

Join us on Palm Sunday as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem! "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Pastor's sermon is titled "Which Parade Will You Choose?" from [Mark 11: 1-11](#).

**We ask that as you enter the sanctuary to please use the Gathering as a time of prayer and preparation before worship. During Pass the Peace please remain at your seat to greet those just around you. You are welcome to come together for a time of Fellowship in Madden Hall before and after worship.**

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You and your families are invited to walk together through Holy Week in worship, prayer and meditation. Services will be at our church unless otherwise noted.

### **Palm Sunday**

Regular Worship Schedule

8:50 Adult Sunday School, lounge

9:00 Bridges

10:00 Worship

### **Maundy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. Communion Worship, Rev. Chris Miller preaching

### **Good Friday**

7:00 p.m. Worship, Pastor Meilands preaching

### **Easter Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Community Sunrise Service, Heritage Park Gazebo

Regular Worship Schedule

8:50 Adult Sunday School, lounge

9:00 Bridges

10:00 Worship

[Our Easter Sunday worship time will remain at 10:00a.m. Adult Sunday School class will not be held. Also there will be no breakfast or refreshments served.](#)

The chapel at the United Methodist Church at Absecon will be open to the community on Good Friday, March 30, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. All are welcome to visit the chapel for a time of prayer, meditation, reflection, and dedication.

Notepaper will be available so that persons may write down their concerns, dedications, and personal resolutions. These anonymous notes will be collected in a basket and then dedicated and burned as an offering to God at the community Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. April 1, at the Heritage Park Gazebo.

The chapel door is located at the corner of W. Church St. and Pitney Rd.

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The cross in the front yard has been a reminder for us to draw closer to God. But Easter is coming, and a time to celebrate Christ's resurrection! Please join in the celebration by filling that cross with fresh flowers on Easter Sunday to share the Good News that Christ is Alive! "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." Romans 6: 3-4

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Gifts for our One Great Hour of Sharing offering should be made either Palm Sunday or Easter. Please use the envelopes provided. (Fish Banks are due also.)

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WINTER/SPRING FUNDRAISER: - We are raising money to replace our aging church van. New seat belts! New brakes! Our van is 15 years old and has just less than 90,000 miles. It is tired and deserves retirement. All the drivers and riders will appreciate a new seat. Please mark all donations "Winter Fundraiser". (Special envelopes are in your pew racks.)

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The church office will be closing at 1:15pm Tuesday, March27. The office will also be closing at Noon on Good Friday for the Easter holiday and will reopen on Tuesday, April 3 at 9:00am.

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Many thanks to all who helped make our Family Promise guests feel at home here this week. We ask that you continue to pray for all families in the program on the local and national levels.

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Fran Weir says she has only 3 reservations left for anyone interested going to the Community Easter Hymn Sing at America's Keswick in Whiting, NJ on Thursday, April 5. Special Guest will be Michael Faircloth.

The church van will leave Absecon at 8:30 a.m. and return at 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 (cash please) payable to Fran, who will make reservations. A continental breakfast and delicious luncheon are included. See Fran ASAP!

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**Save the Date:** Our spring cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, April 14 from 9-12. The more volunteers we have the faster the job is done!

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The Good News for April has been forwarded to Ken to upload onto our website. It should be available soon. Check early, Check often!

**[Access our online calendar 24/7/365!](#)**

**The online calendar found on [our website](#) 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 events. See what dates, times and rooms are available.**

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

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Congregational Event  
Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm  
Madden Hall

## Name That Tune

Music by our own  
**Rick DeKarski**

Master of Ceremonies  
**Rob Perry**

A night of music, fun, and food  
Contests, Prizes

Sign- up sheets are on the board.

Contact Donna Hughes or Kris Jenoriki with questions.

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## Red Cross Blood Drive

**Advance Notice!**

*United Methodist Church at Absecon  
Monday, April 9  
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
in our Great Hall*

Sign up now! Call 1-800-REDCROSS  
or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: UMCAbsecon.

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### Sunday Servants

Lay Assistant  
David Burgess

Acolyte  
Jacob Sabo

Head Ushers  
Bob & Barbara Hudak

Offering  
Tina Brown, Greg Hamaty

Nursery  
Jennifer Platt

Deacon of the Month  
Loretta Metz

Refreshments  
Alice Smith

Van Driver  
Vic Abelson

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew  
Set-up: Edith Budd  
Cook: Leo Ransone  
Clean-up: Olga Davies, Jean Delesantro

Counting Team  
David & Judy Stebbins

**Please Remember in Prayer**

Dorie Keener	Ilsa Smith	Barbara McLaughlin
Jim Mong	Bob Gillis	Mildred Felsberg
Russ Adkisson	Barbara Hughes	Ferd Morgan
Virginia Loeb	Robin McBrearty	Betsy Cunius

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

**Names on our prayer list will be removed after three weeks unless the office is notified of an update or a request to remain. You are encouraged to continue to remember each one during your daily time of prayer and meditation.**

**This Week in Our Church . . .**

Sunday

8:30 Breakfast  
8:50 Adult Sunday School, lounge  
9:00 Bridges  
10:00 Worship  
11:00 Refreshments

Monday

4:45 Rock Solid

Tuesday

1:15 Office Closed  
4:30 King of Kings

Wednesday

7:00 Bible Study

Thursday

7:00 Maundy Thursday Communion Worship

Friday

12:00 Office Closed

7:00 Good Friday Worship

Saturday

Easter Sunday

7:00 Sunrise Service, Heritage Park gazebo

9:00 Bridges

10:00 Worship