

Please join us in worship on Sunday at 10:00a.m. Pastor's sermon is titled "The Power of a Listening Heart" from [John 1: 35-51](#).

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To our adopted church family of Absecon,

Thank you so much for the generous and unexpected gift from you to us this Christmas. Please know that it is an honor and privilege to minister to and to serve you and yours. We have truly enjoyed our experiences at Absecon and look forward to the time we have together in the future.

In Christ's amazing love,
Pastor Ivo and Patty Meilands

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"And I say to you, I have also decided to stick with love, for I know that love is ultimately the only answer to mankind's problems. ... I'm talking about a strong, demanding love. For I have seen too much hate. I've seen hate on the faces of too many ... to want to hate, myself, because every time I see it, I know that it does something to their faces and their personalities, and I say to myself that hate is too great a burden to bear. I have decided to love. If you are seeking the highest good, I think you can find it through love."

King, Martin Luther, Jr. 1967. "Where Do We Go From Here?" Annual Report Delivered at the 11th Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, August 16, Atlanta, GA. (Excerpts)

The church office will be closed Monday in observance Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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

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Our first Soup Sale of the season is this Sunday. Many of your favorites are available at \$7/quart and \$4/pint. Stop by the table in Madden Hall to make your purchases! The next sale will be on February 11. If you'd like to help by donating your specialties or if you need containers see or call Donna at 432-5150.

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Family Promise guests will be arriving Sunday afternoon. They will be spending evenings and overnights at our church and be transported to the day center in Egg Harbor City during the daytime hours. If you can assist with meals or spend time in fellowship with our guests while they are here please see Leo!

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The Christian Readers Book Club will meet in the lounge at 6:30pm Wednesday, Jan. 17. The books "Shaken" by Tim Tebow and "Twelve Days of Christmas" by Debbie Macomber will be reviewed. These books are available at the library. Come join us for a lively discussion.

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Ordination and installation of our new officers will take place during worship Sunday, Jan. 21. Come and show them your support!

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Evergreens will meet for their sandwich luncheon at noon on Wednesday, January 24th. We will be discussing the future for Evergreens so bring your thoughts and suggestions. Dessert and coffee will be provided. *In case of inclement weather please call the office or Fran.*

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Remember, Deadlines are Important!

Sunday bulletin announcements – Noon Wednesday

“The Presby Post” (Friday email) – Noon Thursday

“Good News” (monthly newsletter) – the 20th of the month

All articles are to be **in writing** and submitted to the office (email preferred) by the due date. Please keep in mind it may be necessary to edit articles due to space limitations in our printed publications.

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**HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN
FOR ATLANTICARE HOSPICE**

**AtlantiCare Hospice and Palliative Care
is having a
Hospice Volunteer Training
Saturday, January 27, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Volunteers visit patients who live in the vicinity of the volunteer’s home or place or work. Time commitment is once a week for a few hours to provide companionship to patient/caregiver, or to stay with the patient to allow the caregiver respite. Visits are scheduled by the volunteer to accommodate the volunteer’s schedule. AtlantiCare Hospice provides excellent end-of-life care and a volunteer is an important part of our team.

The training will be held at the hospice office in the Airport Commerce Center, 6550 Delilah Road, Suite 210, Egg Harbor Township.

To register or for more information, please call Kathleen Donadio at 609-407-2026 or Maureen Hope in the Volunteer office at 609-404-7477.

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Sunday Servants

Lay Assistant
David Burgess

Head Ushers
Elaine Risley, Ginny Davenport

Acolyte
Jacob Sabo

Offering
Jack & Dee Heil

Nursery
Jennifer Platt

Deacon of the Month
Naida Burgess

Refreshments
Vic & Rita Abelson

Van Driver
Tina Brown

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

Set-up: Kris Jenoriki
Cook: John Channell
Clean-up: Vic & Rita Abelson

Counting Team

Barb & Dan Hughes

Please Remember in Prayer

Annie McManus	Janice & Tom Piccirilli	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	Jordan Torjussen	Virginia Loeb
Susan Little	Ruth Carmen	Robin McBrearty
Rose Scott	Betsy Cunius	Kayla Storr

Chuck Inman-Sergott

The homeless and poor suffering in the weather
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
Family Promise guests arrive

Monday **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Office Closed
4:45 Rock Solid

Tuesday

4:30 King of Kings

Wednesday

6:30 Christian Readers Book Club, lounge

Thursday

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

Friday

5:30 Camp Night

Saturday

Good News Deadline
11:00 Deacons, Madden Hall
11:00 Fellowship, lounge

