



THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

**12 March 2023
Announcements**



In need of prayer? If you are in need of prayer, a lay caregiver is available in the chapel (to the right of the sanctuary) to pray with you. If you have a prayer you'd like us to uphold for you, you may contact us at acparis.org/prayers.

Your Communications Team is here for you! For the month of March, stop by their table during the coffee hour to meet the Chair and Vice Chair, Daniel and Kaylee, to hear about what they have in store for digital outreach.

Parenting Support Group Meeting: 19 March, 12h15 in G7. Parents of children and youth of all ages are welcome to join us as we discuss "Supporting our kids' spiritual and emotional development. Childcare provided, register to attend the meeting at childrensworship@acparis.org.

Service of Lament: 21 March 19h30 in the Sanctuary. During this Lenten season, you are invited to a service of Lament where we recognize the failure of God's people and of the ACP community to fully welcome and include all people. We will confess our sin and ask for God's strength for our church, which has long silenced those hurt by misunderstanding, bullying and oppression resulting from bigotry, homophobia, xenophobia, and other forms of marginalization.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday 26 March, following the 11h Combined Worship Service, in person (no Zoom option available). The Council of the American Church in Paris requests the presence of all voting members of the ACP – and welcomes all congregants – to attend the annual congregational meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2022 Ministry Reports from the Council and the ACP Pastoral Leadership, present the 2022 preliminary financial results, and vote to approve the 2023 budget. Childcare will be provided for children ages 3 and up. Parents should plan to pack a lunch for their child/children. Please plan to attend this meeting, but if you cannot be present, make sure your vote counts by completing the electronic proxy at acparis.org/proxy. We kindly request that you submit your electronic proxy by Saturday 25 March in order to save time at the Congregational Meeting.

Memorial service for Emma Burke Newman: Saturday, 18 March 14h at ACP. All are invited. Reception to follow in the theater. Emma, 22, the daughter of ACP members John Newman and Rose Marie Burke, died of her injuries on 27 January in Glasgow, Scotland, from a collision while bicycling to university. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the GoFundMe campaign for Emma's good friend Cleo, who sang at Emma's Scottish funeral. Emma helped find her the right treatment. Let's help her toward full recovery. <http://bit.ly/3ZD3KKs>

Do you know someone from our congregation who could be a great fit for the ACP Council? The ACP Nominating Committee prayerfully discerns and nominates servant leaders each year to ensure the wise and faithful governance of our church. Please help us with our discernment and send your prayerful suggestions for council leadership by email to nominating@acparis.org. Thank you!

Dance + Engagement Night: Friday 31 March, 18h30-21h. Join us for an evening of dance workshops, performances, games, and food with friends from all over the world, all walks of life, and all types of abilities. All are welcome!

Holy Week Schedule: Palm Sunday, 2 April at 11h and 14h; Holy Week Devotional available online Monday 3 April - Wednesday 5 April; Maundy Thursday gathering with communion, 6 April at 20h; Good Friday, 7 April, Service at 20h featuring *Gospel Mass* by Robert Ray; Easter Sunday, 9 April, Sunrise Service at 7h on the quai d'Orsay; Traditional Service at 11h; Contemporary Service at 14h; Easter Monday, 10 April, church offices closed.

Easter Lilies: We invite you to participate in our Easter worship services this year by providing an Easter Lily for the ACP sanctuary, and making a special dedication in honor or memory of a loved one in our worship bulletins. The suggested donation for the lilies is 25€ per plant. However, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a special donation for your Easter Lily to help ACP continue to serve and bring hope to our community all over the world. Order today at acparis.org. Last day to order: Sunday 2 April.

UPDATE NOTICE: Docent tours of the sanctuary: Guided tours of the history and secrets of ACP now going to be held on the 2nd Sunday each month after the 11h service beginning at the chancel, and the sanctuary is open for tours and visitation 15h-18h every Wednesday. Want to join the docent team and share our sanctuary heritage? We're looking for volunteers for Wednesday afternoons. Contact Alison at spire@acparis.org.

Volunteer Needs

Food Box: In order to best serve our neighbors who seek help from our church, you are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to place in the box (located in reception). The box is open to anyone who is in need of food and additional supplies go to Serve the City-Paris.

Nursery Volunteers: We need many new volunteers to welcome children into our nursery and toddler rooms at both the 11h and 14h services! If you would like to serve, contact Allison Wheeler at childrensworship@acparis.org.

Ushers and Greeters needed: It takes a team of volunteers to welcome our Sunday congregants with love, and to help them feel connected and ready to worship together. Agnès and Julien, Chairs of the Worship and Music Committee, welcome all who would like to join this precious group of leaders. Join the team at acparis.org/welcome&ushering or contact worshipandmusic@acparis.org.

