

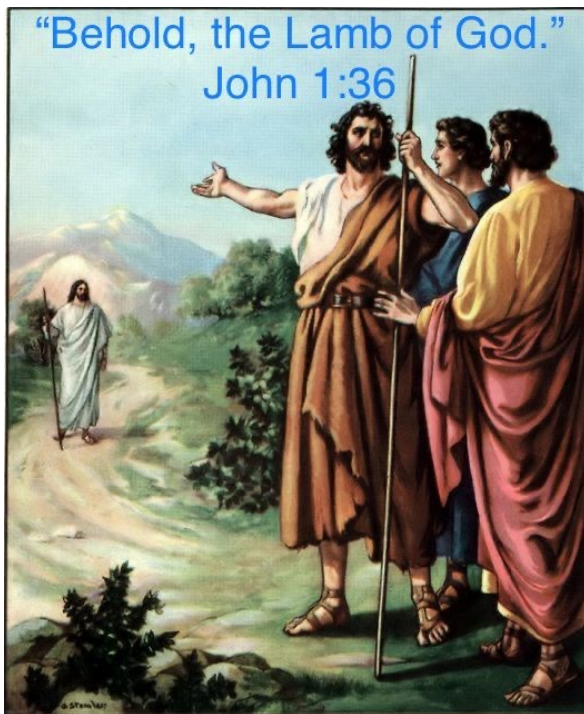
Absecon Presbyterian Church

PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

Sunday, September 10, 2023

JOHN 1:32-36

And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'



Doris Steele passed away on Monday, September 4, 2023.
There will be a graveside service at the Columbarium
on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 11:00 am.

**SERVING
THIS MORNING:**

LAY ASSISTANT:
Jackie Rosen

USHERS:
Bob and Barbara Hudak

**ATTENDANCE
LAST WEEK:**
Worship - 43

SUNDAY WORSHIP
at 10:30 In Person or Online
on APC Facebook page at
[www.facebook.com/
abseconpresby](http://www.facebook.com/abseconpresby)

REV. JIM SHANLEY
is with us again this Sunday
as our Temporary
Pulpit Supply Minister

SERMON TITLE:

"Learning to
Follow Jesus"

John 1: 29-46

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAPE MAY ZOO

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Sandwiches and drinks will be provided at Pavilion C.

Van leaving immediately after the service.

Cost is \$5.00 per person, children are free.

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 22, 2023

11:30am - 1:30 pm

Potluck lunch immediately following the service.

Fall Crafts and Fun!!

Bring a dish to share.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Two groups will meet in Cobb Lounge starting on 09/27/23 through 11/01/23

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am with Rita Abelson (Study of Jesus)

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 with Tina Harvey (Last Season of The Chosen)

The four-week Advent Bible Study will start on 11/08/23.

From the book on the Grinch and the Heart That Grew Three Times.

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am with Rita Abelson

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 with Tina Harvey

SIGHT AND SOUND

“Miracle of Christmas”

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Van will be leaving the church at 7:30am sharp

The Show is at 11:30-1:30pm

Lunch will be at Miller's. This is not included in the price of the ticket.

Reservations will be made but all are to pay on their own

PLEASE NOTE: TINA HARVEY NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP WHO WILL BE GOING.

If you intend to go, please sign the sheet in the Atrium.

The window on availability will be closing soon.

The deadline for payment is Sunday, 10/08/23.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Potluck luncheon immediately following service.

We will be collecting hats and mittens for those in need.

Luncheon details to follow.

Prayers of the People

Each week the people of God at APC join in prayers of thanksgiving, praise and petition to pray as one community for needs in the church. Praying for others keeps our focus outward and opens us up to know the will of God in our own lives. Consider making these prayer lists part of your daily prayer life. Doing so, may just help your feelings of isolation. Through prayer, the Holy Spirit brings others, even strangers, closer to you.

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 victims of gun violence and their families
- † 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 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 individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to your church in Absecon.
- † For those on our standing prayer list and for the needs of your church not listed here, including those intentions held in our hearts and those shared in the comments of Facebook.

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

Skip and Sarah Bellino, Kathy Bordanora, Olive Brown, Maddie Caracozzo, The Carpenter Family, Chip Channel, Don Croneberger, Robin Deaver, Julie Dougherty, Jerry Falivene, Cathy Follansbee, Wendy Garwood, Christopher Green, Carol and Dave Guenther, Margareta Gustafasson, Alex Hall, John Harvey, Jack Heil, The Hughes Family, Carol Johnson, Susan Lobrano, Pearl Koteles, Walter Koteles Sr. Carol McDowell, Jim McManus, The Morris Family, Lisa Nagle, Jan Rogiers, Minerva Stadlmeir, Dave Stebbins, Judy Stebbins, The Family of Doris Steele, Stan Weir, Bill Young.

