



TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Have you ever tried to paddle against the tide when it is fully moving? I remember several years ago as Sandra and I went out to the Atlantic Ocean from Corson's Inlet on a calm summer day, near the peak of high tide. We paddled around a bit in the gentle swells rolling in and then started back AND "the tide had turned"! We paddled as hard as we could for about 20 minutes at least and literally did not move forward at all. Tiring and realizing the tide seemed to be even getting stronger, we knew we had to try something different.



Rev. Brian Roberts

Thinking of sail boats going against the wind, we started tacking--taking the tide at an angle and moved closer to the Corson's Inlet State Park beach (due to friction and shallower water, less volume of water moving tides run slower near the shore). It still took effort, but we were able to keep tacking close to the beach, paddle near the shoreline and get back to where our journey had begun.

There is a full-on EASTERTIDE moving! Jesus Christ-crucified, dead and buried-INDEED rose again on the third day. We now worship on Sunday, the first-day of the week as a reminder of Jesus-Incarnate Word, Son of God, Savior's RESURRECTION. Since that day, when kayaking in tidal waters I/we always check the tide charts. There is a full-on EASTERTIDE moving, AND you and I are a part of it! Get in the water, don't fight it---rather go with it, and let it carry you to bless God's world! Friends, dear Brothers and Sisters we have a rising resurrection tide fully on the move in Jesus Christ, and we are called to be a part of it. This means Active Love lived out, Hope that lifts up, sharing about a future with God and Justice that stands with those oppressed.

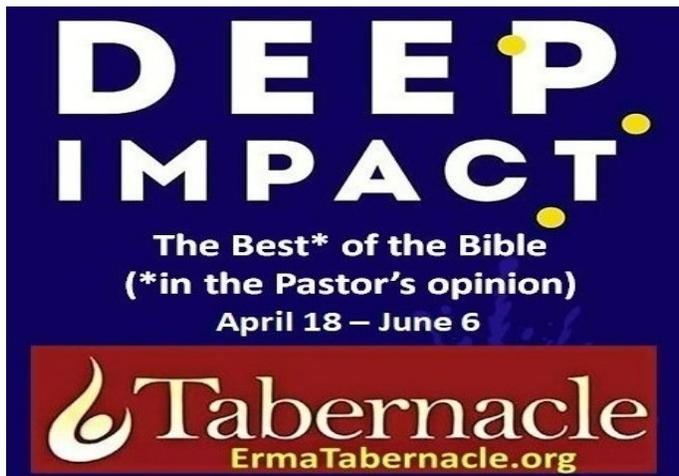
At times, our church meetings can get stuck in dealing with issues in ways that divide, take too much time and are even just plain old boring! We serve and are called to partner with the Creator of the Universe in care of God's creation and to lead Christ's Church to share GOOD NEWS of great Joy, grow disciples of Jesus and transform the world! How cool is that?

Throughout this difficult time, it can feel like you are paddling against a strong current, AND this is where the rest of the story of Easter and the move toward Pentecost are key. Against the persistent currents of fear, violence, hatred, corrupted power, religiosity (note not faith as vibrant relationship with living, loving God) and even the relentless push of even death itself, God did and continues to do a new thing! "Death was swallowed up in Victory!" (1 Corinthians 15:54) Jesus is alive and goes before you! Against these strong currents faced by generations there is the overwhelming force and great power of God's GRACE full on in Jesus Christ!

What would it look like for us to ride this tide, remembering each Sunday is a little Easter, so that we are reminded this is one tide that keeps coming, and coming and coming?! How might we live and worship with more contagious JOY, reach out to the community in irresistible ways and invite our neighbors to the adventure of following a Risen Savior with a passion to lift up, heal and transform in amazing ways---this world?!

This pandemic is not a season to be in "dry-dock;" rather, we must work together as part of the Grand Resurrection movement of Christ's Church, in ways and at levels of intensity that we may have not worked together before. We are called to be a part of this resurrection Eastertide. COVID-19 has taken so much from so many, AND there is an incoming Eastertide we are called to ride and invite others to join with us.

CHRIST IS RISEN! He is risen, indeed!!!
Brian Roberts, Cape Atlantic District Superintendent



New Message Series - Spring 2021

You have a favorite movie, a favorite song, probably even a favorite flavor of ice cream. What is your favorite Bible verse? Maybe, like flavors of ice cream, you have more than one.

Pastor Glenn is going to act a bit “selfish” this Spring 2021 by offering a sermon series based on (most of) his favorite passages in the Bible. Experience the wide range and Deep Impact of God’s Word not just on PG’s life but also—the Lord willing—on *your* life as well.

