

# Absecon Presbyterian Church

## PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

*Sunday, November 5, 2023*

### **MATTHEW 23:8-12**

But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.



### **CHOIR SINGERS**

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

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### **USHERS AND LAY ASSISTANTS**

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

If you are interested in being a Lay Assistant,

please see Janet Gee.

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**SERVING  
THIS MORNING:**

**LAY ASSISTANT:**  
Nancy Sooy

**USHERS:**  
Rita and Vic Abelson

**ATTENDANCE**

**LAST WEEK:**

Worship – 38

Sunday School - 6

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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

**REV. DR. BILL GASKILL**

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

**SERMON TITLE:**

“Upside Down Religion”

Joshua 3:7-17

Matthew 23:1-12

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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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## VACATION

Teresa Barone will be away from Wednesday, November 1 through Friday, November 10. The office will *not* be open every day. Ann Wallace will be here some of the time during the week if you need anything that can't wait until November 10th. \*\*\*\*\*

## BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, November 8, and Friday, November 17,

1:00 to 6:00pm

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## FALL CLEANUP

Saturday, November 18, 2023

9:00am—12:00 noon

## 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 have been made but all are to pay on their own.

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## HANGING OF THE GREENS

Saturday, December 2, 2023

9:00am -12 noon

## 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:**

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, Betty Price, 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

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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

**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

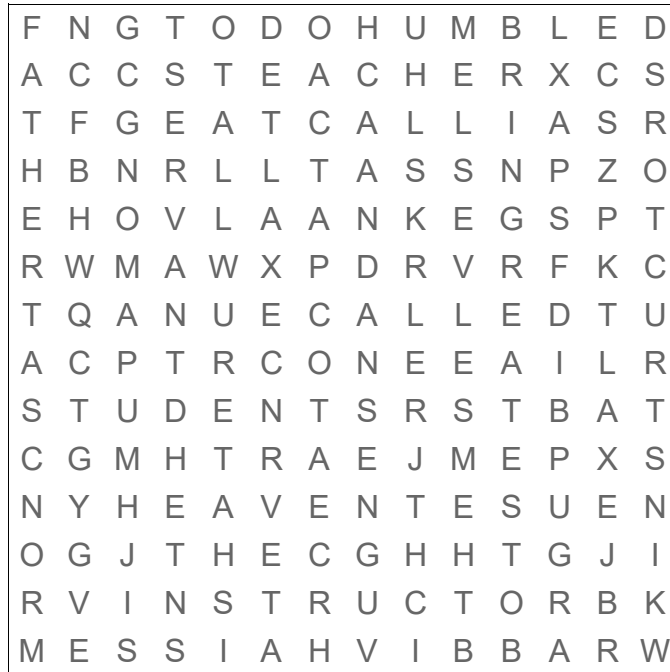
# Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

November 5, 2023

**MATTHEW 23:8-12**



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

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## Deposit made on October 27, 2023

### General

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$307.11
Envelopes Designated	\$765.00
Initial Offering	\$1.00
Per Capita	
Energy	
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
<b>General Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$1,073.11</b>

### Benevolence

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$35.30
Envelopes Designated	\$30.00
Wreaths Across America	
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$65.30</b>

### Capital Expenditures

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$10.59
Envelopes Designated	\$200.00
Knee Wall Fundraiser	
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
<b>Capital Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$210.59</b>
<b>Combined Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$1,349.00</b>



**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](https://www.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.





**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](https://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](https://rcblood.org/lunch)**

**Schedule your blood donation appointment today!**

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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**Blood Drive**  
**Absecon Presbyterian Church**

Hall  
208 New Jersey Ave.  
Absecon, NJ 08201

**Friday, November 17, 2023**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: APC to schedule an appointment.



Come give blood Nov. 10-30 for an exclusive pair of Elf & Red Cross socks, while supplies last! Join us to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the film Elf and make giving blood a holiday tradition! © & TM New Line Productions, Inc. (s23)

**Schedule your blood donation appointment today!**

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://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.*

# 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 |  
| recipes as many people have an |  
| allergy to them. |

| Please put DATE on label. |  
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