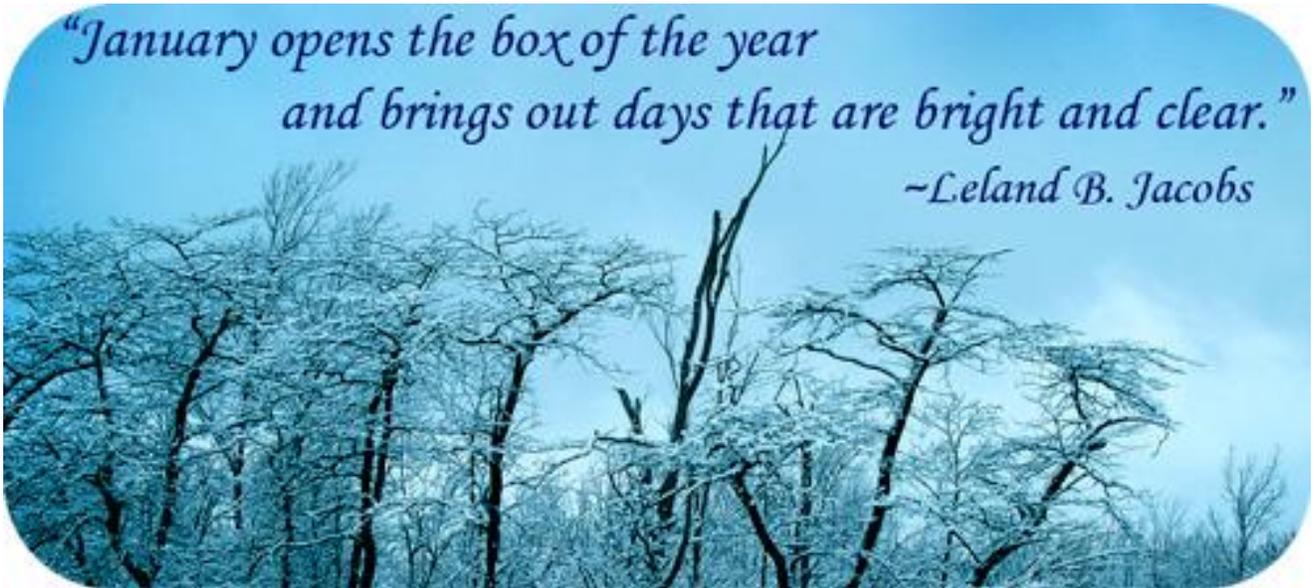


January 2014

Good News

Verse of the Month: *“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” ~ Ephesians 4:32*

*“January opens the box of the year
and brings out days that are bright and clear.”
~Leland B. Jacobs*



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Annual Meeting Will Be On Sunday, Jan. 26, 10am Service, Installation Of Officers, Lunch

Our annual meeting will begin after a single service at 10:00am. Reports will be reviewed and accepted. A Nominating Committee will be elected, and there will be time for old and new business.

A free pizza luncheon will follow in Madden Hall for all those in attendance.

Deadline For Annual Reports Is January 6

It takes a lot of work to compile an annual report. Please have them in the office by January 6. All committees, organizations, staff, and personnel need to submit a report.



Winter Closings

Church services will be cancelled if there is a snow emergency or the police have asked everyone to stay off the roads unless it is an emergency.

We do not post closings on radio or TV. We do, however, leave a message on the answering machine. If the standard message is playing you can assume services are on as usual. There have been Sundays when we cancelled breakfast and had one service at 10:00. You will have to check the answering service to be sure.

Also, we always need volunteers to shovel walks, etc. Call the pastor to offer your services.



Lions And Lambs

Lions and Lambs sends out a message of thanks and praise to Roger Wolcott for his time and talents in building our lovely cup cake Christmas tree. Both Gloria and I agree, "presentation, presentation, presentation". Thanks to all for your support. It's the most generous Christmas gift that we have been able to give Sister Jean's.

