

Absecon Presbyterian Church

PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

Sunday, May 7, 2023

JOHN 14:1-7

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I Am The Way
The Truth and The Life
No one comes to the Father
Except through me

JOHN 14.6 NKJV

SERVING THIS MORNING:

Lay Assistant:
Karen Little

Ushers:
Rita and Vic Abelson

Attendance Last Week:

Worship - 35
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. Joel Buckwalter
is with us again this Sunday
as our Temporary
Pulpit Supply Minister

Sermon Title:
“Doing What Jesus Does”

John 14:1-14

SESSION SPOTLIGHT—MAY

We received a request from Katie Curry and Jon Rosky of Sister Jean’s for desperately needed dish detergent, Fabuloso all purpose cleaner, laundry pods, and toilet paper plus other household cleaning supplies in the small or medium sizes. When you are food shopping or wandering around the Dollar Store, you may wish to pick up some or one of these items and leave them in Sister Jean’s box in the Atrium. If you are familiar with Amazon Prime, Sister Jean’s has a “Wish List” site (the link is https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3VV88IVXPP1O4?ref_=wl_share)

Rev. Scotland thanked Mission Evangelism for their recent generous donation and also to seven of our members who recently spent a Saturday morning at the new Sister Jean’s doing light house cleaning so that the Food and Clothes Pantries could be opened. A second visit will be scheduled, and Rita Abelson will let us all know the date.



Our church is sending the Presbytery \$1,000 for
One Great Hour of Sharing.

The donation was from all of us plus Mission Evangelism.

Thank you to everyone for your generous gifts.

The Fellowship Committee provided Session with the 2023 upcoming events. While we will be promoting each event, perhaps you would like to put these dates in your calendar –

Saturday, May 6

Sunday, May 21

Friday, June 9

Sunday, June 18

Saturday, July 15

Sight and Sound movie “Moses”

BBQ

Strawberry festival

Graduate Sunday

Potluck dinner

Sunday, August 27	BBQ
Sunday, September 17	Cape May Zoo
Sunday, October 22	Fall Festival
Saturday, November 11	Trip to Sight and Sound
Sunday, December 10	Birthday Party for Jesus

Rick DeKarski will be announcing the formation of a choir, solos by our members and piano pieces by Rick's students. Stay tuned for details and hopefully, in the meantime, warm up your vocal cords.

Session approved the Trustee's proposal to enclose the sound system at the rear of our sanctuary. Our new knee wall will match the one at the front of the sanctuary and will protect the equipment. If you would like to help defray the cost of this improvement (we received a quote for \$3,000), please indicate on your check memo line – Sound Equipment Enclosure and give your check to either Betty Lloyd or Ann Wallace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Two groups are meeting in Cobb Lounge for a review of "The Chosen" .

Wednesday morning at 10:30 am with Rita Abelson

Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm with Tina Harvey.

SIGHT AND SOUND MOVIE "MOSES"

Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 4:00 pm in Madden Hall

VACATION

Teresa Barone will be away from Monday, May 8 through Friday May 12. The office will *not* be open every day. Ann Wallace will be here some of the time during the week if you need anything that can't wait until May 15th.

LIFELINE HEALTH SCREENING

They will be returning on Tuesday, May 9, 2023

8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE

May 12, 2023 in Madden Hall 1:00-6:00 pm

BBQ

May 21, 2023

Immediately following the service in Madden Hall Church will supply hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages.

Attendees to bring a side dish or dessert to share.



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

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:

Skip and Sarah Bellino, Kathy Bordanora, Olive Brown, Maddie Caracozzo, Don Croneberger, Robin Deaver, Julie Dougherty, Jerry Falivene, Cathy Follansbee, Wendy Garwood, Christopher Green, Carol and Dave Guenther, Mike Guerrieri, Alex Hall, John Harvey, Jack Heil, The Hughes Family, Carol Johnson, Carol McDowell, Jim McManus, The Family of Sarah Mook, The Morris Family, Lisa Nagle, Minerva Stadlmeir, Sue, Stan Weir, Bill Young.

Continued prayers always for:

Rita Abelson, Kathy Boyte, Edit Budd, Emilia Carboy, Lucy Crongerger, 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, Judy Stebbins, Doris Steele, Georgina Umoren, Mary Umoren and Family, Ethel Washington, Frances Weir, Dirk Williamson

**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.



ARE YOU A DIXIE CUP KIND OF A PERSON? By Lisa Whitaker

I know, I know . . . what a strange question to ask, right?

What you think I am asking is probably not what I am really asking. Let me explain.

While visiting Budapest in March to teach at the Discipleship Training School, I visited with a friend I had not seen in several years. She is the same age as me and we have known each other for over 25 years. She was the first person to greet me and offer hospitality to me when I first came to Budapest back in 1994.

