



TABERNACLE

UNITED
Methodist Church

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You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ~James 1: 19 – 20, NRSV

Dear Tabernacle Torchbearers:

This edition of the Tabernacle Torch newsletter is being released on that fateful date of September 11. It has been 19 years since that tragic, nation-altering day in 2001. The intentional plane crashes in Lower Manhattan, the Pentagon, and Shanksville PA, caused devastation, panic, and hopelessness not just in the United States but also around the world.

The verses at the top of this letter are relevant to both 9/11/2001 and 9/11/2020.

“Quick to listen. Slow to speak. Slow to anger.”

The context for James’ words center upon another radical group bent on insurrection – the Zealots. This band of Jewish men relish in the destruction of the dreaded Roman Empire occupying the nation of Israel. They advocate violence in their attempts to push out the Caesar from the “Holy Land.”

James believes there is a better way. He says that violent actions start from violent words flowing from a violent heart and mind. We, as Jesus-followers, are called to listen to others first then offer our view, if it is warranted.

As believers in the Resurrection, *our* future is set. This is our story. However, those who do not believe as we do have *their* story to tell. Being attentive to the concerns of others experiencing life without Jesus can lead to an opening when we can share our story of life with Him.

Live to Listen with Love,
Pastor Glenn



Bible Facts...

There are two men in the Bible who, without dying, were taken up to heaven by God. They are Elijah and Enoch. Read about it in 2 Kings 2:11 and Genesis 5:23.



REMINDER TO TRUSTEES, SPRC, LAY SERVANTS & PASTOR: Annual Charge Conference reports are to be submitted online by September 21st.

The next “Bring A Bag of Basics” drive will be on Sunday, Sept. 13th (Missions Sunday) to prepare for the distribution on Sept. 19th.

Listen to the service on 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 via your phone! [Just call this number...](#)

The phone number: (929) 205-6099 give the **The Meeting ID: 981 176 2526** and the **Password: 779813.**

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

Tabernacle’s 217th Anniversary!

This month marks another historic year at Erma Tabernacle, it has definitely been a memorable one! During Covid-19 we have had to make many changes in the way we do things in our homes, so it has also been in our church. The way we communicate the “good news” of Jesus Christ has changed quite a bit. We are reaching out in many ways to share the gospel message. Through the use of Facebook, Zoom videos and our website, our outreach is unlimited! Our goal has been to reach all with the love that Jesus offers so none will feel unloved, alone, or unchurched. Through it all I/we have learned many new things ... but mostly that God has blessed us/me and how the Tabernacle family united together to support the church through some tough times. You will soon receive a Anniversary letter from Pastor Glenn with an envelope for your annual Anniversary gift to the church. Please give as you have been blessed. Our/my desire is to finish 2020 year as good stewards of Jesus Christ.

-In Christ, Margie Katity
Church Treasurer



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
- 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 (pneumonia)

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

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 Futti, Steve Brown and others who remain anonymous.



HOW DO I GIVE MY OFFERING?

If you choose to mail your church offering, please send to our Treasurer's Home Office at: **T.U.M.C.**
C/O Marjorie Katity, 115 Aspen Dr., Swainton, NJ 08210

Answer Sheet

BABY

- A. Infant
- B. Foal, filly, colt
- C. Tadpole
- D. Calf
- E. Cub
- F. Hatchling
- G. Joey
- H. Peachick
- I. Eaglet
- J. Fry, fingerling
- K. Kid, billy
- L. Larva
- M. Porcupette
- N. Kitten
- O. Owlet, fledgling
- P. Caterpillar
- Q. Welp, Pup
- R. Fawn
- S. Lamb
- T. Poult

ANIMAL

- 1. Panda
- 2. Cat
- 3. Eagle
- 4. Horse
- 5. Butterfly
- 6. Turtle
- 7. Bee
- 8. Baboon
- 9. Deer
- 10. Kangaroo
- 11. Turkey
- 12. Fish
- 13. Sheep
- 14. Toad
- 15. Porcupine
- 16. Owl
- 17. Elephant
- 18. Otter
- 19. Goat
- 20. Peacock

TOTAL CORRECT: _____

The Next Step of Re-Opening!

Dear Church Family,

As we continue to deal with COVID-19, we will reopen the gym area of Michael Hall for meetings of certain groups. These groups include the men's Wednesday morning prayer group, the Wednesday evening prayer group, the Trustees, the Finance Committee, the Missions Committee, the UMW, the UMM, the Administrative Board, Good News Junction, the Remnants Bible study, the SPRC, and Sunday School.

If your group decides to resume meeting, they must adhere to certain guidelines. Group members must wear masks and must practice social distancing (at least six feet apart from each other). Group leaders should keep attendance for Covid tracing purposes. They must also clean-up and sanitize all areas used after the meeting.

If your group plans to resume meeting in the gym, please let Margie know the date and time so we can keep track of who's using the building.

In Christ,
 Pastor Glenn Scheyhing
 Al Mortensen, Trustee