

# Absecon Presbyterian Church

## PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

Sunday, February 5, 2023

### 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-11

But, as it is written, ‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him’— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God.

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### REV. DR. BILL GASKILL

Reverend Gaskill retired in 2019 after serving in two churches over 41 years. He served First Presbyterian in Avondale, PA for 16 years, and First Presbyterian in Merchantville for 25 years. He and his wife Jean have been married 51 years. Bill is active preaching for various congregations in the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey.

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### 2022 ANNUAL REPORT AND YEAR END LETTERS

If you did not receive the Annual Report last Sunday,  
please see Ann Wallace.

She will also have the Year End Letters.

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### THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

on the following holiday:  
February 20th - President’s Day

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### LOST AND FOUND

We have eye glasses and many keys. If you are missing any of these items, please come to the office.

Thank you.

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### SERVING THIS MORNING:

#### Lay Assistant:

Tina Brown

#### Ushers:

Vic and Rita Abelson

#### Attendance Last Week:

Worship - 42

Sunday School - 7

#### **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 this Sunday  
as our Temporary  
Pulpit Supply Minister

#### **Sermon Title:**

“Nothing But”

Isaiah 58:9-12

Matthew 5:13-20

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

## *Upcoming Events*

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Two groups are meeting in Cobb Lounge and studying “The Chosen” Season 2.  
Wednesday morning at 10:30 am with Rita Abelson  
Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm with Tina Harvey.

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### **BLOOD DRIVE**

February 8, 2023 at 1-6pm in Madden Hall

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### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

at Absecon United Methodist Church  
on February 22, 2023 at 7:00pm

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### **LIFELINE HEALTH SCREENING**

They will be returning on Tuesday, May 9, 2023  
8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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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.

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## *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 an end to this pandemic, protection for those most at risk.
- † 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:**

The Family of Katie Beem, Skip Bellino, Kathy Bordanora, Olive Brown, Maddie Caracozzo, Don Croneberger, The Family of Ginny Davenport, Robin Deaver, Julie Dougherty, Jerry Falivene, Cathy Follansbee, Wendy Garwood, Christopher Green, Carol and Dave Guenther, Michael Guerrieri and Family, Hackney-Will Family, Alex Hall, John Harvey, The Hughes Family, Carol Johnson, Carol McDowell, Marjorie McGuigan, Jim McManus, The Morris Family, Lisa Nagle, Gary Price, Sue, Minerva Stadlmeir, Bill Young, Stan Weir.

**Continued prayers always for:**

Rita Abelson, Kathy Boyte, Edith Budd, Emilia Carboy, Lucy Cronberger, Darryl, Khristen and Quentin, 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, Doris Steele, Georgina Umoren, Mary Umoren and Family, Ethel Washington, Frances Weir, Dirk Williamson

# Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

January 29, 2023

## LUKE 9:13-17



Words in the puzzle are printed in *bold italics*

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## Deposit made January 27, 2023

### General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$702.09
Envelopes Designated	\$665.00
Per Capita	
Initial Offering	
Energy	
Christmas Donation	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fuel	
<b>General Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$1,367.09</b>

### Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$80.70
Envelopes Designated	\$30.00
Mission Evangelism Y/E Donation	
Christmas Eve Food Bank	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Sister Jean's	
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$110.70</b>

### Capital Expenditures

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$24.21
Envelopes Designated	\$300.00
Bricks (Memorial)	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
<b>Capital Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$324.21</b>

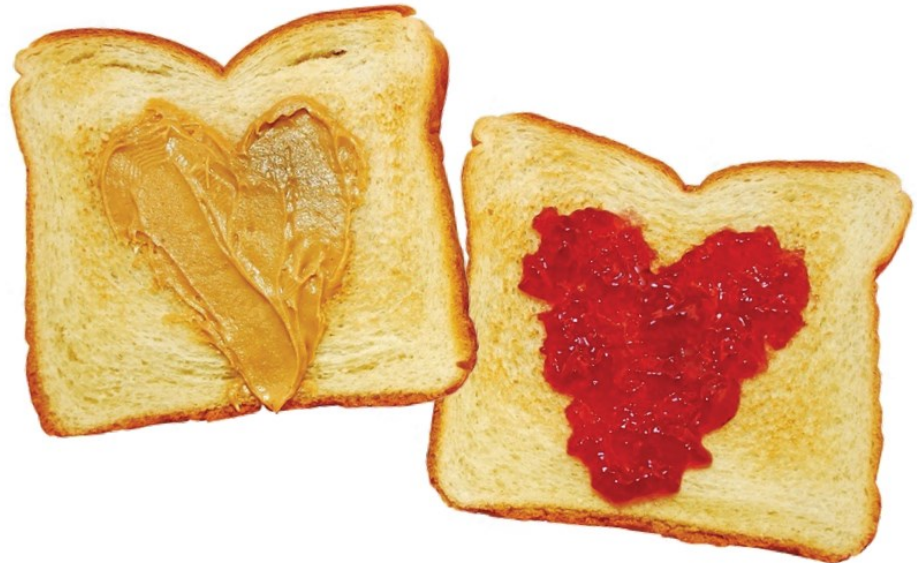
### Combined Total

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**\$1,802.00**

Please know that we love each and every one of you, and you continue to be in our prayers.  
Stay safe – Follow Official Guidelines – and Know You Are Loved!

