

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have gazed at, and our hands have handled – concerning the Word of Life! That life was displayed, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and we announce to you the life of God’s coming age, which was with the father and was displayed to us. That which we have seen and heard, we announce to you too, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the father, and with his son Jesus the Messiah. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. - 1 John 1:1-4 (NTE)*

*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. - John 20:30-31 (NRSV)*

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**Worship Live Online  
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.  
on APC’s Facebook page at  
[www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby](http://www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby)**

Pastor’s sermon is titled “*The Joy of Fellowship—Vulnerable, without Walls*” from 1 John 1:1-2:2 (NTE) and John 20:19-31 (NRSV) available for you in the attached bulletin.

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***If you or someone you know from church is sick or hospitalized, please notify the office at 609/641-3759 so Pastor Drew can reach out to you.***

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The office learned this week that Carol Thomas has been moved to a comfortable apartment at United Methodist Community at The Shores, formerly The Shores at Wesley Manor, in Ocean City. It has been a difficult time for Carol recently as her memory is failing, and her family agreed this was in her best interest. Currently she cannot accept visitors and she does have a telephone.

As a Church, we want to work with Carol’s family in this difficult time to make sure we recognize their wishes in doing what is best for her. In the meantime, we will keep Carol and the whole family in our prayers.

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**Please Keep These Requests in Prayer**

For an end to this pandemic, protection for those most at risk.

For confidence to know that in the struggle, you are with us.

For patience, kindness, humility and empathy, that these might live into the calling to which you have called us.

For a spirit of holy community among us to embrace new ways to serve and share in your ministry of reconciliation.

For wisdom and discernment when facing the unknown.

For your church to embrace the poor and marginalized, to see your image and be your image in this broken world.

For a revival in our faith to live boldly for your Kingdom.

**For these the individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to your church in Absecon:**

Carol Thomas, Pam Blair, Jo-ann Weller, Jack Little, Nancy Pederson, Barbara Mellon, The Family of John King, Rita Abelson, Ben Werner, Donna Hughes, Roy Birkbeck, Olive Brown, Jerry Hoenes, Marilyn & Tito Rosado, Bob Gillis, Dan Hughes, Stan Weir, Jim & Patti Morris, Christopher Green, Diane Ford, Dorie Keener

**Continued prayers always for:**

Judy Stebbins, Rob Perry, Teresa, Robin McBrearty, JoAnne Morgan, Minerva Stadlmeir, Marge Loeb, Kavonna & Essence, Darryl, Khristen and Quentin, Dirk Williamson, Jim Price, Elaine Risley, Frances Weir, Emilia Carboy, Irene Smith, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Kathy Boyte, Jean Delesantro, Betsy Cunius, Marjorie McGuigan, Doris Steele, Essie Newell, Joyce Pfeiffer, Don & Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Olga Davies, Jim Mong, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Mildred Felsberg, Virginia Loeb

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**Session Spotlight – April 6 meeting**

1. The Regathering Committee met and formulated “Phase 2,” which session approved to go into effect on Sunday, June 6. The plans will double the current seating. Additional volunteers are needed to help with seating registered attendees. The front of the sanctuary will remain as it is in this phase and the service will continue to be geared to the online audience. (Frank will continue transmitting the service to the website and Facebook).

2. The Session authorized the Technology Committee (Bob Gillis, Dan Hughes, Frank Nale, Scott Sabo, Louise Speitel, Don Wong, Pastor Drew, and Dan Nickels from “God is Faithful”) to reconvene to reconfigure sanctuary, i.e., move Frank’s bubble to the rear of the sanctuary, additional electrical equipment, etc.
3. Pastor Drew’s vacation: April 12 – 18. Leo Ransone will preach on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
4. Red Cross Blood Drive dates for 2021 and early 2022: June 1, August 5, September 1, November 10, February 2, 2022, and April 15, 2022. The hours will be from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. and the Red Cross will set up in Madden Hall.
5. Session voted to have the Good News Express officially become a part of the Fellowship Committee. The Elders thought everyone receiving an Easter card was a beautiful surprise and want to express their thanks to Tina Harvey and Deb Wong for this.
6. The Church Garden (raised beds by the manse): Do you have a “Green Thumb”? Volunteers are needed to plant and maintain our garden as, unfortunately, Lee Wolff and her husband are moving to Kentucky. The church garden provides fresh vegetables and herbs to the Food Bank, which they greatly appreciate and need.
7. Stay Tuned for details: Sight and Sound will have a new show in 2022 – “David”. Here is an excerpt from their announcement:

*A state-of-the-art live experience, this brand-new production will use theatrical wonders to take audiences inside the story of the legendary figure who notoriously rose from shepherd to king after defeating the giant Goliath.*

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### **Love One Another as I Have Loved You**

The Season of Easter is seven weeks, followed by the Feast of Pentecost, which this year will be on Sunday, May 23, which is near the end of the school year, when Food Banks and Food Pantries are hit hardest. In the summer, young people no longer have school breakfasts and school lunches. To address this need, **the Session of Absecon Presbyterian Church is asking that you consider making a financial contribution to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Southern Branch.**

You can do this by making your donation to the church by mailing it, dropping it off, or going to [AbseconPresby.org/give](https://AbseconPresby.org/give). , which will send our total gift in late May, or you can donate to the

Food Bank directly at [www.cfbnj.org](http://www.cfbnj.org). **Every dollar you give empowers the Food Bank to purchase food for three meals!**

Non-perishable food donations and hygiene items will still be accepted at the church to be used for distributing to individuals who come directly to the church, but the Session encourages you to give financially to Community Food Bank because they can buy far more with your dollar than even the best shoppers among us might be able to buy at a grocery store. If you wish to donate for people who come to the church, consider foods high in protein, low in sodium, and low in sugar, as many of those who come in need are diabetic or have other health concerns.

Together, we can share the love of Christ by meeting the most pressing needs of the children, families and individuals who are our neighbors in Southern New Jersey.

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**Deposit made on April 2, 2021 and March online giving**

**General**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$628.15
Envelopes Designated	\$3,150.00
Per Capita	
Easter Flowers	\$21.00
Initial	
Fuel	
On-line Undesignated	\$3,221.98
On-line Designated	\$49.00
Online Per Capita	
Online Initial	
On-line Fuel	
<b>General Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$7,070.13</b>

**Benevolence**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$72.20
Envelopes Designated	\$765.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$200.00
Mission Bouquet	\$25.00
On-line Undesignated	\$370.34
On-line Designated	\$98.00
On-line One Great Hour of Sharing	\$345.94
On-line Sister Jean's	\$99.96
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$1,976.44</b>

**Capital Expenditures**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$21.66
Envelopes Designated	
On-line Undesignated	\$111.10
On-line Designated	
Winter Fund Raiser	
<b>Capital Total</b>	<u>\$132.76</u>
<b>Combined Total</b>	<u><u>\$9,179.33</u></u>

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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!