

Please join us in worship at 10:00 a.m. this communion Sunday. Pastor's sermon is titled "The Wilderness of Temptation: Jesus' and Our Own" from [Matthew 4: 1-11](#).

Many thanks to Anna Mae Werner, Kassie Little and Ben Cacioppo for providing our worship music.

***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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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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Beginning Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March at 1:30 p.m., the daytime adult Bible Study will begin the Lenten Series: "The People of the Last Week", the story of the personalities of Jesus' last week before His crucifixion. Join us in the lounge at the church.

The following week on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the manse, the evening adult Bible Study will begin the series "The Events of the Last Week", a study of the events from Palm Sunday to the crucifixion. Join us.

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### ***United in Christ***

**You are cordially invited to the annual Unity Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 8 in the Great Hall at the United Methodist Church at Absecon.**

**This is a time of fellowship with others from area churches.**

The four-course meal will include an appetizer, salad, homemade meatloaf with mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetable, and dessert at a cost of \$8. A program will follow dinner in the sanctuary consisting of organ recital, soloists, senior choir and Mardi Gras band.

**Reservations are required.**  
See Tina Brown or Joan Nale!

Throughout the season of Lent, there are several additional opportunities to join in fellowship and worship with our sisters and brothers in Christ. Plan on joining us.

March 15, Noon - Reformation Lutheran

March 22, Noon - St. Mark and All Saints Episcopal

March 29, Noon - Absecon Presbyterian

April 5, Noon - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

April 13, 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Absecon Methodist

April 14, Noon - Good Friday Service, St. Mark and All Saints

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Come out and join us for **FREEDOM USA** to be held on March 11, 2017. This is a great event to teach our youth that worshipping the Lord is not always free. The event will begin at 5:30 pm and will be a pot luck dinner. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer. Bring your friends; we need plenty of adults as well to play the guards. This is such a fun time, don't miss it!!!

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**Pennies for Pins**  
*all profits for Emergency Hygiene Kits*

**Bowling Event is today from 1130-2PM**  
**on RT 30 @ The Strike Zone in EHC**

Thank you to our ***Bowling Sponsors***

- Kirk and Nancy
- Loretta
- Jack and Dee
- Jennifer and Tiger
- Tina Harvey
- Scott and JoAnn

**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR COIN BANKS TO JOANN SABO SUNDAY**

Thank you baskets will be out again at the following times:

- March 11<sup>th</sup> for FREEDOM USA
- March 12<sup>th</sup> by 9:30 before service

**THE DRAWING WILL BE IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICE ON  
MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Much praise to Donna Hughes and Elaine Risley for all of their help with  
this portion of the fundraiser**

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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](mailto:VHP907@gmail.com).

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**Sunday Servants**

Lay Assistant  
David Burgess

Head Ushers  
Vic & Rita Abelson

Acolyte  
Franklin Nale

Offering  
Joan Nale, Franklin Nale

Nursery  
Gloria Achamizo

Deacon of the Month

Refreshments  
Rita & Vic Abelson,  
Richard & Helen Older

Van Driver  
John Channell

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew  
Set-up: Priscilla Schultheis  
Cook: Melvin Washington

Clean-up: Debbie Wong, Betsy Eberhard

**Please Remember in Prayer**

Dirk Williamson	Patti Morris	Kathy Boyte
Carol Kleiner	Nicholas	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	

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

11:15 Worship Committee, lounge

11:30 Pennies for Pins, Strike Zone in Egg Harbor City

Monday

Tuesday

1:30 Adult Bible Study, lounge

4:00 King of Kings

7:00 Session

Wednesday

6:30 Unity Dinner, Absecon Methodist Church

Thursday

9:00 PB & J

10:00 Martha Circle, Carol Thomas'

12:00 Serve at Sister Jean's

Friday

Saturday

11:00 Fellowship Committee, lounge

5:30 Freedom USA