

The Presby Post, May 20, 2022

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

John 14:26

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Sunday Worship

at 10:30 a.m.

In Person

OR

Online on APC's Facebook page at

www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby

Rev. John Nurnberger

"The ~~Parakeet~~ Paraclete"

Psalm 67

John 14:23-29

Lay Assistant: Debora Wong

Ushers: Tina Brown & Joan Nale

Attendance Last Week:

Worship 39

Sunday School 9

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This Sunday, May 22, there will be a special congregational meeting to elect the Pastoral Nominating Committee members.

Those members are

Robert J. Hudak, Daniel Hughes, William Keener,
Louise Speitel, Sandra Shinsato, David Stebbins,
and Donald Wong

The meeting will be held following our 10:30 a.m. church service, live and on Zoom. The Zoom sign on information is:

[Bit.ly/APCCongregation](https://bit.ly/APCCongregation)

(case sensitive)

Meeting ID: 536 378 0517

Passcode: Church20

We hope you will stay for this special congregational meeting and our last leg in a journey to find a new pastor.

Ann Wallace, Clerk of Session

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Please Keep These Requests In Prayer

The prayer book is on the table in the vestibule by the side entrance to the sanctuary. Please write any requests/praise items you wish to be included in prayer during worship.

Keep in mind that Facebook comments and requests read by the minister during worship are being recorded for broadcast and can be heard by the general public worldwide. For the privacy of those you are praying for, consider using just a first name or making your prayer requests general in nature.

For the situation in Ukraine and World Leaders
For the refugees and children of Ukraine and for the Ukrainian Church
For God's guidance as we continue the process of calling a new pastor.
Members of our armed services.
For an end to this pandemic, protection for those most at risk.
For confidence to know that in the struggle, God is with us.
For renewed commitment to God's purpose in us all.
For us to come together in the bond of self-giving love.
For renewed energy in finding our place in God's church,
as people who pray, share and volunteer.
For wisdom and discernment when facing the unknown.
For God's church to embrace the poor and marginalized,
to see God's image and be God's image in this broken world.
For a revival in our faith to live boldly for God's Kingdom.

For these the individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to your church in Absecon:

Dee & Jack Heil and Family of George Scioli, Pat Allen, Cathy Follansbee, Carol Johnson,

Betty Lloyd, Jerry Falivene, Julie Dougherty, Margie Carroll, Alex Hall, Pete & Joann Elco,

Dennis Friedrich, Michael Guerrieri & Family, Carol McDowell, Robin Deaver, Marjorie McGuigan, Don Croneberger, Lisa Nagle, Jim, Patti & Devon Morris, Christopher Green, Jim McManus, Olive Brown, Dan Hughes, Stan Weir

Continued prayers always for:

Jean Delesantro, Eric Lajeunesse, Ethel Washington, James Beatty, Marilyn Rosado, Luca Leech, Rita Abelson, Gail Driscoll, Mary Umoren & Family, Dorie Keener, Judy Stebbins, Rob Perry, Robin McBrearty, JoAnne Morgan, Marge Loeb, Kavonna & Essence, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin, Dirk Williamson, Frances Weir, Emilia Carboy, Irene Smith, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Kathy Boyte, Doris Steele, Essie Newell, Joyce Pfeiffer, Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Olga Davies, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis

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Sometimes Plans Need to Change ! by Lisa Whitaker

Many of you who know me, how I love to plan ahead. So much that just yesterday, I received a 3 year planner in the mail (I still really like to have the paper planners – it's a pocket one that I carry with me all the time). I'm ready to make a concrete plan all the way to 2025 (I did resist getting the 5 year planner, it is a bit thick to carry around all the time)

My plans for June originally were to go to England, where I will be continuing to staff the Master's Degree Program I have been working with for the past 2 years. The in-person intensive for Module #5 will take place at one of our Mission's locations outside of London. Following that, a large conference in Norway is planned and I was intending on going there and then flying home.

In the wake of all that is happening in Ukraine, Poland and Romania, my heart has been stirred to go and do whatever is needed to help. The longer the war continues, the help seems to slow down and aid becomes less and less. I have heard the term, "compassion-weary", which is quite sad and yet also realistic. A small team of co-workers has come together to go. We decided NOT to go to the conference and planned on going to Poland for 10 days with an additional purpose of accessing the situation and seeing how our Discipleship Training Schools can serve in the future as well.

As we have communicated with the on ground staff there, we have had open hands as to what to do and how to use our time. Even as I write this it seems things are quite fluid as we hear of all the needs and make decisions as to how best to use our time.