Continued prayers always for:

Rita Abelson, Kathy Boyte, Edith Budd, Emilia Carboy, Lucy Cronberger, Darryl, Kristen and Quetin, Olga Davies, Carol DeLaurentis, Jean Delesantro, Marie C. and Carmen Devece, Gail Driscoll, Kavonna and Essence, Dorie Keener, Eric Lajeuness, Aiden and Wendy Licolli, Marge Loeb, Robin McBrearty, JoAnn Morgan, Essie Newell, Rob Perry, Joyce Pfeiffer, Marilyn Rosado, Irene Smith, Judy Stebbins, Georgina Umoren, Mary Umoren and Family, Ethel Washington, Frances Weir, Dirk Williamson

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group will begin meeting on September 16th at 9:30am in Madden Hall.

The group normally meets on the first Saturday of each month.

All are invited who enjoy knitting or crocheting or who would like to learn.

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.

Help is needed with set up, clean up, and providing baked goods, cookies, etc.

If you are able to assist in any way please sign up on the clipboard in the vestibule.





OLGA DAVIES

Olga's eyesight is failing.
If you would like to call or visit,
her new address and phone number is:
Meadowview Nursing Home Room #182A
Northfield, NJ 08225
609-645-5595

DAVE STEBBINS

If anyone would like to send Dave a card, his new address is:
Dave Stebbins Room 213A
c/o Seashore Gardens, 22 W. Jimmie Leeds Road
Galloway, NJ 08205

MARGE LOEB

If anyone would like to send Marge a card, her new address is:
Marge Loeb, Floral Creek Room 25A
600 Township Line Road, Yardley, PA 19067

DON CRONBERGER

If anyone would like to send Don a card, his new address is:
Don Cronberger, c/o Spring Home at Galloway Room D9,
Galloway, NJ 08205

Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

Words in a straight line left to right or top to bottom

September 30, 2023

JOHN 1:32-36



Words in the puzzle are printed in **bold italics**

And John *testified*, ‘I saw the *Spirit* descending from *heaven* like a *dove*, and it *remained* on him. I *myself* did not *know* him, but the one who *sent* me to baptize with *water* said to me, ‘He on *whom* you see the Spirit *descend* and *remain* is the one who *baptizes* with the *Holy* Spirit.’ And I myself have *seen* and have testified that this is the *Son of God.*’ The *next day* John again was *standing* with *two* of his *disciples*, and as he *watched Jesus walk* by, he *exclaimed*, ‘*Look*, here is the *Lamb* of God!’

Deposit made on September 1, 2023

General

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$256.65
Envelopes Designated Donation Per Capita	\$2,886.00
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
General Total	<hr/> \$3,142.65

Benevolence

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$29.50
Envelopes Designated	
Wreaths Across America	\$105.00
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
Benevolence Total	<hr/> \$134.50

Capital Expenditures

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$8.85
Envelopes Designated	\$800.00
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
Capital Total	<hr/> \$808.85
Combined Total	<hr/> \$4,086.00 <hr/>

GOD WINKS by Lisa Whitaker
September 2023

Did you know that scripture says that God Winks! In Acts 17:30,31 when Paul is addressing the crowd from Mars Hill in Athens, he says that God “winked” or some translations say “overlooked”. The Greek word, hupereido, used there can be translated winks. That might not seem so significant to you, but it was an amazing personal message to me. Some things have happened recently that made me say to people, “I just felt like God winked at me”, like He knew what I was thinking or longing for and then He did it! It wasn’t a coincidence, it wasn’t a happenstance, it was GOD! It has happened on a few occasions and I am trying to be very attentive because I think God winks at us more than we realize. I woke up this morning, thinking about the day ahead and it was mostly filled with emails, reports, notes and other things on the computer - not many people moments. I prayed as I got out of bed, “Lord, help me be aware of any winks you give me today” WELL, I opened up my devotional for the day and shockingly Acts 17:30,31 was the reference - God winks!!!! I was blown away, not only does God wink, He winks at me asking Him to wink!!!

As summer comes to a close, I am so grateful for the many opportunities to share of His goodness and His winks. As I look back at the last few months, I have had the privilege of speaking 11 times in various scenarios, zoomed with Hong Kong, the Middle East and across Europe, hosted several people and groups for meals, met up with former students and friends from 33 years ago in Tennessee and so many other “God” encounters with people. I also took some time to rest and spend quality time with my family, went to a fair and took a few road trips. The summer has been wonderfully full and refreshing.

As I prepare to leave for my fall travels, I look forward to all God has ahead as I leave on September 15th. I will be teaching, doing staff training, meeting, mentoring the next generation, praying for new works to start and so much more. In and through all of these trips, I am certain God will wink at me - in big ways and in connection with things that only He and I know about. Those winks are the most precious, when you realize that the God of the universe knows you so intimately - you share secrets with Him! WOW!

I’ve included my fall schedule below in case you did not see it in my newsletter earlier this summer. I would appreciate prayers as I travel and have the immense privilege and responsibility to minister to so many precious people from so many different cultures and nations. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your prayers and ongoing support. I truly feel like I have the most incredible team of people behind me and with me. I so look forward to coming home around Thanksgiving and sharing all the God winks from the fall! I’d love for you to share yours with me!

Have a fabulous fall everyone and see you right as we prepare to celebrate Advent!