Our families will be meeting Sunday, January 5th, to discuss our plans to use our time and talents to serve the Lord in the upcoming year. We'll also be asking the church to ponder those same questions: A) What has the Lord Jesus given you this past year? and B) What will you give back to Him this year? We can't wait to share some of your answers. Please search your hearts so that you'll be ready to respond. Thank you and God Bless.

In His Service,
JoAnn Sabo

Pastor's Bible Study To Resume January 6

Want a great New Year's resolution? Come to Bible Study on Mondays at 1:30 pm. We are in John Chapter 3.

January 6 is the day of Epiphany. Come for an epiphany of your own in 2014.



Women's Circles

In January we will begin a new Bible study of the Old Testament book of Exodus. The book of Exodus begins with a people oppressed by slavery and concludes with a people delivered into freedom. In it, the two most defining events in Israel's history are recounted - Israel's escape from Egypt and Israel's covenant with God. The major "hero" of the book, Moses, moves from near death as an infant, to flight as a murderer, to life as an undocumented resident living among people not his own, to God's designated leader and interpreter - all in forty chapters. The book of Exodus is central to the faith of Israel and to Judaism, and is held in high esteem by Christians as well.

The **Ruth Circle** will meet at 1:00 p.m., Friday January 3rd, at the home of Betsy Cunius. The **Sarah Circle** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 8th, in Cobb Lounge. The **Martha Circle** will meet at the home of Carol Thomas at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 9th. All women of the church are encouraged to join us for study and fellowship at the circle that best meets your time schedule. You will be warmly welcomed.

On Wednesday, December 18th, Betty Lloyd, Mary Bew and Gerry delivered five bags of new winter wear to the Sovereign Avenue School in Atlantic City. The women of our Circles sent 68 pairs of socks, 45 hats, 55 pairs of gloves, 16 scarves, 12 hat & glove sets, 3 hat & scarf sets, 1 hat, scarf & glove set, and 1 hat & mitten set. Special thanks to Kris Jenoriki, Ethel Washington, and Laura May St. John for their home made hats and scarves.

Over the past few months, we have received the following thank you notes for the college boxes:

Dear Ladies of the Martha, Ruth and Sarah Circles of the Absecon Presbyterian Church. Thank you very much for the college care package. It was very thoughtful and I couldn't be more happy. Thanks again. P.S. All of the food is gone already. I had some and my brothers ate all the rest. Your friend, Chris (son of Dan & Barbara Hughes)

Dear Ladies, I wanted to send this card to thank you. I appreciate the care package you sent me and all the goodies in it. It definitely helped me out a lot when I was hungry. Thank you so much, Justin Lehman, (grandson of Jim Maurer)

Dear Ladies, Thank you for sending me the gift package while I was away at college. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you, Chris Jablonski (son of Terri Jablonski & grandson of George & Marge Chapman)

Dear Ladies, Thank you so much for my wonderful package! I got great use out of all of it (especially the brownies, they were delicious). I truly appreciate all of you taking time out of your lives to do something so kind and generous. Again, thank you! Jessica McGlynn (granddaughter of Loretta Metz)

Dear Ladies of Martha, Ruth & Sara Circles & Pastor Reedell, Thank you so much for the greatly appreciated goodies! I will savor and use all of the items. This was very thoughtful and generous of all of you to think of me! Thank you again for this wonderful gift! Sincerely, Kelsey Quattrochi (granddaughter of Bill & Ginny Davenport)

Dear Ladies, Thank you so much for everything. From Leah and Carol Dockery (granddaughters of Grace Gras)

Dear members of Absecon Presbyterian, Thank you so much for the box of goodies! Yours in Christ, Ashley Gras (granddaughter of Grace Gras)

