd - Theresa & Tom Zebley
September 7th - Laura & Bob Worrell
September 14th - Dotti & Mark Canavin

Mission Committee

PRESBYTERIAN PEACEMAKING PROGRAM

CENTS-ABILITY:

AUGUST: Chester Eastside is the designated recipient for all funds received during August and the food cupboard items will also be delivered to Chester Eastside. .All items in the food cupboard will be delivered shortly. **THANK YOU FOR SHARING!**

UPCOMING:

September's Mission: Presbytery's Peacemaking begins and will continue throughout the month and conclude on the *first Sunday in October - Worldwide Communion Sunday*. With all that is going on in our world there is a great need for PEACEmaking. Your contributions will join with those of other Church's donations to work at achieving peace in many areas and help those in need.

October is Church World Service - goat month. Last year we were able to purchase a goat and also a chicken coop package which included the chickens, feed and framework for a coop to protect them. What might we be able to accomplish this year????

The Committee is reviewing the schedule for 2027 and the new scheduled recipients will be posted.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SHARING TO BENEFIT OTHERS IN NEED, LOCALLY, IN THE US AND BEYOND. ~
Mission Committee

Recipe of the Month

Dolly Parton's Banana Pudding

Ingredients:
1(12 ounce) box vanilla wafer cookies
4large bananas, ripe, firm and sliced (about 1 1/2 pounds)
1/8teaspoon salt
3cups milk
1large egg
3/4cup granulated sugar
1/4cup all-purpose flour
3large egg yolks
1/4cup butter
1/2teaspoon vanilla extract

Meringue Topping
3large egg whites
1/2teaspoon lemon juice, freshly squeezed
1/2teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2teaspoon granulated sugar

Instructions:
Preheat oven to 350°F.
In a deep 2 quart casserole bowl place cookies and bananas mix well set this aside.
In a saucepan combine 3/4 cup of sugar, flour and salt; with whisk beat in milk until blended and smooth.
Bring to boil over medium low heat; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.
In another bowl beat egg and egg yolks, add 3 tablespoons of hot milk mixture.
Stir egg mixture into saucepan cook over low heat 2 minutes, stirring constantly until mixture is hot but Not Boiling.
Stir in butter until melted. Remove from heat; stir in 1 teaspoon vanilla extract. Pour mixture over cookies and bananas in casserole; set aside.
Prepare meringue topping: In large bowl with mixer on high speed, beat egg whites, sugar, lemon juice and vanilla extract until stiff peaks form.
Spoon mixture over top of pudding, making sure meringue touches sides of casserole all around.
Bake 15 minutes until top is golden.

Now is the time that we begin a new Church year. It is time to renew and recommit ourselves to the witness mission for Jesus Christ within the Aston, Brookhaven, Chichester communities. May the Holy Spirit infuse us with the power and purpose to bring new folks into this portion of the Body of Christ. Before we move forward in the mission, we pause to consider some of our past In Chapter 31:6: "Do not be afraid! For the Lord, your God will be with you to work for our Lord.

Five years ago - 2021 - Elder Lori Clements writing for the Session said that the Pastor Search Committee was working hard to find a new Pastor. She quoted the Book of Deuteronomy where it says in Chapter 31: 6 "Be strong! Be Courageous! Do not be afraid! For the Lord, your God will be with you!" Rev. Steve Morganti, former Pastor of the Concord Liberty Presbyterian church was our Worship Leader on September 5th.

Ten years ago - 2016 - Pastor Graham Robinson wrote that the old pros and new leader of the Christian Education Team were ready to welcome the young people for the new Sunday School year. A Rally day party was held following Worship on the first Sunday of the new Church year. Day Care announced that Back to school Night would be held on September 22nd. Other Day Care happenings: September 27th - Apple Day. The Presbyterian Women held their "Kick-Off luncheon on September 14th in the MacMurchy Room.

