



***The Presbyterian Church at Absecon***

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**Happy Summertime – Note Schedule Changes!**

Summer is a happy time of year to enjoy all the benefits of God’s creation. Most church activities are suspended, and we take on a relaxed atmosphere until September when things heat up again.

Note the following:

1. There is only one service at 10:00 a.m.
2. Refreshments are outside, weather permitting.
3. 40 Minute Club leaves during the service. There is no Sunday School, choir, breakfast, etc.
4. Office hours, custodial care, etc. are reduced in July and August. Leave a message on the machine, and we will get back to you.

There is also a down side to the benefits of God’s creation. The weeds, trimming and yard work needs of the church go up. If you would like to help, come on out. We currently need a lot of yard work done.



**Graduate Sunday**  
June 16, 2013

The Christian Education Committee and the entire congregation would like to recognize and congratulate our graduates for their accomplishments!

**Middle School:**

Maddie Lewis, Galloway Twp Middle School  
Tiffany Siligato, Winslow Twp Middle School

**High School:**

Christopher Gillis, Absegami  
Jeremy Wong, Absegami  
James Townley, Oakcrest  
Chris Hughes, Absegami

**College:**

Jennifer Thomas, Richard Stockton College  
Sarah Krchnavek, Rowan University  
Kristin Hudak, University of Rhode Island  
Nicholas Kleiner, University of Rhode Island  
Ashley Gras, Camden County College  
Erin Nassif, Nova Southeastern University  
Riley Joseph Wolcott, Atlantic Cape Community College  
Rebecca Lynn Wolcott Sheehan, University of Delaware

**2012-2013 Sunday School Attendance Awards**

<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Kryptonite</b>	<b>Infinity and Beyond</b>
15+	20+	25+	30+	35+
Katie Cruz	Tori Stukey	Ester Bhatti	Ayden Platt	Kayla Achamizo
Abigail Mazzatta	Aspen Mazzatta	Mousa Bhatti	Christian Hawkes	Rachel Platt
Haroon Bhatti	Ray Lewis	Maryiam Bhatti	Chris Gillis	Joey Achamizo
Donovan Cruz	Jordan Hawkes	Elena Achamizo		Gianna Tanner
Alexis Mazzatta	Bud Burgess	Haley Gras Pinkney		Mikayla Houseworth
Courtney Gras	Justin Hughes	Jackson Harvey		Emily Schieferstein
	Mike McManus	Terri Villegas		Kassie Little
	Nick Hughes	Chris Harvey		Sarah Gillis
	Elisa Wong	Bob Hudak		Autumn Johansen
	Sam Burgess	Jeremy Wong		Nick Sabo
		Chris Hughes		Nicole Gillis
				Matthew Houseworth
				JD Tanner
				Jackson Little
				Will Little
				Franklin Nale
				Jacob Sabo
				Libby Little

<b>Youth Evangelists</b>	<b>Leadership Awards</b>
	Chris Gillis
Gianna Tanner	Jeremy Wong
JD Tanner	Chris Hughes
Mikayla Houseworth	Chris Harvey
Matthew Houseworth	Elisa Wong
Nicole Gillis	Terri Villegas
Libby Little	Bob Hudak
Mike McManus	Nick Hughes
Justin Hughes	Justin Hughes
Nick Hughes	Sam Burgess
Chris Hughes	Bud Burgess
Terri Villegas	Mike McManus
	Kassie Little
	Franklin Nale
	Elena Achamizo
	Sarah Gillis
	Libby Little
	Haley Gras-Pinkney



Just a reminder, our Summer worship schedule is one service @ 10 am. We have a lot of talent coming our way: Richard Garrick, Lee Little, The Holland family and more. Our own Scott Sabo will be preaching while Pastor Cobb is away on June 30th & July 14th. The Holland family will be covering the entire service on Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, and Rev. Gerry will preach August 25.

We are finalizing the job description for our new position. We are looking for someone to work with our youth in the church service thru power point, dramas, dance, music etc. It will take about 7- 10 hours a week and is a paid position. If you know of someone that may be interested please let me know. We would like to have this position filled before September. We are advertising in church first. If we don't find someone we will spread our search out into the community.

Have a Blesses Summer  
Karen Muldoon

**Pastor's Summer Vacation Schedule**

Our pastor will be out of the pulpit on four Sundays this summer. They will be June 30, July 14, August 11, and August 25. He will be here for our communion Sundays, July 7, August 4, and Sept. 1. The Worship Committee has arranged for some outstanding speakers and programs in his absence.