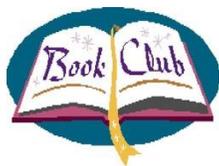
Dear Ladies of Absecon Presbyterian Women's Circles, Thank you so much for your generosity in the form of the care package! I really appreciate you all taking the time to put together all the snacks and goodies. My

roommate and I couldn't wait to dig into the brownies. (They're delicious!) Thank you and God Bless! Colleen Sheahan (granddaughter of Roger & Jinny Wolcott)

Dear Absecon Presbyterian Church, Thank you for the gift box full of goodies. It was very thoughtful and nice to send that out to me! May God bless your church! Your college student, Riley Joseph Wolcott (grandson of Roger & Jinny Wolcott)

Ladies of the Martha, Ruth & Sarah Circles, It is always a pleasant surprise to receive a care package when coming home from work and school. I am extremely thankful to get these packages as they remind me of home while I'm under pressure far away. Thank you again! Sincerely Paige Pfeiffer (granddaughter of Ron & Joyce Pfeiffer)

We also received verbal thank you from Jeremy Wong (son of Don & Debora Wong) while he was home for Christmas break.



Christian Readers Book Club

Please join the Christian Readers Book Club on Wednesday, January 15th, at 6:30pm in Cobb Lounge. We are reviewing the book "A Wish For Christmas" by Thomas Kincaid and Katherine Spencer. The book is about a wounded soldier returning home from war.

Staff To Meet January 14 At 7:00pm

If you work with church programs, plan on meeting in the chapel on Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00pm. We will talk about winter and Easter plans.



What a blessing to have our young people share their talents in December! The children presented their Christmas program, Libby Little gave us a beautiful rendition of "Carol of the Bells" on her xylophone, and Jackson Harvey played "Ode to Joy" and "O Come, All Ye Faithful" on his trumpet for Call to Worship. The children's Christmas Eve service was led by Tina Harvey and the adult service was directed by Harold Hawkes, "Lessons in Carols".

In January Lions and Lambs will prepare a Call to Worship and other students will share their talents. I have spoken to some parents who have children with musical ability. Please contact me so that I can schedule them to share their gift and service to the Lord. I am also looking for students who are interested in short dramas.

We are so thankful for Mr. and Mrs. Plum! Mrs. Plum gave free guitar lessons and Mr. Plum tuned the guitars. Thank you also to those who loaned guitars to the students. Our prayers continue for Mrs. Plum who is unable to continue the lessons. She provided music and information to the students so that they can continue to practice.

Scott Sabo and I will continue to share the responsibility of Jr. Sermon.

Anna Mae Werner, Worship and Program Director



Mission/Evangelism

Our committee would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

As always our warm hearted caring congregation provided many gifts for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree. Sonny and Carol's Suburban was loaded with gifts, and we loaded Leo's van with gifts. I counted seven bicycles! I am sure you made a lot of children very happy. Thank you for your caring contributions.

The Christmas Eve offering for relief of Philippines typhoon victims was \$1,607.00. Thank you!

We will begin collecting Health Kits this month. This project will run till March 30th. Last year you provided one hundred kits to be used in disaster areas.

Next month we will be doing clean up work and maintenance work at the Bakely House. Volunteers are needed. Please contact me if you would like to help. (Ph. #609/641-8035 or 609/338-8769)

This year we will focus on church growth. WE NEED TO GROW. If you have any thoughts on this, drop a note in the Mission/Evangelism mailbox in the office.

Thank you all.

God bless,
Russ Adkisson, Jr.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Request forms are being put in the pew racks and in the Narthex for you to use, they are not paper to jot a note on. If you have a need for family or friend, this information is needed to fill your request, please use the forms and put them in the offering plates or in the office. We can not share God's love for healing or faith without your participation. We meet most months and do our best to fill requests in a timely fashion. Please help us, help you share this wonderful ministry. We get so many beautiful Thank you notes from people sharing their experiences after receiving these gifts.

Thank you,
Loretta Metz



News from the Deacons January 2014

The Deacons are looking forward to an amazing New Year and wish to thank everyone for continuing to make our church a welcome place for all. The Deacons also wish to thank each and everyone who gave so generously during the past year. We had many needs and YOUR donations truly made a difference for many families.

