

Please join us at 9:30 or 11:00 as we gather at our Lord's Table this Sunday. Pastor's sermon is titled "An Old Story that Bears Repeating" from [Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32](#).

***Pastor Tom is in the office Tuesday through Friday. If you need to get in touch with him at any other time, he can be reached at 856/935-9140 (home), 609/970-0865 (cell) or by email at [tpurchasesnj@comcast.net](mailto:tpurchasesnj@comcast.net); (fax 856/935-9145).***

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March 13 is our Easter play, lunch and egg hunt. A continental breakfast will be served and worship begins at 10:00. Lunch is pot-luck so bring your favorite dish to share. Check with Tina Harvey if you are able to help in any way. (Daylight Savings Time begins that day so remember to turn your clocks ahead!)

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Daytime adult Bible Study will explore the events of Holy Week beginning on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March at 1:30PM and continuing on Tuesday of Holy Week. Study for the 8<sup>th</sup> of March is cancelled due to a conflict with the Interim Pastors' Consortium.

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The Wednesday evening study will continue on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March at 7:00PM at the manse.

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Wednesday noon Lenten worship and lunch continues on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March at St. Mark and All Saints Episcopal Church.

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Next Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, the printed tickets for our April 16<sup>th</sup> ham dinner and Bryan Popin concert will be available - \$15/adults-\$5 12 and under. Requests for church seats and 5p or 6p dinner seating have been welcome anytime. See Joanie (641-1839). Planned by your Fellowship Committee, Dawn Duran, Chair. (Details in the Good News and on posters.)

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Our Winter Fundraiser total as of last Sunday is \$2,500. It's not too late to donate to this much needed nursery windows replacement project! The estimated cost is \$10,000. Please mark your donation "Winter Fundraiser".

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Thank you to everyone who donated extra canned goods and nonperishable items this past month. The Community Food Bank was delighted to see Naida deliver the food each week, saying how the shelves are often very empty this time of year. Perhaps we can keep up the steady stream of canned goods throughout the year even if we aren't voting for our favorite Bible verses. We will do this again next year so as you read the Bible be on the lookout for your new favorites. Here are the results of the contest.

- 1st Place - John 14:5-6
- 2nd Place - Matthew 25:35-40
- 3rd Place - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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**PENNIES FOR PINS - BOWLING SUNDAY FROM 1-3 PM  
@ The Strike Zone**

- > Located in Egg Harbor City on the White Horse Pike
- > Cost \$8 per bowler for a lane of 5 bowlers or more  
\$10 per bowler for a lane of 4 bowlers  
*(Please pay JoAnn at end of the event by 3 PM - Thank you!)*
- > See Priscilla for a ride in the church van

**"THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION" PRIZES IN MADDEN HALL  
TODAY & NEXT WEEK**

~~~~~\$1/1 ticket~~~\$5/10 tickets~~~\$10/30 tickets~~~~~

\*\*Winners will be drawn during the luncheon on March 13th\*\*

**Profits fund Sunday School mission project for Emergency Hygiene kits**  
**\*\*ALL OTHER HYGIENE KITS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD\*\***

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**United Methodist Church**  
**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

in the Great Hall

Monday, March 14

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Make your appointment by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use Sponsor Code: UMCAbsecon or call Donna Hill directly at 609-335-7109.

For information about donor eligibility guidelines, including tips for before and after donating, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

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The Ocean Heights Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a chartered bus day trip on Tuesday, March 15, to the Biggs Museum of American Art in Dover, Delaware for the Saint John's Bible Exhibition. There will be a docent-led tour of original vellum pages of The Saint John's Bible. The cost is \$85.00 (including lunch). To sign up, or for questions, call Alice at 609/927-9549. Deadline for reservations is March 08.

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Absecon's 9-11 Memorial Committee is sponsoring a trip to Philadelphia on Sunday, May 1, 2016. Bus leaves the American Legion Post 28 at 10:15AM and returns at 6:00PM. The trip includes a 2 hour cruise on the Spirit of Philadelphia, brunch and a visit to the Camden Aquarium. Cost is \$130 all inclusive. RSVP Terry Iaconelli (609/383-1010) by March 28.

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**Sunday Servants**

Lay Assistants

9:30 David Burgess  
11:00 Anna Mae Werner

Head Ushers

9:30 Vic & Rita Abelson  
11:00 Betty Price, Tina Brown

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9:30 Franklin Nale

Offering

9:30 Joan Nale, Franklin Nale

Nursery

9:30 Jordan Hawkes

Deacons Guest Book

Anita Brown

Refreshments

Jessica Carangi, Cheryl Hawkes

Van Driver

John Channell

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

Set-up –

Cook –

Clean-up –

**Please Remember in Prayer**

Grace Gras & Family

Virginia Loeb

Robin McBrearty

Rev. Kate Killebrew

Gus & Doris Steele

Elizabeth Brittlund

Bob & Irene Hunter

Susan Little

JoAnne Morgan

Mae Sterling

Lucy Croneberger

Denise Lenz & Child

Joanna Howell

Ruth Carmen

Bill Davenport

Essie Newell

Rose Scott

Josh Howling

**This Week in Our Church . . .**

Sunday

8:45 Breakfast

9:30 Sunday School & Worship

10:30 Refreshments

11:00 Worship

1:00 “Pennies for Pins” at Strike Zone

Monday

Tuesday

4:00 King of Kings

Wednesday

12:00 Lenten Lunch, St. Mark & All Saints Episcopal  
7:00 Bible Study at the manse

Thursday

9:00 PB & J  
10:00 Martha Circle at Carol Thomas'  
6:30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday

1:00 Ruth Circle at Betsy Cunius' (postponed from last week)

Saturday