

Please join us in worship this Sunday at 10:00 (hymn sing at 9:45). Pastor's sermon is titled "Was Jesus a Pyromaniac?" from [Luke 12: 49-56](#).

Our guests this week are no strangers to our church. The Hollands have led worship services, provided special music and have been featured in our congregational events over the years. We always look forward to their inspirational visits.

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The Mission Study Team will hold a meeting of the congregation in Madden Hall after Sunday morning services on August 21. To complete our report we need your input on two important issues: What are the Core Values of our Congregation? and What qualities should be listed in the job description for a new pastor? The Team has developed a list of Core Values from its research for you to review. We seek your comments as to whether you agree or disagree. We also seek any additional values you feel should be considered. Secondly, we have researched what other churches list as qualities sought in a pastor and we have analyzed your collective responses given in the April 10 survey. We will present this data for your review and comment at the August 21 meeting. **Both issues are critical for the future of our church. We strongly encourage your attendance at this meeting.**

Because a trip is planned for the Cape May Zoo that afternoon, we are seeking approval from Session to craft the Sunday Service so it ends at 10:50 and we can proceed immediately to Madden Hall for the meeting. This will allow anyone going on the Zoo trip to attend the meeting. *Food is always important to us, so immediately following our meeting we will sponsor a luncheon in consideration of your time and attention to this important matter.* We do not expect the meeting to be too long.

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Our Annual Church Picnic will begin at 12 noon Sunday 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.

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The van leaves our parking lot at 5:45pm Sunday for the Ocean City Tabernacle. Featured during the evening service will be John Taylor who has performed in our worship services and congregational events many times. All are welcome!

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Now Available – See Joanie for your Congregational Event tickets for 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 Sunday School sponsored pool party at the Galloway Swim Club will be 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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The administrative assistant will be out of the office next Friday, August 19. All information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin, announcements and Friday email must be received by Wednesday morning.

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The September Good News deadline is Saturday, August 20th. 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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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 soon!

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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 is 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.

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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

Elaine Risley, Carol Thomas

Lay Assistant

David Burgess

Offering

Jack & Dee Heil

Nursery

Jennifer Platt

40 Minute Club

Deacons of the Month

Laurie McManus

Van Driver

Refreshments

Barb Hughes

Jackie & Ester Bhatti, Tina Harvey

Please Remember in Prayer

Cathy Guenther

Doris Wood

Gus & Doris Steel

Stan Weir

Janet Gee

Patti Morris

Jordan Torjussen

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

Gillis, Gras, Wilkenloh, Pulse & St. John Families

People of South Sudan

Pastor Udo, his Churches & all Christians in Nigeria

Christians in Pakistan & the Middle East

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

Director of Music Search Committee, lounge

12:00 Church Picnic, Egg Harbor City Lake

5:45 Van to Ocean City Tabernacle

Monday

Tuesday

4:30 Pool Party, Galloway Swim Club

Wednesday

A.M. Deadline for weekend publications

Thursday

Friday

Saturday ***Good News Deadline***