Mission  
Committee

The Family/Funday on June 22nd seemed to go very well. It was a perfect summer day. I saw many familiar faces as well as unfamiliar faces. We held this event to let the community know that we are a happening and active church. And maybe we will get some new members. Being this was the first time doing something like this we did not know how much food and drinks we needed. We were over on some and under on some. The children had lots of fun at the bounce house, games and ponies. All our volunteers were GREAT. Leo was the key guy. He prepared food in advance and gave us some direction. The volunteers distributed door hangers,

**Mission/Evangelism**

handed out door hangers at Galloway Shoprite, baked cookies, cooked and served food, and also conducted the games. We also had several financial contributions. Thanks so much to all of you.

We have our visiting mission teams scheduled through August. There are still open dates so we may get more. Our committee will stay busy throughout the summer hosting them. Look in the Sunday bulletin for updates.

God bless,  
Russ Adkisson Jr.

**Tentative Mission Team Schedule**

As previously announced our church will be hosting various mission teams visiting the area to help with storm recovery. At this time there are six teams scheduled to stay in our church.

Our Mission Committee will be organizing a pot luck dinner for each of the teams during their stay. All are encouraged to come, bring a dish to share, and meet the teams. See Russ Adkisson for more information.

- June 23-29 – Peace Lutheran Church, Baldwin, WI; 13 team members here, 13 staying in Brigantine
- July 14-20 – Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Portsmouth, VA; 16 team members
- July 21-27 – Whitinsville Presbyterian Church, Whitinsville, MA; 10 team members
- Aug. 4-9 – Covenant Presbyterian Church, Manassis, VA; 20 team members
- Aug. 11-17 – First Presbyterian Church of New Bern, NC; 6 team members
- Aug. 18-21 – Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wenona, NJ; 20 team members



### **Stamps for Mission**

Some suggestions on which stamps to collect:

- All commemoratives (larger stamps)
- All airmail, express mail, priority mail
- Fish and Wildlife Service stamps
- All foreign; whole envelopes with large foreign stamps
- Picture postcards with foreign stamps

Also, contact businesses that receive a lot of mail or receive priority or express mail.

Find stamp collectors and see if they have duplicates or beginning to downsize.

See Ilsa Smith for details on this mission project of our church!



### **Flooding in the Czech Republic in 2013.**

Greetings from Prague,

Things are finally getting back to normal here in Prague but many places throughout the Czech Republic are still dealing with the aftermath of the spring flooding. Everyone here has been deeply touched by the worldwide concern expressed during the past few days and weeks. The Center of Humanitarian and Development Aid of the Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren has prepared some material describing their ministry for those affected by the flooding. You can go to the website <http://www.diakonie.cz/en/floods-2013/> to learn more. As many of you know, who have lived through flooding and other natural disasters, the recovering will take some time. However, we feel blessed by the sincere outreach of people all around the world. Please hold those in prayer who have lost loved ones. We also welcome your prayers for everyone affected by the floods and all those who have stepped forward to help.

In World Missions we have an ECO (Extra Commitment Opportunities) account set up to help the ECCB Diakonie. If you would like to contribute to this account you can do so in a couple of ways.

You can either send a check to:

Presbyterian Church (USA)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700  
(Write E047923 in the check memo line)

Or you can give online at:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/give/E047923/>

You can also contribute through your congregation, make sure you inform your Presbytery so it can be included as part of your mission giving.

Any funds collected will be combined with existing funds in that account and sent to the ECCB Diakonie.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

S přáním Božího požehnání,

With Wishes for God's Blessings,  
Karen

Rev. Dr. Karen R. Moritz  
PCUSA Mission Coworker  
Prague, Czech Republic



**“You can only hear your life sing - when you are still” - Ann Voskamp**

Every morning for the last few weeks, in the early hours, I have gone out on our back porch to read. I have watched the wrens that moved into our birdhouse work diligently to prepare for their new arrivals. I was waiting and waiting to hear the sound of baby birds chirping away. THEN, one night I was out putting some trash in our can and I thought I heard a faint chirping sound . . . I stopped what I was doing, was very still, and then YES - there it was again, an ever so faint chirp - they had arrived. I had a fleeting moment of craziness where I wanted to go out to the dollar store and get pink and blue balloons to tie to the birdhouse! The next morning, everything was quiet. I opened the porch door (which makes a

bit of a loud sound) and sat down to read. When everything was quiet again - CHIRP, CHIRP, CHIRP . . . those little birds lungs sure had strengthened overnight! The interesting thing to me is, every time I made a noise - they were quiet. I truly could and still can only hear their chirping and the mother and father wrens singing when all is quiet - it is like turning a switch off and on - something makes a noise - they immediately shut up . . . as soon as it is still again - the glorious chirping and singing begins. (As I sit here writing this the neighbor started to mow his lawn and the birds immediately stopped their chirping!)

