



# THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN PARIS

**10 July 2022**  
**Announcements**

## Highlights...

### Sermon series: Ubuntu

How *exactly* do we go about being family in a world that seems to be growing more fiercely divided? Today is the final Sunday we corporately unpack scripture to discern ways we can practice Ubuntu.

### Today we welcome Rhobi Samwelly:

Rhobi is the founder and Executive Director of Hope for Girls

and Women. Rhobi's experience concerning female genital mutilation (FGM) inspired her lifelong activism and commitment to fight for the rights of girls and women. She runs two safe houses located in the Butiama and Serengeti Districts of the Mara Region of Tanzania, which shelter and support those fleeing FGM, child marriage, and other forms of gender-based violence. Rhobi's activism has been featured in Tanzania's Daily News, the BBC, Guardian, and Telegraph and now in a major feature-length documentary, *In the Name of Your Daughter*. For more information on Rhobi and the Hope Centre for Girls and Women please visit: [hopeforgirlsandwomen.wordpress.com](http://hopeforgirlsandwomen.wordpress.com).

**Summer Livestream Sabbath:** 10 July through 21 August. Our amazing livestream team will be taking a sabbath this summer, but be sure to tune back in at the rentrée on 28 August. Until then, please join us in-person at either the 11h or 14h services; we'll look forward to seeing you here!

**ACP Lending Library:** The lending library is open Sundays between services, 12h30-13h30. Located on the basement level, across from the elevator, free for ACP members. Come check out good Christian reading for the whole family!

**The Spire:** The July edition of *The Spire*, ACP's monthly magazine, is now available at: [acparis.org/spire-online](http://acparis.org/spire-online).

**Bloom is Back!** Saturday 8 October at ACP. Bloom Where You're Planted tickets on sale now at [bloom.acparis.org](http://bloom.acparis.org). Join us for the premiere networking opportunity for English-speaking residents, community groups, and newcomers of all ages to Paris. For additional information contact [bloom.acparis@gmail.com](mailto:bloom.acparis@gmail.com)

**If you are new:** Please stop by our newcomer table at coffee hour so we can welcome you to ACP and answer any questions you may have.

**In need of prayer?** If you are in need of prayer today, a lay caregiver is available in the chapel (to the right of the sanctuary) to pray with you. If you would like members of the lay care ministry team, members of the prayer chain, and the pastoral team to uphold you in prayer, you may contact us at [acparis.org/prayers](http://acparis.org/prayers).



**Docent tours:** Do you love history? Want to discover ACP's sanctuary secrets? Come along to the docent tour after the service this morning, and learn about ACP's heritage in 25 minutes or less. We'll start at the altar at 12h15 - all are welcome. And if you'd like to become a docent, please contact Alison at [spire@acparis.org](mailto:spire@acparis.org).

**Are you an electronic basket contactless bank card donor?** Please note that the electronic offering baskets do not capture information to identify the donor. No worries, if you would like to have your electronic basket giving count toward your French tax receipt, please contact Lucy Jamin at [acctg@acparis.org](mailto:acctg@acparis.org). You can arrange a moment with Lucy to capture a code that will allow us to identify your card. It's quick and easy and we'd love to help you make all your donations count.

**Prayers and aid for the people of Ukraine:** [acparis.org/ukraine](http://acparis.org/ukraine).

## Volunteer Needs

**Nursery Volunteers Needed!** In order for Kelsey Poe to welcome children into our nursery and toddler rooms at both the 11h and 14h services, we will need many new volunteers! If you would like to serve, contact Kelsey Poe at [nursery@acparis.org](mailto:nursery@acparis.org).

**Tech help needed for 14h service:** Calling all techies! If you are interested, please contact Natalie Raynal at [cmusic@acparis.org](mailto:cmusic@acparis.org).

**Audio Visual Ministry:** If you'd like to be a part of our worship tech and A/V team, we welcome your help. Contact: [avm@acparis.org](mailto:avm@acparis.org).

**Volunteer Editor for *The Spire*:** ACP's thriving monthly magazine *The Spire* is looking for a volunteer editor-in-chief. Interested? For further information, please contact us at [communications@acparis.org](mailto:communications@acparis.org).

