



TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (Hebrews 10: 23 – 25, NLT)

Usually I use this space to give you a peek into Sunday's message. Not this time. But if I did, you can read ahead in Malachi 3 about bringing our "full tithe" to the Lord – the *best* we have and off-the-top. Join us Sunday morning at 9:15 am in the Tabernacle Sanctuary (or on Facebook Live) and 11:00 am online at the Parsonage Porch via (ZOOM + Facebook).

All right. The commercial's done. I had a bit of a cathartic event this week. Not traumatic, just emotional. If you've been reading the Torch, then you know that our fearless Secretary (& Treasurer), Margie, is due for some much-needed surgery. Yours truly is stuffing the envelopes with a Thanksgiving/Christmas letter (plus offering envelope, thank you).

It is during this eye-opening process of reading the names on each envelope that gives me cause to pause. While I am praying for each soul who will receive this letter, I must offer you a "full disclosure" moment: I do not recognize half of these people – literally. For a first-year pastor, this is understandable. However, I've been here over six years and many of these souls I have never met, or even recognize their names.

"What's your point, Pastor Glenn?" We are now about to celebrate a full month of worship in the Sanctuary since mid-March (though we resumed worship in the Michael Hall gym in July). I have to stress the importance of inviting not just first-time visitors but also—especially—those who ceased attending for whatever reason. This may mean an invitation to worship online for those who desire to stay home.

I realize that this newsletter finds its way to a wide variety of places. But my comments are related specifically to those from Tabernacle UMC. Let us continue motivating one another to love as well as seeing the vital value of meeting together to worship our Lord. We'll get through this pandemic period, certainly. My concern is will we be stronger as a faith community when we come out on the other side? My prayer is a resounding "Yes!"

Heavy stuff? Yeah, well, that's life. But isn't it wonderful to know that Jesus Christ is our heavy-lifter? Yeah, well, that's love.

Praising Him All-Ways, 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: If you haven't already done so, please begin mailing your offerings to the new address on the back page instead of to Margie as she will be out on sick leave soon. Anyone using the E-Giving system will continue using that without any changes as funds are deposited by Vanco.

Operation Christmas Child - 11 out of 20 shoeboxes were packed online, please let Betty Wund know if you packed a "physical shoebox" as we are trying to get a total packed. Remember, that the delivery date for these shoeboxes is Nov. 16-23rd, call [John Reardon](tel:6094657852) at 1st UMC of Cape May Court House at [\(609\) 465-7852](tel:6094657852) or [\(609\) 425-1894](tel:6094251894) to schedule a safe drop-off appointment.

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](tel:9292056099) give the **Meeting ID:** [981 176 2526](tel:9811762526) then the **Pass-word:** [779813](tel:779813).

Shoptite cards continue to be available after the Sunday service or by calling Susan at (609) 600-7331.



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.

- Pastor Glenn & Family
- Jodi 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 Spurl
- 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 is home, recovering from surgery)

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, Bob Jenkins, John Leo, Ernie Long, Alice Fuddy, Steve Brown and other friends and family who remain anonymous.



Thank You

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

Mary Still

by Cass Pascali
&
Jodi Cathrall



A Note from Our Treasurer
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**



More Fun Just around the Corner...

Cape Christian Academy Christmas Bazaar

When: December 12, 2020

At: CCA - 10 Oyster Rd, CMCH

Near Patty's Party World on Route 9 in Burleigh - **Time:** 10am - 4pm

Join the fun for a day of shopping a variety of locally made crafts & gifts

Contact Lynn Jefferis at 609-884-0735 for more information



Tabernacle Poinsettia Sale & UMW Christmas Greetings

Print the forms below and return with payment to

Betty Wund - 676 Townbank Rd. Unit 321, Cape May, NJ 08204



U.M. Women Christmas GREETINGS - Just \$1 each!

Return form & payment to office by Sunday, Dec. 13

Greetings will be printed for the Dec. Christmas Service

CHRISTMAS GREETING TO & FROM

1. TO: _____ FROM: _____

MESSAGE: _____

2. TO: _____ FROM: _____

MESSAGE: _____

3. TO: _____ FROM: _____

MESSAGE: _____

4. TO: _____ FROM: _____

MESSAGE: _____

5. TO: _____ FROM: _____

MESSAGE: _____

6. TO: _____ FROM: _____

MESSAGE: _____

Christmas Poinsettias Form - \$12 per plant

Purchased plants will decorate the Church Altar during Christmas Services.

Poinsettias may be taken home by those who ordered them after Christmas Eve Service

Checks payable to: **UM Women** - Write "Poinsettias" on memo line.

- Please print - Orders due by: 12/2

1) IN MEMORY OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

2) IN MEMORY OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

3) IN MEMORY OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

4) IN MEMORY OF _____

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