Fifteen years ago - 2011 - Rev. Jane Ritterson wrote in her column that The 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks would be observed with a special prayer time. She also wrote about the beginning of the new Church year. She said that we should empower everyone to live in God's law of love. Day Care Events: September 22nd Back to School Night, September 28th Picture Day, September 29th Aston Presbyterian Day Care Pride Day. The Presbyterian Women held their 2011 Kick-off dinner on September 18th in Heibeck Hall.

Twenty years Ago - 2006 - Bill Schuler, Jr., Clerk of session wrote that we need to use all our talents and skills to recharge our ministry for Jesus. He asked everyone to pray for our Search Committee to find the right Interim Pastor to lead us in the interim period. A number of our members participated in the Aston Community Day Parade and the other activities on that day.

Twenty-five years ago - 2001 - Pastor Pam Cowan wrote about her experience of leading the Philadelphia Presbytery delegation to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University this summer. John Schultz and Jessica Sampson also wrote about their experiences of attending the Triennium. The Annual Flea Market was held on September 29th. Mission Pot-luck was held on September 30th with a guest speaker.

Thirty years ago - 1996 - Pastor Scott Cupp's "Ex Cathedra Column" was about the recently completed Summer Olympics. The Day Care Center held their Back to Sunday School opening along with Worship on September 8th.The Saturday Night Live Service began the fall season on September 21st. Pictures were taken for a new Church directory on September 17th & 18th. The Adult class was beginning a Four-week study of the Gospel of Luke. Michele Kane recently passed her CPA examination and was working as the Assistant Controller at the Icoan Corporation.

Thirty-Five years ago - 1991 - Pastor Scott Cupp wrote in his "Ex Cathedra Column" that each person in the congregation has a role to play in announcing the coming of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. He noted that his special goal for Aston Presbyterian church for the new church year was to see that everyone in the congregation has one job to do for our service and witness for the Lord Jesus. Christian Education Sunday was held on September 8th followed by a Church Picnic. On September 29th Dr. Zoltan Phillips of the Presbyterian Outreach Foundation was our guest speaker for Evangelism Sunday on September 29th. The Deacons "Who's Who Column" featured long-time member Sarah Toppin Frield, sister of Marian Stang. Bill, Ruth, & Carol Schuler along with Georgia and Bob Sampson reported on their attendance at the National Presbyterian Mariner's Family Conference held at Sacramento State University in Davis, California.

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Forty years ago - 1986 - In September of 1986, after saying farewell to Pastor Bob Boell and his wife Jean, the church study committee was in the process of gathering information to assist us when a Pastor Nominating Committee is formed to search for a new Pastor. The Session was also seeking an Interim Pastor. The following Supply Pastors filled our pulpit during September: 9/7-Rev Robert Scott, 9/14 Rev. Lloyd Ellis. The supplies for 9/21 & 9/28 were not known at the time of the Newsletter being published. The Adult Class was studying Tony Campolo's Book: Success and Fantasy" led by Fred Wiley.

Forty-Five years ago - 1981 - Pastor Bob Boell wrote in his column: As we begin the new church year, we must dedicate ourselves to growing in the service and witness for Jesus Christ. We need to commit to going regularly at Worship and we must pray for a Spirit filled season of witness and mission. Our Church's Softball Team ended their season with a 500 record. Bill, Ruth, & Carol Schuler reported on their experience at Mariner Family Camp at Laurel Highlands in Western PA.

Fifty years ago - 1976 - Pastor Bob Boell's in his column wrote that the chief end of the church is to glorify God through regular worship, Bible study, and prayer. Our congregation held a Family Camp Weekend Sept 10-12 at Sunset Hill Camp in Chadds Ford PA. There was singing, Bible study, games, and a meaningful Worship Service.

As we approach the 2026-2027 Church year, may we see a time of revival and enthusiasm for the witness and service for Jesus Christ our Savior at Aston Presbyterian Church. May these words from the first and last verses of the Hymn "Revive Us Again" encourage us to move forward in proclaiming the message of Christ's saving love to our communities:

1."We praise Thee, O God, for the son of Thy love, for Jesus who died and now gone above."
4. "Revive us again—fill each heart with Thy love, May each soul be rekindled with fire from above."
Chorus: "Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again."