It's no wonder the Psalms repetitively shout - “Be still and know that I am God” . . . it is in the



stillness that we know. Things become so much clearer in the stillness - noises become louder, colors become brighter and God is recognized!

These next weeks and even months are gloriously full for me - traveling, teaching, meeting up with those I have taught and disciplined in the past - so much great activity. Yet even good activity can

drown out the song - and through my little bird tenants, God seems to be speaking quite loudly.

Be still . . . listen to my song, listen to the song of others and listen to your life song. These songs make the stillness a beautiful symphony!

Lisa



## Stewardship Committee Report

For the rest of this year, the statistical report will be given in two ways – with and without including the expense of a major repair to one of the rental properties. Earlier this year, a major repair involving a new roof and mold remediation was authorized for the Leek house (23 School Street). The cost of this project to the Rental Property account was \$18,000. Beginning with the June General Fund report, this \$18,000 is showing up as a repair expense to this property. When adding the income and deducting expenses, the net result for this property at the end of May is a negative \$14,267.43. The net result of rental income for the three rental properties (19 School Street, 23 School Street and the Stopfer Building) at the end of May is a negative \$7,884.51. Thus, when deducting the \$18,000 from the rental portion of our General Fund status at the end of May, we are in the red by \$13,567.76, whereas we had been in the black each of the previous months of this year.

I am choosing to also report our General Fund Income status for this year without considering the \$18,000 expenditure. If this had not occurred our rental income at the end of May would be a positive \$14,245.91 instead of the negative \$7,884.51 and we would have been over our budgetary needs by \$8,562.13.

As we progress through the year, with all our rental properties rented and there are no more extraordinary repair expenses, I expect to see a monthly decline in our General Fund deficit.

The good news is that when compared to last year at this time, the level of giving is about the same as is our investment income.

As we enter the lazy days of summer, I encourage you to continue attending church, volunteering and participating in the summer activities and keeping up with your pledges so we can continue to pay our bills.

### Statistical report for May

Budget for 2013	\$225,721.00
Budgetary needs through May 16, 2013	\$ 91,156.59
Our giving through 5/26/13	\$ 75,585.41
Investment Income	\$ 9,887.40
Rental Income (net without the \$18,000 expense)	\$ 14,245.91
Amount <u>over</u> budget (without considering \$18,000 expense)	\$ 8,562.13
Amount <u>under</u> budget (with \$18,000 expense included)	\$- 13,567.76

Average weekly giving by month

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
January	\$4080.67	\$3257.33
February	\$3531.38	\$3384.29
March	\$3056.94	\$3326.92
April	\$2757.42	\$3527.09
May	\$3299.46	\$3271.90



**Many Thanks!!!**

A HUGE thank you goes out to the following people who made breakfast, help set up and clean up every Sunday: Ed Little, John Channell, Bryan Hawkes, Russ Adkisson, John Harvey, Libby Little, Bob Wilkenloh, Linda Adkisson, Richard and Doris Wood, Bill and Ginny Davenport, Olga Davies, Jean Delesantro and Gayle Ackerman. Also a big thank you goes out to Harry Ackerman and Tina Brown who helped to purchase food and supplies that are needed every week! My job was made so much easier with the wonderful help these faithful people gave. After three years, I am stepping down and passing the breakfast torch to the capable hands of Cheryl Hawkes. Thank you all for your love and support!

In His Service,  
Kris Jenoriki

**June Thank Yous**

June was a busy month of honoring graduates, teachers, students, Priscilla, Karen, Kris and others. We rejoice at the completion of another great school year and trust we will all enjoy our summer break. Many other jobs were completed, so special thanks go out to the following:

1. Melvin and his nephew, Shawn, for removing all the mats on the playground, re-leveling the surface with a better gravel, and returning the mats. Great job!
2. The many people who worked on our Strawberry Festival, including the hullers, set up people, servers and clean up crew. Thanks also to the fourteen people who came with John Channell to provide special music. A good time was had by all.
3. Our First Ever Family Fun Day sponsored by our Mission Committee was a big success. Many thanks to Russ and Kirk who chaired the event, Leo and cooks who served it, the volunteers who distributed thousands of door hangers, The Carols who manned a table highlighting the mission work of our church, and many others who helped with the details. Hopefully this is the start of an annual tradition.
4. Vic Werner and the pastor who climbed up inside our church steeple looking for answers to our lean.
5. Karen Muldoon, Linda Gillis, and those who worked on the Breakfast with the Pastor event on June 30.
6. Melvin and Shawn for fixing the Stopfer roof. It has not leaked a drop.





