

Absecon Presbyterian Church

PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

Sunday, March 12, 2023

PSALM 63:1-4

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

SESSION SPOTLIGHT 03/07/23

New Members – Four new members were welcomed during the meeting (**Tina Capriglione, John Carsone, Woody Duncan, and Gwen Monhollen**). Don Wong presented them, and a date for their church installation will be announced. Welcome to Tina, John, Woody and Gwen and everyone looks forward to meeting you and to being part of your installation!

Regathering Committee – Don reported to Session that the Committee met electronically and unanimously voted to remove Part IV guidelines. There will be no social distancing; masks are provisional; the ushers will take up the offering; and communion will remain as is. The Committee (**Dr. and Mrs. Burgess, Gay Channell, Nancy Conover, Bill Keener, Laura Puglise, and Don Wong**) has “retired” with thanks from Session for all their work.

Welcome and thanks – **Karen Little** joined Session as our new Elder and **Betty Lloyd** (assisted by Bob Hudak) as Chairman of the Corporation; and a big thank you to **Bobby Hudak** and **Don Wong**, whose terms expired, for all their hard work and devotion.

SERVING THIS MORNING:

Lay Assistant:
Rita Abelson

Ushers:
Bob and Barb Hudak

Attendance Last Week:

Worship - 42
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. Jim Shanley
is with us again this Sunday
as our Temporary
Pulpit Supply Minister

Sermon Title:
“Don’t Change the Script!”

Psalm 63:1-8
Luke 4:1-13

Gift of Grand Piano in our Sanctuary – Rick DeKarski donated a grand piano to our church; arranged to have it moved into the sanctuary and the existing one, to Madden Hall. We thank you, Rick, for your generous gift and look forward to hearing many beautiful preludes, hymns, and postludes.

One Great Hour of Sharing – Please, if you have not already taken a “fish” or an envelope from the pew holder. Thank you for your very generous gifts for our worldwide offering.

Sister Jean’s Kitchen – Rev. Scotland announced work crews are needed to help with pulling up nails left when carpeting removed and other similar tasks. Not heavy lifting or moving but needed work which all ages could help with. If you are able to assist, please talk to Rita Abelson (Mission Evangelism Chair).

Upcoming dates – the sign up sheets are in the Atrium and details, in the calendar portion of *Bits n Pieces*. There will be a pot luck luncheon on March 26 and a Spring breakfast on April 16.



TO ALL READERS:

Gerry Hoenes left Joanie with a large selection of excellent books. Call her to make arrangements to go over and select any books you wish. Joanie’s number is 609-641-1839.



THANK YOU TO RICK DEKARSKI

Thank you, Rick, for your very wonderful gift to our Church. The pieces which you compose and the hymns which you play on our new grand piano will add much inspiration to our services. And we all await news of your Fall concert, which we know will produce an evening filled with joyful and beautiful music!

The Piano is a 5’2” Kohler-Campbell Baby Grand Piano.

Upcoming Events

ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Two groups are meeting in Cobb Lounge and studying "The Chosen" Season 2.
Wednesday morning at 10:30 am with Rita Abelson
Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm with Tina Harvey.

PASSOVER SEDER

will be held at Absecon United Methodist Church
on March 12, 2023 at 5:00 pm On Sunday, March 12, from 5 to 7 PM, they will be
joined by a Rabbi to lead the Seder! This is a family-friendly event.

Please RSVP by this Sunday, March 5, 2023 609-641-1265

EASTER POT LUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday March 26, 2023

immediately following our morning service.

There will be a sign up sheet in the atrium

which will list attendees and what pot luck dish

they will be bringing.

It will be a time of fellowship and fun!

BLOOD DRIVE

April 7, 2023 - 1:00-6:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY / GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

will be held at Absecon United Methodist Church

April 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm

COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

will be held at Heritage Park

April 9, 2023 at 6:30 am

SPRING BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 9:00am.