We went for a walk to catch up on how her family is doing, kids getting married and her soon to be empty nest. We were talking about what this season of our life is all about and what difference do we want to make at the end of the day. She made a fascinating comment to me. She said, "I really just want to be a Dixie Cup girl!" I laughed and said, "Ok, so what does THAT mean?" She went on to explain. When people are running races - marathons especially, there are people at water stations along the way. They hand the runner a dixie cup of refreshing H₂O. Depending on the runner, that cup of water could be a real deciding factor in the race. No matter what mile marker you are handing out water to the runners, you are helping them get through to the next mile. You may never see that person again, but you helped them get from Point A to Point B and in some cases, you helped them actually be able to finish the race.

We then unpacked that thought a bit more.

There are people in our lives that are around our whole life and then there are others who are in our life for a season. In the middle of the race, when the person is tired, thirsty and in need of some water, what a privilege to be the one to hand them that cup of water and give an encouraging word.

I then began to think about "Dixie Cup" people in the Bible. There are so many of them. People that come on to the scene and help someone get to the next step. Simon from Cyrene, who carried Jesus' cross was a "Dixie Cup" guy. (Luke 23:26) There are a few unknown guys in King David's life that helped him at crucial times - Shobi, Machir and Barzillai. (II Samuel 17:27). Barnabas was a "Dixie Cup" guy for Paul. Barnabas went to Tarsus and got Paul, introduced him to the Jerusalem Church leaders, (Acts 11:23-30) and then went on the first missionary trip with him. (Acts 13:1-4) After that first trip - POOF - we don't read about Barnabas anymore. But where would Paul be if Barnabas had not been around to help him get from Tarsus to Jerusalem to Antioch?

As I have thought about various trips I have taken in the last few years and different people I have interacted with, I can see that God has used me at times to be a "Dixie Cup girl". I want to be available and have my eyes open to those who may need a word of encouragement or a cup of water to get to their next destination. Being a Dixie Cup person isn't going to earn you any trophies, medals or accolades. But then again, God isn't asking us for all of those things. He IS asking us to be faithful to what He has called us to - and in reality, I would venture to say that every one of us at some time or another is called upon to be a "Dixie Cup" person.

Let's have our eyes, ears and hearts open to recognize the opportunities around us to be "Dixie Cup" people. That cup of cold water, at the right time may be exactly what helps someone get to the next place in their life - or maybe even finish their race.

Have a great May and I'm looking forward to being around a bit more in the next few months. I'll still be traveling and teaching, but not gone as long at one time.

Much Appreciation and Love,
Lisa

Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

May 7, 2023

JOHN 14:1-7



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

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Deposit made April 28, 2023

General

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$328.86
Envelopes Designated Sunday School Initial Offering Easter Offering Memorial Gifts - M. McGuigan Easter Flowers	\$685.00
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
Online - Energy (Fuel)	
General Total	<hr/> \$1,013.86

Benevolence

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$37.80
Envelopes Designated Mission Bouquet	\$100.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
Benevolence Total	<hr/> \$137.80

Capital Expenditures

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$11.34
Envelopes Designated	\$300.00
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
Online - Sister Jean's	
Capital Total	<hr/> \$311.34

Combined Total	<hr/> <hr/> \$1,463.00
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**Experience one of the Bible's most epic stories
as MOSES comes to life with massive sets,
special effects, and live animals in this
original stage production.**



**Saturday, May 6
4:00 PM, Madden Hall**

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.

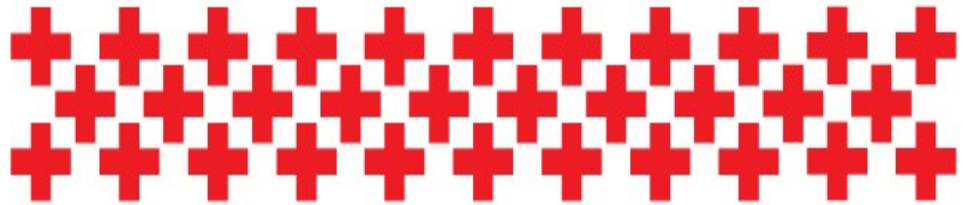


Please help
replenish our
homemade soups
and breads for
our shut-in
members.

| LABEL your soups and breads and |
| please, DO NOT use nuts in your |
| recipes as many people have an |
| allergy to them. |
Please put DATE on label.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
Absecon Presbyterian Church

Hall
208 New Jersey Ave.
Absecon, NJ 08201

Friday, May 12, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: APC to schedule an appointment.

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Sunday, May 21

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BBQ

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