The Community Food Bank was so grateful for our donation of 600 pounds of food (yay, that's 100 pounds more than last year) collected during the annual Harvest Home Collection. A special thank you to Mary Bew and Betty Lloyd for their donation in September that helped give us our grand total! Thank You to everyone who helped make this so successful!

Deacons also provided more than 50 goodie bags that were delivered during Christmas caroling. Thank you to Jo-ann Weller, Ginny and Bill Davenport and Gerry Reedell for putting all those bags together!

Next Deacons Meeting will be Saturday, February 15, 10 am in Cobb Lounge. We will welcome and install our new member Anita Brown, welcome Kris Jenoriki back for a second term, vote on officers and have our annual picture taken.

Wow! We have a so much to be grateful for as we enter the New Year. Deacons wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Holy New Year!

In Christian service and love,
Naida Burgess, Moderator
Kris Jenoriki, Vice Moderator

Stewardship Committee Report

OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER – 2014



As of December 18, we have received 61 pledge cards totaling \$114,986. Last year at this time we had received the same number – 61 – cards but totaling \$112,754. The year before that, we received 60 cards totaling \$114,466. So, essentially this seems to be the number we can expect. *If you have not yet returned your pledge card, there is no penalty. You are encouraged to submit one by placing it in the offering plate or by mailing it to the church office.*

Additional pledge cards as well Talent Bank Questionnaires are located in the Narthex in case you misplaced your copy.

By now, you should have picked up your box of envelopes from the mailbox outside Madden Hall.

The 2014 Operating Budget was approved by Session on December 3. A detailed copy will be in the Annual Report. One can also obtain a copy from the church office. Highlights of the 2014 budget is an overall increase from this year's \$225,721.00 to \$231,696.00. Since the 2012 budget, we have increased planned budgetary expenses by \$10,925. As I will detail in my last Annual Report message, this rise in expenses coupled with a trend of less giving will have implications for the future operation of our church.

The main causes of the \$5975 increase in the 2014 budget are a 2% raise granted to our employees and the replacement of the Christian Education Director with a Christian Education Coordinator and Worship & Program Director.

A Winter Fund raiser is being planned to refurbish the Manse. Details will be announced in January.

Statistical Report for November

Budget for 2013	\$225,721.00
Budgetary needs through November 24, 2013	\$204,017.13
Our giving though 11/24/13	\$157,648.52
Investment Income	\$ 23,012.60
Rental Income (net without the \$18,000 expense)	\$ 17,181.18
Amount <u>under</u> budget (without considering \$18,000 expense)	\$- 6,174.83
Amount <u>under</u> budget (with \$18,000 expense included)	\$- 24,174.83

Average weekly giving by month

January	\$4080.67	\$3257.33	July	\$2934.00	\$3085.94
February	\$3531.38	\$3384.29	August	\$2620.09	\$2851.41
March	\$3056.94	\$3326.92	September	\$2920.75	\$3384.49
April	\$2757.42	\$3527.09	October	\$2725.53	\$3507.46
May	\$3299.46	\$3271.90	November	\$2704.77	\$3872.57
June	\$2686.87	\$3403.33			

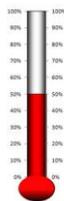
Gerald W. Hoenes
Stewardship Committee Chairperson

Thank You For December

December is truly a busy month, and we will certainly skip some of you, but here's our best shot:

- The dozen people who decorated the church for Christmas. The lights are still working.
- Libby's poem on Dec. 1 to call us to our Angel Tree project and Call To Worship on her xylophone on Dec. 15. Great work!
- Carol Kleiner for work on organizing and delivering Angel Tree presents.
- Louise Speitel and her committee for getting us off and running on our new picture directory.
- Everyone who went with us on one or more of our four Christmas caroling nights.
- Marge McGuigan for her work on the Evergreen's lunch at Smithville.
- Tina, Linda and helpers for a great job directing our children's Christmas program Dec. 8
- Tina, Linda and helpers for leading our Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm.
- Our pastor and parish associate for their many Christmas visits in December.

