

Absecon Presbyterian Church

PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

Sunday, October 1, 2023

MATTHEW 14:16-21

Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



WELCOME REV. JUDY FIOCCO

Judy Fiocco was raised in a large, Roman Catholic family in Philadelphia. She and her husband, Larry Jones have lived in Georgia, Hawaii, California (where she went to seminary) and Missouri, where she pastored a U.C.C. Church before returning to her first career as a speech-language pathologist at the Missouri School for the Deaf. She and Larry relocated to Somers Point in 2019 to be a support to her widowed father as most of her family lives in the greater Philadelphia area. In addition to preaching and leading worship where needed, she is a contractor with the Atlantic County Special Services School District who connect her with schools in need of a part-time speech-language therapist. She is excited and honored to share her faith, love and joy with our worshipping community!

**SERVING
THIS MORNING:**

LAY ASSISTANT:
Larry Jones

USHERS:
Rita and Vic Abelson

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

Worship – 40
Sunday School -3

SUNDAY WORSHIP

at 10:30 In Person or Online
on APC Facebook page at
[www.facebook.com/
abseconpresby](http://www.facebook.com/abseconpresby)

REV. JUDITH FIOCCO

is with us this Sunday
as our Temporary
Pulpit Supply Minister

SERMON TITLE:

“A Table Spread
Around the World”

Matthew 14:13-21

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 29, 2023

11:30am - 1:30 pm

Potluck lunch immediately following the service.

Fall Crafts and Fun!!

Bring a dish to share.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Two groups will meet in Cobb Lounge starting on 09/27/23 through 11/01/23

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am with Rita Abelson (Study of Jesus)

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 with Tina Harvey (Last Season of The Chosen)

The four-week Advent Bible Study will start on 11/08/23.

From the book on the Grinch and the Heart That Grew Three Times.

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am with Rita Abelson

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 with Tina Harvey

SIGHT AND SOUND

“Miracle of Christmas” Thursday, November 30, 2023

Van will be leaving the church at 7:30am sharp for the 11:30 show

Lunch will be at Miller's. This is not included in the price of the ticket.

Reservations will be made but all are to pay on their own.

PLEASE NOTE: TINA HARVEY NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP WHO WILL BE GOING.

If you intend to go, please sign the sheet in the Atrium *TODAY*.

The deadline for payment is Sunday, October 15, 2023

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Potluck luncheon immediately following service.

We will be collecting hats and mittens for those in need.

Luncheon details to follow.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year we will again have a box for you to drop off your Christmas cards and the Good News Express will prepare a gift bag for each of you with Christmas cards, your 2024 Offering Envelopes and little treats. Details on dates for dropping off your cards and picking up your gift bags will follow.

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 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:

Kathy Bordanora, Olive Brown, Maddie Caracozzo, The Carpenter Family, Chip Channell, Don Croneberger, Robin Deaver, Julie Dougherty, Jerry Falivene, Cathy Follansbee, Wendy Garwood, Christopher Green, Carol and Dave Guenther, Margareta Gustafasson, The Family of Alex Hall, John Harvey, Jack Heil, The Hughes Family, Carol Johnson, Susan Lobrano, Pearl Koteles, Walter Koteles Sr. Carol McDowell, Jim McManus, The Morris Family, Lisa Nagle, Jan Rogiers, Minerva Stadlmeir, Dave Stebbins, Judy Stebbins, The Family of Doris Steele, Sandy Sylvester, Ann Marie Taggart, Stan Weir, The Family of Doug Winkler, 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, Georgina Umoren, Mary Umoren and Family, Ethel Washington, Frances Weir, Dirk Williamson

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group meets the first Saturday of every month
at 9:30am in Madden Hall

All are invited who enjoy knitting or crocheting or who would like to learn.

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.





