

Come join us as we gather in worship on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Pastor's sermon is titled "That Which Was Lost Is Found, Why Are You Not Rejoicing?" from [Luke 15: 1-10](#).

This is Rally Day and the first Sunday back on regular schedule.

Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School from 9:00 - 9:40 a.m.

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

**There are Sunday School classes for all ages.** The adult class led by the Werners will begin Sept. 25. Until then, class members are welcome to join in with Pastor Tom's class in the chapel.

*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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Please welcome Mr. Rick DeKarski to our organ console.

We thank Anna Mae Werner for giving back to the Lord by filling in at the organ for 5 weeks.

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Sunday is our Cents-Ability offering. Please use the lunch containers at the entrances to the sanctuary for your donations.

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**Last Call for Tickets** 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. ***Very few tickets remain*** so Sunday is your last chance to see Scott, Dawn or Linda for your tickets!

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Christian Readers will meet at 6:30 on Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the lounge (note the date change). The group will be discussing “Choir of Angels” by Debbie Macomber. All are welcome.

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**Evening Adult Bible Study** will begin the fall term on 14 September 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the manse. This fall we will study the Gospel of Luke.

**Daytime Adult Bible Study** will begin its fall term on 20 September 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the lounge. The subject will be the commandments.

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Next Friday, Sept. 16, we will welcome Greg Buchanan in his unique Harp Concert preceded by Nancy’s “Down-Home” Chicken Pot Pie Dinner. Please call Joanie at 641-1839 ASAP if you must cancel. (We are 96% full – “Last Minute” seating is often available!) Many new people are attending including 17 members of Grace Gras’ family as we dedicate the evening to our Lord in Grace’s name. Thank you for your continued support of our 26 year long Christian Concert Series!

TGBTG – Dawn Duran, Fellowship Chair.

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**Frank, the Chef and Manager at Sister Jean’s**, sends his thanks for the donations of plates, forks and plastic tumblers (*all dishwasher safe*) that we delivered this summer. Every weekday from noon until two, the staff and volunteers are feeding approximately 500 needy women, men and children (an increase of approximately 17% since June).

If you have dinner plates, forks and plastic tumblers (all dishwasher safe) to donate, please leave them in the designated boxes in Madden Hall, and the volunteers will make certain they are delivered to Frank and his staff.

Again thanks so very much for all your gifts, which are very much appreciated and needed.

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## Session Spotlight

- The Mission Study report has been approved with some minor editing and will be sent to West Jersey Presbytery for approval
- Our Nominating Committee is currently looking for one elder to fill the unexpired term of Dennis Scardilli and will soon begin looking for new officers for next year. Please prayerfully consider if you are called.
- Our community outreach events, Camp Jo-burg & Fun Day, were both highly successful.
- Several session members will be attending a boundary training sponsored by our presbytery. This event is open to all church members. Call the office if interested.

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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**

### **Absecon 9-11 Memorial Dedication**

Absecon's 16 foot beam from the 39th floor of the South Tower of the World Trade is the centerpiece of the Absecon 9-11 Memorial on Mill Road. The Memorial is complete and the Dedication Ceremony is set for Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 2 p.m. rain or shine. Bring your own chairs - just like we do for Absecon's evening concerts in the park.

Questions - call Lynn Caterson at 272-1469.

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**Absecon American Legion Post 28** will host its annual Family Friendly Beef and Beer on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00PM.

The family friendly event will be held on the Legion Grounds at Mill and New Jersey Avenues. Cost is \$15.00 Adults, \$7:00 Children which includes dinner, desert and a beverage.

**Children's tickets include Free Pony Rides Face Painting, games and a Bounce House.**

Proceeds from the event help sponsor community and youth activities. In case of inclement weather the event will be moved to the Legion hall.

Please contact Rick Williams 646-6090 for tickets.

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**AtlantiCare Hospice and Palliative Care** is again offering a "Coping with Loss" support group for those grieving the death of a loved one at two different locations.

Sept. 20 – Oct. 25  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Ranere House  
219 N White Horse Pike  
Hammonton  
(This site is not handicapped accessible)

Sept. 28 – Nov. 2  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: AtlantiCare Mainland Campus  
Treehouse meeting room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
65 W Jimmie Leeds Road  
Pomona

Topics include:

Understanding Loss and Grief	Factors that Influence Grief
Challenges of Grief	Resources for Coping with Grief
Picking Up the Pieces	Remembering and Moving On

For additional information call Barbara Edelhauser at 609/407-2020.

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**AtlantiCare Hospice** is having a Hospice Volunteer Training Saturday, October 1, 2016 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers visit patients who live in the vicinity of the volunteer's home or place of work. Time commitment is once a week for a few hours to provide companionship to patient/caregiver, or to stay with the patient to allow the caregiver respite. Visits are scheduled by the volunteer to accommodate the volunteer's schedule. AtlantiCare Hospice provides excellent end-of-life care and a volunteer is an important part of our team.

The training will be held at the hospice office in the Airport Commerce Center, 6550 Delilah Road, Suite 210, Egg Harbor Township.

To register or for more information, please call Kathleen Donadio or Maureen Hope in the Volunteer office at 609-407-2002.

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### **Sunday Servants**

#### Lay Assistant

David Burgess

#### Head Ushers

Naida Burgess, Tina Brown

#### Acolyte

Jack Little

#### Offering

Roy Birkbeck, Greg Hamaty

#### Nursery

Jordan Hawkes

#### Deacons Guest Book

Mae Sterling

#### Refreshments

Louise Lifka, Ron & Joyce Pfeiffer

#### Van Driver

Tina Brown

#### Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

Set-up – Kris Jenoriki

Cook – John Channell

Clean-up – Vic & Rita Abelson

### **Please Remember in Prayer**

Dottie Hanlon

Fran McManus

Dirk Williamson

Cathy Guenther

Gus & Doris Steel

Stan Weir

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

Kayla Storr

Hoesten, Ryan, Gillis, Gras, & St. John Families

Christians in Pakistan & the Middle East, People of South Sudan,

Pastor Udo, his Churches & all Christians in Nigeria

Conflict and unrest around the world

## This Week in Our Church . . .

### Sunday

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 9:45 Refreshments
- 10:00 Worship

### Monday

### Tuesday

- 4:00 King of Kings
- 6:30 Finance Committee

### Wednesday

- 11:30 Lunch Bunch to Gilchrist's Off-Shore
- 6:30 Christian Readers Book Club
- 7:00 Bible Study at the manse

### Thursday

### Friday

- 5 & 6pm Chicken Pot Pie Dinner
- 7:00 Greg Buchanan Concert

### Saturday

- 9:00 Deacons
- 9:30 Mission/Evangelism