

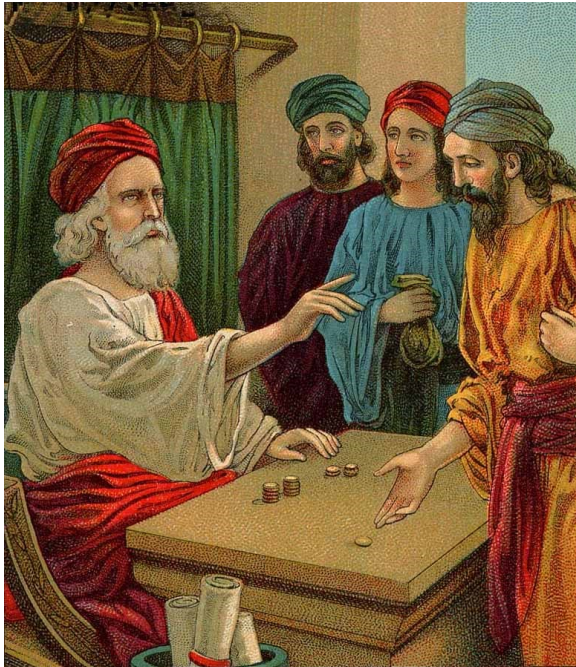
# Absecon Presbyterian Church

## PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

*Sunday, November 12, 2023*

### **MATTHEW 25:29-30**

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### **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 Mary Bew.

If you are interested in being a Lay Assistant,  
please see Janet Gee.

**SERVING  
THIS MORNING:**

**LAY ASSISTANT:**  
Don Wong

**USHERS:**  
Bob and Barb Hudak

**ATTENDANCE  
LAST WEEK:**  
Worship – 42

**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:**  
“Toil and Trouble”

Matthew 25:14-30



**IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED  
OR ARE SERVING ON BEHALF OF OUR NATION**

Ann Wallace in memory of her brothers, David Lyon III and Robert Wallace and nephew, David Lyon IV who all served in the US Navy.

Louise Speitel in memory of her late husband, Joseph Clark Marshall who served the US Army Air Corp from 1943-1946.

Donna Hughes in memory of her husband, Walter V. Hughes who service in the US Air Force and her son, Walter (Dan) Hughes who also served in the US Air Force from 1978- 1982.

John Thompson Jr. in memory of his Grandpop, Robert Ellis Thompson who served in the US Army in World War I.

Ernie and Jo-ann Weller in memory of their son, Jerry Weller who served in the Navy from 1986 - 1993.

Loretta Metz in honor of her son, Jeff Melvin who served in the US Navy on Submarines from 1981-1989.

Joan Nale in memory of her husband Thayer D. Nale and brother-in-laws William and Max Nale who served in the Army in World War II. All three brothers were drafted and left home at the same time.

Dottie McCaffrey in memory of her brothers Bill Mong who served in the Navy in 1954, Jim Mong (deceased) who served in the Marines in 1953, John Mung (deceased) who served in the Marines in 1957 and her nephew Kyle Koteles who served in the Marines in 2016.

# SESSION SPOTLIGHT

November 7, 2023

Deacons – A request has been made that their supply of homemade soups and breads is running low. Please remember our shut-ins when you are baking (a Quick Bread makes about four servings) or homemade soup (there are so many “easy to make” recipes). The Deacons visit and leave a soup and bread package with each shut-in. There is one additional request -- on your labels, please indicate the date and if there are nuts in the recipe.

This year (the Tuesday before Thanksgiving) our Deacons will deliver Thanksgiving dinners to those of our church who are alone and/or confined to their homes.

December 2 will be when we decorate our church for the Christmas season. Please join us putting up the Christmas Tree, the wreaths, and our time of fellowship. To make this year extra special, we will have our new and long-awaited doors (thanks to Betty Lloyd and her committee) and a beautiful new manger (thanks to Betty Price’s brother Brent Young and the Deacons and Mission Evangelism Committee for their contributions).

Communion on Sunday, December 3 is when we will begin to serve the elements. The pre-packaged elements will be in the trays and will be distributed by two of our Elders and Deacons.

Angel Tree Tags – please see Ann Wallace on Sunday for a tag (there are eight tags remaining) if you have not already done so. The gifts will need to be returned to the church no later than December 5.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

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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## BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, November 17,  
1:00 to 6:00pm

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## FALL CLEANUP

Saturday, November 18, 2023  
9:00am—12:00 noon

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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.

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## HANGING OF THE GREENS

Saturday, December 2, 2023  
9:00am -12 noon

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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
- † Peace in Ukraine, Middle East and other countries experiencing conflicts.
- † 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, John Harvey, Jack Heil, The Hughes Family, Carol Johnson, Susan Lobrano, Pearl Koteles, Walter Koteles Sr. Carol McDowell, Jim McManus, Sam Mitchell, The Morris Family, Lisa Nagle, Betty Price, Jan Rogiers, Minerva Stadlmeir, Dave Stebbins, Judy Stebbins, 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

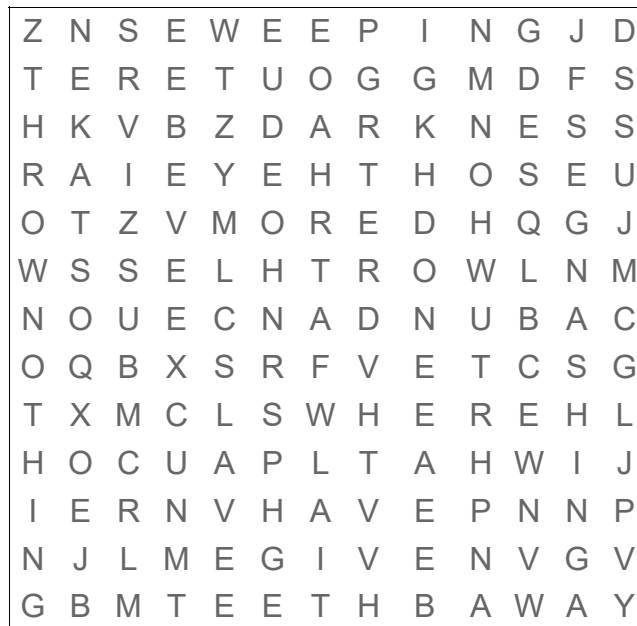
# Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

November 12, 2023

**MATTHEW 25:29-30**



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

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**Deposit made on November 3, 2023 and October Online Giving**

**General**

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$612.48
Envelopes Designated	\$205.00
Initial Offering	
Per Capita	
Energy	
Online - Undesignated	\$2,290.48
Online - Designated	\$19.63

**General Total** **\$3,127.59**

**Benevolence**

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$70.40
Envelopes Designated	\$60.00
Online - Undesignated	\$263.27
Online - Designated	
Wreaths Across America	\$524.59

**Benevolence Total** **\$918.26**

**Capital Expenditures**

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$21.12
Envelopes Designated	\$60.00
Knee Wall Fundraiser	
Online - Undesignated	\$78.98
Online - Designated	

**Capital Total** **\$160.10**

**Combined Total** **\$4,205.95**



**American  
Red Cross**

GIVE SOMETHING THAT  
*Means Something*

**GIVE BLOOD**

## **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](https://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!**

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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.



**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.



# 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.**

