

Absecon Presbyterian Church

PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

Sunday, March 26, 2023

ROMANS 8:6-9

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REV. DR. BILL GASKILL

Rev. Gaskill retired in 2019 after serving in two churches over 41 years. He served First Presbyterian in Avondale, Pa. for 16 years, and First Presbyterian in Merchantville for 25 years. He and his wife Jean have been married 51 years. Bill is active preaching for various congregations in the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey.



SERVING THIS MORNING:

Lay Assistant:
Ann Wallace

Ushers:
Tina Brown
and Tina Caprigione

Attendance Last Week:

Worship - 36
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. Dr. Bill Gaskill
is with us again this Sunday
as our Temporary
Pulpit Supply Minister

Sermon Title:
“Life and Peace”

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11

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.

EASTER POT LUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday March 26, 2023
immediately following our service this morning.
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.
Menu: Sausage, pancakes and scrambled eggs

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.

ROBO CALLS

"If anyone is getting a Robocall that leaves a voice message on their cell phone and would like texts instead, they can text ALERT to 22300 and OneCallNow will switch it over to texts automatically.

If anyone is not receiving messages and would like to they can give their info to the church office."



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.

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.



Deposit made March 17, 2023

General

Loose <i>(included with Envelopes Undesignated)</i>	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$1,722.60
Envelopes Designated	\$1,025.00
Per Capita	
Initial Offering	
Energy	\$20.00
Memorial Gifts - M. McGuigan	\$100.00
Easter Flowers	\$15.00
General Total	<hr/> \$2,882.60

Benevolence

Loose <i>(included with Envelopes Undesignated)</i>	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$198.00
Envelopes Designated	\$50.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$200.00
Benevolence Total	<hr/> \$448.00

Capital Expenditures

Loose <i>(included with Envelopes Undesignated)</i>	\$59.40
Envelopes Undesignated	\$300.00
Envelopes Designated	
Capital Total	<hr/> \$359.40

Combined Total	<hr/> \$3,690.00
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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!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER



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: _____

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

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

Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

March 26, 2023

ROMANS 8:6-9



Words in the puzzle are printed in *bold italics*

ROMANS 8:6-9

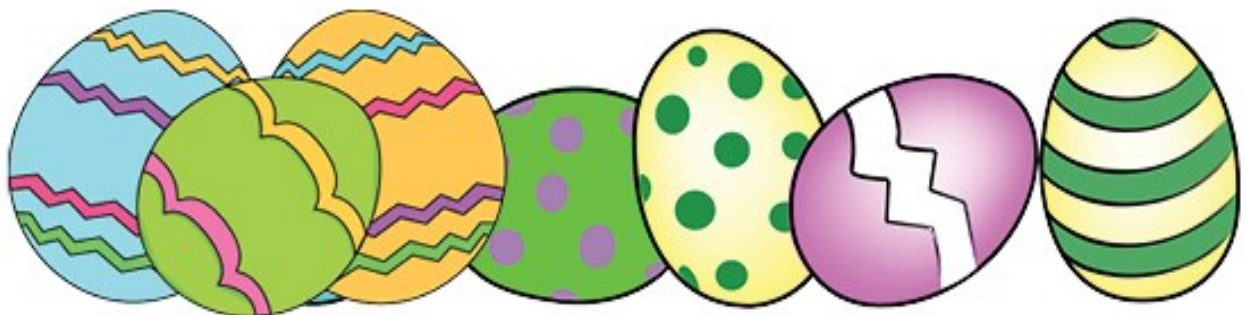
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POT LUCK Luncheon



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.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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