

Absecon Presbyterian Church

PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

Sunday, December 3, 2023

MARK 13:24-26

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.



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:

Scott Sabo

USHERS:

Rita and Vic Abelson

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

Worship – 38

SUNDAY WORSHIP

at 10:30 In Person or Online
on APC Facebook page at

[www.facebook.com/
abseconpresby](http://www.facebook.com/abseconpresby)

PASTOR DWAYNE DOYLE

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

SERMON TITLE:

“The Signs of the Times- Getting
ready for Jesus’s Return ”

Mark 13:24-37

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

The four-week Advent Bible Study is from the book
The Grinch and the Heart That Grew Three Times.
Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am with Rita Abelson
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 with Tina Harvey

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Please return the unwrapped gifts today, December 3, 2023
Thank you.

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
1:00 - 6:00pm

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Sunday, December 10, 2023
Potluck luncheon immediately following service.
We will be collecting hats, mittens, scarfs and socks 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.

CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS

In honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the form
at the end of Bits and Pieces.
Forms and monies will be due no later than Sunday, December 10, 2023.

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, 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

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

Please note that the Prayer Shawl Group will not meet in December.

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
(Purple)

Advent week 1 Hope: Prophecy Candle

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
(Purple)

Advent week 2 Peace: Bethlehem Candle

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
(Pink)

Advent week 3 Joy: Shepherd's Candle

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
(Purple)

Advent week 4 Love: Angel's Candle

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
(White)

Christmas Eve: Birth of Jesus

Deposit made on November 24, 2023

General

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$401.94
Envelopes Designated	\$455.00
Initial Offering Per Capita	
Energy	
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	

General Total	\$856.94
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Benevolence

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$46.20
Envelopes Designated	\$10.00
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
Wreaths Across America	

Benevolence Total	\$56.20
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Capital Expenditures

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$13.86
Envelopes Designated	\$125.00
Knee Wall Fundraiser	
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	

Capital Total	\$138.86
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Combined Total	\$1,052.00
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Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

December 3, 2023

MARK 13:24-26

H W F O U R S H A K E N Z N
G P O W E R S Y N Y A O S E
A C L O U D S H L S R O Y H
T C C O M I N G D U T M A T
H M H H Q E V I G F H X D S
E A A E L V C F X F A S B J
R N P A I B V A L E N D B X
T W L V G G S L S R N N E G
A I H E H L R L K I U E N T
E N E N T O A I J N S S D N
R D A S P R T N J G V I S O
G S V J E Y S G E L E C T S
N K E D A R K E N E D B O B
M R N F N W S L E G N A K W

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

‘But in those ***days***, after that ***suffering***, the ***sun*** will be ***darkened***, and the ***moon*** will not ***give*** its ***light***, and the ***stars*** will be ***falling*** from ***heaven***, and the ***powers*** in the ***heavens*** will be ***shaken***. Then they will see “the ***Son of Man coming in clouds***” with ***great*** power and ***glory***. Then he will ***send*** out the ***angels***, and ***gather*** his ***elect*** from the ***four winds***, from the ***ends*** of the ***earth*** to the ends of heaven.



Blood Drive
Absecon Presbyterian Church

Hall
208 New Jersey Ave.
Absecon, NJ 08201

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Birthday Party for baby Jesus!



**Come celebrate
with fellowship and fun!**

**Potluck luncheon immediately following service,
sign up and tell us what you're bringing.**

**We will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves but
especially SOCKS, THE MOST NEEDED ITEM
by those less fortunate.**



**Sunday, December 10 from 12pm-2pm
in Madden Hall**

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
receipes as many people have an
allergy to them.
Please put DATE on label.

Absecon Presbyterian Church

Advent and Christmas 2023



December 3 at 10:30 AM First Sunday of Advent
Lighting of the Candle of Hope

December 10 at 10:30 AM Second Sunday of Advent
Lighting of the Candle of Peace

December 17 at 10:30 AM Third Sunday of Advent
Lighting of the Candle of Joy

December 24 at 10:30 AM Fourth Sunday of Advent
Lighting of the Candle of Love

December 24 at 3:30 PM Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols
Lighting of the Candle of Light

December 10: Following our morning service there will be a Potluck luncheon to celebrate "Birthday Party for Baby Jesus." Please bring a dish or dessert to share with others.



Most importantly, bring a gift of warm socks (most requested item), hats, mittens and gloves for those children and adults less fortunate than ourselves.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



We will once again be beautifying our sanctuary this Christmas season with poinsettias. To give a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill in the form below and return it to the church office by **Sunday, December 19**. The cost is \$7.00 each. Make checks payable to the Absecon Presbyterian Church and write "poinsettia" on the memo line.

I would like to order _____ poinsettia(s) to be dedicated as follows:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____ Phone: _____

MISSION BOUQUET ORDER FORM



Mission Bouquet donations in the amount of your choice will once again be received. A plant will not be placed on the altar. Instead, all funds donated will go to our Mission programs and projects of the church. If you would like to give a Mission Bouquet, please fill in the form and return to the church office by **Sunday, December 19**. Make checks payable to the Absecon Presbyterian Church with "Mission Bouquet" on the memo line.

I would like to give \$_____ in Mission Bouquet(s) to be dedicated as follows:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____ Phone: _____

