

What better way to begin a New Year than by spending time with God? Please join us at 11:00 a.m. Sunday.

Bob Gillis will be leading us in worship. His sermon title is "Happy No Fear" from [Matthew 2: 13-23](#).

Pastor Tom 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 church office will be closed Monday, January 2, for the holiday. We wish you all a very happy 2017!

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The January issue of the Good News is now available online.

Follow the [link here](#) to view and save to your desktop, or visit [our website](#) at any time during the month and follow the links to the Good News and [Calendar](#).

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The sacrament of communion will be observed Sunday, January 08.

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Our dear church friend, Edna Brown, will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 13! Can we shower her with cards filled with love and best wishes? Her address is Seacrest Village, Room 320, 1001 Center Street, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087.

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The annual meeting of the congregation and corporation has been called for Sunday, January 29.

All end-of-year reports must be in the office no later than Wednesday, January 4.

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Be sure to check your Christmas mailbox before you leave. Boxes will be available into January for distribution of end-of-year statement of giving letters and annual reports. Also, if you can deliver mail to anyone who is housebound it would be greatly appreciated! **The church is not responsible for delivering any remaining Christmas mail.**

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Our first soup sale of the season will be Sunday, January 15th. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule to donate homemade soups and containers will be available. Thank you in advance for your donations and please have the soups at church by 9AM on Jan 15th.

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Christian Readers Book Club will meet at 6:30pm January 18. They will be discussing the book *The Mistletoe Promise* by Richard Paul Evans. Come out and join us for the discussion and to choose new books for the coming year.

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We will host our first round of Family Promise guests during the week of January 8-15. We are currently making all final preparations and will be asking for volunteers to assist with meal preparation and other activities with our families. See a member of the Mission/Evangelism Committee for information.

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As you're putting away your Christmas decorations please remember our collection box for St. Jude's recycled card program. Donated cards are cropped, put on blank card stock and recycled into new cards, which are then sold to customers. This program is operated by Kids, Corp., a program for the children at St. Jude's to learn entrepreneurship skills. All types of greeting cards are used so our collection box is available year round. Please send the front of the card only and exclude all Hallmark, Disney and American Greeting cards. 5" x 7" size or smaller is requested, and if there is any writing on the back of the card front, we request you do not send as we are unable to use.

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On January 12 Five Guys Burgers and Fries will be donating 10% of purchases made between 5-8 PM to Family Promise of Atlantic County. Flyers are available in the vestibule and must be presented when ordering for FPAC to benefit!

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Sunday Servants

Lay Assistant
David Burgess

Head Ushers
Vic & Rita Abelson

Acolyte
Franklin Nale

Offering
Joan Nale, Franklin Nale

Nursery
Jennifer Platt

Deacon of the Month
Loretta Metz

Refreshments

Van Driver
John Channell

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew
No Breakfast

Please Remember in Prayer

Carol Thomas	Anna Lee	Nicholas
Ginny Davenport	Barbara Hughes	Jaynie Perry
Ferd Morgan	Dottie Hanlon	Fran McManus
Cathy Guenther	Stan Weir	Jordan Torjussen
Joanna Howell	Virginia Loeb	Susan Little
Ruth Carmen	Robin McBrearty	Chuck Inman-Sergott
Rose Scott	Essie Newell	Betsy Cunius
Kayla Storr		

Killebrew-Salmon, Britland, Rogge, Grunwald, Hunter, Hamaty Families
Victims of storms and fires

Christians in Pakistan & the Middle East, People of South Sudan
Pastor Udo, his Churches & all Christians in Nigeria
Conflict and unrest throughout our nation and around the world

This Week in Our Church . . .

Sunday *New Year's Day*

11:00 Worship

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

1:30 Adult Bible Study, lounge

4:00 King of Kings

Wednesday

9:00 **Annual Report Deadline**

7:00 Adult Bible Study, manse

Thursday

12:00 Serve at Sister Jean's

7:00 PNC, chapel

Friday *Epiphany*

Saturday

9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry, chapel