## **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

We held our annual Strawberry Festival on June 14th. Despite being the same night as Absegami's Graduation and lousy weather, the event was well attended and we realized a total of \$384.25. John Channell and his band of friends provided the delightful music. I would like to thank the many people that helped make the day a success, from the people that came to set up to the people who came and cleaned up and everyone in between. Thank you to the several people that came in the morning to clean and cut the strawberries and Tina for picking up the Strawberries. Also thank you to those who provided cakes, ice cream, and whipped toppings. Everything was delicious.

We will be having our annual church picnic at the lake again. This hadn't been done the last year or so but we will be returning to the Egg Harbor City Lake on August 18th after church. The cost will be \$4/adults for admission. Please bring a dish to share and sign up in the vestibule so that we can reserve enough picnic tables.

Sept 28th is our yard sale. Be on the look out for reserving tables for that day. We are also looking into a dinner cruise for this summer. Details are yet to come. Look for the details in the Presby Post and in the church bulletin.

Please support all of our summer functions! There are plenty of opportunities for fun and fellowship. Our next fellowship meeting will be held on August 4th after church at 11:15AM in the lounge.

In Christian Love and Fellowship,  
Dawn Duran, Chairperson

### **Lunch Bunch to Gilchrist's Offshore Café in Cologne July 3**

Meet at the church at 11:30 or at the restaurant at noon. Gilchrist's is located on the White Horse Pike at Cologne Ave. a few miles west of Pomona.

### **Evergreens Picnic Scheduled for July 24**

The pastor is inviting the Evergreens (and any interested seniors) to the manse for a summer picnic at noon on Wednesday, July 24. (This is the fourth Wednesday, the normal Evergreens meeting date.)



### **Men's Fellowship to Host Independence Picnic on Sunday, July 7**

Once again this summer the Doug Jablonski Men's Fellowship will offer a picnic on the weekend following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We will again serve the same great menu offered at the very successful Memorial Weekend picnic including Melvin's ribs and potato salad. We will also have deviled eggs, salads, hot dogs & burgers, corn on the cob, cake, watermelon and other desserts and beverage - all for just \$5.00 (\$2 for kids). The pool will be open.

### **Manse Picnics Planned for July 21 & 28**

There will be two picnics behind the manse the last two Sundays in July. One will be for all youth on July 21, and one for anyone who would like to join us on July 28. Come and enjoy!

**Pastors Cobb and Reedell to offer a trip to Cape May on August 7**

The most popular trip each summer seems to be to Victorian Cape May to enjoy the sights and lunch together. We will leave at 9:00am August 7 and return after lunch about 3:00pm. Lunch will be at the Pilot House, same as last year.

This trip will also be our August Lunch Bunch event.



**Open Cabin Trip to Take Place July 30-Aug. 1**

The pastor is offering a trip with him to the Poconos the end of July for swimming, boating, spiritual renewal and rest.

There will be a sign up in the vestibule soon. Cost is \$35.00



In Our Father's House  
Tammy Suarez - 1968 – 2013



**Ocean City Tabernacle Evening Programs**

A complete schedule of speakers and programs to be held at the Ocean City Tabernacle this summer is available in the vestibule and pew racks. Avail yourself of the best Christian speakers and musicians in the country!

# *Planning Ahead...*

## **United Methodist Church at Absecon 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat Coffee Conversations and Communion WITH GOD**

Keynote Speakers: Lisa Whitaker and Cindy Hunt

### When

Friday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

### Where

Port-O-Call  
1510 Boardwalk  
Ocean City, NJ  
[www.portocallhotel.com](http://www.portocallhotel.com)

### Costs

Double Room\* - \$188 per person                      Triple Room\* - \$164 per person  
Saturday Retreat - \$49 per person (supplies & dinner included)  
Payment Options available - \$20 deposit due with registration

### **Reservation deadline: Sun., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

\* All rooms have 2 DOUBLE beds, a refrigerator, and a Keurig

Detach and return form to The United Methodist Church at Absecon,  
Attn: UMW, 100 Pitney Rd., Absecon, NJ 08201  
Contacts: Sue Reitmeyer (652-1390 or [sjreitmeyer@verizon.net](mailto:sjreitmeyer@verizon.net))  
Barbara Sabath (646-3675 or [sabathsabby@gmail.com](mailto:sabathsabby@gmail.com))

Make checks payable to Absecon UMW

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### Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Double Room-\$188 per person\*\* My Roommate is \_\_\_\_\_

Triple Room-\$164 per person\*\* My Roommates are \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Includes 2 breakfast buffets, 1 sit-down dinner, room, tax, gratuity & materials.



