



TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**“Everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. . .
. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man
who built his house on sand.” (Jesus speaking in Matthew 7: 24 – 27, NRSV)**

Visiting the Jersey Shore and living at the Jersey Shore are two different things. As a kid, my family would rent a house near the beach for a week in August. But once I move here to serve as Tabernacle’s pastor, it’s another matter entirely.

One of the places that amazes me is the “metropolis” of West Wildwood. Why are the houses built on stilts? What would happen if they just sit flat on the ground? You know the answer. The combination of the back bays and the ocean mixed with storms and high tides would wipe them out.

It’s easy to take this passage and turn it into a conversation about proper construction techniques. But Jesus is using this illustration to offer a bigger picture. “Everyone who hears these words of mine . . .” must respond in one of two ways: do something or do nothing.

These verses mark the end of what we call the Sermon On The Mount. Jesus is calling His audience back to what He says in chapter five, six, and seven. These are more than words to read. They mark a radical new way to *live*. Go back and re-read these chapters. Following Jesus’ words will let your “house” stand firm even in the midst of the storms of pandemics, economics, and the other “winds and waves” that life blows upon us. Whether we stand firm or get washed out to sea depends upon our foundation in Jesus.

Our current series at Tabernacle is called Gre>ter Than. On Sunday, November 8, we will explore the difference between a “quick fix and an “investment.” Later this month, an Estimate of Giving card will be distributed and you will be asked to—by faith—consider how much the Lord wants you to (financially) give in 2021. I know it’s been a rough year with another likely to follow. But as a community that exists *by faith*, Tabernacle must move beyond a quick fix and look ahead to making an investment in the future for our community and our world.

May our lives be built on the solid rock of Jesus Christ. Let us act on His words. The winds will indeed blow and the waves will certainly pound. Will we be standing firm through the storm? Join with me and shout a resounding, “YES!” Daily Blessings, Pastor Glenn

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Eve worship service at First Assembly of God, 1068 Seashore Road, W. Cape May. The Cape May Ministerium invites all on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 6:30 pm. All safety protocols will be observed. Pastor Glenn will offer a Responsive Reading at the service. Let us thank the Lord together as a sign of unity in Jesus Christ to our community and our world.

New Offering Mailing Address: Please begin mailing your offerings to the new address on the back page of this newsletter. Margie will be out on sick leave soon and wants to be sure all folks understand the new procedure. Anyone using the E-Giving system will continue using that without any changes as funds are deposited by Vanco.

Masks - Distancing - Sanitized...We’re Ready! You are invited to worship in the Tabernacle Sanctuary, all safety measures have been put into place and every other pew is blocked off to assure safe distancing. All are required to wear a mask over nose and mouth and have their temperature taken at the door. Masks are available for anyone who arrives without one and sanitizer is available throughout the building.

Listen to the service on your phone! If you are unable to access the internet, you may call-in to the 11am service to listen on your phone! **Call: (929) 205-6099** give the **Meeting ID: 981 176 2526** then the **Password: 779813**.

Packing Christmas Child Shoeboxes... Shoebox collection week is Nov. 16-23rd. Last week’s newsletter contained details on what to pack. When your shoeboxes are done, please call John Reardon at 1st UMC of Cape May Court House at (609) 465-7852 or (609) 4251894 to schedule a safe drop-off appointment. Also, please let Margie know how many shoeboxes you packed, she’s keeping a count.

Shoprite cards are available by contacting Susan Scheyhing at (609) 600-7331, or after the Sunday service.



Prayer reminds us that we are not alone in our feelings and we can ease our own fears by praying for others. As we pray for our friends and family listed below, please also remember in light of the Coronavirus pandemic, the extra challenges that we face from time to time... fear, anxiety, economic hardships, isolation, & many other stresses that are unique to the times we live in.

Prayer for those who have lost loved ones

- Janis Halbruner & Family
- The Chinn Family
- Bill Stahl & family
- Elizabeth Bailey & Family
- Flo Magee and Family
- The family of Mary Mason
- Jackie Matkowski & Family
- The Gorsline Family
- The Still Family

Covid Related Requests

- The Lords protection over those attending services at church
- Pray for an effective Covid-19 vaccine soon
- Wisdom for leaders in Local & Federal Government
- Basic Blessing workers and distributions during Covid-19

Those in Shut In & Convalescent Care

- Court House Center: Carol Cahill
- Wesley Manor: Shirley Rutherford & Shirley Halbruner
- Pitman Manor: Edna Dickinson

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

- Pastor Glenn & Family
- Jody Cathrall
- John Dickinson
- Dawn Garretson
- Betty Wund
- Carol Cahill
- Ralph Genovese
- Flo Magee
- Andrew Wund
- Lyndsey Bolton
- Betty Church
- Betty Carlton
- Tandi Ankrum
- Tom Ankrum
- Jay Spori
- Cathy Oney
- Cass Pascali
- Mr. Phil Breden, Sr.
- Buddy Halbruner
- Steve Brown
- Braden Brojakowski
- Margie Katity knee surgery – 11/20
- Frank Cahill - post surgery recovery
- Dan Gilliam - (Margie's brother-cancer)



A Note from Margie:
MAILING CHANGES!

Due to Margie's upcoming knee surgery, beginning Nov. 1st, mail all church offerings to:

T.U.M.C. C/O Barbara Mortensen
306 Edgewood Avenue, Rio Grande, NJ 08242

MEMORY QUIZ... The following quiz consists of 4 questions and tells whether you are qualified to be a "professional." FYI, around 90% of the professionals they tested got all questions wrong. But many preschoolers got several correct answers!

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Wrong Answer: Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant and close the door.

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your actions.

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All animals attend except one. Which animal doesn't attend?

Correct Answer: The elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. This tests your memory.

OK, even if you didn't answer the first 3 questions correctly, you still have 1 more chance to show your abilities!

4. There is a river you must cross. But it is inhabited by crocodiles. How do you manage it?

Correct Answer: You swim across. All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Conference. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.



Donations were made to the church last week, In Memory of...

Mary Still
by Anissa Krick