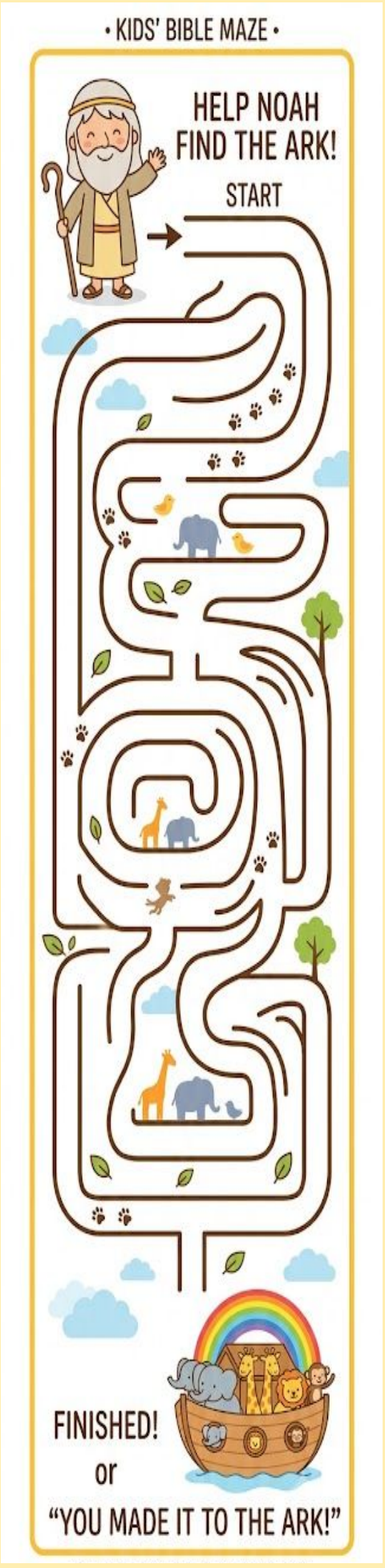
May the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,

Bill Schuler, Jr.

Christian Education

Sunday School - Ages Birth to 18
Children's Time in Service followed by Sunday School - Snacks are provided Starts September 13th at 10:30am

Adult Bible School - If you are interested in an adult bible study please come talk with Rev. Callaway and or Erin Schuler



Aston Pres. Learning Center

September 2026 Learning Center Events

August 21st through September 8th - LC Closed
September 9th - 1st Day of School
September 11th - Teddy Bear Day
September 16th - Play-Doh Day
September 17th - Super Parents Club/LC Board Meeting
September 22nd - Unicorn Vs Dino Day
September 25th - Picture Day
September 38th - Apple Day

APC Learning Center

Happy September! We hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are looking forward to some cooler weather ahead! In addition to welcoming more families we are looking forward to getting to know their little ones. We have a month packed full of fun as we help the children adjust to school with a Teddy Bear Day as they bring a special stuffed friend to school for a show and tell. For our parents this September we had our Back to School Night early this year with our Meet and Greet night, which was a great success but for those with any additional questions or those that were unable to attend we are hosting a new parents and Handbook Q&A the second week of school. Our first month is packed with some fun themed days including Play-Doh Day, Pirate Day, Unicorn verses Dinosaur Day, and Johnny Appleseed Day. We are also looking forward to dressing up for picture day and welcoming back our Happy Feet Soccer Program. Our fall fundraisers have already begun as we reopened our online school store selling Aston Pres. Learning Center gear again this year allowing families, staff, and anyone interested to get their own ‘Aston Pres’ gear and Mabels Labels for any labels they may need as we get a percentage of all purchases. There is so much fun to look forward to as we start our new school year! Wishing everyone a great year ahead as well!