

ABIDING PRESENCE PARISH NEWS SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Blood Drive. 28 pints were collected! Your generosity and willingness to give the gift of life will make a difference for patients in need.

FOOD PANTRY: Please remember that the need for assistance is greater during the summer months for families with school age children who would be given lunch at school. You are welcome to bring a non-perishable food item to worship and place it in the designated area. Please consider dropping off/bringing your donations to church when you attend church or any time that the church office is open Monday - Friday from 9:30am – 1:30pm.

WEDNESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY is 10:30am at church. Our current topic is “Honoring our Neighbor’s Faith”, an overview of beliefs and practices of Christian denominations and other faiths. Everyone is welcome!

TEEN KICK BALL AND BBQ AT SUNKEN MEADOW: All teens are invited to bring a friend and join us Thursday, August 6 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at Field 1 (Baseball field) for a fun evening of good food and fellowship. Parents are welcome to stay or drop their child off. Bring a side dish or dessert to share!

SUMMER MASS AT SUNKEN MEADOW BEACH is on Sundays, August 9 & 23, at 8:00am. Please bring a chair and join us. In the event of rain, mass will be held at Abiding Presence Church.

ONLY TWO MORE RUGS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS! We would like to express our gratitude to the donors who have already provided funds for five of the seven rugs. Thank you for your continued support of our preschool.

WOMENS BOOK CLUB: Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 6th at 6:30pm (location tbd). We are reading *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Sarah Grimké the daughter of a wealthy slave-owning family dreams of becoming more than society allows women to be. On Sarah's eleventh birthday, Hetty 'Handful' Grimké an enslaved girl is given to Sarah as a gift. Sarah knows what she does next will unleash a world of trouble. And so, indeed, the trouble begins.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 539 CAR WASH AT ABIDING PRESENCE CHURCH: Stop by before or after worship on Sunday, August 23 from 9:00am – 11:00am for a fresh car wash and help the Scouts raise funds for a 2027 Sea Base Adventure in the Florida Keys. The suggested donation is \$20.00. Thank you for your support!

ALTAR DEDICATIONS: Altar Flowers - \$55.00, Candles of Grace - \$20.00, Sanctuary (Vigil) Candle - \$15.00, Wine and Bread - \$15.00 may be dedicated each week by filling out one of the altar charts in the church narthex. The dedication may be “In Loving Memory of...” or “In Honor/Celebration of...” and will be shown in print in the bulletin of the Sunday requested. Money donated is used to offset the cost of supplies and materials. Thank you in advance for your support.

THE 5th ANNUAL JENNIFER PATERNOSTRO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER will take place on Saturday, August 8 from 2pm – 6pm at Shanahan’s Bar & Grill. Proceeds fund scholarships awarded to two graduating seniors of Kings Park High School. Please join us as we honor Jenn and celebrate her life in a way she would have truly embraced. Visit our website or the narthex table in church for information on how you can support this amazing cause. Every act of generosity counts!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION: We are collecting school supplies now through Monday, August 17 for students in need. Please consider donating to help support a successful start to the school year. Donations can be brought to church on Sunday or dropped off during church office hours Monday – Friday from 9:30am to 1:30pm. You can also order online and have supplies shipped directly to Abiding Presence Church. Please see the bulletin insert for the list of supplies needed. Supply lists are also on the narthex table and posted on our church website. Monetary donations are also acceptable and appreciated! Supplies will be distributed August 24 – 28.

PASTA AND THE WORD: The next opportunity to serve is Saturday, August 15 from 10 am – 2 pm. If you can provide a tray of pasta or meatballs or brown bag lunches, please let us know. Please call Lisa McCaffrey at 516-993-7992 for more information.

APLC VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD: Although the Presidential Volunteer Service award is no longer available, Pastor Schoepflin has chosen to continue recognizing the dedication and commitment of our volunteers through the Abiding Presence Volunteer Service Award. This award honors individuals who share their time and talents in service to our church and community. Applicants can find necessary forms on our website in the Resources and Forms section. The deadline for submissions is Monday, August 31.

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 7:30PM: New York Islanders’ game at UBS Arena. Tickets are \$72 pp, section 225. Register online at www.abidingpresencechurch.org in the Resources and Forms section. Deadline to purchase tickets is December 13.

ARCHIVED RECORDINGS: Every service that we livestream is kept on our YouTube channel and on our website for future viewing.

PHOTO PRIVACY POLICY: At church events and fundraisers photographs and video may be taken and used for promotional purposes on our church website, publications, and social media. If you do not wish to have your photo included, please tell the photographer, or contact the church office prior to the event.