- Joanie for a great job organizing and executing our Christmas concert with the Hollands on Dec. 21.
- Harold Hawkes, Jan Cobb and all the singers and bell ringers for the special music and leadership on Christmas Eve.
- Vic Werner who managed to pull off a moving rendition of “O Holy Night” in spite of a malfunction with the sound equipment. Great job!
- Jack, Kendal & Aiden Cobb for their nativity portrayal on Christmas Eve.
- Gay Channell for many extra hours for PowerPoint, publications, extra bulletins, etc.
- All the special helpers who cook, serve breakfast, usher, teach, etc. It was a busy month.



Winter Fundraiser To Benefit Manse Renovations

There will be a winter fundraiser this winter and probably next winter as well.

The Cobbs have lived in the manse for 25 years, and they will be moving out later in 2014. The house should have major work before another minister can move in including new carpet everywhere, new vinyl floors, paint, new kitchen counters and cabinets, etc. The house also needs a new roof, fence, deck replacement, etc.

Most of this work will not be done until 2015, but some, like the outdoor work, will be done this summer while the Cobbs are still there.

While exact costs are uncertain, we estimate we will need \$40,000 to get the house in the condition we want it to be for a new pastor and his/her family.

We are proud of our manse, and we do not intend to offer our next minister a housing allowance option. But we also realize this manse needs work before a new minister will be happy to live there.

So please support this effort. Ministers make less money than other professionals who need a master’s degree, but they do expect to make it up with a good housing package.

We will be posting the thermometer chart in the sanctuary starting January 19. Please support this project. We want our next minister to be pleased to live in this beautiful house.

We need to hear from everyone by Feb. 28. Use the enclosed stamped envelope that will be mailed with the fundraiser letter, or place your gift in the offering plate in that envelope (unsealed) so it can be reused.

Please respond generously. Those of you who own a house know just how expensive these upgrades can be. We want our next minister to know we care.



Fellowship Committee

We had the pleasure of having the Holland family here on Dec 21st for our Christmas Concert. They were fantastic as always! Much thanks goes out to Joanie Hoenes for organizing this congregational event. Our next congregational concert will take place on May 3rd where we will hear the Gospel Choir sing. We will inform you of the details as they become available.

Our first soup sale of the year 2014 will be held on Jan 12th, between services. We are currently looking for volunteers to make soup, please contact Dawn Duran if you are able to help. There are containers available to put the soup in to sell. We will have another soup sale on Feb 9th and will need volunteers for that one as well.

The Second Monday Monthly Luncheon will be held on Jan 13th, and Brunch will be held on Jan 19th. Breakfast is served every Sunday except on Brunch Sundays at 8:45AM. Refreshment hour is between services every Sunday except for Brunch Sundays, and we are always in need of people to sign up to bring refreshments. Please check the vestibule for the various sign-up sheets.

Our next committee meeting will take place on Jan 28th at 7PM in Cobb Lounge. Please come if you are interested in serving on the Fellowship Committee.

In Christian Love and Fellowship,
Dawn Duran, Chairperson

Lunch Bunch To Travel To Romanelli's Garden Café On Jan. 8

Meet at the restaurant at noon or at the church at 11:45 (it's only a ten minute drive).

Romanelli's is at 279 South New York Road past Sea View Marriott but before Four Seasons.



Evergreens To Meet Wednesday, January 22

Evergreens will be held on Wednesday, January 22, at noon. Bring your favorite sandwich. Desert and beverage will be provided. Our theme will be on household safety, hints and general/health tips around the house. Come out for a happy time, and welcome our new leader, Fran Weir.

Ps: Bring your New Year resolutions!!