Please reserve the date and sign up in the Atrium. Details to follow.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

on April 27, 2023

LIFELINE HEALTH SCREENING

They will be returning on Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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

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:

The Family of Katie Beem, Skip 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, Hackney-Will Family, Alex Hall, John Harvey, The Hughes Family, Carol Johnson, Carol McDowell, The Family of Marjorie McGuigan, Jim McManus, Pastor Sam Mitchell, The Morris Family, Lisa Nagle, The Family of Gary Price, Sue Minerva Stadlmeir, Bill Young, Stan Weir.

Continued prayers always for:

Rita Abelson, Kathy Boyte, Edit 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

OFFERINGS

For those members and friends who use the Presbytery Foundation Online Giving program, there are no notifications about the special offerings which are part of our weekly envelopes. There are five of them in each box: **Initial Offering, Per Capita, and three for Energy (one in January; the second, late September; and, the third, early December).**

At the front of each box are the Initial Offering envelope to cover printing costs and a Per Capita envelope (*Per Capita Tax Per Each Member \$38*). The Per Capita amount is our individual memberships (based on 145 members) to the Presbyterian Church, which was sent to our Presbytery in early February (\$5,365.00 based on 145 members). They, in turn, forward a portion to the General Assembly and the Synod of New Jersey; the balance used by the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey. **Yes**, we already have made our payment for this year; but, **No**, we did not receive sufficient envelopes to cover the payment. If you give online, please make your payment as a **“Special Need”** donation and under **Note** indicate it is for **Per Capita**. If you give, using the weekly envelopes, please don't forget the Initial and Per Capita envelopes.

And throughout the year, please do not forget the three Energy envelopes that we count on to cover our utility bills. Again, for those giving online, please indicate a **“Special Need”** donation and under **Note** indicate it is for **Per Capita**. If you give, using the weekly envelopes, please don't forget the Initial and Per Capita envelopes.

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OUR TREASURER

Anne Hyatt, our Treasurer, has advised us that she will be resigning her position to enjoy her retirement. We will miss Anne very much and wish her all the very best!

Sandy Shinsato, Personnel Chair, has asked if anyone knows of someone who would like to join our staff as Treasurer. It is a part time position (about 6 hours a week); requiring knowledge of Quick Books and ADP payroll inputting and reporting; and preparing, issuing and mailing checks.

Deposit made March 3, 2023 and Online Giving (February)

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$642.93
Envelopes Designated	\$630.00
Per Capita	\$40.00
Initial Offering	
Energy	\$3.00
Online - Undesignated	\$1,373.73
Online - Designated	\$19.60
Online - Per Capita	\$74.75
General Total	\$2,784.01

Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$73.90
Envelopes Designated	\$50.00
Online - Undesignated	\$157.90
Online - Designated	
Online - One Great Hour of Sharing	\$100.00
Benevolence Total	\$381.80

Capital Expenditures

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$22.17
Envelopes Designated	\$300.00
Online - Undesignated	\$47.37
Online - Designated	
Capital Total	\$369.54

Combined Total	\$3,535.35
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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!



EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Honor a loved one by purchasing a memorial Easter plant for our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. (A variety of spring flowering plants have been pre-ordered.) Orders **MUST BE IN THE OFFICE BY SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023**, and may be submitted with payment by mail or in the offering plate. Plants can be taken home following the Easter Sunday Service on April 9, 2023. The remaining plants will be shared with our shut-ins.

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please mark your flower choice: Tulip(s) _____ Lily (s) _____

Given by: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Plants at \$7.50 each _____ **Amount Enclosed** \$ _____



MISSION BOUQUET FORM

All funds donated as a “Mission Bouquet” will go to our Mission work of our church. If you would like to give a donation in any amount, please fill in the following and **RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023**. Checks are to be made payable to the Absecon Presbyterian Church with “Mission Bouquet” on the memo line.

