

Please join us in worship at 10:00a.m. Sunday. Pastor's sermon is titled "Bad News, Good News" from [Mark 1: 1-8](#).

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**The church office will be closed on Fridays, December 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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Angel Tree gifts are due Sunday! Our Mission Committee and the Salvation Army appreciate your help in making Christmas a bit brighter for a child.

The Cents-Ability offering will be received Sunday as well. Please use the containers at the sanctuary entrances for your donations. Thank you.

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The Adult Sunday School class will not be meeting Dec. 10, 17, 24 and Jan 3. Class will resume January 07, 2017.

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

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The **Martha Circle will** meet at the home of Ilsa Smith at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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Our Christmas pageant will be performed during worship on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be followed by a luncheon and birthday party for Jesus. If you plan to attend the luncheon, please sign up to bring food to share. The sign-up sheet is located on the small blue bulletin board. The church provides chicken nuggets and fries. At 1 pm we will go Christmas caroling at Absecon Manor.

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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.

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Rock Solid Youth Group wishes to thank everyone for returning the M&M tubes and for your financial support. We thank you for purchasing breast cancer pins. We raised \$100 and sent it to Gilda's Club. We will go roller skating at Young's Skating Rink on December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-4 pm, and we'll serve at Sr. Jean's Kitchen on December 28<sup>th</sup>.

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The pancake breakfast with Santa was a really fun event. We thank everyone who came out to support this church fund raiser. We took in \$288, but still have to figure out our net profit for the church. Special thanks go to the Rock Solid elves who served the meal and helped in many ways, Dirk Williamson who made a fine Santa, Leo Ransone and Donna Hughes for performing miracles in the kitchen, Linda Gillis who kept all the elves in order, and to Lee Wolff, Linda Gillis, Bob Gillis, Nicole Gillis, Maria Carreno, Louise Speitel, and Leslie Harvey who assembled all the gingerbread houses the night before the event.

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Family Promise is in need of a talented auto-mechanic to do some diagnostics for their vans. One has stalled without warning a couple of time recently. They would like to find out what the problem is so it can be fixed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> van needs to have the tail pipe strapped up to the chassis. Please pass the word to your mechanic friends or call Shelee (pronounced "Shelly") McIlvaine, volunteer coordinator, at (609) 233-1687 if you can help.

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**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](http://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.**

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**A Longest Night Service  
Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 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

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### **Sunday Servants**

Lay Assistant

Don Wong

Head Ushers

Elaine Risley, Ginny Davenport

Acolyte

Franklin Nale

Offering

Jack & Dee Heil

Nursery

Gloria Achamizo

Deacon of the Month

Karen Muldoon

Refreshments

Louise Speitel & Joe Marshall

Van Driver

Vic Abelson

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

Set-up:

Cook: Dirk Williamson

Clean-up: Vic & Rita Abelson

Counting Team

Debbie & Don Wong

### **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

9:00 Bridges

10:00 Worship

11:00 Refreshments

Monday

4:45 Rock Solid

Tuesday

4:30 King of Kings

Wednesday

Thursday

9:00 PB & J

10:00 Martha Circle at Ilsa Smith's

11:30 Serve at Sister Jean's

7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PNC, chapel

Friday

Office Closed

Saturday