

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. on this third Sunday of Advent. Our youth will present their Christmas Pageant during the service.

Our holiday luncheon will take place at the close of the worship service. The church will provide chicken nuggets and French fries. We hope that everyone will bring a side dish to share such as ziti, meatballs, sausage, salads, fruit, desserts. Kids will be able to play games and do crafts. Please bring hats, mittens, scarves, gloves for Sr Jean's people.

We will also go Christmas caroling at the Absecon Manor at 1:45. Meet us at the church or meet us at the Manor.

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The following Sunday is Christmas Eve. Our 10:00 a.m. worship will be a service of scripture lessons and music lead by Lay Leaders David & Naida Burgess and Rick DeKarski, our Director of Music Ministry. Evening worship begins at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Gerry Reedell leading the service. Come celebrate God's greatest gift to all mankind!

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

**Sunday bulletin announcements – Noon Tuesday**  
**“The Presby Post” (Thursday email) – Noon Wednesday**  
**January “Good News” - Wednesday, Dec. 20**

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Evergreens and Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on Wednesday, December 20th at Historic 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. The deadline for (cash only) reservations is Sunday! See Fran or Betsy.

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

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Rock Solid will be going roller skating at Young's Skating Rink on December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-4 pm. They will also be serving at Sr. Jean's Kitchen on December 28<sup>th</sup>.

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The annual meeting of the congregation and the corporation has been called for Sunday, February 04, 2018. It is the goal of office staff and volunteers to have the booklet prepared and in your hands on or before the Sunday prior. The deadline for all end-of-year reports from our various committees, groups and organizations is Monday, January 08.

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Please support John Risley III with his Eagle Scout project of sending needed items to our military members overseas. The next shipment will be the end of January. See the box in the vestibule for information.

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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  
David Burgess

Head Ushers  
Bill & Dorie Keener

Acolyte  
Jackson Harvey

Offering  
Ann Wallace, Roy Birkbeck

Nursery  
Jennifer Platt

Deacon of the Month  
Karen Muldoon

Refreshments  
Please join us for lunch!

Van Driver  
Tina Brown

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew  
Continental Breakfast

Counting Team  
Kirk & Nancy Conover

**Please Remember in Prayer**

Zach Perry	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	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 Continental Breakfast  
9:00 Bridges  
10:00 Worship  
11:00 Lunch & Birthday Party for Jesus  
Worship Committee Meeting

Monday

4:45 Rock Solid

Tuesday

4:30 King of Kings

Wednesday

January Good News Deadline  
12:00 Christmas Luncheon, Smithville Inn

Thursday

7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PNC, chapel

Friday

Office Closed

Saturday

1:00 Rock Solid to Young's Skating Rink