I would like to give \$ _____ in a Mission Bouquet to be dedicated as follows:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

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Words in the puzzle are printed in *bold italics*

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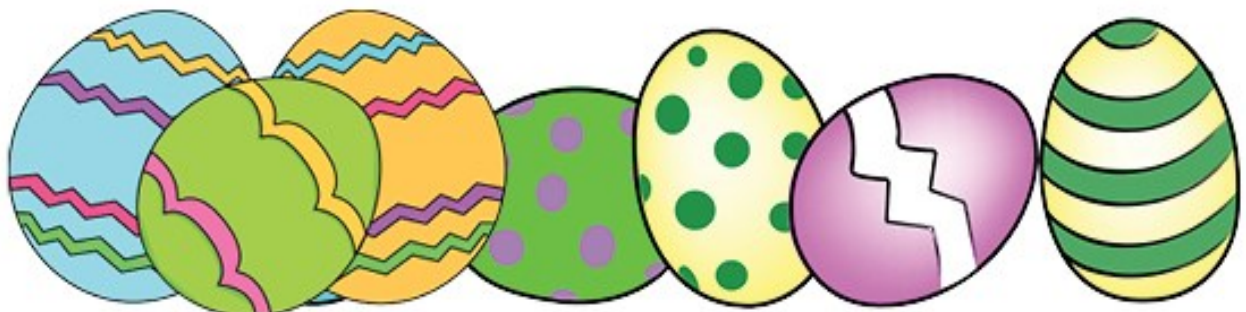
O *God*, you are my God, I *seek* you, my *soul thirsts* for you; my *flesh faints* for you, as in a *dry* and *weary land* where there is no *water*. So I have *looked upon* you in the *sanctuary*, *beholding* your *power* and *glory*. *Because* your *steadfast love* is *better* than *life*, my *lips* will *praise* you. So I will *bless* you as *long* as I *live*; I will *lift* up my *hands* and *call* on your name.

POT LUCK Luncheon

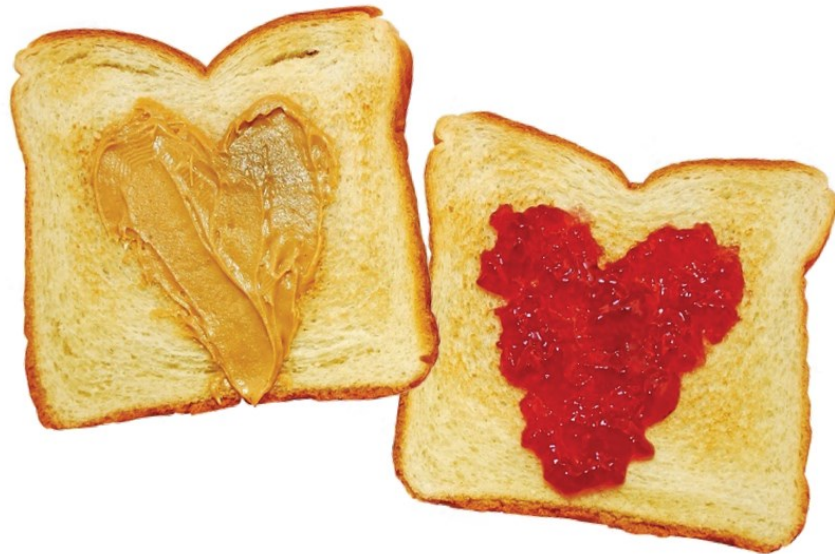


Sunday, March 26 following morning service.

Sign up on the clipboard.



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.

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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. |
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American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Lolla Chiropractic Center**

Hall
208 New Jersey Ave.
Absecon, NJ 08201

Friday, April 7, 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.



Be cool. Give blood. Come give April 1-23 for an exclusive American Red Cross and PEANUTS T-shirt featuring Snoopy as the coolest beagle in town, Joe Cool! Get yours, while supplies last - then show off your cool, kind spirit.

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