



TABERNACLE

United Methodist Church

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“My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy . . .”

James 1: 2, NRSV

Dear “Brothers and Sisters,”

In today’s stress-filled culture, this verse contains a grave paradox. The words *trials* and *joy* should not be in the same sentence – not even in the same breath. However for the Jesus-follower, this is supposed to be just the opposite. The phrase “face trials” also can be loosely translated as the “stuff life throws at us.”

From the fear of the coronavirus to the fear of its accompanying isolation, where can we find joy? Later in the passage, James encourages us to endure because God is in control. He also says that our experiences in everyday life—good and not so good—are opportunities for God’s love in us to shine forth toward others.

Easier said than done, right? In the new sermon series SKIN: through Thick & Thin we are going to discover ways to live out our faith in Christ in the midst of the stress and strain of daily living – as followers of the Savior we say is in charge of our souls. It will be very challenging and extremely stretching. But the end goal, as James writes, is to become “whole and complete, lacking in nothing.” (2:4)

God’s Peace and Joy, Pastor Glenn



Announcements...

Some “well deserved” R & R for our Pastor - Pastor Glenn will be playing & preaching Sunday, August 16th at Tabernacle, however, he will be “off” the following two weeks. Certified Lay Servant, Brian Robinson from First UMC in Court House will be leading us on August 23rd. His wife, Nancy, may also share her talents on the flute. On August 30th, Lourdes Turner, Certified Lay Servant from Oceanville UMC in Galloway, will offer the Word. Lourdes is the wife of one of PG’s mentees, the Rev. Michael Turner, pastor of Oceanville. Pastor Mike also may be with us that day. Pastor Glenn will return on September 6th, which is Labor Day Weekend. We will be sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion and celebrating the gift of Laboring for our Lord.

First Fruits Farm Produce - On Tuesday, August 18th we will be receiving a shipment of donated produce from First Fruits Farm in Freeland, MD. The farm is a non-profit Christian ministry dedicated to growing fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables to share with local food banks, homeless shelters, soup kitchens and other food providers. Margie serves as our coordinator who contacts Cape May County food pantries in need. They will be picking up their “orders” on the 18th, PLUS there will be additional vegetables designated for the Tabernacle congregation. We will be receiving a case each of fresh tomatoes, green peppers and 10 dozen corn on the cob. Please bring a bag and arrive 11am-11:30am on Tuesday, August 18th.

Basic Blessings - Thank you for your continued support of this ministry! We will continue the “Bring A Bag of Basics” drive on Missions Sundays, the next one coming up on Sept. 13th. Mission Sundays are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We rely on cash donations and supplies from the Tabernacle congregation which enables the ministry to provide free monthly distributions to Lower Township families in need. **Next distributions: Aug.15th & Sept.19th.**

Listen to the service from your phone! If you receive the printed copy of The Torch and are unable to access the internet, you may call-in to the 11am service and listen through your phone. **The phone # is: (929) 205-6099. The Meeting ID: 981 176 2526. The Password: 779813.**

Shoprite cards are available by calling Susan Scheyhing at (609) 600-7331, or purchasing them from her after the Sunday service. \$50 and \$100 cards are available.



Prayer Requests

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 Corona-virus pandemic, the extra challenges that we face from time to time... fear, anxiety, economic hardships, isolation, and many other stresses that are unique to the times we are living in.

- Pastor Glenn & Family
- Chaz & Family
- Jody Cathrall
- John Dickinson
- Tom Ackroyd
- Dawn Garretson
- Betty Wund
- Lewi Magnusson
- Carol Cahill
- Bonnie Vile
- Bob Nichols
- Ralph Genovese
- Flo Magee
- Andrew Wund
- Lyndsey Bolton
- Betty Church
- Betty Carlton
- Tandi Ankrum
- Tom Ankrum
- Jay Spori
- Kenny Walker
- Cathy Oney
- Cass Pascali
- Steve Bistak
- Mary Still
- Ann Rea
- Mr. Phil Breden, Sr.
- Buddy Halbruner
- Steve Brown
- Bob Chinn
- Braden Brojakowski

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

A CALL TO PRAYER

United Methodists are asked to join in prayer against racism at 8:46 am and pm for 8 min, 46 sec., the time the officer held a knee on George Floyd's neck.

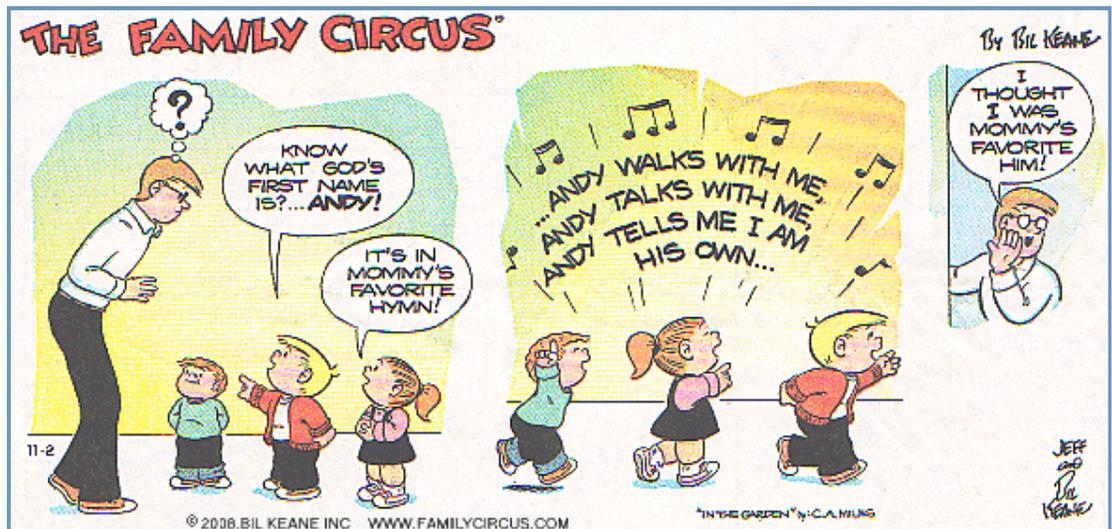
Covid Related Requests

- The Lords guidance for resuming services at the church
- Pray for an effective Covid-19 vaccine soon
- Pray for our First Responders
- Wisdom for leaders in Local & Federal Government
- Grant Approvals for Tabernacle Church
- 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.



HOW DO I GIVE MY OFFERING?

If you are not ready to attend services in Michael Hall, you may mail offerings to:

Address ALL church mail & offerings to:

T.U.M.C.
C/O Marjorie Katity
115 Aspen Drive,
Swainton, NJ 08210



**I want to be so full of Christ
that if a mosquito bites me,
he flies away singing,
"There's power
in the blood."**