

Please join us in worship Sunday at 10:00 a.m. as we gather at our Lord's Table. Pastor's sermon is titled "The Baptism of Christ and Pleasing God" from [Matthew 3: 13-17](#).

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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Winter Storm Warnings

We do not advertise on radio or TV, but you may get a message advising you of any cancellations in the event of bad weather. In any case, call the office if you are uncertain. We will try to keep the church answering machine up to date.

If you feel uncertain about coming in the snow, you have our permission to stay home.

(If you have not yet signed up for auto-notifications and would like to receive messages please call the office!)

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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 pew racks every Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Our Cents-Ability offering will be received Sunday. Please use the lunch containers at the doors to the sanctuary. Thank you.

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We will host our first round of Family Promise guests next week. They will spend each day at the Day Center in Egg Harbor City and return to the church in the afternoon. See a member of the Mission/Evangelism Committee for information on how you can help!

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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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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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Come one, come all Saturday January 14, 9:00 a.m. Christmas decorations are coming down and need to be packed away! Coffee & donuts supplied for Helpers!! Thanks, Elaine & Russ

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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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Our first Movie Night of the year is January 20, 2017 from 5:30 – 7:30. Our feature will be "Pete's Dragon". Join us in Madden Hall for dinner, popcorn and a movie. Be sure to sign up in the vestibule!!

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The annual meeting of the congregation and corporation has been called for Sunday, January 29. The booklet of 2016 reports will be available soon.

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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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Be sure to check your Christmas mailbox before you leave. Boxes will be available until January 29 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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ITEMS WANTED FOR PENNIES FOR PINS GIFT BASKETS

Have any *NEW* and *UNUSED ITEMS* that you would like to re-gift?

Please get any items that you would like to donate
for the THANK YOU gift baskets to JoAnn Sabo

on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH –

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "SUPERBOWL SUNDAY" !!!

Items that we are looking for include, but are not limited to

Spa items (lotions, body wash, perfumes,
aftershave, cologne, scented soaps, spa socks)
Manicure or pedicure items, scented candles,

sports team items, DVDs & movie snacks,
hot beverage items (coffee, tea, mugs),
homemade crafts, scarves or blankets,
board games, books, a cute stuffed animal,
puzzles, toys, legos, art kits, etc.

A FEW BASKETS WOULD BE HELPFUL AS WELL

I'll be looking for some assistance with their assembly,
once the items have been collected, at later date.

Other donations and gift cards or gift certificates welcome.

****SAVE THE DATE: PENNIES FOR PINS BOWLING = 1ST SUNDAY IN
MARCH****

*****Sponsor-ships and Sign-ups for Bowling will begin in February*****

*(This function serves as an event of fellowship for church members and their friends, as well as the
Sunday School's Mission Project to provide over 100 Emergency Hygiene kits for those in need.)*

Thank you! JoAnn Sabo 233-8952

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Veterans History Project

US Veterans – Your story needs to be told.

The Atlantic County Historical Society in conjunction with the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress is interviewing veterans of all eras and branches of service. For more information call 609/927-5218, or email VHP907@gmail.com.

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Sunday Servants

Lay Assistant

Dawn Duran

Head Ushers

Elaine Risley, Naida Burgess

Acolyte

Jacob Sabo

Offering

Jack & Dee Heil

Nursery

Gloria Achamizo

Deacon of the Month

Loretta Metz

Refreshments

Van Driver

Barbara Hughes

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

Set-up: Kris Jenoriki

Cook: John Channell

Clean-up: Vic & Rita Abelson

Please Remember in Prayer

Pam & Jim Price

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

8:30 Breakfast

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

Monday

Tuesday

4:00 King of Kings

Wednesday

11:30 Lunch Bunch to Olive Garden

7:00 Adult Bible Study, manse

Thursday

9:00 PB & J sandwiches

12:00 Serve at Sister Jean's

7:00 PNC

Friday

Saturday