



Abiding Presence

Summer 2022 Update

Thank you! Thank you for *Abiding Together* and being the church through your generous financial giving. It is a good time to be the church! Your support enables so much ministry to happen. Here's a glance at a few of the things happening at Abiding Presence because of you.



Food Pantry Expansion

This summer the food pantry expanded by offering a “Farm Fresh Produce Pantry” on Thursdays

Taking another step toward our vision of building a community where all are fed, Abiding Presence expanded the food pantry for the summer by adding a partnership with a local farmer's market. Two Thursday evenings each month, we give out fresh produce. It allows us to simultaneously support local farms while also distributing more produce to our guests. Recently, we've given out watermelon, cherries, blueberries, strawberries, greens and more. The produce arrives at Abiding Presence on Thursday afternoons and is then immediately given out that evening, meaning that it is as fresh as it can be when it goes to our guests.

The Farm Fresh Produce Pantry is possible because of a grant through Fairfax County. That grant runs out on August 31, 2022. After that, it will be up to us as a congregation to fund the Farm Fresh Produce Pantry. Your financial gifts to the food ministry makes produce distribution and so much more possible. More help is always needed with our food distribution on Thursdays, Saturdays and throughout the week. Signup at AbidingPresence.net/food.



Summer Camp

This summer, Abiding Presence offered six weeklong summer camps. We had more than 150 kids over the course of the summer. Kids were in small groups led by high school interns that traveled to stations taught by our college-age interns.

“My favorite part of camp is EVERYTHING!”

- Evan,
Kindergarten
Camper





Abiding Presence Summer Internship

We had 21 college-age students participate in our summer internship program.

Our college-age internship program brought 21 of our

college students home to Abiding Presence to spend the summer in:

- **Intentional faith formation** through daily devotions, scripture reading, prayer and conversation
- **Vocational discernment** through the lens of faith through weekly opportunities to see the “faith in action” of one of our church members in their vocation
- **Leadership development** through working in a ministry area such as summer camp, food ministry, landscaping and/or administration
- **Relationship building** with peers, pastors and the Abiding Presence community.

If you missed it, be sure to check out the July 24 livestream service led by our college-age interns. The reflections of our summer interns were powerful testimonies of hope, faith and the power of God to show up in unexpected moments.



CHURCH OFFICE & LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT

Thanks to the congregation’s generous donations to the Building Fund, we were able to do some much needed renovation work to the church office and library. The more than 25-year old carpet was replaced with LVP flooring. Walls and ceilings were painted. A lot of cleaning, dusting and purging of items collected over the years was completed. Next time you are at church, stop in to see our new look!

Many thanks to church member Kim VanPelt for volunteering to paint the library, which serves as our counseling office. The library is now an inviting, peaceful and calming space.

Tithe.ly, PayPal & Automated Giving

Summer is a great time to consider automating your giving to Abiding Presence. Automated giving means that even if you aren’t able to be in church, your giving still comes to support the year-around life changing ministry we are doing. Need more information? Check out AbidingPresence.net/give or contact office@abidingpresence.net