## **Pointing People in the Right Direction**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” ~ Matthew 28:19-20

Our steeple has developed a lean. The derecho, Superstorm Sandy, and 150 years of bad weather are taking a toll. What corrective measures we can take may be limited, but the lean towards the ocean is only slight, anyway.

It was interesting to me that one of the things we talked about at the Property Committee meeting on July 19 was the fact that our steeple has guided airplanes into the Atlantic City Airport since WWII. We are on the flight path of landings coming in off the ocean so the question was “Will the lean of the steeple affect those small aircraft trying to get their bearings?” I can’t imagine that it would since all flights have navigation systems that track them onto the runway with radar, but it’s an interesting question. Would our lean point them to the left or right instead of on the straight and narrow path to the perfect landing?

But what is more important is where are we as a church and individuals pointing people. It is said that a steeple needs to point straight up pointing people to God or heaven. The company that manufactures the fiberglass steeple we have on our church now manufactures a giant fiberglass hand with a finger pointing straight up (the INDEX finger, people).

Our society is inundated in cultural myths, creeping secularism and declining values that are pointing our young people in the wrong direction. We know that wealth doesn’t necessarily lead to happiness, or good looks to success. We know there is no way to be absolutely safe in a dangerous world, or that society’s values are always correct (look at the history of racism, homophobia, etc.). And even if you achieve the American dream of a good job and marriage and a house of your own you will not necessarily find satisfaction, peace of mind, or purpose. We will always need belief in something beyond ourselves to point the way to hope, direction, calling, and eternal security in Jesus. Sadly, the world’s direction is always leaning toward materialism, hedonism, narcissism, and fatalism.

Our faith points people in a Godly direction, leading to wholeness, purpose, ultimate satisfaction, mission, and Christian family values. There is no substitute for Christ’s presence which moves us in the straight and narrow of His calling.

As a church our goal is to point people in the right direction. Let’s believe in what we’re doing, and let’s do it. If we don’t, the world will point them toward something else.

P.S. And don’t worry about the steeple. It is very secure and will not fall over.

*- Dave*



**Lay Assistants**

**July**

Russ Adkisson  
14 Ginni Stadler  
21 Rev. Gerry Reedell  
28 Scott Sabo

**August**

4 Vic Abelson  
11 Scott Sabo  
18 Karen Muldoon  
25 Scott Sabo

**Head Ushers**

**July**

7 Dee & Jack Heil  
14 Elaine Risley & Carol Thomas  
21 Jan & Carol Jorgensen  
28 Steve & Ginny Schwab

**August**

4 Deborah & Donald Wong  
11 Elaine Risley & Carol Thomas  
18 Bob & Barbara Hudak  
25 David & Naida Burgess

**Collection**

**July**

7 Edith Budd & Bob Wilkenloh  
14 Roy Birkbeck & Kris Jenoriki  
21 Dee & Jack Heil  
28 Joe Marshall & Jack Heil

**August**

4 Jeremy & Elisa Wong  
11 Joan Nale & Franklin Nale  
18 Kristin & Rob Hudak  
25 Sam & Bud Burgess

**Deacons for the Month**

**July**

Dottie McCaffrey

**August**

Ginny Davenport

**40 Minute Club**

**July**

7 K-3  
4-7  
14 K-3  
4-7  
21 K-3  
4-7  
28 K-3  
4-7

**August**

4 K-3  
4-7  
11 K-3  
4-7  
18 K-3  
4-7  
25 K-3  
4-7

**Nursery**

**July**

7 Jennifer Platt  
14 Gloria Achamizo  
21 Alice Malfi  
28 Fran Tanner

**August**

4 Jennifer Platt  
11 Gloria Achamizo  
18 Alice Malfi  
25 Fran Tanner

**Van Drivers**

**July**

7 John Channell  
14 Barbara Hughes  
21 Tina Brown  
28 Vic Abelson

**August**

4 John Channell  
11 Barbara Hughes  
18 Tina Brown  
25 Vic Abelson

**Refreshment Hosts**

**July**

7  
14  
21  
28

**August**

4  
11  
18  
25