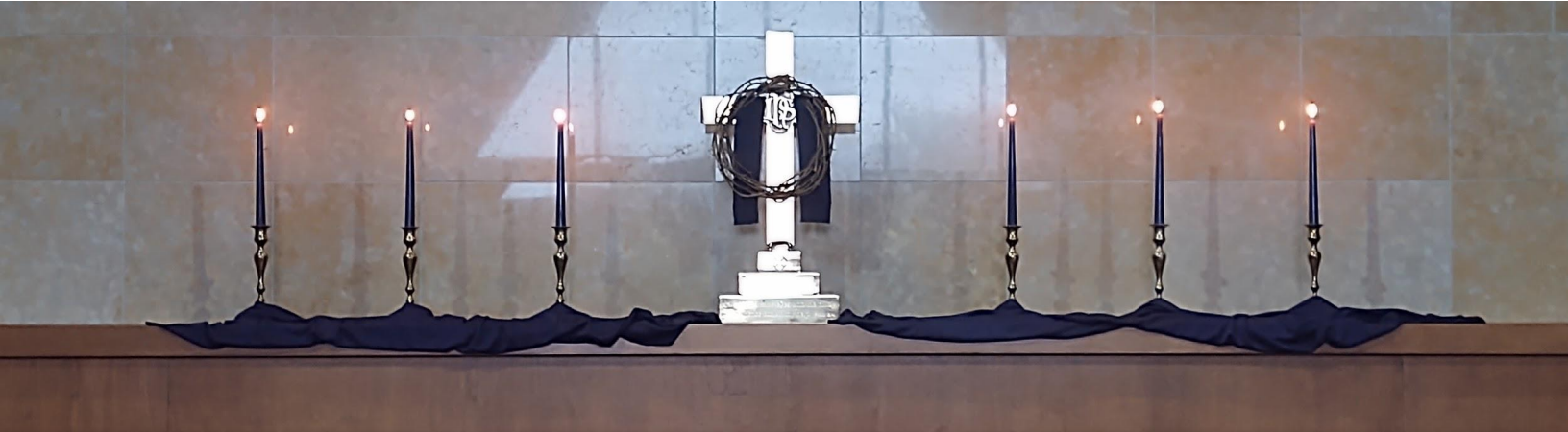


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Monthly Newsletter



March 2025

March 2nd - Communion Sunday
 March 5th - Ash Wednesday - 11:30 am
 March 9th - 1st Sunday in Lent
 March 9th - PW Blanket Sunday
 March 11th - Session Meeting 6:30 pm
 March 16th - 2nd Sunday in Lent
 March 23rd - 3rd Sunday in Lent
 March 30th - 4th Sunday in Lent

Elder of the Month

Lori Clements
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Erin Schuler Coia
 Administrative Assistant

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The Seven Last Words from the Cross 2025 Lenten Series

March is upon us, rain is coming, flower buds start to shoot and Lent is here. This year during the Lenten season we will take an inside look into the seven last words that Jesus spoke from the cross. This way we can say: Jesus we come – to walk the road with you – to follow you to the cross. We prepare ourselves now to follow your footprints in the dust. To understand how you lived. To understand how we should live. To understand how you died. To understand how we die.

2025 Lenten Series The Seven Last Words from the Cross

March 2 ~ "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."	Luke 23:34
March 9 ~ "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."	Luke 23:43
March 16 ~ "Dear woman, here is your son,"	John 19:26
March 23 ~ "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"	Mark 15:34
March 30 ~ "I am thirsty."	John 19:28
April 6 ~ "It is finished."	John 19:30
April 13 ~ "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."	Luke 23:46

APC Committees



March Birthdays

March 21st - Rev. Bob Boell
 March 29th - Jane Evans

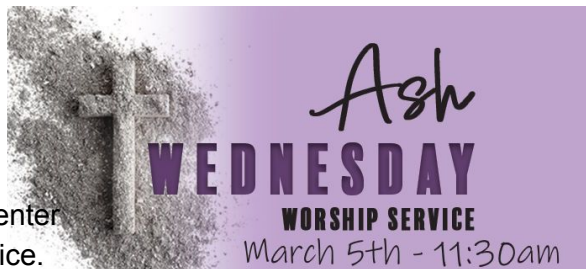
March Anniversaries

March 3rd - Carann & Greg Tribbett
 March 3rd - Donna & Mark Perryan
 March 17th - Edna & Jack Bomhoff



Ash Wednesday Service

APC Sanctuary
 Wed., March 5th, 2025
 11:30am



Classes from the Learning Center will also be joining this service.