Lisa

Lisa's Fall Schedule

Sept. 15 - Newark to Capetown

Sept. 16 - 29 - Master's Final Intensive and Graduation

Set. 30th - Oct. 6th - Centre Christian Formation Conference

Oct. 6th-13th - European Leader's Meetings, Krakow, Poland

Oct. 13th-20th - Middle East - Part 1

Oct. 21st-27th - Middle East - Part 2

Oct. 28th-Nov. 3rd - Teach in DTS in Wiler, Switzerland - Topic: Life of Jesus

Nov. 3rd-5th - Istanbul Turkey, Gather group for Sacred Stories Seminar

Nov. 5th-12th - Sacred Stories Seminar in Cappadocia, Turkey

Nov. 12th-17th - Prayer week in Malta

Nov. 18th - Fly HOME

Nov. 26th-30th - Teach in SOMD (School of Ministry Development) Louisville, Kentucky

Dec. 3rd-8th - Teach in DTS at YWAM Gleanings, California - Topic: Biblical Worldview

Dec. 9th - Fly HOME



WREATH SPONSORSHIP

ABOUT THE NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

ANNUAL TRADITION OF HONORING OUR VETERANS AT HOLIDAY TIME

As we prepare to gather with family and loved ones to celebrate the holidays, we must not forget those that have left us. That is the meaning behind the commemoration of National Wreaths Across America Day.

National Wreaths Across America Day is a day to remember our fallen U.S. veterans by placing wreaths on their graves, and saying the names of the fallen, so as to not forget their sacrifices. Wreaths are laid as family and friends remember both those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who currently serve in the armed forces.

The Annual Holiday Tradition of honoring America's lost veterans will take place not only at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, but at over 3,700 locations across the U.S. and worldwide in 2023. This important day is an annual event that takes place every year on the third Saturday in December. This tradition helps family members, friends, neighbors, and volunteers all across the country lay wreaths at the gravestones of those who have served our country.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SPONSOR A WREATH?

It means you are supporting a year long mission to “Remember fallen U.S. veterans; Honor those who serve; and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.” And it will place a wreath to honor an American hero in the Cemetery here at Absecon Presbyterian Church on National Wreaths Across America Day. It means you have the opportunity to join a grateful nation in saying “thank you” to those who stepped up to serve.

We can’t do that without your support, though. Your sponsorship will ensure that the legacy of duty, service and sacrifice is never forgotten.

Please make checks payable to Absecon Presbyterian Church. In the memo section, write “Wreaths Across America”. Thank you.

Number of Wreaths to Sponsor:

- 1 Wreath Individual Sponsorship (\$17.00)
- 2 Wreaths (\$34.00)
- 5 Wreaths (\$85.00)
- 10 Wreaths (\$170.00)
- Custom Number of Wreaths

DONATIONS MUST BE IN BY OCTOBER 15TH



TRAFFIC IMPACT

Sunday, September 10, 2023

ATLANTIC CITY

Expect heavy foot traffic on the Atlantic City boardwalk from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

ACE EXITS #1, #2, #3, #4 AND #5 CLOSED FROM 3:30 AM TO 1 PM

Expect heavy traffic delays on Albany Ave/ US 322 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Please use the ACE to enter/exit the city.

VENTNOR, MARGATE, LONGPORT & BRIGANTINE

If entering from US 322, plan to use West End Ave or the toll road into Margate to avoid Albany Ave. The Brigantine Tunnel will be closed.

PLEASANTVILLE & EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP

Expect traffic delays and detours along Delilah Rd, Westcoat Rd, Atlantic 651 and New Rd from 6 AM to 1 PM. Follow detour signs.

ABSECON

Expect traffic delays and detours along Mill Rd, Fire Rd, Westcoat Rd, and Ohio Rd from 6 AM to 1:30 PM.



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or scan the QR code.





Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!

And peacocks,
everywhere!

Sunday, September 17

Cape May County Zoo

Group will leave from the Church at Noon and
meet at the Zoo (Pavilion C) which we have
reserved from 1:00 until 4:00.

We'll have Sandwiches, Chips and Beverage.

Please sign up on the Clipboard in the Hallway.



If you need a ride on the van, please
call Tina Harvery at 609 513-8529.

**Cost: \$5.00 per adult,
children are free.**

Sister Jean's Food & Clothing Pantry

Believe it or not, the otherwise helpful government program SNAP, does not cover these essentials!?!

There is a big demand for dish soap and toilet paper and other cleaning products. They need the sizes for home use, not bulk containers as these are for individuals. Even just grabbing a few items at a dollar store will help. Don't forget dish cloths and sponges... you know, the essentials.





Please help
replenish our
homemade soups
and breads for
our shut-in
members.

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| LABEL your soups and breads and |
| please, DO NOT use nuts in your |
| receipes as many people have an |
| allergy to them. |
| Please put DATE on label. |
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Sight & Sound presents...



*Miracle
of Christmas*

Thursday, November 30 - 11:00 AM

**Please sign up and whether you will be riding
in the van or following in your own vehicle.**

**After the show, we will stop for lunch
on the way home.**

Details to follow.