



# TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**“All the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ... Each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. ~Acts 2: 44-47, NLT**

Dear Friends, I am excited to resume worship in the Tabernacle Sanctuary this Sunday, Oct. 25th at 9:15 am. However, I also am comfortable worshipping our Lord anytime and anywhere, including the Michael Hall Gym (since July). But the best mix is to be wherever God's people are. My desire is to press forward as we move through our present situation. The “letter” that follows is something I want to share with you as we transition back into the Sanctuary and for some, continue worshipping online. Daily Blessings, Pastor Glenn

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Greek philosopher, Aristotle, lives 2,400 years ago. He has given this still-popular quote, “The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.” We are members of the group known as *Jesus-followers*. We are disciples of the Christ. As we make the commitment to grow in faith and love, we are responding to His wonderful generosity. Drawing closer to the Lord means aligning ourselves with His priorities for us – our hearts with God's heart. Through this deepening relationship, we (super-)naturally become more generous people. We grow as individuals, but we also grow with one another in our faith community called Tabernacle.

The Jesus-followers in the Book of Acts know the power of community and growing together in Him.

- Together is greater than alone
- Generosity is greater than accumulating
- Thriving is greater than surviving

You are invited to Tabernacle's Generosity series as we explore God's plan for us in 2021 and beyond. We will reflect on all that God has shared—and is sharing—with us. Let us join together as we discover what it means to live Greater Than.

Oct. 25: “We > Me” - Acts 2: 14-18  
Nov. 8: “Investment > Quick Fix” - Matthew 7: 24-28  
Nov. 15: “Abundance > Comfort” - Malachi 3: 8-12  
Nov. 22: “Possibility > Status Quo” - John 14: 6-14

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Masks - Distancing - Sanitized...We're Ready!** Those of you who have been worshipping at home are now able to attend a safe service in the Church Sanctuary. Please be advised that all safety measures have been put into place, every other pew is now blocked off to assure safe distancing. Everyone is 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.

**Adult Sunday School Class:** You invited to a Bible lesson led by Joe Williams following the 9:15 am service in the Sanctuary. There is plenty of room to spread out and enjoy growing deeper in God's Word.

**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 Your 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. So far our [online shoebox page](#) shows that we have reach 10 out of 20 shoeboxes! Great job everyone!

**Shoprite cards are available** by contacting Susan Scheyhing at (609) 600-7331, or after the Sunday service. Tabernacle earns 5% on the price of each card!

**On Sunday, November 1st,** we will have a special worship experience related to **All Saints Day** and the “saints” of Tabernacle UMC who have impacted our lives over the past year. We also will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**, putting Acts chapter 2 into action.



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

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
- Victoria Commons: Mary Still

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 (knees)
- Mary Still (in Hospital)



**Bible Facts... Size of Noah's Ark**

According to the dimensions given in the Bible and translating cubits into feet, the ark could well have been over 500 feet long, almost 92 feet wide and 55 feet tall. The length of the ark then would be over 1 & 1/2 football fields. The ark's total square feet available was anywhere from 2 to 3 million square feet! The ark also had three levels or floors in it and dozens of compartments to accommodate the different types and sizes of animals on board.

**A Note from Margie:**

**MAILING CHANGES!**

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

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

This change will run through December.



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THERE! THAT OUGHT TO DISPEL THE MYTH THAT WE'RE AN ELDERLY CONGREGATION THAT DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO REACH OUT TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

