

# Absecon Presbyterian Church

## PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

*Sunday, September 24, 2023*

### JOSHUA 1:5-9

As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.'



**Thank you** to everyone who have helped David and me on this journey for DBS (deep brain stimulation) surgery and his rehab!! The rides from Debbie W. and Donna H. driving me all over the place; the many, many prayers for us both. JoAnn and Scott Sabo for loaning me their wheelchair. The rollator rescued from the church attic for David, The deacons for the wonderful soup basket. Phone calls and texts we received. We are blessed to have such caring Angels. Judy and David Stebbins

**Thank you** to the deacons, and everyone else who helped us pay a proper tribute to my mother, Doris Steele. She would have been proud. Lee Steele.

**SERVING  
THIS MORNING:**

**LAY ASSISTANT:**  
Nancy Sooy

**USHERS:**  
Tina Brown  
and John Carsone

**ATTENDANCE  
LAST WEEK:**  
Worship – 40

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

**PASTOR DAVID WENKER**  
is with us again this Sunday  
as our Temporary  
Pulpit Supply Minister

**SERMON TITLE:**  
“New Beginnings”

Joshua 1:1-9

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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.

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## 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

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## SIGHT AND SOUND

“Miracle of Christmas” Thursday, November 30, 2023

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 *TODAY*.

The deadline for payment is Sunday, October 15, 2023

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## 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.

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## 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.

## *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, The Family of 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

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### **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.

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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.

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

# Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

September 24, 2023

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

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## Deposit made on September 15

### General

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$702.96
Envelopes Designated Donation Per Capita Energy	\$885.00
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
<b>General Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$1,587.96</b>

### Benevolence

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$80.80
Envelopes Designated	\$60.00
Wreaths Across America	\$30.00
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$170.80</b>

### Capital Expenditures

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$24.24
Envelopes Designated	\$210.00
Knee Wall Fundraiser	
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
<b>Capital Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$234.24</b>
<b>Combined Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$1,993.00</b> <hr/>



## **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 15<sup>TH</sup>**





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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.*

