
Presby Post, November 19

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long, though their number is past my knowledge. I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD, I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

Psalm 71:15-16

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Worship Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

In Person

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**Online on APC's Facebook page at
www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby**

Lisa Whitaker, staff member with Youth With A Mission, returns to lead us in worship this Sunday. Her sermon is titled "Is He Worthy?" from Psalm 71:12-19 and Mark 6:14-32 available in the attached bulletin.

Lay Assistant: Ed Little
Ushers: Ann Wallace & Betty Price

Attendance Last Sunday: 36

Sunday School: 7

The church office will be closed November 25-26, 2021 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Our administrative assistant will be on vacation November 29-December 3. Ann Wallace will be filling in during normal office hours.

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Please Keep These Requests In Prayer

A clipboard is now 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.

For God's guidance as we begin 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, you are with us.

For renewed commitment to your purpose in us all.

For us to come together in the bond of self-giving love.

For renewed energy in finding our place in your church, as people who pray, share and volunteer.

For wisdom and discernment when facing the unknown.

For your church to embrace the poor and marginalized, to see your image and be your image in this broken world.

For a revival in our faith to live boldly for your Kingdom.

For these the individuals and families in acute need right now who are connected to your church in Absecon:

Tina Brown, Debora Wong, Lisa Nagle, Christopher Green, Jim, Patti & Devon Morris, Jim McManus, Robert Mellon, Ethel Washington, Jean Delesantro, Cathy Follansbee, James Beatty, Jun & Family, Olive Brown, Marilyn & Tito Rosado, Dan Hughes, Stan Weir

Continued prayers always for:

Luca Leech, Rita Abelson, Desiree DePasquale, Gail Driscoll, Mary Umoren & Family, Dorie Keener, Judy Stebbins, Rob Perry, Robin McBrearty, JoAnne Morgan, Minerva Stadlmeir, Marge Loeb, Kavonna & Essence, Darryl, Kristen and Quentin, Dirk Williamson, Jim Price, Elaine Risley, Frances Weir, Emilia Carboy, Irene Smith, Aiden & Wendy Licolli, Kathy Boyte, Betsy Cunius, Marjorie McGuigan, Doris Steele, Essie Newell, Joyce Pfeiffer, Don & Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Olga Davies, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis

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Community Thanksgiving Worship

Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church at Absecon
100 Pitney Road

Come and join together in praise and thanksgiving with brothers and sisters of Absecon United Methodist, Reformation Lutheran and APC.

Service will be in person and live on

AUMC's Facebook page, YouTube channel, and their webpage.

The worship bulletin is attached to this email along with our Sunday bulletin.

Our special offering that evening will be sent to [Wellacrest Farms in Mullica Hill, NJ](#). Wellacrest Farms, founded in 1943, is now the largest dairy farm in NJ, producing over 17 million pounds of milk a year. The farm suffered extensive damage on September 1, from a tornado spawned by Hurricane Ida.

You may [CLICK HERE](#) to see a news report filmed after the tornado.

Let's join together with our brothers and sisters to be thankful for God's many blessings, and to support a neighbor's rebuilding project.

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December, 2021

Back on the Road . . .

By Lisa Whitaker

This fall has been a busy and very fulfilling one ! If you saw my note in September, I was anticipating my fall travels to Romania, Jordan. Albania and South Africa. Let me share a few highlights from each location. It will be a challenge to keep this short, so many good things happened in these last two months.

Romania -

I met with a small group of Discipleship Training School staff. They are mostly from Romania and one from Kosovo. They are all fairly new staff and were so eager to be trained, it was refreshing to come to class every morning and see how excited

they were. I had an interesting response from one staff person. As I was sharing some leadership principles, she slammed her hand on the desk and said, "I am so mad". I was taken aback a bit and said, "what is the matter?" She said, "I am so mad I didn't know all of this earlier!" I had to hold back a smile as she was really frustrated. As I thought about it, I remembered how many times I wished I had known some life principles a few years earlier so I could have avoided some mistakes or misjudgments. Yet, this is how we learn, right? This staff team was a joy to train and reminded me again why I do what I do.

Jordan -

This trip was absolutely revelational for me. I went there with the purpose of leading a pilot seminar on the life of John the Baptist. I had invited a few staff from Europe to come and join me to discover if this seminar would be helpful in the future for a larger group of staff.

