

Please join us in worship this Sunday at 10:00 (hymn sing at 9:45). Pastor's sermon is titled "A Pattern of Prayer" or "Why Did Jesus Teach Us to Pray This Way?" from [Luke 11: 1-13](#).

*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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Our Camp Johnsonburg Day Camp is coming up (Aug. 1-5), and it promises to be an exciting week! We have about 40 kids registered from our church and the community. Camp Johnsonburg is sending 3 staff members to run the program. We are mostly ready to go, but we could use some help to complete our check list:

1. One more host is needed to invite the 3 staff members to dinner one evening during their stay.
2. We need to borrow one more twin size air mattress for staff use from July 31 – Aug. 5.

If you can help us cross either item off our list please contact Priscilla.

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The Sunday School is sponsoring a pool party (open to all) on **Friday, July 29**, 4:30-7:30 at the Galloway Swim Club. Cost is \$3 per person in advance or \$5 at the door. Please bring a dish to share. Sign up in the vestibule - All are welcome!

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The Fellowship Committee is hosting a retirement party for Harold Hawkes after worship on July 31. All are welcome to attend; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. (Fellowship Committee will meet following lunch.)

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Sister Jean's Kitchen staff and volunteers are currently serving lunch to over 300 needy women, men and children. The manager, Frank, thanked us for bringing peanut butter

and jelly sandwiches every second Thursday – these are given to our diners to use for their suppers.

Currently, the Kitchen is in need of *dinner-size plates, forks and plastic tumblers* – all **dishwasher** safe (no plastic or paper goods, please). There are two luncheon settings – 12:30 and 1:15; and very often, we are waiting for the dishwasher to finish its cycle so that we can either finish setting the tables or serving the hungry.

Many of us have Spring fever and are ready to purge our closets, attics and basements of no longer used kitchen items, among other goodies. If you see any plates or forks or plastic tumblers and would like to donate them, we have a very needy home.

There will be a table in Madden Hall, where we will collect your donated items. Those of us that volunteer at Sister Jean’s are very thankful for whatever you may be able to give.

**Our PB&J sandwich builders are in need of donations of JAM. If you are able to help, please leave your donations in the kitchen marked for Sister Jean’s. Thanks!**

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The annual FUNdraiser bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster will be on Columbus Day, Monday October 10. There is a new show this year – “Samson”, the original superhero! The itinerary, as in years past, will include a stop at Kitchen Kettle Village on the way, and family-style dinner after the show at Dutch Way Restaurant. Tickets are available now and cost \$120 for adults, \$100 for teens and \$80 for kids.

**The Early Bird discount for tickets to the church bus trip to see “Samson” will expire on July 31, and any remaining tickets will be made available to the public. If you want tickets for this great day of fun and fellowship (and food), see Scott or Dawn by Sunday, July 31.**

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Our Annual Church Picnic at the Lake will be 12 noon August 14th at the Egg Harbor City Lake and Campground. The cost is \$4 for adults; children are being paid for by the Fellowship Committee. Please bring a dish to share, and sign up in the vestibule so that we have an accurate head count.

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## Annual Dinner and Cruise Evening

July 27, 2016

We will eat in Gardner's Basin at Scales Grill and Deck Bar at 5:30 pm. There is a "make your own" taco bar (beef, chicken, fish, etc.), vegetables, fruit, soft beverages, dessert and coffee.

There is a cash bar on the dock where we eat.

We will board the AC Cruises boat at 7:00 pm and cruise to enjoy the scenery and sunset then return to the dock at 9:00 pm.

Please sign up on the bulletin board and leave your check in the Church office. I need to guarantee the # of persons attending. Friends and family are also invited.

The cost is \$35.00 per person and checks should be made out to Absecon Presbyterian Church with a notation "dinner cruise" at the bottom.

Any questions?

Call Gayle Ackerman 652-1028 (Fellowship Committee)

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**I'm riding in this year's MS150 City to Shore, and would love your support in my fundraising efforts!**

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Symptoms range from blurred vision, loss of balance, poor coordination, slurred speech, tremors, numbness, extreme fatigue, problems with memory and concentration, paralysis, blindness and more. MS is different for everyone, and that makes it all the more challenging to solve.

Believe it or not, pedaling a bike could be the answer to a world free of MS. Mile by mile, dollar by dollar, Bike MS provides much needed funding not only to research, but to ensuring people affected by MS can live their best lives. I just signed up for this year's ride and I'd really appreciate your support in my fundraising efforts.

Your tax-deductible contribution will help the National MS Society fund groundbreaking research and life-changing programs for people living with MS. And ultimately, end MS forever.

Thank you so much!

Robert Mellon

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### **Sunday Servants**

#### Head Ushers

Betty Price, Tina Brown

#### Lay Assistant

David Burgess

#### Offering

Ilsa Smith, Naida Burgess

#### Nursery

Jennifer Platt

#### 40 Minute Club

Tina Harvey, Jackson Harvey

#### Deacon of the Month

Loretta Metz

#### Van Driver

Vic Abelson

#### Refreshments

Cindy Greenlee, Karen & Ed Little

### **Please Remember in Prayer**

People of South Sudan, Janet Gee, Patti Morris, Jo-ann Weller, Jordan Torjussen, Dottie McCaffrey, Grace Gras, Bob & Irene Hunter, Joanna Howell, Virginia Loeb, Susan Little, Ruth Carmen, Robin McBrearty, Chuck Inman-Sergott, Rose Scott, Essie Newell, Rev. Kate Killebrew, Lucy Croneberger, Betsy Cunius, Rev. Israel Suppogu, Kayla Storr, Wilkenloh, Pulse & St. John Families, Conflict and unrest around the world

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

Sunday

- 9:00 40 Minute Club
- 9:45 Hymn Sing
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:15 Refreshments

Wednesday

- 5:30 Dinner Cruise