
“On the following day, Sunday, February 13, 1859, the Presbyterian Church at Absecon was formally organized. Mr. (*Allen H.*) Brown preached, George W. Scott was ordained and installed as Ruling Elder. Felix Leeds, having recently moved to Absecon from Leeds Point, was installed as Deacon. The following were the charter members: George W. Scott and his wife Frances, Felix Leeds and his wife Eunice, Rebecca W. Doughty and Hannah H. Doughty, daughters of Enoch Doughty, Mrs. Janet Farish, John Weber and the Rev. Miles J. Merwin. Mr. Merwin seems to have been appointed as stated supply and moderator at this time.” ~ *from Along Absecon Creek (pg.195) by Sarah W.R. Ewing and Robert McMullin*

Services were held in rented halls and in the Absecon Academy school building built by Presbyterians in 1856 on land that is now part of our cemetery. It would be 6 years before the cornerstone of our sanctuary was laid and another 2 years before the building was dedicated - proof once again that the Church is not the building but is formed by a group of believers.

Happy Anniversary, Church!

Join us this Sunday at **9:30 or 11:15!** We welcome our own Bob Gillis to the pulpit. Bob’s sermon is titled “Finding A Name” from [Genesis 32:22-27](#) and [John 21:15-22](#).

Nicole and Sarah will be proving special music.

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Join us for brunch between services on Sunday!

Sunday Brunch Menu

Waffles made to order

Eggs Benedict -- Ed Little

Pork Roll

Broccoli Soup -- Brian Hawkes

Penne Pasta Alfredo with Ham and Peas -- Leo Ransone

Flounder with Crabmeat -- Leo Ransone

Green Beans with Vinaigrette -- Denise Lenz

Sautéed Sweet Potato -- Donna Hughes

Baked Carrots -- Denise Lenz

Assorted Desserts

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The church office will be closed Monday in observance of President's Day.

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We're half way through our Winter Fundraising effort for manse renovations. As of last Sunday our total is \$14,310! Can we blow the top off that thermometer?

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Ash Wednesday is this week, and our Lenten ecumenical services begin with the Unity Dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 25. See the insert for service information and Joan Nale for reservations. The Lenten Lunch services begin at Noon each Wednesday; schedule is as follows:

- March 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- March 11: St. Mark & All Saints Episcopal
- March 18: Absecon Presbyterian
- March 25: Reformation Lutheran

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DVDs on Sale Between Services

- 1) A video DVD of Pastor Cobb's Retirement Luncheon Program and his last sermon, the last choir and bell choir, and The Angel Gabriel's parting words. This can be played on a DVD player.
- 2) A picture DVD of The 34 years in pictures slideshow. The photos include all photos in the 225-page photo book presented to him at his retirement luncheon. The picture DVD also includes table picture taken at the retirement luncheon and selected text of his accomplishments during his 34-year pastorate.

The photo book of Pastor Cobb's 34-year pastorate will be on display in Madden Hall between Services.

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Ken Marshall will be showing the final set of his slides to China and South East Asia at our noon luncheon on Wed, February 25th. Save the date as you don't want to miss this.

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Remember, Deadlines are Important!

“Good Morning” (Sunday bulletin announcements) – Noon Wednesday

“The Presby Post” (Friday email) – Noon Thursday

“Good News” (monthly newsletter) – 9:00 a.m. on the 20th of the month **(that’s next Friday!)**

All articles are to be **in writing** and submitted to the office (email preferred) by the due date. Please keep in mind it may be necessary to edit articles due to space limitations in our printed publications.

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!!!PENNIES FOR PINS!!! A Sunday School Mission for ALL!!!

Save the Date: Sun, Mar 8th, 11:30- 2:00PM

By March 1st, WE NEED

- **BOWLERS** - \$8 per bowler, unless you bring a guest
- **GUEST BOWLERS** - \$7 each for you and an “*outside*” friend
- **SPONSORS** - \$5 to co-sponsor, \$10 to sponsor a Team
- **DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS** (gift cards, “re-gifts”, knitted scarves)

Please see JoAnn Sabo in Madden Hall Today during Coffee hour, or call me @ 804-9431.

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Sunday Servants

Lay Assistants

9:30 David Burgess

11:15 Linda Gillis

Deacons Guest Book

9:30 Mae Sterling

11:15

Head Ushers

9:30 Barbara & Bob Hudak

11:15 Betty Lloyd, Mary Bew

Acolyte

9:30 Terri Villegas

Collection

9:30 Edith Budd, Ginny Davenport

Nursery

9:30 Jennifer Platt

Refreshments

Join us for brunch!

Van Driver

Tina Brown

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

No Breakfast

Please Remember in Prayer

Jim Maurer
Nelson Haws

This Week in Our Church . . .

Sunday

9:30 Sunday School & Worship
10:30 Brunch
11:15 Worship

Monday *Presidents' Day*

Office Closed
7:00 Session Meeting for Interim Interview Planning

Tuesday

7:00 Christian Education

Wednesday *Ash Wednesday*

Thursday

Noon Serve at Sister Jean's
6:30 Handbell Rehearsal
7:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday

Good News Deadline

Saturday