Recipes Wanted:

Years ago, Aston Presbyterian Church put out two cookbooks with recipes from our church members and friends. We would like to put together a cookbook for our 160th Anniversary (coming in Feb. 2026). We all know we love Ruth's tomato soup, or Pat's black bean salsa, Bonnie's macaroni salad, and Donna's deviled eggs.. We would love to see these recipes and many more put together in a book. Please submit your favorite recipes from yourself and from former Church members.

When submitting, please submit ingredients, instructions, a picture and a name of whose recipe it is. Any questions or to submit a recipe please contact Erin Schuler at the church office by November 2025.



Financial Corner

Financial Corner for March, 2025

How are we doing?

	JAN Budget	JAN
Envelope Giving	5,066.67	14,598.00
Loose Offering	70.83	44.00
DC Learning Ctr	1,200.00	1,200.00
Building Use	100.00	-
Initial Offering	100.00	78.00
Per Capita	300.00	336.00
Investment Fund Div.	291.67	-
Misc. Income	20.83	
Income	7,150.00	16,256.00
Local Expenses	6,886.83	8,879.85
Mission Giving	212.64	-
Operating Expenses	7,099.47	8,879.85
Surplus (Shortfall)	50.53	7,376.15
Other Mission & Special Offerings		\$ 230.00

Our 2025 surplus at this point in time is \$7,376.15. This surplus is due to the fact that some members have pre-paid their pledge for the entire year or a partial year. The information as presented above is for the month of January.

For informational purposes, over the next few months, the church will be transitioning the financial reporting to Quickbooks.

Acts 20:35 - "In everything I did, I showed you that by this type of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Respectfully submitted: Michele Kane

March memories

The winds of March are upon us. So, to ease these days we offer the following bits of trivia from our past history. May our Lord guide you as you consider them?

1. The largest Sunday School enrollment was:
 - a. 661
 - b. 300
 - c. 225
 - d. 664
2. The Rev. Charles Earl Graf was Pastor from?
 - a. 1909-1917
 - b. 1887-1900
 - c. 1909-1917
 - d. 1927-1946
3. Who was the Pastor when the Old Church Building was destroyed by fire in 1956?
 - a. Rev. W. Potter Van Tries
 - b. Rev. Howard J. Bell
 - c. Rev. Douglas A. MacMurchy
 - d. Rev. Pamela Cowan
4. Where did the Church worship after the fire?
 - a. Aston Community Center
 - b. Franklin Fire Company
 - c. Trinity Methodist Church
 - d. Chester YMCA
 - e. Brookhaven Fire Company
5. What brothers served as the church's custodians?
 - a. Bill & Harris Bloom Jr
 - b. Bob and Bill Glass
 - c. James, Bob, & Harold Singley
6. The Pastor who served at Second Pres/Aston Pres. for the longest time"
 - a. Rev. Robert Seamon
 - b. Rev. Scott Cupp
 - c. Rev. Jane Ritterson
 - d. Rev. Robert P. Boell
 - e. Rev. Graham Robinson
7. Who were the two men who taught the Men's Bible Class for a long time:
 - a. W. Stewart Blackburn
 - b. Rev. Bob Seamon
 - c. William Schuler Sr.
 - d. Warren Heywood
8. Which of the following have served as Clerk of Session?
 - a. W. Stewart Blackburn
 - b. Laura Worrell
 - c. Bob Glass
 - d. Ralph Beiswenger
 - e. Ruth Voss
 - f. Bill Schuler Jr.
 - g. James Singley
 - h. Jean Nickey
 - i. Bob John
 - j. Anna Wiley
 - k. Stew Leeder
9. How many of these members served as Church School Superintendents?
 - a. Janet John
 - b. Richard Hartranft
 - c. Bob Glass
 - d. Bob Singley
 - e. Bill Schuler Jr.
 - f. James Singley
 - g. Tonia Cupp

