

Please join us in worship on Sunday at 10:00. Pastor's sermon is titled "Evening, Midnight, Cockcrow, Dawn" from [Mark 13: 24-37](#).

Serving communion will be ordained officers Jo-ann Weller, Elaine Risley, Bob Hudak and Greg Hamaty.

Also during service we will be receiving new members and celebrating the sacrament of baptism.

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The church office will be closed on Fridays, December 1, 8, 15 & 22. Weekly deadlines have been adjusted as follows:

**Sunday bulletin announcements – Noon Tuesday
"The Presby Post" ([Thursday email](#)) – Noon Wednesday**

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The December 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](#).

Access our online calendar 24/7/365! The online calendar is updated as information is received in the office - good for reminders of events and meetings, or if you need directions to an event held off-site. *This is also a helpful tool for committees and groups when planning your events. See what dates, times, and rooms are available.*

*The calendar is easier to read by clicking the **AGENDA** tab.*

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This Saturday, Dec. 2, is our "Breakfast with Santa" from 9a.m.-11a.m. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Ready-to-decorate Gingerbread Houses are available for pre-order at \$12 each. Crafted ornaments (\$2 each) will be available during the event. Call Priscilla at 641-4877 to purchase tickets and pre-order the houses. (This event is sponsored by our FUNdRaising Committee.)

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There are still some Angel Tree tags on the tree waiting for adoption. Please help by picking an Angel, package gifts according to the directions provided and return them to the church by December 10. Our Mission Committee and the Salvation Army appreciate your help in making Christmas a bit brighter for a child.

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Please welcome our new members!

Steven Boyte & Paula Troiano
Steven Jr.
1208 Lincoln Ave
Pleasantville, NJ 08232
609/813-1979 (Steven's cell)
609/470-4372 (Paula's cell)

Michael & Laura Puglise
Aubrey, Nicholas
520 Highlands Ave
Galloway, NJ 08205
239/265-1227 (Laura's cell)

All seats have been filled for the van trip to America's Keswick on Thursday, December 7. The church van will leave Absecon at 8:15am sharp and return by 2:30pm.

Last Call for Tickets for our 7:00pm Saturday, Dec. 9, Christmas Concert by the Mainland Choral Society. A dessert reception will follow the concert. (\$10/Adults & \$3/18+under and students.) See Joanie before church or call 641-1839 ASAP!

Orders for Christmas Eve poinsettias are due Dec. 12. Please use the form in your bulletin and return with payment to the church office.

The Martha Circle will meet at the home of Ilsa Smith at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 14th. All women of the church are encouraged to join us for Bible study and fellowship at the Circle that best meets your schedule. We will be happy to see you and you will be warmly welcomed.

Evergreens and Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on Wednesday, December 20th at Historical Smithville Inn for our annual Christmas luncheon. Lisa Whittaker, our missionary, will be our guest speaker. Our van will leave the church parking lot at 11:30 if you need like a ride. See Betsy E. or Fran W. to make your cash reservations before December 17th.

**American Red Cross
Blood Drive
United Methodist Church
Absecon**

Great Hall
100 Pitney Road
Absecon, NJ 08201

**Monday, December 11, 2017
1:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Appointments are Preferred.
To make an appointment, please call
Donna Hill at 609-335-7109
to sign up or go to www.redcrossblood.org

and enter sponsor code: UMCAbsecon

**Streamline your donation experience and
save up to 15 minutes by visiting
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete
your pre-donation reading and health history
questions on the day of your appointment.**

**A Longest Night Service
Thursday, December 21st, 7 p.m.**

Because all is not Merry & Bright

**Asbury United Methodist Church
290 Asbury Road at Zion Road
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234**

This is not a joyous season for everyone. Some of us are grieving losses of loved ones, jobs, relationships, even faith.

But we can still be in community to acknowledge God's love and priceless gift of Jesus.

Please join us.

For more information, call 609/788-0838

Sunday Servants

Lay Assistant

Linda Gillis

Head Ushers

Vic & Rita Abelson

Acolyte

Jacob Sabo

Offering

Joan Nale, Franklin Nale

Nursery

Jennifer Platt

Deacon of the Month

Karen Muldoon

Refreshments

Kris Jenoriki

Van Driver

Tina Brown

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

Set-up: Priscilla Schultheis

Cook: Melvin Washington

Clean-up: Deb Wong, Betsy Eberhard

Counting Team

Barb & Dan Hughes

Please Remember in Prayer

Jinny Wolcott

Barbara McLaughlin

Jim Mong

Joan & David Smith

Bob Gillis & Family

Mildred Felsberg

Gus & Doris Steele	Ethel Washington	Taylor
Isaac Umoren	Ruth Bird	Russ Adkisson
Monica	Nicholas	Barbara Hughes
Jaynie Perry	Ferd Morgan	Dottie Hanlon
Jordan Torjussen	Virginia Loeb	Susan Little
Ruth Carmen	Robin McBrearty	Rose Scott
Betsy Cunius	Kayla Storr	Chuck Inman-Sergott

Victims of violence and natural disasters

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

8:50 Adult Sunday School

9:00 Bridges

10:00 Worship

11:00 Refreshments

Monday

4:45 Rock Solid

Tuesday

4:30 King of Kings

7:00 Session

Wednesday

Thursday

11:30 Serve at Sister Jean's

7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PNC, chapel

Friday

Office Closed

Saturday

7:00 Concert & Dessert Reception