

Absecon Presbyterian Church

PRESBY BITS AND PIECES

Sunday, April 9, 2023

MARK 16:5-8

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SERVING THIS MORNING:

Lay Assistant:
Rita Abelson

Ushers:
Bob and Barb Hudak

Attendance Last Week:

Worship - 47
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:
"The Lord is on the Loose!"

Mark 16:1-8

SESSION SPOTLIGHT

April 4, 2023

EASTER DINNERS

A big thank you to the Deacons who delivered 34 dinners and desserts to our shut-ins and elderly on April 5. The recipients were so happy to see the Deacons and also to enjoy a delicious meal.

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us on April 16, 2023 in welcoming *four new members* with one adult baptism. Following our morning service, there will be a reception to honor *John Carstone, Tina Capriglione, Woody Duncan and Gwen Monhollen* and to let us greet and welcome them.

SISTER JEAN'S KITCHEN

A group will be going over to Sister Jean's new location on April 22, 2023 to help with the renovations. Our Mission Evangelism chair, Rita Abelson, has put a sign-up sheet in the Atrium, and the van will take the group to Atlantic City for the work project.

HOMEMADE BREADS AND SOUPS

The Deacons need to replenish their inventory and would appreciate your gifts. Our Deacons visit with shut-ins and elderly and leave them with a package of homemade breads and soups. Please label your donations *with the date you made* the bread or soup and *add "there are no nuts used"* (for allergy purposes).

GUEST PREACHERS

If anyone in our congregation, who has been ordained, would like to preach one Sunday, please contact Janet Gee.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

During our April 16 service, we will welcome our new members
(John Carsone, Tina Capriglione, Woody Duncan and Gwen Monhollen).

SPRING BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 9:00am.
Please reserve the date and sign up in the Atrium.
Pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs

SISTER JEAN'S KITCHEN

Saturday, April 22, 2023
Mission Evangelism
will be going to do some light work
Sign up sheet is in the foyer today
See Rita and Vic Abelson for details.

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.



EASTER FLOWERS

Pat Allen: In Memory of: Her Parents - Blanca and Joel Allen

Mary Bew: In Memory of Dorothy and Alfred Bew and Cameron Lockard

Gay and John Channell: In Memory of Loved Ones

In Honor of Family and Friends

Janet Gee: In Memory of: Catherine and Joseph Oteri

In Honor of: Her Children and Grandchildren

Bob and Barb Hudak: In Memory of Marge McGuigan

Betty Lloyd: In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lloyd and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lloyd

Loretta Metz: In Memory of Bill Metz and Beatrice Johnson

Gwen Monhollen: In Loving Memory of her Twin Brother Guy

In Honor of her Children Alisha and Michael

Alice Smith: In Memory of Robert M. Hudak

Ann Wallace: In Memory of Loved Ones.

EASTER MISSION BOUQUETS

Betsy Eberhard: In Memory of Her Parents: Ruth and Gus Eberhard

Dottie McCafferty: In Memory of The Mong Family—Harry and Pearl,

Jean, Jim, John, Donald and Wayne

In Honor of My Children Bob McCaffrey and Theresa McElwee

In Honor of my Grandchildren Tyler and Kelsea McCffrey,

Madison and Rylee McElwee

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 Family of Sarah Moot, The Morris Family, Lisa Nagle, Gary Price, Sue, Minerva Stadlmeir, Stan Weir, Dirk Williamson, The Wong Family, 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

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."

Deposit made March 31, 2023

General

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$239.25
Envelopes Designated Per Capita	\$780.00 \$38.00
Initial Offering	
Easter Offering	\$100.00
Memorial Gifts - M. McGuigan	\$50.00
Easter Flowers	\$85.00
General Total	<hr/> \$1,292.25

Benevolence

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$27.50
Envelopes Designated	\$35.00
Mission Bouquet	\$50.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$20.00
Benevolence Total	<hr/> \$132.50

Capital Expenditures

Envelopes Undesignated (includes Loose Offerings)	\$8.25
Envelopes Designated	\$335.00
Capital Total	<hr/> \$343.25

Combined Total	<hr/> \$1,768.00
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Word Search Puzzle

From WhenWeWordSearch.com

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

April 9, 2023

Mark 16:5-8



Words in the puzzle are printed in *bold italics*

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THE REAL STORY OF EASTER

By Dee and Jack Heil

April 3, 1995

The real story of Easter is a sad one, it's true
But remember that Jesus died to help save me and you
He was sentenced to death and put on a cross
The devil had taken some people over, they thought he was the boss.

But Jesus asked His father in Heaven above
To forgive everyone and show them His love
They know not what they do on this sad day
But you are truly their God who will show them the way.

There were so many people who loved Him so much
For He had helped to heal so many just with His touch
It must have been sad to see Jesus hanging up there
On the cross with a robe and His body half bare.

When God had taken His son, there was thunder and rain
God knew that He suffered enough with so much pain
They had taken the body to a tomb and sealed it tight
But on the third day He arose and was not in sight.

God had prepared a kingdom for His son to come home
And for all that believe in Him you will never be alone
They say when you die that you'll see the light
That you will be at peace every day and night.

As time goes on so many people don't seem to remember
The real story of Easter that all started one day in December
With the birth of Jesus who laid in a manger of hay
And how it all ended and He rose on Easter day.

*Sunday, April 16
at 9 AM*

Free will offering



*Pancakes, Sausage and
Scrambled eggs*

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.

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.



Spring Fling Dinner Dance

Come join us!

**Saturday, April 22, 2023
From 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Location: Somers Point VFW
500 Bethel Rd
Somers Point, NJ 08244**

Tickets are \$35 per person

Includes

Buffet

Dancing

Ticket Auction

50/50

Cash Bar

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Located at 314 Central Ave in Linwood, NJ to purchase**

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Parkinson's Life Center Nonprofit 501(c)3***