Audio Visual Ministry: If you'd like to be a part of our worship tech and A/V team for both Sunday services, we welcome your help. Contact: cmusic@acparis.org.

Children's Ministries

Nursery and Toddler Room: Please register your child's attendance in advance for each Sunday at acparis.org/signups.

Children's Worship: Children's Worship is held during the 11h and 14h services. For safety reasons, all children must be signed up in our system to be a member of Children's Worship and to be kept informed of activities. Please sign up here: acparis.org/cw-registration or by using the QR code: Also, please register your child's attendance in advance for each Sunday at acparis.org/signups.

Youth Music: Wednesday rehearsals except during school holidays; sing in church once a month. All children and youth are welcome! No sign-up is necessary; please come to our rehearsals and give it a try. 13h30-14h Angel Choir (ages 3-6); 14h-14h45 Spirit Choir (ages 7-18); 14h45-15h15 Choirchimes (ages 7-18); 15h15-15h45 Ethereal ensemble (audition-based, ages 10-18). Get in touch with Sara Barton at ymusic@acparis.org with any questions.

Interested in joining our Children's Ministry team? Contact Allison childrensworship@acparis.org if you are an adult and want to know more.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Youth Ministry (collège, lycée): We meet Sundays 12h30-13h45 in the ACP Catacombs (-1 level). Light lunch is provided each week. If you have a child in collège or lycée and you do not receive regular email contact or you are new to the community, please email Elizabeth at the address below to get on the weekly email list. Follow us on Instagram here: [@acpyouth](https://www.instagram.com/acpyouth). Contact youthpastor@acparis.org for more information.

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-30): We meet Tuesdays 19h30 in the ACP Catacombs (-1 level). Food is provided. Everyone is welcome. Come as you are! Contact youthpastor@acparis.org for more information. Follow our YA Group on Instagram for the calendar and latest updates: [@acp_ya](https://www.instagram.com/acp_ya) or Facebook: [ACP Young Adults](https://www.facebook.com/ACPYoungAdults).

More Adult Ministries

Stretch and Connect: Today, 9h30-10h45 in the Library (2nd Floor). Join a six week class hosted by **Stacey Perkins Rock** featuring meditation, beginner yoga, contemplation, journaling and sharing. Register at acparis.org/signups.

Beta Part 2: Six Weeks of Exploration Toward a Deepening Faith: Wednesdays 15, 22 and 29 March from 19h30-21h. Beta offers you the opportunity to look deeper at the Christian faith using the four cornerstones of theological thinking - scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. In-person attendance is strongly recommended, but a Zoom option is available. Register at acparis.org/signups.

Women's Monthly Sunday Bible Study: 19 March 12h30-13h30 in room F2 (1st floor). Praying Scripture is a study on verses and Biblical truths to help direct our paths and continue our walks in Christ. All women are welcome! Contact Teri Lee Valluy at sundaywomensbible@acparis.org to register and for more information.

Women's Fellowship: 2 April 16h on Zoom ACP member Lori Kolodziejczak will be sharing. All women are welcome to join. Registration details coming soon!

2023 ACP Men's Retreat: Men of ACP, please save the date for the 2023 ACP Men's Retreat at Clarté Dieu in Orsay from **Friday, 2 June to Saturday 3 June 18h-18h**. This will be the first post-pandemic retreat, and will be a time of fellowship, song, reflection and fun - with our traditional pétanque tournament. Participation fees will be €70 to cover room and board, with financial support available if needed. Sign up details coming soon!

African Fellowship: Fellowship first Sunday of the month 13h-15h in the Thurber Room. Zoom every other Sunday of the month 16h-17h. Register at acparis.org/groups.

Sunday Adult Bible Study: Sundays 15h30-17h at ACP and on Zoom. This Study on the book of Matthew meets weekly. Join the Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study Group at acparis.org/groups to get connected and receive the Zoom details.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study meets online Tuesdays 10h-12h. Please register at acparis.org/groups.

Men's Bible Study at ACP: Thursday mornings 7h30-8h30. Information at acparis.org/men-thursday. Meeting in person at church and on Zoom.

Silent Prayer Thursdays at ACP: Thursdays 18h-19h via Zoom. Join us for prayer in silence. We practice 25 minutes of praying together in stillness according to the method of Centering Prayer, followed by the reading of a short sacred text according to the method of Lectio Divina. Register at acparis.org/groups.

Sandwich Ministry: Come join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 17h-18h30 to help make sandwiches to help feed over 100 homeless persons a week. For more information, contact Stacy at reception@acparis.org.

For more information on all the offerings for children, youth, adults, and mission and service opportunities, see acparis.org

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