

*Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again.
Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
John 6:35*

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live
forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh."
John 6:51*

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Worship Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
In Person
OR
Online on APC's Facebook page at
www.Facebook.com/AbseconPresby

Ruling Elder David Watts will be leading us in worship this week. His sermon is titled *"Finding Acceptance and a Purpose"* from 1 Kings 19:4-8 (NLT) and John 6:35, 41-51 (NLT) available in the attached bulletin.

Lay Assistant: Naida Burgess
Ushers: Mary Bew & Betty Lloyd

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Please Keep These Requests In Prayer

For God's guidance as we begin the process of calling a new pastor.
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 those who give blood, especially those who donated 23 pints Thursday here at your church.

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

Jim Morris & Family, The Family of Mildred Felsberg, The Family of Peggy Kelly, Jim McManus, Richard Older, Robert Mellon, LilyRose Cramer, Luca Leech, Ethel Washington, Jean Delesantro, Jerry Hoenes, Cathy Follansbee, James Beatty, Jun & Family, JoAnn Sabo, Rita Abelson, Olive Brown, Marilyn & Tito Rosado, Dan Hughes, Stan Weir, Patti, Christopher Green

Continued prayers always for:

Desiree DePasquale, Carol Thomas, 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, 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, Virginia Loeb

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Presbytery is searching for a Transitional Pastor Process Coach to advise the Mission Study Team on the updating of our five-year old Mission Statement.

Wendy Frisby, Chair of the Commission on Ministry, is making herself available to be the link between the Commission and our Team.

So, YES, all is ready to begin! We only need:

1. A team of five to meet between now and December to update the study and obtain Presbytery for Southern New Jersey's approval.
2. A team which will meet weekly and which will require members' dedication. The end result will be calling a new minister, hopefully, as early as the summer of 2022. *(Yes, the summer of 2022!)*
3. SO – Session is asking members of all ages who would be willing to serve on the Mission Study to submit their names to Ann Wallace (awallace1sander@gmail.com or cell phone: 201 991-1340).
4. Applicants will meet with Session who will select five members to work with the Transitional Pastor Process Coach, who will ONLY work with the Mission Study committee for the purpose of updating the Mission Study. Once the Mission Study is complete, this committee's work is done and a Pastor Nominating Committee can be elected.

Who is willing to accept this call and allow the Church to take its first steps forward?

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Session Spotlight

August 8, 2021

I. Late Summer and early Fall reopening plans --

August 15 – BBQ following our church service. It will be held in the end lot.

August 21 – Pool Party from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Galloway Swim Club

August 23 – Lifeline Screening in Madden Hall

September 10 – Outdoor Movie Night

September 12 – Communion Sunday

September 19 – Cape May Zoo

Please look in the “Presby Post” and the “Bits and Pieces” for additional details.

2. Prayer Shawl Ministry – even though the group has not been meeting monthly in the Chapel, its members have been busy knitting and crocheting shawls and blankets while Loretta Metz has been receiving and filling requests for those in need of them. The ministry’s first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 4 at 9:30 a.m. in Madden Hall. Just bring your yarn, needles or crochet hook and activate your creative mode!

3. The HVAC system in the church was in desperate need of repair and a new system has been installed and is working well! Come to church on Sunday and see for yourselves!

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Plan on joining us for a

Welcome Back BBQ

Sunday, August 15

On the End Lot

Noon – 2:00 pm

**Cost is One Covered Dish to Share
Hamburgers, Hotdogs & Drinks provided**

(see flyer in Sunday’s “Bits and Pieces”)

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How can I give?

Please give your time by praying for your church and your community, and by calling and checking in on your church family, including those you do not talk to regularly.

Please give your talent, by offering your skills to alleviate the strain put on us all by this pandemic.

Please give from your treasure through your tithes and offerings which can be left in the offering plates available in the sanctuary or mailed to:

Absecon Presbyterian Church
208 New Jersey Avenue
Absecon, NJ 08201

Online Giving

You can also give online at:

www.AbseconPresby.org/give

All gifts made online are safe and secure through the Presbyterian Foundation. At this time, gifts to the General Fund and Benevolence are what is most needed.

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Deposit made on July 30, 2021

General

Loose	
Envelopes Undesignated	\$8.70
Envelopes Designated	\$469.80
Per Capita	\$570.00
Memorial - Roy Birkbeck	
Memorial - Diane Ford	
Memorial - Leo Ransone	
On-line Undesignated	\$2,408.27
On-line Designated	\$98.00
On-line Memorial (Leo Ransone)	\$149.94
On-line - Special Gift	\$99.96
General Total	\$3,804.67

Benevolence

Loose	\$1.00
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Envelopes Undesignated	\$54.00
Envelopes Designated	\$260.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	
On-line Undesignated	\$276.81
On-line Designated	\$98.00
On-line One Great Hour of Sharing	
On-line Sister Jean's	
Benevolence Total	<u>\$689.81</u>
Capital Expenditures	
Loose	\$0.30
Envelopes Undesignated	\$16.20
Envelopes Designated	\$165.00
Spring Fund Raiser	
Sign (Bakely House)	
On-line Undesignated	\$83.04
On-line Designated	
On-line Spring Fund Raiser	
Capital Total	<u>\$264.54</u>
Combined Total	<u><u>\$4,759.02</u></u>

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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!