I can't even capture here all that I learned as we visited sites where John the Baptist baptized Jesus and also where he was beheaded at Herod's Temple. As we hiked to the top of the mountain where Herod's temple was and we considered John the Baptist's life and his death, so many thoughts flooded my mind and heart. He was truly a humble man, who responded to the call on his life and willingly laid down his life for what he believed. Following the seminar, I have had many other staff ask when I am doing it again. Those that accompanied me shared how much they needed the time we had together to learn, rest and be led through a process as they are usually the ones leading. They loved letting me handle all the details! Again, it was a joy to lead this seminar and I am making plans to offer it again next fall.

Albania -

Just being in Albania was a blessing. This year they celebrated 30 years of openness to the gospel. Believe it or not, it was 30 years ago that this self proclaimed atheist nation opened her borders after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Joining us in our meetings there was a good friend, Al Akimoff who had been one of the first people to preach the gospel in a stadium in Tirana, Albania when it opened. Many of the current pastors today became Christians while attending that gathering in the stadium. It was also a blessing to realize that 30 years ago, while I was doing my initial outreach into Russia, many of my friends that had been in my training school had gone to Albania for outreach. One of my staff members is still serving in Albania. It was a good reminder that our Discipleship Training Schools can have a lasting effect on a nation.

South Africa -

Not only did I travel to South Africa to staff our Master's course on Christian Formation and Discipleship, but I also had the privilege of seeing some friends I had not seen in almost 2 years. Several of these friends have also been co-workers in the mission for over 25 years. It was a blessing to spend time with them and share with them all that has taken place in my life since Mom passed away. Between all of us there have been many deaths of loved ones, new life born and major changes as we have all navigated the COVID scenario. We were all so grateful for time together to learn, laugh, cry, share and just be in person with one another and not on a screen!

I am thankful for the safety and protection that I have had on this trip and am grateful for the prayers and support of all of you. I am so glad to be home for the holidays and will head out again in the New Year on another teaching and training trip. As this year comes to an end, I am so aware of God's care and protection, His provision and attention to details in my life.

Here is a brief look at what is coming up in 2022 . . .

- January - Women's Retreat - St. Simon's Island, Georgia
- February - Teaching in DTS in Worcester, South Africa
 - International DTS Center Meetings, Capetown, South Africa
 - Staff of Master's Module - Capetown, South Africa
- March - Continuing ministry in S. Africa
 - Teaching in DTS in Kentucky

May this season be full of gratefulness and wonder as remember the story we are a part of and celebrate Jesus !

Blessings,
Lisa

Lisa's ministry is volunteer and is completely dependent on financial gifts from churches and individuals. Our church has supported her with a yearly gift for more than 20 years. If you are interested in supporting her individually, you can do so by either sending her a gift at her home address:

[120 Pitney Road](mailto:lisa@absecon.org)
[Absecon, NJ 08201](mailto:lisa@absecon.org)

OR if you wish to have a tax receipt, you can send a gift to:

United Methodist Church at [Absecon](#)
[100 Pitney Road](#)
[Absecon, NJ 08201](#)

(make sure and NOT put Lisa's name on a check but rather include a note indicating it is for her)

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To My Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Also for the phone calls and cards.

Also thank you, Gay, for always being there when I called. Your words always helped.

God Bless You Always,
Dottie McCaffrey

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Our **Thanksgiving offering** will benefit the Community FoodBank of NJ, Southern Division. Envelopes are available in the church pews, or you may send your gift with your weekly offering. Please indicate on your check that it is your Thanksgiving Offering. Should you use online giving, please choose Special gift and under special notes indicate Thanksgiving Offering.

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Last Call: Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

23 of 30 shoeboxes filled as of today !!

Let's make this Happen!

Our goal is 30 gifts by SUNDAY.

Use <https://bit.ly/APCShoeboxes2021>
and click your way through to bring joy to a child!

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Thank You!

Deposit made on November 5, 2021

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$1,431.15
Envelopes Designated	\$320.00
Energy Needs	\$45.00
Memorial Funds	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fuel Needs	
General Total	<hr/> \$1,796.15

Benevolence

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$164.50
Envelopes Designated	\$75.00
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Sister Jean's	
Benevolence Total	<hr/> \$239.50

Capital Expenditures

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$49.35
Envelopes Designated	\$150.00
Fund Raiser	
On-line Undesignated	
On-line Designated	
On-line Fund Raiser	
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Capital Total

\$199.35

Combined Total

\$2,235.00

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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!

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Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. - I Corinthians 13:7
