

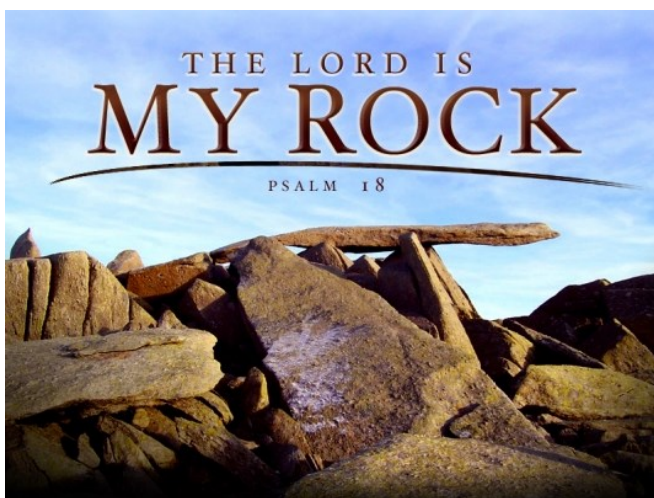
Absecon Presbyterian Church

PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

Sunday, October 8, 2023

PSALM 18:1-2

I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.



WREATH DONATIONS DEADLINE

Must be in by next Sunday, October 15, 2023

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:

Tina Brown

USHERS:

Bob and Barb Hudak

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

Worship –

Sunday School -

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:

“Leaping over walls”

Psalm 18:1-3, 27-36

SESSION SPOTLIGHT

OCTOBER 3, 2023

1. **Sister Jean's** – a big thank you for all the cleaning and household items which have been put in our distribution box for Sister Jean's. Monthly three thousand (3,000) people are given bags of food and cleaning items from their new location. And next week, construction will begin on the new kitchen so hot lunches may be prepared and served during the week to the hungry.
2. **Cape May Zoo** – everyone had a great afternoon at the Zoo. We had a pavilion where hoagies, chips and beverages were enjoyed and then all had was time to visit the animals, take photos and just enjoy being together on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.
3. **New Bible studies** are beginning: • Wednesday morning is led by Rita Abelson and the group is currently studying Jacob and Joseph • Wednesday evening is led by Tina Harvey and the group is studying the last season of "The Chosen" • November 8, 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"
4. Please remember the Deacons when making **homemade breads or soups**. These two items are delivered to and enjoyed by our shut-ins.
5. To date we have delivered **251 pounds of fresh produce to the Food Bank** from our Church Garden. This year we grew zucchini; butternut and spaghetti squash; cucumbers; eggplant; green, yellow, and jalapeno peppers; lima and green beans; and tomatoes. There will be more harvested so stay tuned for an update.

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.

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 and Friday, November 17 from 1:00 to 6:00pm

Lolla Chiropractic

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.

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.

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:

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, Sandy Sylvester, Ann Marie Taggart, Stan Weir, The Family of Doug Winkler, 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, 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

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 29, 2023 and September online giving

General

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$1,153.62
Envelopes Designated	\$50.00
Donation	
Per Capita	
Energy	\$100.06
Online - Undesignated	\$2,417.23
Online - Designated	\$19.66
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General Total	\$3,740.57

Benevolence

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$132.60
Envelopes Designated	
Wreaths Across America	\$193.00
Online - Undesignated	\$277.84
Online - Designated	
Online - Sister Jeans	\$100.06
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Benevolence Total	\$703.50

Capital Expenditures

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$39.78
Envelopes Designated	
Online - Undesignated	\$83.35
Online - Designated	
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Capital Total	\$123.13

Combined Total	\$4,567.20
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Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

October 8, 2023

PSALM 18:1-2



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

I *love* you, O ***LORD***, my *strength*. The LORD is my *rock*, my *fortress*, and my *deliverer*, my God, my rock in *whom* I *take refuge*, my *shield*, and the *horn* of my *salvation*, my *stronghold*.



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 12th, 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: _____



DEADLINE IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

Each year we share the Gospel with children around the world by donating to the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox gifts.

Our Goal this year is to donate 30 Boxes.

The boxes are set up on the table in the vestibule, along with how to pack a shoebox card and bookmarks,

"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME FOR SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

LUKE 18:16

ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS

GO TO YOUR SHOEBOX GOAL PAGE

If you don't want to build a Shoebox, then please consider donating to Operation Christmas Child online by going to samaritanspurse.org and searching for the Absecon Presbyterian Church Goal Page.

1. On Web – enter Samaritanspurse.org
2. Select Operation Christmas Child
3. Scroll down and click on "Build a Shoebox!"
4. Scroll down to Goal Page and key in the first five letters of Absecon (Absec) and then click on the Absecon Presbyterian Church for 2023.
5. Scroll down to "Start Building" and follow the prompts.



Fall Festival

October 29, 2023

11:30 to 1:30 PM

**Lunch: Pot luck,
bring dish to share.**

**Activities: Fall crafts
& fun.**



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.

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



**American
Red Cross**

GIVE SOMETHING THAT

Means Something

GIVE BLOOD

Blood Drive
Absecon Presbyterian Church
Sponsored by
Lolla Chiropractic Center

Hall
208 New Jersey Ave.
Absecon, NJ 8201

Wednesday, November 8, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Lolla Chiro to schedule an appointment.

Come give Oct 21 thru Nov. 9 and get a \$10 gift card by email. PLUS, get a chance to win a \$5,000 prize to treat yourself! You could be one of three lucky winners (one a week). Terms apply: rcblood.org/lunch

Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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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.