9. Which of the following were women's Sunday School Classes?
 - a. Alpha/Omega
 - b. Mariners
 - c. True Blue
 - d. Plus-Minus 30
 - e. Friendship
10. Which of the following were either Interim or Supply Pastors at APC?
 - a. Paul White
 - b. Jean Messerve
 - c. Paul Masters
 - d. Scott Cupp
 - e. Harvey Koehler
 - f. Paul Tuttle
11. Which of the following members were on the first Board of Deacons?
 - a. Anna Wiley
 - b. Herbert Skillman
 - c. Mary Moccia
 - d. June Sidoriak
 - e. Donna Gawne
 - f. Henry Rumbel Sr.
 - g. John Finnegan
 - h. Cornelius Dacey

Hope you have enjoyed this little bit of trivia from the history of our congregation. Answers can be found on page 5 of this newsletter May you enjoy the balance of this upcoming spring time. Take some time to think on the blessings our Lord Jesus Christ has showered on this ministry over the past 159 years. Also count the blessings our Savior has given each of our families. As the old Gospel hymn "Count Your Blessings" by Rev. Johnson Oatman, Jr, says in the first verse and chorus:

"When on life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged, Thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done. Count your blessings, Name them one by one; Count your blessings, See what God hath done."

I know that each of us will find our lives bless and overflowing with Christ's love. May the Lord watch us and guide with His Holy Spirit all the days of our life.

Grace and Peace, Bill Schuler, Jr.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Join with Aston Presbyterian Church in sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need both at home and around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

With as little as 2 pennies per person per meal you can help sustain these important ministries and programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing. Please consider using the fish banks on your table from Sunday, March 2nd through April 20th. Also, any monies collected in our Wishing Well will be donated to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Thank you in advance for your help. - Mission Committee

Food Bank Tally

The Souper Bowl of Caring brought in 350+ pounds of food which was over 300 cans (219 cans came from the Learning Center Families) of food as well as over \$150 in donations to Chester Eastside.

A 2025 Goal for pounds of food donated by APC was set to 1000 pounds in January. Left to donate is 650 pounds. Donations of non perishables are accepted all year round and are delivered by St. Andrews each month. We hope the giving continues. - Thank you all for your generosity.



Buildings & Grounds/St. Andrews

Buildings & Grounds - Good at fixing things, landscaping or gardening? - James is looking for volunteers to help in the spring to spruce the building up with volunteers as we give back to our church home. Please see James Coia before or after church on Sundays.

St. Andrew’s - Come join the free coffee hour on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am around the “Round Table” in the boiler room of the Church. Be prepared to solve the world’s problems. Contact Bill G. for more information.



On Sunday, March 9, 2025, Aston’s Presbyterian Women will celebrate Church World Service Blanket Sunday. With all that is going on around the globe and here in the US, more people are in need of help from floods, earthquakes, fires and the other disasters occurring.

The blankets we provide through Church World Service remind people they are not alone and someone cares about them. These blankets can fulfill many needs: warmth, shelter overhead from rain, a space to sleep/hide under during the night. A couple of different materials are used in the blankets and sent depending on the weather for the region in need. You will be able to see the blankets used in our area through our physical display. This project helps people world wide inasmuch as CSW knows no bounds, only people in need.

Please take a moment to prayerfully consider how you can show love and assistance to your fellow man by supporting PW’s Blanket Sunday. Each blanket cost \$10. Please also include in your daily prayers all the people affected by these many disasters.

On behalf of Aston’s Presbyterian Women Thank You. - Ruth Voss, Moderator

1. 664
2. 1927-1946
3. Rev. Douglas MacMurchy
4. Chester YMCA & Franklin Fire Company
5. James, Bob, Harold Singley
6. Bob Boell-20 ½ years
7. W. Stewart Blackburn and William Schuler, Sr.
8. W. Stewart Blackburn, Laura Worrell, Bob Glass, Ralph Beiswenger, Ruth Voss, Bill Schuler, Jr., Bob John and Stew Leeder
9. All Seven
10. Alpha/Omega. True Blue, Friendship
11. Paul White, Jean Messerve', Paul Tuttle, Paul Masters
12. Anna Wiley, Herbert Skillman, Henry Rumbel, Sr., Mary Moccia, Cornelius Dacey



Cents Ability for the Month of March



Delco Helping Hands

All monetary donations and items from donation buckets will go to this charity. See list for donations for the month.

