

Absecon Presbyterian Church

PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

Sunday, August 6, 2023

ACTS 28:1-6

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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.

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 Janet Gee.

SERVING

THIS MORNING:

LAY ASSISTANT:

Tina Brown

USHERS:

Rita and Vic Abelson

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

Worship - 41

Sunday School - 2

SUNDAY WORSHIP

at 10:30 In Person or Online
on APC Facebook page at

[www.facebook.com/
abseconpresby](http://www.facebook.com/abseconpresby)

LISA WHITAKER

is with us again this Sunday
as our Temporary
Pulpit Supply Minister

SERMON TITLE:

“ Behind the Scenes...
Unsung Heroes”

2 Samuel 9:1-5, 17:27-29

Acts 28:1-20

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
American Red Cross

BBQ

August 27, 2023

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday August 30, 2023
Lolla Chiropractic

SIGHT AND SOUND

“Miracle of Christmas”

Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 11:00am
See Tina Harvey for details and reservations

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, Christopher Green, Carol and Dave Guenther, Margareta Gustafasson, Alex Hall, John Harvey, Jack Heil, The Hughes Family, Carol Johnson, Susan Lobrano, Dottie McCaffrey, Carol McDowell, Jim McManus, The Morris Family, Lisa Nagle, Nancy Pedersen, JoAnn Sabo, Minerva Stadlmeir, Dave Stebbins, Stan Weir, Bill Young.

Continued prayers always for:

Rita Abelson, Kathy Boyte, Edith Budd, Emilia Carboy, Lucy Cronberger, 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.

*Last week's Coffee Hour was sponsored by Dee and Jack Heil
for their 66th Wedding Anniversary.
It was inadvertently missing from the Presby Bits and Pieces.*

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.





DAVE STEBBINS

If anyone would like to send Don a card, his new address is:

Dave Stebbins Room 213A
c/o Seashore Gardens, 22 W. Jimmie Leeds Road
Galloway, NJ 08205

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

DON CRONBERGER

If anyone would like to send Don a card, his new address is:

Don Cronberger, c/o Spring Home at Galloway Room D9,
Galloway, NJ 08205

Deposit made on July 28, 2023

General

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$282.75
Envelopes Designated	\$985.00
Fund Raiser - New front	
General Total	\$1,267.75

Benevolence

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$32.50
Envelopes Designated	\$70.00
Benevolence Total	\$102.50

Capital Expenditures

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$9.75
Envelopes Designated	\$200.00
Fund Raiser - Sanctuary mini wall	
Capital Total	\$209.75

Combined Total	\$1,580.00
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Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

August 6, 2023

ACTS 28:1-6



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

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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.





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 |
| receipes as many people have an |
| allergy to them. |
| Please put DATE on label. |
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DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Blood Drive
Absecon Presbyterian Church

Hall
208 New Jersey Ave.
Absecon, NJ 08201

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

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Blood Drive
Lolla Chiropractic Center
Absecon Presbyterian Church

Hall
208 New Jersey Ave.
Absecon, NJ 08201

Wednesday, August 30, 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: Lolla Chiro to schedule an appointment.

All donors in August will receive a free gift, courtesy of Dunkin'!

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Sight & Sound presents...



*Miracle
of Christmas*

Thursday, November 30 - 11:00 AM

**Please sign up and whether you will be riding
in the van or following in your own vehicle.**

**After the show, we will stop for lunch
on the way home.**

Details to follow.