April 18	“God Just IS”	Exodus 3: 9 – 15
April 25	“In God You Trust”	Proverbs 3: 1 – 8
May 2	“Choose Wisely”	1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 22
May 9	“Make Mother’s Day”	Luke 11: 11 – 17
May 16	“Isn’t It Obvious?”	Romans 1: 16 – 20
May 23	“Open-Heart Surgery”	Hebrews 4: 12 – 16
May 30	“Dogs Go To Heaven”	Mark 7: 24 – 30
June 6	“All Means ALL”	Philippians 2: 1 – 11

All are invited to experience these messages in-person on Sundays at 9:15 am in the Tabernacle Sanctuary or online via Facebook Live. Pastor Glenn will continue offering an online worship experience Sundays at 11am also on Facebook as well as ZOOM. For all connection questions, please visit www.ErmaTabernacle.org



Prayer Requested: Pastor Glenn, Susan & Grace, Jodi Cathrall
 John Dickinson, Dawn Garretson
 Betty Wund, Ralph Genovese
 Flo Magee, Andrew Wund, Ella Elliott
 Lyndsey Bolton, Betty Carlton
 Tandi Ankrum, Jay Sporn, Cathy Oney
 Cass Pascali, Mr. Phil Breden, Sr.
 Buddy Halbruner, Steve Brown
 Carol Cahill (friend of Paul Breden)
 Braden Brojakowski & family
 Wil Kaufman: cancer treatments
 CW2 Ryan Pritchard, in Iraq
 Marly Genovese: hip replacement
 Deb Lawless: shoulder replacement
 The Ankrum family

Those that live alone:
 Doris Raker, Ella Elliott, Bob Jenkins,
 John Leo, Ernie Long, Alice Fuddy,
 Steve Brown & other friends & family
 who remain anonymous.

In Shut In & Convalescent Care
 Wesley Manor: Shirley Rutherford
 Shirley Halbruner
 Pitman Manor: Edna Dickinson

Families losing loved ones during Covid:
 Janis Halbruner & Family
 Bill Stahl & family
 Elizabeth Bailey & Family
 Frank Cahill
 The Chinn Family
 Flo Magee and Family
 The family of Mary Mason
 Jackie Matkowski & Family
 The Gorsline Family
 The Still Family
 Brenda & Robert Church & Family

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Do not send mail to the [church mailbox](#)

CAPE HOPE

In cooperation with the
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SATURDAY
MAY 1, 2021

1 TO 4 PM

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in the rear of the Rio Grande Plaza.

Ways To Support Your Church

ShopRite Grocery Program: Are you a Shoprite customer? If you are, why not purchase Shop Rite grocery cards after today's service and 5% of your purchase will benefit Tabernacle!

Amazon Smile benefits Tabernacle UMC!

Most of us shop from Amazon. If you register thru **AmazonSmile** and choose **Tabernacle United Methodist Church-Cape May** as your charity, the church will receive a quarterly check for a percentage of whatever you purchase! Then always log in thru AmazonSmile for the church to receive donations. This is a free and easy way that we can earn money for the church! Sign up by entering: **Smile.Amazon.com** on your internet browser address line & enter your regular Amazon ID and Password to register!

Tabernacle Basic Blessings:

A ministry of Tabernacle UMC which collects & distributes basic necessities that go unprovided by state funded programs. Items and donations made go toward the purchase of Basic Blessings stock.

Distributions are held on the 3rd Saturday each month at 10am at Tabernacle UMC. All Basic Blessing distributions are done with Covid safety measures in place.

Wondering how you can help support Missions?

- Bring A Bag of Basics for Basic Blessings to church.
- Sign up for the Family Promise Dinner Opportunity
- Support our Shared Ministry Missions Work
- Give an extra gift toward Missions
- Contact our Missions Coordinator, Chandi Ankrum for more ideas! Call (609) 972-7617 or Email her at: rrspecialties@comcast.net



Listen to the Service on your phone:
If you can't use the internet, call-in at the 11am service and listen on your phone!

Call: (929) 205-6099 then give the Meeting ID: 981 176 2526

UPDATED: Password/code: 7798139

Start to Finish

Brain Teasers

DIRECTIONS: For each clue, find a corresponding word that starts and finishes with the same letter. There is one word for each letter of the alphabet except for i, j, q, u, v and z. **ANSWER IN NEXT WEEK'S TORCH ISSUE #56**

Spend time in front of the mirror.	PRIMP
Intuitive inkling.	
Pioneer in photocopying.	
Bitterly sarcastic.	
Gas in some signs.	
Inuit transportation.	
Chinese medicinal root.	
Where a rubber duckie lives.	
Roll in the mud.	
Pleasure traveller.	
Temporary loss of memory.	
Deadly.	
Pizza herb.	
Very knowledgeable.	
Forty-eight hours before tomorrow.	
The most.	
Excessive.	
Feudal land.	
Trepidation	
Water storage area.	