Men's Fellowship To Meet January 4

The Doug Jablonski Men's Fellowship will meet on Saturday, January 4, at 8:30 for breakfast and to discuss our upcoming Valentine's dinner on February 15.



Men's Group Annual Valentine's Event Saturday, Feb. 15, 6:00pm

The Sweetheart Dinner will be the day after Valentine's Day and will feature a choice of ham or chicken. The beneficiary this time will be the Atlantic City Rescue Mission. (Last time we raised \$450 for Sister Jean's Kitchen.)

Tickets are still \$15 each. You can bring a friend if you don't have a sweetheart.

Entertainment will be provided and is still being negotiated.



2014 Flower Chart

The 2014 Altar Flower chart is hanging in the vestibule. If you would like to donate flowers for any Sunday service please mark the chart to reserve your date and fill in a form which can be found to the chart. The cost of a single urn bouquet is \$55.00 which includes the delivery fee.

If you would prefer to place your own order (and arrange your own delivery) you are welcome to do so. Be sure to reserve your date on the chart and fill in the form with the information you would like in the bulletin.

Forms and payment (if applicable) are due in the church office no later than noon the Tuesday before your reserved date.



In Our Father's House

Anna M. Kleiner, 79, was Sonny Kleiner's sister. She was raised in Galloway way back when, and worked for Prudential Insurance in Linwood. She retired in Duluth, Minn. and returned here seven years ago to be near family. Our Christmas carolers sang to her on Dec. 6, just nine days before she died. Her services were in our church on Dec. 27 conducted by Rev. Julie Henry, a hospital chaplain and friend of the family. Much of Anna's art work, handwork, and quilts were on display.

Betty Jerue was baptized and joined our church in 1979. She served as a deacon for many years. She married Harold in 1991. The two were regulars at church activities, Evergreens, and worship. Harold died ten years ago and Betty has lived in the house alone since then. Harold's son Bob took care of the house. Betty lived independently and drove her car until the week before she died.

Betty was a regular in our church. Her close friends like Leslie Harvey knew they had a friend for life. Betty kept track of her friends, and truly cared about them. She liked to go out to eat after church, and she loved her church family. In many ways, we helped to keep Betty going after her brother, Richard, died. She cared about us, and we cared about her. Betty, the church will never be the same without you.

The family requests that memorial gifts be made to the church in her memory. A memorial service will be announced soon.

Helen Sarkis was a member of our church since 1994. She loved our church family and activities like strawberry festivals, Lunch Bunch, and trips. She grew up in Pleasantville near the current K-Mart. She worked in the meat department of Absecon ShopRite for 25 years.

Helen has been through a series of health setbacks in the last few years and has not been able to attend church, but her daughter Denise and husband Steve are regular attenders.

Helen's memorial service was at Adams Perfect on Dec. 30. Our prayers are with Denise and her three brothers, Donald, Glen and Allen.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"



We would like to take this time to thank each and every one of you for your cards, thoughts and prayers following the passing of Uncle George Channell and Aunt Esther Strenge.

It is truly a blessing to feel your comfort in our time of sorrow.

Gay & John Channell

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We wish to thank everyone for all the cards and expressions of sympathy at this sad time for us.

Sonny and Carol Kleiner

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Too few appreciate the value of a close supportive congregation. So many times over the past few years, when we've needed them, the church has been there ready to help in any way they can. Just knowing they are there is singular comfort especially to those of us who have had health problems. Marge and I thank all of you for all you have done. We especially wish to thank Dave and Gerry for their visits and the time they have spent helping us. It all makes us happy and willing to commit a small sin of pride in being a part of our membership.

Marge and Frank Loeb

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Thank you for the gift cards I received from the Cemetery Committee and the Trustees. They were very appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jack Heil

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It was a December evening when we heard a knock at the front door. When I opened the door a guy in a red coat and hat with a group of people came inside and began singing Christmas carols. It was Rev. Dave Cobb and his wonderful Christmas carolers.