# Peanut Butter and Jam Sandwiches Ministry



**Would you like to volunteer making the sandwiches?**

**Would you like to donate peanut butter and/or jam?**

*Just leave the jars in the kitchen with a note saying it's for PB&J Ministry!*

**Monetary donations will help with our purchases of fresh bread.**



Questions?

**Please see or call Betty Price at 609 457-5155.**

**Your gifts and/or time will be very much appreciated!**

*How fortunate the Church is to have John Harvey, Betty Price and Jo-ann Weller who meet every other Thursday at 8 a.m., in the Church kitchen and make peanut butter and jam sandwiches for the Rescue Mission in Atlantic City. Maybe you could give them a helping hand*

*Be assured, the Rescue Mission patrons appreciate everything that they receive.*

# Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, February 4 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Salad

Pasta with Red or White Sauce

Bread

Coffee and Ice Tea

Cost of admission?

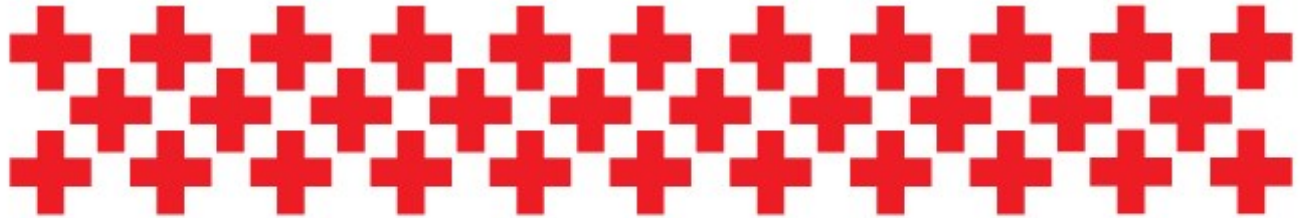
Bring a dessert to share.





# American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



## **Blood Drive** **Lolla Chiropractic Center** **Absecon Presbyterian Church**

Hall  
208 New Jersey Ave.  
Absecon, NJ 08201

**Wednesday, February 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.

**Warm hearts. Warm thoughts. Give in February for a \$10 Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. And, automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for 2 to Clearwater Beach, FL. Includes travel, hotel, gift card and more! Terms: [rcblood.org/heart](https://rcblood.org/heart)**

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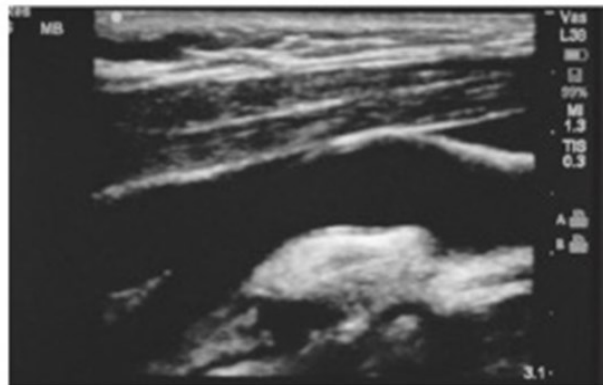
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# Healthy & Active

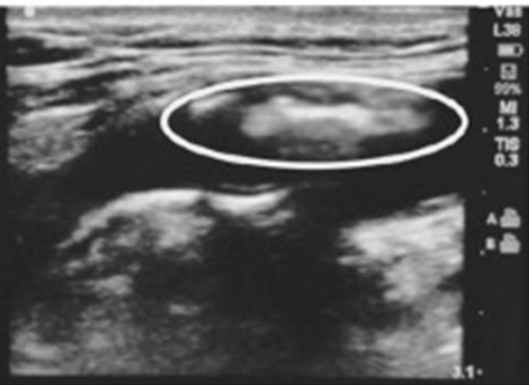
Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health.

## Be Smart: Do More For Your Cardiovascular Health

### No Plaque Buildup



### Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup.

That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors.<sup>1</sup>

Adults age 50+ and those 40 and older with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease should be screened.

<sup>1</sup>Key Risk Factors include: \*High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

**We are coming to your neighborhood.**

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount,  
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