

“On the following day, Sunday, February 13, 1859, the Presbyterian Church at Absecon was formally organized. Mr. (*Allen H.*) Brown preached, George W. Scott was ordained and installed as Ruling Elder. Felix Leeds, having recently moved to Absecon from Leeds Point, was installed as Deacon. The following were the charter members: George W. Scott and his wife Frances, Felix Leeds and his wife Eunice, Rebecca W. Doughty and Hannah H. Doughty, daughters of Enoch Doughty, Mrs. Janet Farish, John Weber and the Rev. Miles J. Merwin. Mr. Merwin seems to have been appointed as stated supply and moderator at this time.” ~ *from Along Absecon Creek (pg.195) by Sarah W.R. Ewing and Robert McMullin*

Services were held in rented halls and in the Absecon Academy school building built by Presbyterians in 1856 on land that is now part of our cemetery. It would be 6 years before the cornerstone of our sanctuary was laid and another 2 years before the building was dedicated - proof once again that the Church is not the building but is formed by a group of believers.

### **Happy 159th Anniversary, Church!**

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Please join us in worship at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Pastor’s sermon is titled “Ready For Anything” from [Mark 1: 9-15](#).

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#### **Session Spotlight**

- ✦ Elder assignments for February 2018 – January 2019:
  - Christian Education – Priscilla Schultheis, Chair; Bill Keener
  - Fellowship – Donna Hughes, Chair
  - Mission Evangelism – Leo Ransone, Chair
  - Stewardship – Kirk Conover, Chair; Don Wong, Chair of Corp.; Lee Wolff
  - Nominating Committee – Donna Hughes, Chair; Don Wong, Chair of Corp.
  - Worship Committee – Anna Mae, Chair; Lee Wolff
  - Presbytery Commissioner Leo Ransone
  - FUNdraising – Linda Gillis
  - Clerk – Linda Gillis
  - Chairman of the Corporation – Don Wong
  - Treasurer – Karen Sheeran
- ✦ Two Baptisms scheduled for Sunday, March 11, 2018
- ✦ Easter Drama presentation on March 18<sup>th</sup>
- ✦ Fundraising trip to Sight and Sound scheduled October 8, 2018 to see “Jesus”
- ✦ Family Promise scheduled next for our church March 18, 2018
- ✦ Winter/spring fundraiser is to raise money for a new van.

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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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Updated church directories for 2018 are now available. Be sure to pick up your copy in the vestibule.

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THANKS for supporting our soup sales. We do have some leftovers in the freezer. See Donna on Sunday if interested.

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PENNIES FOR PINS  
12:30 - 2:30 PM, FEBRUARY 25TH  
STRIKE ZONE LANES IN EGG HARBOR CITY

\$10 due day of bowling  
SIGN UP WITH PRISCILLA TODAY  
QUESTIONS? Call JoAnn @ 233-8952  
All profits benefit Presbytery Disaster Relief to make Hygiene kits

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The church office will be closed Monday in recognition of Presidents' Day.

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A group of interested people will start a Wednesday night Bible study beginning March 7. We will meet in Cobb lounge at 7:00p. Because we don't yet have a new called pastor our studies will be self-generated and self-led, with input from clergy with ties to our church. If you feel that fellowship and study such as this will fill a spiritual need for you please join us. Contact Leo at 264-6545 or 646-5154 or see him at church.

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**If you have added the name of a friend or family member to our prayer list please notify the office with an update!**

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Family Promise is in need of 2 Volunteers who are willing to drive our van to pick up our Guests in the morning or deliver them to the Host Church in the evening. The van is easy to drive and currently is in pretty good shape.

Also needed are a few designated **Sunday Drivers**; a small group of volunteers who have a pickup truck or large SUV who can pick up the beds and personal belongings of our Guests from the current Host Congregation and deliver them to the next Host Church. Done on a rotating basis, this would be an easy one hour or hour and a half of service a couple of times per month.

Contact Mike Andrews at (609)513-3758 or text Shelee McIlvaine at (609)233-1687.

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## **Five Guys Fundraiser**

Thursday, March 1, from 5 to 8 p.m.  
Absecon Five Guys, 720 White Horse Pike.

10% of your purchase will benefit Family Promise of Atlantic County!

Pick up a flyer in the vestibule. (You must present the flyer in order for Family Promise to receive a donation.)

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## **Sunday Servants**

Lay Assistant  
David Burgess

Head Ushers  
Mary Bew, Betty Lloyd

Acolyte  
Jack Little

Offering  
Ann Wallace, Roy Birkbeck

Nursery  
Gloria Achamizo

Deacon of the Month  
Russ Adkisson

Refreshments  
Betty Price

Van Driver  
Tina Brown

## **Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew**

Set-up: Donna Hughes

Cook: Dirk Williamson

Clean-up: Jim McManus, Rob Perry

## **Please Remember in Prayer**

Carmela Thomas	Ilsa Smith	Zach Perry
Jinny Wolcott	Barbara McLaughlin	Jim Mong
Bob Gillis	Mildred Felsberg	Gus & Doris Steele
Ethel Washington	Isaac Umoren	Ruth Bird
Russ Adkisson	Barbara Hughes	Ferd Morgan
Jordan Torjussen	Virginia Loeb	Susan Little
Ruth Carmen	Robin McBrearty	Rose Scott
Betsy Cunius		

Community of Parkland, Fla

The poor and homeless

Victims of fires, earthquakes and other disasters around the world

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      **Presidents' Day**  
Office Closed

Tuesday

9:00 Good News Deadline  
4:30 King of Kings  
7:00 Trustees, chapel

Wednesday

Thursday

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

Friday

Saturday