Thanks so much!
Russ, Linda & Russ III

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This is to express my appreciation to the Trustees for the Christmas gift card. My shopping list of “Wants” seems to grow on a daily basis, and this will indeed come in handy!

Wishing everyone a blessed New Year!

Gay Channell

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Dear Friends,

I would like to say “Thank You” for all the goodies you send. Everything is so delicious I eat everything.

Sincerely,
Laura May St. John

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I would like to thank my church friends for my Christmas cards.

Jean Delesantro

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A great thank you to the deacons and the great group of carolers who brought good tidings of great joy with the music and the gift to our little house five miles away. It was a great treat to see and hear the many faces and voices.

Marjorie McGuigan & Norm Johnson

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The Cobbs would like to extend a hearty and sincere thanks for all the kindnesses and gifts extended to them this Christmas. The amount collected was over \$1,200, and the gifts from church members under their tree numbered in the dozens. Besides this, gift cards to restaurants and stores will result in more good times. Your cards, expressions of support, and helpfulness have made this truly a great Christmas season for us. We will never forget you. God bless you all.

Rev. & Mrs. Dave Cobb

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Church Directory Update

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Galloway, NJ 08205
610/570-3189

WANTED: YOUR PHOTO

(by *Lifetouch Photography*)

For the Church Picture Directory

This directory will contain as many family/ individual photos as possible.

Free Directory &

Free 8 x 10 color photo

To all who participate



Why should you participate?

The church reasoning: Every Sunday, someone is sitting across the church from you wondering what your name is. By placing your photo in this directory they will learn who you are. Likewise, you will learn who they are. Our church will become stronger and closer.

The financial reason:

- It's **FREE**. You only pay if you want to buy photos.
- It costs the church \$10 if a non-Lifetouch photo is used in the directory.
- There is 20% discount on photos purchased in February.

Your family's reason: How many years have past when you neglected to take that family photo you always wanted? We are giving you that push to do it this year. Commit now and sign up before you forget.

Signup will be starting in late December.

Check your calendars. Pick a date and time, and sign up between services. Or sign up on-line. There is a link to on-line sign-up on the first page of the church website: <http://www.abseconpresby.org>.

Friday	February 7	2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday	February 8	10:00 am -5:00 pm
Tuesday	February 18	2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Wednesday	February 19	2:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Group Photos And Military Portraits

Photos for the different church groups will be published in the new picture directory. Please either give me a group photo (paper or electronic) or call me to set up a time to take a photo of your church group. Photos are to be submitted during the month of February.

It is customary for our church to honor active members of the US military on special military pages in our church picture directory. If you have a family member, eg. spouse, sibling, child, grandchild, or great-

grandchild, currently in the military, please give me their picture to be included in the church picture directory military pages (free).

They need not attend our church. Indicate with your submission their full name, the military service, where are they currently stationed (City, State, Country), their relationship to you, your full name and phone number. Military service includes army, navy, air force and national guard. The submitted info will be printed under their portrait, as I have done it for past church picture directories.

It is preferable that they are in uniform, but it is not necessary. It's also preferable if the picture is recent, but is not necessary.

Place the portrait in the collection plate or send to the church office, addressed to me. Please provide it on or before February 1st. I will scan the photos submitted and return them to you. Feel free to call me if you have any questions at 412-5157.

Louise Speitel, Chair, 2014 Church Picture Directory

Join us as we
CONNECT
our families

Please be a part of our new family directory program—we need YOU to make our new family album complete!

Let's put names with faces. We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.

Convenient
Lifetouch will photograph at our location. In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?
Portraits are valued family keepsakes. Watch for more information coming soon about the opportunity to schedule your portrait session.

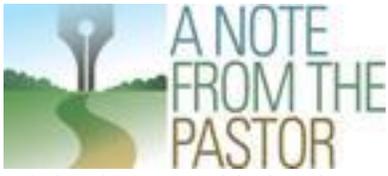
We look forward to seeing you!

