

Please join us in worship this Sunday at 10:00 (hymn sing at 9:45). Pastor's sermon is titled "Striving and Paying Attention" from [Luke 12: 32-40](#).

Ms. Sharon Neff will be providing special music during worship. Sharon is no stranger to many of us, and we always enjoy hearing her sing. Many thanks to Anna Mae Werner who has graciously agreed to fill in at the organ as needed during the month of August.

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; (fax 856/935-9145).

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The Deacons greatly appreciate the monetary support which our church family members contribute to continue the work which we are dedicated to provide. Envelopes can be found in the church pews racks every Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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A memorial service for Grace Gras will be held in our sanctuary shortly after our worship service. Our thoughts and prayers go with the family.

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The van leaves our parking lot at 5:45 Sunday evening for the Ocean City Tabernacle. Featured will be American gospel singer and songwriter, Larnelle Harris. All are welcome!

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Sandi Patti will be performing at the Tabernacle on August 21. This event requires advance tickets (\$15). Priscilla will be purchasing tickets for those of our church family wishing to attend. Payment is due Sunday so be sure to see Priscilla.

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Reminder - Beginning Sunday, August 14, Joanie will have tickets available for our Congregational Event on Friday, Sept. 16th, 2016 - Chicken Pot Pie Dinner by Nancy

and Greg Buchanan harp concert, planned by your Fellowship Committee (Dawn Duran, chair). \$15/adults, \$5/18 & under and all students. Many have already requested dinner times & church seats which has been very helpful...cash preferred. (Details on church posters and in Good News.)

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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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Our Sunday School sponsored pool party at the Galloway Swim Club has been moved to **Tuesday, August 16**, 4:30-7:30. 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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Tickets are still available for our annual FUNdraiser bus trip Lancaster on Monday October 10. The itinerary includes a stop at Kitchen Kettle Village, Sight & Sound to see "Samson" and family-style dinner after the show at Dutch Way Restaurant. Tickets cost \$120 for adults, \$100 for teens and \$80 for kids. See Scott, Dawn or Linda for your tickets now.

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Sister Jean's Kitchen staff and volunteers are currently serving lunch to over 300 needy women, men and children. Seatings are at 12:30 and 1:15, and servers must often wait for the dishwasher to finish its cycle before setting up for the 2nd seating. Donations of dishwasher safe ***dinner plates, forks and plastic tumblers*** are needed (no plastic or paper goods, please). There is a table in Madden Hall if you are able to supply any of these items. Our volunteers thank you for whatever you may be able to give.

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The Mission Study Team is nearing the end of its work; however, we need input from you, the congregation, before completing our report. When you completed the survey on April 10, section seven dealt with your views on Church Leadership. It was here

that you gave your opinion on what qualities we should seek in a new pastor. The Mission Study Team has reviewed your collective responses and prepared a list. We want to present this to you for further comment and clarification. Secondly, we need to identify the "Core Values of our Congregation". The Team has also developed a list for you to review and comment on.

To get your input, we will have a gathering in Madden Hall after one of the Sunday services in August. There will be a luncheon as you sit around the round tables and engage in providing opinions and suggestions about these two issues. We want to have as many members of the congregation as possible staying for this very important event. The date of this event will be announced as soon as we get confirmation. This should not be a long meeting. Once this is completed, the Team will finalize its Report and send it to Session for their review and approval.

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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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Community News:

Southern B-B-Q

Saturday, August 20, 4-7 pm
Absecon Methodist Church
100 Pitney Road

Pulled Pork Dinner

with all the fixins!

Eat In or Take Out
Adults \$12 ~ Children \$7

Need tickets? Call Debby Bailey at 609-442-2155.

Proceeds support Missions team.

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Sunday Servants

Head Ushers

Vic & Rita Abelson

Lay Assistant

David Burgess

Offering

Joan Nale, Franklin Nale

Nursery

Gloria Achamizo

40 Minute Club

Priscilla Schultheis, Maryiam Bhatti

Deacons of the Month

Laurie McManus

Van Driver

John Channell

Refreshments

Laurie & Jim McManus, Mae Sterling

Please Remember in Prayer

Stan Weir

Janet Gee

Patti Morris

Jordan Torjussen

Dottie McCaffrey

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

Gras, Wilkenloh, Pulse & St. John Families

People of South Sudan

City of Fort Myers, FLA

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

11:30 Memorial Service for Grace Gras

Thursday

9:00 PB & J

6:30 Mission Study Committee

Saturday

9:30 Mission/Evangelism Committee meeting