

All who are led by the spirit of God, you see, are God's children. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery, did you, to go back again into a state of fear? But you received the spirit of sonship, in whom we call out 'Abba, father!' When that happens, it is the spirit itself giving supporting witness to what our own spirit is saying, that we are God's children. And if we're children, we are also heirs: heirs of God, and fellow heirs with the Messiah, as long as we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

- Romans 8: 14-17 (NTE)

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Worship Online
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation and the Feast of Pentecost

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

Pastor Drew's sermon is titled "*God at Your Side: The Holy Spirit*" from John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 (Pastor's Translation) and Romans 8:14-25 (NTE) available for you in the attached bulletin.

During worship Kwame Gyasi and Nicholas Sabo will be confirmed becoming full members of Absecon Presbyterian Church. Congratulations to both young men!

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Please Keep These Requests In Prayer

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 patience, kindness, humility and empathy, that these might live into the calling to which you have called us.

For a spirit of holy community among us to embrace new ways to serve and share in your ministry of reconciliation.

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:

The Family of Roy Birkbeck, Alice Smith & the Family of Joan Sage, Leo Ransone, Diane Ford, Gail Driscoll, James Beatty, Mary Umoren & Family, Bill Mong, Jim Adams, Julie Dougherty, Nancy Pederson, Carol Thomas, Pam Blair, Desiree DiPasquale, Jun & Family, Barbara Mellon, JoAnn Sabo, Rita Abelson, Olive Brown, Marilyn & Tito Rosado, Dan Hughes, Stan Weir, Patti, Jim & Devin Morris, Christopher Green, The Family of George Austin

Continued prayers always for:

Jerry Hoenes, 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, Jean Delesantro, Betsy Cunius, Marjorie McGuigan, Doris Steele, Essie Newell, Joyce Pfeiffer, Don & Lucy Croneberger, Marie C. & Carmen DeVece, Olga Davies, Jim Mong, Edith Budd, Carol DeLaurentis, Mildred Felsberg, Virginia Loeb

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Update on Carol Thomas

The office received an update on Carol Thomas this week. She has been progressing fairly well and has asked about people coming to visit. A visit with family went well and although all of the deficits are still readily apparent, Carol seems to be adjusting to her surroundings.

Carol does not have a direct telephone line but can be reached by calling the main number at The Shores 609-399-8505. Ask for Tapestries 1 and you will get the nurses station where you can talk to the nurse, aide or social worker. They will get a phone to Carol so you can talk to her.

**When speaking with Carol please do not mention her house unless she mentions it. Then only say something like “it’s still there”.
She knows she is in Ocean City.**

Appointments for visitations are necessary and can be made through the UMC at the Shores portal and using the Tapestries 1 button.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/UMCattheShoresVisitorBooking@umcommunities.org/bookings/>

Visits are scheduled for one hour and the portal program deconflicts with other visitors automatically so no double bookings. Administration of a COVID test is no longer mandatory but they do encourage it. It takes about 15 minutes to get the results. Masks are still required in all the common areas. You can remove masks when you are with her in the apartment.

Thinking of You and/or holiday cards are always welcome to let Carol know she is still in our hearts, minds and prayers. Her address is

Carol Thomas
UMC The Shores
2201 Bay Ave, Tapestries Rm 9
Ocean City NJ 08226

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Want to worship in person?
Limited seating is available.

Go online to bit.ly/registerforsunday by Thursday at 2 p.m. or,
if you have no Internet access, call the church.

Beginning June 6, we will have twice as many seats available!
Weekly registration, plus masks and distancing will still be required.

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The Upper Room devotionals for May/June are now available in the vestibule. Call the office weekdays during office hours (11a-2p) to arrange pickup or delivery.

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**Deacons will resume home visitations soon,
and need your help to stock the freezer.**

You can help the deacons by making soups and/or breads to share with those of our church who don't get out of the house as much as they'd like. Soup containers and baking tins are available at the church for pick up. Please call Deacon Betty Price or the church office if you can help. (See the attached flyer for more details.)

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We want your opinion: Please be sure to fill out and send in your survey! Don't waste that stamp on the self-addressed stamped envelope! If you need another copy, please go to www.AbseconPresby.org or by going to bit.ly/2021APCSurvey to print one, because your voice matters.

Opening New Doors: Safer and more welcoming doors for the future at Absecon Presbyterian Church hinge on your support. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Spring Fundraiser to

raise \$15,000 for new doors. Mail your gift, or give online at www.AbseconPresby.org/give and be sure to mark it Spring Fundraiser.

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Deposit made on May 14, 2021

General

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| Loose | |
| Envelopes Undesignated | \$413.25 |
| Envelopes Designated | \$1,985.00 |
| Per Capita | |
| Initial | |
| Fuel | |
| On-line Undesignated | |
| On-line Designated | |
| Online Per Capita | |
| Online Initial | |
| On-line Fuel | |
| General Total | <hr/> \$2,398.25 |

Benevolence

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| Loose | |
| Envelopes Undesignated | \$47.50 |
| Envelopes Designated | \$200.00 |
| One Great Hour of Sharing | |
| Community Food Bank | |
| On-line Undesignated | |
| On-line Designated | |
| On-line One Great Hour of Sharing | |
| On-line Sister Jean's | |
| Benevolence Total | <hr/> \$247.50 |

Capital Expenditures

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| Loose | |
| Envelopes Undesignated | \$14.25 |
| Envelopes Designated | \$350.00 |
| Spring Fund Raiser | \$8,450.00 |
| On-line Undesignated | |
| On-line Designated | |
| On-line Spring Fund Raiser | |
| Capital Total | <hr/> \$8,814.25 |

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| Combined Total | <hr/> <hr/> \$11,460.00 |
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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!