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating

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Time To Dance In 2014

“Now his elder son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing... Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him... ‘We had to celebrate and rejoice because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’” ~ Luke 15:25, 28, 32

As the holiday period nears an end I’m almost as overwhelmed at the prospect of taking down the Christmas decorations as I was a month ago when I put them all up. Only this year I didn’t put them all up myself. At our family Thanksgiving my son-in-law Frank offered to add to what I normally do by putting up a twenty foot tree of lights, two additional tree configurations, and lights in the existing trees. I readily agreed without checking out the lights he had put on his own house ([see it on YouTube](#)), but what could a few extra lights do? Really.

Well, cars still slow down and take notice. But not so much at the lights but at the music and the dance. That’s right, Frank installed a computer that plays Christmas music and makes the lights in the yard pulsate and dance to the music. It’s a whole new ball game. The lights don’t just shine, but they take on a life of their own. They’ve got rhythm. They’ve got personality. They project energy that puts you in the holiday spirit.

But not all the lights are into the dance. The little lights on the roof line, the icicle lights on the gutters, and the spotlights were put up by me. I’m not into dancing. Those lights are on a timer that turns them on at 5 and off at 11 when I go to bed. They look nice, but that’s all they do. Every year I put them up the same way.

By the time you read this we will be into 2014. Some of us do little more than change calendars on Jan. 1, but I wonder “What newness does God have in store for us in a new year?” “Do we even want the new?” “As a church do we ever do anything more than turn off the lights and go to bed?”

God is calling us out of our winter cocoons into a new phase of His Kingdom. Business as usual will mean the world will continue to drive by and not notice us. We need energy. We need to pulsate. We need to hear the music. We need to dance. And dance in a way that calls others to dance with us. And we need to dance with them.

The light we have needs to reveal the God who gave us abundant life. That may not sound easy, but we already got this light on Christmas. Now we need to plug in the computer. And may we dance in a way that projects a spiritual life the world will be drawn to.

Welcome to the party of 2014. Now let’s dance.

- Dave

Lay Assistants

- 5 9:30 Russ Adkisson
11:00 Priscilla Schultheis
- 12 9:30 Kirk Conover
11:00 Vic Abelson
- 19 9:30
11:15
- 26 10:00 Scott Sabo

Head Ushers

- 5 9:30 Vic & Rita Abelson
11:00 Jean Delesantro, Tina Brown
- 12 9:30 Elaine Risley, Carol Thomas
11:00 Cheryl Hawkes, Tina Brown
- 19 9:30 Bob & Barbara Hudak
11:15 Joanna Howell, Nancy Swank
- 26 10:00 Ron & Joyce Pfeiffer

Collection (9:30)

- 5 Ilsa Smith, Irene Hunter
- 12 Edith Budd, Bob Wilkenloh
- 19 Jinny Wolcott, Marjorie McGuigan
- 26 (10am) Ginny Davenport, Joan Nale

Deacons for the Month

- 1st Svc Carol Jorgensen
- 2nd Svc Mary Bew

Acolyte

- 5
- 12
- 19
- 26 (10am)

Nursery

- 5 Alice Malfi
- 12 Fran Tanner
- 19 Jennifer Platt
- 26 Gloria Achamizo

Van Drivers

- 5 John Channell
- 12 Barb Hughes
- 19 Tina Brown
- 26 Vic Abelson

Refreshment Hosts

- 5 Ginni Stadler
- 12
- 19 Join us for Brunch!
- 26 (10am)

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

- 5 Set-up – Libby Little
Cook – Ed Little
Clean-up – Richard & Doris Wood
- 12 Set-up – Kris Jenoriki
Cook – John Channell
Clean-up – Ginny & Bill Davenport
- 19 No Breakfast; Join us for Brunch!
- 26 Set-up – Jordan & Christian Hawkes
Cook – Bryan Hawkes
Clean-up – Olga Davies, Jean Delesantro

