



# TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**"God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." ~Revelation 21: 3 – 4, NLT**

This past week, I have heard from several of my clergy colleagues that their messages on the Sunday before Election Day will focus on what to do and how to feel *after* Election Day. Two weeks ago, I completed a 9 message series about coping during these stressful times based on the Book of James. So, we are now prepared for pretty much anything.

I have discovered as a pastor that another special event, All Saints Day, means increasingly more to me year-after-year, especially as I encounter increasingly more saints. It is important to continue recognizing and reflecting upon those whose lives for Jesus Christ have impacted us. Seeing these human models of the faith will naturally affect how we live out our own faith.

In 2020, this wonderful occasion falls on Sunday, Nov. 1st. Please use this time together to be thankful for our Tabernacle Saints as well as others who have passed on to Glory. Pray to the Lord how we may *grow* through their witness.

Even prior to this pandemic there has been death and sorrow and crying and pain. This coronavirus crisis offers that much more power to this passage. God has been with us, is with us, and will be with us. As He has been faithful in the past, our Lord encourages us to have hope in the present. And through our steadfast faith in His Son, Jesus the Messiah, we can have confidence that He holds the future.

God transcends pandemics and, yes, elections too. He is both above and beyond your difficulties while at the same time deep in the heart of them. Life is hard on "this side of heaven," as the expression goes. Jesus says that He crosses the boundary from there to here – for you!

Hoping in Him, Pastor Glenn

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In Memory of Mary Still ...** Our dear sister, Mary Still passed into Glory last Sunday evening. If you are not able to read her obituary "online", I am enclosing a copy with this newsletter. Sympathy cards may be sent to her oldest daughter, Pam Halter at 40 Roberts Rd., Bridgeton, NJ 08302-6757. Memorial donations may be sent to the church through the new offering address on the back page of today's newsletter in memory of Mary Still.

**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!** 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.

**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! There's only a few more days to meet our goal!

**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!



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 Spurl
- Cathy Oney
- Cass Pascali
- Mr. Phil Breden, Sr.
- Buddy Halbruner
- Steve Brown
- Braden Brojakowski
- Margie Katity knee surgery
- Frank Cahill - post surgery recovery

THE VERSE BELOW WAS ONE OF MARY STILLS LITTLE POEMS THAT SHE SO LOVED TO SHARE AT THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

**THREADS OF A FRIENDSHIP  
THAT WILL NEVER BREAK**

Thank you for the laughter  
And for the good times shared.  
Thanks for always listening -  
For trying to be fair

Thank you for your comfort  
When things are going bad.  
Thank you for the shoulder  
To cry on when I'm sad.

This little gift is a reminder  
That all my lifetime through  
I'll be thanking heaven for a

**VERY SPECIAL FRIEND  
LIKE YOU!**

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.

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**  
Changes will be in effect thru December 2020.



**Afraid of the Dark ?**

A little boy was afraid of the dark. One night his mother told him to go out to the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy turned to his mother and said, "Mama, I don't want to go out there. It's dark."

The mother smiled reassuringly at her son. "You don't have to be afraid of the dark," she said. "Jesus is out there. He'll look after you and protect you."

The little boy looked at his mother real hard and asked, "Are you sure he's out there?" "Yes, I'm sure. He is everywhere, and he is always ready to help you when you need him," she said.

The little boy thought about that for a minute and then went to the back door and cracked it a little. Peering out into the darkness, he called, ...

"Jesus? If you're out there, would you please hand me the broom?!?"

**Remember: Never doubt in the dark  
what God told you in the light.**