

# Absecon Presbyterian Church

## PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

*Sunday, June 18, 2023*

### LUKE 15:25-32

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### SERVING THIS MORNING:

Lay Assistant:  
Maryiam Bhatti

Ushers:  
Betty Price and Loretta Metz

### Attendance Last Week:

Worship - 35

### **Sunday Worship at 10:30**

In Person or Online on  
APC Facebook page at  
[www.facebook.com/  
abseconpresby](http://www.facebook.com/abseconpresby)

**Rev. David Wenker**  
is with us again this Sunday  
as our Temporary  
Pulpit Supply Minister

**Sermon Title:**  
“The Marvelous Love  
of the Father”

Luke 15:11-32



### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Donated by Donna, Christopher, Nicholas and Justin Hughes  
in loving memory of Dan Hughes for Father's Day.

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### **CHOIR SINGERS**

If you would like to be part of our new Choir, please see Rick DeKarski  
after the church service.

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### **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 Ann Wallace. This is temporary until Janet is back.

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### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

On June 19th and July 4th in observance of Federal Holidays.

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# **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.

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## **POT LUCK DINNER**

July 15, 2023 Details to Follow

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## **BLOOD DRIVE**

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Absecon Presbyterian Church

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## **BBQ**

Sunday, August 27, 2023

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## **BLOOD DRIVE**

Wednesday August 30, 2023

Lolla Chiropractic

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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:**

Skip and Sarah Bellino, Kathy Bordanora, Olive Brown, Maddie Caracozzo, The Carpenter Family, Don Croneberger, Robin Deaver, Julie Dougherty, Jerry Falivene, Cathy Follansbee, Wendy Garwood, Janet Gee, Christopher Green, Carol and Dave Guenther, The Family of Mike Guerrieri, Margareta Gustafasson, Alex Hall, John Harvey, Jack Heil, The Hughes Family, Carol Johnson, Walt Koteles, Susan Lobrano, Dottie McCaffrey, Carol McDowell, Jim McManus, The Morris Family, Lisa Nagle, Kelly Primarolo, Minerva Stadlmeir, Stan Weir, Margaret Yeager, 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

**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

Will not be meeting during the months of June, July, and August.

However, they will continue to create beautiful shawls and throws over the summer.

If you have a request, please see Loretta Metz.

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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.



# Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

June 18, 2023

**LUKE 15:25-32**



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

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## Deposit made June 9, 2023

### **General**

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$826.50
Envelopes Designated Initial Offering	\$355.00
Energy	\$20.00
Strawberry Festival (Fellowship)	\$187.00
<b>General Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$1,388.50</b>

### **Benevolence**

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$95.00
Envelopes Designated	\$35.00
<b>Benevolence Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$130.00</b>

### **Capital Expenditures**

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$28.50
Envelopes Designated	\$15.00
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	
Fund Raiser - Sanctuary mini wall	
<b>Capital Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$43.50</b>
<b>Combined Total</b>	<hr/> <b>\$1,562.00</b> <hr/>



**Presbytery *For* Southern New Jersey**  
**CAMP JOHNSONBURG**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Send completed application to:

Email to: [admin@presbysnj.net](mailto:admin@presbysnj.net) or mail to 1701 Sycamore Street, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035  
856-547-5100. Attention: Mission Committee

Scholarships are available to attend Camp Johnsonburg, for members of the Presbytery *For* Southern New Jersey. The scholarships available are \$250.00 for a one week campership or \$500.00 to attend a 3 week LTP session. (Only one campership per child per summer.) Camp will be paid directly.

Name of camper \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of camp \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church name \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of camp \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship amount requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(see above amounts)

Parent contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Church contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Camper contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (when age appropriate)

THE FOLLOWING ARE REQUIREMENTS IF A SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED:

10 hours of "service " are required within the following school year. Service being defined as work around the church, with other facilities such as nursing homes, helping neighbors, etc. A documented list of activity, date and hours should be given to your pastor when completed.

A 50 WORD ESSAY ON "What I learned at camp" is to be given to your pastor by the first week in September.





# 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.**



# Peanut Butter and Jam Sandwiches Ministry



**Urgent need for jam!**

**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.**

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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.

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| 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. |  
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