

# *The Presby Post*

09.23.22

But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.  
Luke 16:25

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**Sunday Worship  
at 10:30 a.m.**

**In Person  
OR**

**Online on APC's Facebook page at  
[www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby](http://www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby)**

Rev. John Nurnberger  
"I've Got a Name "  
Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Luke 16:19-31

Lay Assistant: Ann Wallace  
Ushers: Tina Brown and Joan Nale

Attendance Last Week:  
Worship - 38  
Sunday School - 3

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## ***Stories from Romania from Lisa Whitaker***

I never tire of hearing people's stories. When someone shares their story; where they came from, the path they took to get to where they are today, their family situation, I am always amazed. Amazed at the hardships and difficulties people have endured. Amazed at the perseverance and tenacity they have shown. But most of all, amazed at how God has led, provided, challenged and walked with them through very trying and discouraging circumstances. I've only been in Romania for a week and I have heard some absolutely

unbelievable stories. I can't share all of the details here, but will share some of the overall points.

One Romanian woman shared her story of being abandoned by her 12 year old mother because she was only 3 lbs at birth. The doctor told her mother she could not take her home or she would die, when her mom came back to get her, she was still too weak and her mother was convinced by her family to abandon "the baby". Thankfully, "the baby" survived, but only to be put into an orphanage where she was abused. After 27 years of hating her parents, God spoke to her when she attended a Discipleship Training School. She was encouraged to forgive her parents, which she did and eventually set out to find them. When she met her mother, the first thing her mother told her was - "I came back for you, I wanted you, but I was 12 years old and was told to let you go."

One man from Ghana was sharing with us how when he was 11 years old, his father tried to convince his mother to move the family to a village. The mother was a Christian and knew that that particular village was led by witchdoctors. She knew that if she took her 5 small children there, they would be influenced and absorbed into witchcraft. His mother made the tough decision to stay where she was, even though her husband left and rarely sent any support. This man shared what a difficult childhood he had financially and yet he and his siblings have all followed a life-giving path because his Mom made the right decision even though it was the hard decision. His siblings are lawyers, a Customs officer and he is a missionary.

Another story I heard was from closer to home. One of the staff here in Romania is a 75 year old woman from Florida. This year (I'll repeat that) THIS year when she was 75, she sold her home and car, packed all her things into a few bins and went to Texas to do a Discipleship Training School. Her daughter, whose children are all out of the house, went with her. They attended the school and went on outreach together to Indonesia. Her daughter loved Indonesia so she stayed. This woman had on her heart to come to Romania, so she did. She has made a 2 year commitment to the Romanian base. I was so impressed with her "all out", "drop everything and go" attitude. She doesn't know the language; she is living in a small bedroom on the base and she is loving life. She is full of energy and so excited to be doing what God has called her to do. She said to me, "when people say they are living through me vicariously, I say, STOP, don't live through me, live the life God has called you to, whether that is where you are or overseas, but live YOUR life!"

So, in just one week, these are a few of the stories I have heard. Whether you are from Romania, from Ghana, or from the US, God's hand is on you. Each of these friends had to make tough decisions, but they did and they are so full of life, it is beautiful.

May we all be willing to make the tough decisions - and when we do, hold on, cause God may take you places you never imagined.

Blessings to you all - I'm in the beginning of a 2 month trip so I will share more next month. Thank you for your prayers, please pray for health as I travel, I've already encountered a stomach bug!

Lisa

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

Gary Price, Minerva Stadlmeir, Cathy Follansbee, Carol Johnson, Betty Lloyd, Jerry Falivene, Julie Dougherty, Margie Carroll, Alex Hall, The Elco Family, Michael Guerrieri & Family, Carol McDowell, Robin Deaver, Marjorie McGuigan, Don Croneberger, Lisa Nagle, The Morris Family, Christopher Green, Jim McManus, Olive Brown, The Hughes Family, Stan Weir, John Harvey, The Chapman Family

**Continued prayers always for:**

Jean Delesantro, Eric Lajeunesse, Ethel Washington, James Beatty, Marilyn Rosado, Rita Abelson, Gail Driscoll, Mary Umoren & Family, Georgina Umoren, Dorie Keener, Judy Stebbins, Rob Perry, Robin McBrearty, JoAnne Morgan, Marge Loeb, Kavonna & Essence, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin, Dirk Williamson, Frances Weir, Emilia Carboy, Irene Smith, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Kathy Boyte, Doris Steele, Essie Newell, Joyce Pfeiffer, Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Olga Davies, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis

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**Acute Prayer List Names**

There are many names that I do not know and when I pray for them, I would love to know more about them. So, I thought we could put in a little background sketch. If you would like, please send your information about the person you added to [adminapc@comcast.net](mailto:adminapc@comcast.net).

***Here's What's Coming Up!***

***Upcoming September Events***

Sunday, September 25 — Trip to Cape May Zoo

***Upcoming October Events***

Adult Bible Study Group

Sunday, October 23, 2022— Fall Festival

***Upcoming November Events***

Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 3:00 pm - Sight and Sound Movie "Joseph"

***Upcoming December Events***

Sunday, December 11 – Birthday Party for Jesus

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Please join us each Sunday for  
**Coffee Mingle**

All are welcome to gather in Madden Hall  
following Sunday worship  
brought to you by your Church Family  
and Fellowship Committee.

If you are able to provide baked goods, cookies, etc.  
(homemade or from the store)  
and juice please sign up on the clipboard in the vestibule.

Helpers are also needed for set up and clean up.

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**Deposit made September 16, 2022**

**General**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$426.30
Envelopes Designated	\$1,395.00
Per Capita	
Initial Offering	
Energy	
Postage	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fuel	
<b>General Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$1,821.30</b>

**Benevolence**

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$49.00
Envelopes Designated	\$70.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Sister Jean's	
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$119.00</b>

**Capital Expenditures**

Loose

Envelopes Undesignated \$14.70

Envelopes Designated \$330.00

Bricks (Memorial)

On-line Undesignated

On-line Designated

**Capital Total** \$344.70

**Combined Total** \$2,285.00

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!



## Parkinson's Life Center of Southern New Jersey

**The Parkinson's Life Center Support Group,  
for Parkinson's patients and caregivers,  
will continue meeting in person.**

**The meetings will be held once a month  
at 10 AM at Body in Balance Rehabilitation  
at 314 Central Avenue, Linwood, NJ, 08221.**

**Please join us for fellowship, sharing and  
information. Hope to see you there!**

**If you have any questions, please call:**

**Dan: 609 402-1117**

**Scott: 609 602-3095 or**

**Sharon: 609 703-8597**



**September 24  
October 29  
November 26  
(No December meeting)**



# Lions and tigers\* and bears, oh my!

**Sunday, September 25**

## **Cape May County Zoo**

Group will leave from the Church at Noon and meet at the Zoo (Pavilion D) which we have reserved from 1:00 until 4:00. We'll have a BBQ with Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips and Beverage.

Please sign up on the Clipboard in the Hallway.



If you need a ride on the van, please call Tina Harvery at 609 513-8529.

**\*Currently no tigers, but peacocks are EVERYWHERE!**