Delco Helping Hands Donation List

Hygiene Products	Household Items	Baby/Children Items
Shampoo	Toilet Paper	Diapers
Conditioner	Paper Towels	Pull Ups
Body Wash	Laundry Detergent	Overnight diapers
Bar Soap (Women's and Men's)	Hand Soap	Wipes
Deodorant (Women's and Men's)	Dish Soap	Formula
Toothpaste	Household Cleaner	Baby Wash
Toothbrushes	Tissues	Baby Food
Lotion	Hand Sanitizer	Baby Lotion
Razors (Women's and Men's)	Cat/Dog Food (Dry and Wet)	Baby Powder
Face wash		Rash Cream
Tampons/Pads/Panty Liners		

Recipe of the Month

Corned Beef with Horseradish and Mustard Sauces

INGREDIENTS:

- 5 lbs of corned beef
- 2 T mixed pickling spices
- Boiling water to cover
- ½ c brown sugar packed
- ¼ c yellow mustard

- 8 oz sour cream or plain yogurt
- 2 T horseradish
- 2 T yellow mustard

- 2 T dry mustard
- 1 ½ T sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 T butter
- ¼ c milk
- ¼ c apple cider vinegar

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 325 F. Rinse corned beef and place in roasting pan. Sprinkle with pickling spices and cover with boiling water. Cover tightly with lid or foil and bake for 2 hours.
2. Remove pan from oven and cool in liquid (Can be made the day before)
3. 1 hour before serving, preheat oven to 325. Remove meat from liquid and bake uncovered for 30 minutes. Mix brown sugar and ¼ c mustard and spread on meat. Bake for additional 30 minutes. Serve with Horseradish or Mustard Sauce.
4. For the horseradish sauce combine the sour cream, horseradish and 2 T mustard and refrigerate until serving
5. For the mustard sauce - cook the ingredients over a double boiler except the vinegar, when the mixture coats the back of a spoon, slowly add the vinegar until fully combined.
6. Serve and enjoy.

Submitted by Sharon Gibson





Aston Pres. Learning Center



March 2025 Learning Center Events

- March 3rd-7th - Read Across America Week - Dr. Seuss Week
- March 9th - Daylight Savings - Spring Clocks Ahead
- March 12th - March 21st - Spring Chicks
- March 17th - St. Patrick's Day
- March 20th - Super Parents Club & LC Board Meeting
- March 21st - Rock Your Socks for Down Syndrome
- March 24th-28th - Rainbow Week
- March 31st - Phillies Day



Rock Your Socks for Sale
 \$2 a pair (kids and adult sizes available - see office for details)

APC Learning Center

Happy March! We have so much to be thankful for as we slowly make our way into spring. We are proud to report that our center did a fabulous job collecting cans during our Souper-Bowl fundraiser this year collecting 219 cans! The downstairs classrooms earned a pizza party, and the upstairs classroom earned an ice cream party for all their hard work! This upcoming month is full of fun exciting days with multiple fun themed weeks as well.

Our month starts with Read Across America as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with fun days linking to some of our favorite Seuss books. Monday starting with "The Cat in the Hat" as we bring in our favorite or crazy hat. Tuesday will be green eggs and clothes day as we enjoy a special snack of green eggs and ham as we encourage trying new things with "Green Eggs and Ham". For "Wacky Wednesday" we will be wearing our clothes mismatched, backwards, and/or inside out. Thursday we will be wearing clothes from somewhere special we have been or want to go for "Oh, the Places You Will Go" and lastly, for Friday we will be wearing animal print for "If I Ran the Zoo". We are all looking forward to reading these classics and even more Dr. Seuss stories. During this week our Preschool and Pre-kindergarten students are also looking forward to taking part in our Ash Wednesday Service.

As for the rest of the month, we are looking forward to a special magic show coming in and performing Dr. Seuss themed acts relating to some of his popular books. We also have a PJ Day, March Madness sports attire day, a Shamrock Day, green vs orange day, as well as St. Patrick's Day fun and our super parents club this month focusing on the power and importance of play. We are busy for sure, especially with our Sock hop on the 21st as we raise awareness for Down syndrome and sell fun mismatched socks all month long leading up to this fun event. We are finishing up our last full week of March with a "Somewhere Over the Rainbow Week" as each day we are asking the school to dress in the coordinating colors of the day, Monday wearing red or orange, Tuesday wear yellow or green, Wednesday wear blue or indigo, Thursday wear purple or pink, leading up to a Rainbow of colors on Friday! We are really excited!