

Absecon Presbyterian Church

PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

Sunday, September 17, 2023

MATTHEW 18:21-22

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

seventy *times* seven
70⁷
Matthew 18:21-22

KITCHEN

If you need to use the oven and/or stove at any time, please notify the office a week in advance.

Thank you.

CHOIR SINGERS

If you would like to be part of our new Choir, please see Rick DeKarski after the church service.

USHERS AND LAY ASSISTANTS

If you are interested in being an usher, please see Mary Bew.

If you are interested in being a Lay Assistant,

please see Janet Gee.

SERVING

THIS MORNING:

LAY ASSISTANT:

Louise Speitel

USHERS:

Gwen Monhollen
and Helen Older

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

Worship - 35

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

PASTOR KUNDAN NASIR

is with us again this Sunday
as our Temporary
Pulpit Supply Minister

SERMON TITLE:

"Don't Hold Grudges"

Matthew 18:21-35

SESSION SPOTLIGHT

September 7, 2023

FALL BIBLE STUDIES:

Wednesday Morning Bible study will resume **September 27, 2023** and focus on a study of Jesus.

Wednesday Evening Bible study will also resume **September 27**, and complete the last season of “The Chosen”.

Beginning **November 8, 2023**, both **Morning and Evening** Bible Studies will begin a four-week Advent study from the book on the Grinch and “*The Heart That Grew Three Times*”.

January 24, 2024, both the Morning and the Evening groups will resume – details to follow on the study materials.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

10:30 a.m. – Our morning Christmas worship service

3:30 p.m. – **Our Christmas Eve candlelight service**

Both services will be led by Rev. Judy Fiocco

Welcome back to Frank Nale and **thank you** to Rick for providing us with the sound system last week.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – this year we will again have a box for you to drop off your Christmas cards and the Good News Express will prepare a gift bag for each of you with Christmas cards, your 2024 Offering Envelopes and little treats. Details on dates for dropping off your cards and picking up your gift bags will follow.

This **Christmas season** we will have a new **Manger** in front of our Church, thanks to Brent Young.

On **Saturday, 09/16/23**, there will be a memorial service at the Columbarium for Doris Steele at 11 a.m. followed by a reception in Madden Hall.

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 29, 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

Cost of Tickets-\$85.00 per person

Van will be leaving the church at 7:30am sharp for the 11:30 show

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 by Sunday, September 24, 2023

The deadline for payment is Sunday, October 15, 2023

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 Channell, 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, Nancy Pedersen, 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, Khristen 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 meets the first Saturday of every month
at 9:30am in Madden Hall

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 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

Deposit made on September 8 and August online giving

General

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$654.24
Envelopes Designated	\$960.00
Donation	\$150.00
Per Capita	\$38.00
Energy	\$20.00
Online - Undesignated	\$1,897.01
Online - Designated	\$24.54

General Total	\$3,743.79
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Benevolence

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$75.20
Envelopes Designated	\$100.00
Wreaths Across America	\$909.00
Online - Undesignated	\$218.05
Online - Designated	

Benevolence Total	\$1,302.25
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Capital Expenditures

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$22.56
Envelopes Designated	\$260.00
Knee Wall Fundraiser	\$50.00
Online - Undesignated	\$65.41
Online - Designated	

Capital Total	\$397.97
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Combined Total	<u>\$5,444.01</u>
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Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

September 17, 2023

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

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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



On Sunday, November 10th, our Deacons will be recognizing Veterans during our worship service. A list of names will be printed in the bulletin.

If you or a family member have served or are currently serving our country, please fill in the information below and return to the office by Sunday, October 15th.

(Please print clearly)

Your Name: _____

Service Person's Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Dates of Service: _____



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.



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.