One of the requests is that we help with a Family Camp that is taking place. Normally it is held for Polish families, but this year they are opening it up to

Ukrainian refugees. We were told that they have even received applications from a group of teenagers from a Ukrainian orphanage.

As we have considered our time there, we really felt we need to say YES to helping with the set up of the camp and the initial days. Our return tickets were for the middle of the week of camp.

As I have prayed, I felt the Lord nudge me to try and change my ticket to stay for the whole week of camp. I'm still in the process of seeing if this works, but I have been reminded of the need for me to be open-handed and hold plans loosely. I can so often make a plan and no matter what want to stick with it, but sometimes circumstances, invitations, world-wide events and more change the best laid plans.

I am reading through the Psalms and again and again, the psalmists talk about following God's path : "I'm staying on your trail, I'm putting one foot in front of the other . . ." (Ps. 17:5 MSG), "He guides us in the paths of righteousness" (Psalm 23:3), "teach Your paths, O Lord"(Ps. 25:4), "Commit your way to the Lord" (Psalm 37:5) and the list goes on and on.

I appreciate your prayers as I leave for England the end of May and then head to Poland on June 20th. Right now, barring any other changes, I plan on returning on or around July 3rd, after the camp is completed.

Please pray that our team would be sensitive and responsive to both the refugees and the long term workers in Poland. Pray we would be a blessing and carry hope and life to this hurting part of the world. And as always, THANK YOU for your prayers and financial support. We are all on this team together!

Blessings,
Lisa Whitaker

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Please join us for
Coffee Mingle

All are welcome to gather in Madden Hall
following Sunday worship.

Brought to you by your Church Family
and Fellowship Committee.

If you are able to provide baked goods, cookies, etc.
(homemade or from the store)

and juice please sign up on the clipboard in the vestibule.
Helpers are also needed for set up and clean up.

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Save the Date!

Strawberry Festival

June 3

5:00p.m. – 7:30p.m.

\$5 donation for ice cream and strawberry shortcake

Hotdog - \$1

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Dear Ladies of the church and the Kitchen,

Thank you for the Easter ham dinner. My family went out that night so I had it for my dinner.
It was so good.

I miss all the dinners we had at church. It was such a good time in my life.

God bless you all for what you do.

Peggy Merrill

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Dear Folks from that very helpful church committee on preparing food –

WOW – Thank you ever so much for the very very lovely dinner
that was brought right to my door.

It really meant so much to me being so totally alone after my precious Jerry
died nearly 6 months ago – after 53 years as man & wife,
and knowing him for 60 years.

My life is totally different and truly taking a while to get used to.

Close friends mean so very much to me (as they did to us)
with him being as active as he was.

I cherish visitors any time and love phone calls.

A dinner is an Xtra blessing for sure!

Thanks so for caring,
Joanie Hoenes

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Our deacons faithfully check in on our shut-ins,
regularly taking gifts of homemade soups and breads.
If you can help replenish their supply, please see one of the deacons.
Please label your donations with what type of soup or bread.
(Please do not use nuts in your recipes due to possible allergic reactions.)

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Thank You!

Deposit made on May 13, 2022

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$377.58
Envelopes Designated	\$1,735.00
Per Capita	
Initial Offering	
Energy Needs	
Easter Flowers	
Postage	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fuel	
On-line Initial Offering	
General Total	<hr/> \$2,112.58

Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$43.40
Envelopes Designated	\$35.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	
Mission Bouquet	

On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On -line One Great Hour of Sharing	
On-line Sister Jean's	
Benevolence Total	\$78.40
Capital Expenditures	
Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$13.02
Envelopes Designated	\$275.00
Fund Raiser	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fund Raiser	
Capital Total	\$288.02
Combined Total	\$2,479.00

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Covid19 Protocol Update

Relaxation of the Covid19 Guidelines has been approved with the understanding that should the CDC, State of New Jersey, Atlantic County, and Absecon rules change due to an outbreak of a Covid strain, we will reinstate our pandemic guidelines.

- *Wearing of masks will be optional*
- *Social distancing will be lifted except for several pews at the back of the sanctuary for those individuals who wish to remain 6 feet apart.*
- *The congregation will stand to say and/or sing the responses and hymns*
- *Plans for serving communion, ushers collecting the offerings, and the choir singing will be put into place.*
- *The post-service Coffee Mingle in Madden Hall as well as other fellowship events will be reinstated.*

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Please know that we love each and every one of you, and you continue to be in our prayers.

Stay safe –
Follow Official Guidelines –
and Know You Are Loved!

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Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. - I Corinthians 13:7