OLGA DAVIES

Olga's eyesight is failing.
If you would like to call or visit,
her new address is:
Meadowview Nursing Home Room #182A
Northfield, NJ 08225
609-645-5595

DAVE STEBBINS

If anyone would like to send Dave 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

Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

October 1, 2023

MATTHEW 14:16-21



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

Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you ***give*** them something to ***eat***.’ They ***replied***, ‘We have nothing here but five ***loaves*** and two ***fish***.’ And he said, ‘***Bring*** them here to me.’ Then he ***ordered*** the ***crowds*** to ***sit*** down on the ***grass***. ***Taking*** the five loaves and the two fish, he ***looked*** up to ***heaven***, and ***blessed*** and ***broke*** the loaves, and ***gave*** them to the ***disciples***, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ***ate*** and were ***filled***; and they took up what was ***left*** over of the broken ***pieces***, ***twelve baskets full***. And those who ate were about five ***thousand men***, besides ***women*** and ***children***.

Deposit made on September 22

General

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$1,014.42
Envelopes Designated	\$810.00
Donation	
Per Capita	
Energy	
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	

General Total	\$1,824.42
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Benevolence

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$116.60
Envelopes Designated	\$40.00
Wreaths Across America	\$118.00
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	

Benevolence Total	\$274.60
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Capital Expenditures

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$34.98
Envelopes Designated	\$220.00
Knee Wall Fundraiser	
Online - Undesignated	
Online - Designated	

Capital Total	\$254.98
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Combined Total	\$2,354.00
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WREATH SPONSORSHIP

ABOUT THE NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

ANNUAL TRADITION OF HONORING OUR VETERANS AT HOLIDAY TIME

As we prepare to gather with family and loved ones to celebrate the holidays, we must not forget those that have left us. That is the meaning behind the commemoration of National Wreaths Across America Day.

National Wreaths Across America Day is a day to remember our fallen U.S. veterans by placing wreaths on their graves, and saying the names of the fallen, so as to not forget their sacrifices. Wreaths are laid as family and friends remember both those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who currently serve in the armed forces.

The Annual Holiday Tradition of honoring America's lost veterans will take place not only at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, but at over 3,700 locations across the U.S. and worldwide in 2023. This important day is an annual event that takes place every year on the third Saturday in December. This tradition helps family members, friends, neighbors, and volunteers all across the country lay wreaths at the gravestones of those who have served our country.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SPONSOR A WREATH?

It means you are supporting a year long mission to “Remember fallen U.S. veterans; Honor those who serve; and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.” And it will place a wreath to honor an American hero in the Cemetery here at Absecon Presbyterian Church on National Wreaths Across America Day. It means you have the opportunity to join a grateful nation in saying “thank you” to those who stepped up to serve.

We can't do that without your support, though. Your sponsorship will ensure that the legacy of duty, service and sacrifice is never forgotten.

Please make checks payable to Absecon Presbyterian Church. In the memo section, write “Wreaths Across America”. Thank you.

Number of Wreaths to Sponsor:

- 1 Wreath Individual Sponsorship (\$17.00)
- 2 Wreaths (\$34.00)
- 5 Wreaths (\$85.00)
- 10 Wreaths (\$170.00)
- Custom Number of Wreaths

DONATIONS MUST BE IN BY OCTOBER 15TH



On Sunday, November 10th, our Deacons will be recognizing Veterans during our worship service. A list of names will be printed in the Presby Bits and Pieces.

If you or a family member have served or are currently serving our country, please fill in the information below and return to the office by Sunday, October 15th.

(Please print clearly)

Your Name: _____

Service Person's Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Dates of Service: _____



DEADLINE IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

Each year we share the Gospel with children around the world by donating to the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox gifts.

Our Goal this year is to donate 30 Boxes.

The boxes are set up on the table in the vestibule, along with how to pack a shoebox card and bookmarks,

"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME FOR SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

LUKE 18:16

ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS

GO TO YOUR SHOEBOX GOAL PAGE

If you don't want to build a Shoebox, then please consider donating to Operation Christmas Child online by going to [samaritanspurse.org](https://www.samaritanspurse.org) and searching for the Absecon Presbyterian Church Goal Page.

1. On Web – enter Samaritanspurse.org
2. Select Operation Christmas Child
3. Scroll down and click on “Build a Shoebox!”
4. Scroll down to Goal Page and key in the first five letters of Absecon (Absec) and then click on the Absecon Presbyterian Church for 2023.
5. Scroll down to “Start Building” and follow the prompts.

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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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.