**Volunteers for Vacation Bible School Needed.** Please see below for more information, and contact Allison Wheeler at [childrensworship@acparis.org](mailto:childrensworship@acparis.org) if interested.

## Children's Ministries

**Please note that Children's Worship will be on break for the summer (10 July - 21 August),** resuming on 28 August. For children and their families who continue attending in-person worship during this time of much-needed rest for our volunteer team, we have created "quiet bags" for children to use during worship.

**ACP's annual Vacation Bible School:** Monday through Thursday, 22-25 August. Using crafts, storytelling, active games, music, and more, children will explore the theme "Spark Studios: Creativity from the Creator." *Get those creative juices flowing at Spark Studios where imagination is ignited and creativity is awakened, where kids will learn, like King David, to use their talents to bring glory to God. They will discover that their creativity is a gift from the infinitely creative Creator who designed them for His glory.* All children ages 3-10 welcome. Register at [acparis.org/signups](http://acparis.org/signups).

We need many, many adult volunteers to join us in leading this fantastic, fun, four-day program; contact [childrensworship@acparis.org](mailto:childrensworship@acparis.org) if you'd like to join the team!

**Children's Worship:** Children's Worship is held during the 11h and 14h services during the school year. For safety reasons, all children must be registered for the program to attend. You can register your child for Children's Worship at [acparis.org/cw-registration](http://acparis.org/cw-registration) or by using the QR code here. We also ask that you register your child's attendance in advance of each



Sunday at [acparis.org/signups](https://acparis.org/signups). If you are an adult and are interested in joining our Children's Worship leadership team, contact Allison Wheeler at [childrensworship@acparis.org](mailto:childrensworship@acparis.org).

## Youth and Young Adult Ministries

**Youth Ministry (collège, lycée):** ACP Youth group is on break for the summer. We will resume the youth group on 4 September, when the youth group will meet weekly on Sundays 12h30-13h45 at ACP. If you have a child that will enter collège in the autumn, please email Elizabeth at the email address below. Follow us on Instagram here: [@acpyouth](https://www.instagram.com/acpyouth). Contact [youthpastor@acparis.org](mailto:youthpastor@acparis.org) for more information.

**Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-30):** ACP Young Adults group is on break for the summer. Contact [youthpastor@acparis.org](mailto:youthpastor@acparis.org) for more information. Follow our YA Group on Instagram here for the calendar and latest updates: [@acp\\_ya](https://www.instagram.com/acp_ya).

## More Adult Ministries

**Movie discussion group:** 21 July, 19h30 on Zoom. Choice of films to see in advance on Netflix: *Trees of Peace*, *Emma*, *Harriet*; in cinemas: *Decision to Leave*, *Goodnight Soldier*, *La Nuit du 12*. Please write [movies@acparis.org](mailto:movies@acparis.org) for more info and to register for Zoom details.

**Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study:** 17h30-19h30 on Zoom. This Bible study, hosted by Patti Lafage and Nathaniel Akujuobi, is exploring the book of Daniel. All are welcome. Join the Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study Group at [acparis.org/groups](https://acparis.org/groups) to receive the Zoom details.

**Serve the City Paris:** ACP's sister association, FACCP, supports Serve the City-Paris, an NGO focused on helping asylum seekers, refugees, the homeless and underprivileged foreigners in Paris, having current and former ACP Mission Outreach Committee members in leadership positions. This humanitarian group serves sandwiches and hot drinks three times a week, Tuesdays and Fridays at 9h30 and Saturdays at 10h. You are invited to join them at Jardin Albert-Schweitzer (75004). They also need instant coffee, tea, sugar cubes, sardines, packs of kleenex, and socks. Donations can be left at Reception during the weekdays.

**Men's Morning Bible Study at ACP:** Thursdays 7h30-8h30. Information at [acparis.org/men-thursday](https://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](https://acparis.org).

**Sandwich Ministry:** Come join us on the 1st and 3rd 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 Bennison at [reception@acparis.org](mailto:reception@acparis.org).

**African Fellowship:** Fellowship in the Thurber Room at 13h, first Sunday of the month. Zoom every other Sunday of the month. Register at [acparis.org](https://acparis.org).

**For more information on all the offerings for children, youth, adults, and mission and service opportunities, and the *Spire* see [acparis.org](https://acparis.org)**

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