



# TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"The way of the righteous is level; O Just One, you make smooth the path of the righteous. In the path of your judgements, O LORD [Yahweh/Jehovah], we wait for you; your name and your renown are the sou's desire. My soul yearns for you in the night, my spirit within me earnestly seeks you. For when your judgements are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness." Isaiah 26: 7-9 NRSV

Dear Readers & Practitioners of "The Way"...

As the pastor of a church, I encounter the challenging struggle of balancing what is going on in the world today with how God wants me/us to live as Christians in today's world. How can I/we apply universal truths to our every day existence, especially in the midst of this pandemic?

The second candle of the Advent wreath is Peace. In Jesus' day, the nation of Israel is far from a peaceful place. The Roman Empire is a hard oppressor fo the Jewish people. In Isaiah's day, the same can be said of the Assyrian Empire — brutal dictators, to say the least. Here in 2020, our enemy is molecular and unseen to the naked eye except for the death and destruction we *can* see through its impact.

Of course, I cannot make medical pronouncements. You know this and I know this. But what about those "rough patches" in life that we can control? God calls us to be a *righteous* people — individually and corporately. Are you? Are we? He also says one solution to our dilemma is to wait. That's a tough one, I know. But the Lord has brought us through challenging times before and He asks us to honor and cherish this trust that His decisions are righteous and just.

Verse nine uses that graphic phrase, "My soul yearns for you in the night". It is not wrong to say that we are currently living "in the night". But some translations include this yearning, this seeking, this desiring of the Lord early in the morning too.

"Why, me/us, O Lord?" So that we may *learn righteousness*. Like I wrote last week, this sounds a bit harsh, but it is real. The candle of Hope gives way to the light of Peace. Life is temporary. We all know this. God's righteousness and justice live forever. And so shall we. If only we believe — in the night *and* in the morning.

Advent Blessings, Pastor Glenn

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Bazaar Is On!** Sat., Dec. 12 outside lot at Cape Community Church, RT 9, CMCH. Call Lynn for more info: 609-884-0735.

**Cape Hope Celebration in Song** - Sunday, 12/20 at 6pm  
A Drive-in Caroling event is planned outside of the office of Cape Hope in the Village Shoppes of Rio Grande. Please drive up, remain in or around your car, and join in with the singing of your favorite Christmas Carols. Please RSVP by calling 609-997-1794, or emailing Chris South, CapeHope Board Chairman: CapeHopeCares@gmail.com.

**Listen to the service on your phone!** If you cannot use the internet, you may call-in to the 11am service to listen on your phone! **Call: (929) 205-6099** then just give the **Meeting ID: 981 176 2526** then the **Password: 779813**.

**Shoprite Cards** are available after the Sunday service or by calling Susan Scheyhing at (609) 600-7331. This serves as a fundraiser for Tabernacle as we are able to purchase the cards at a 5% discount.

## *A Gift for God*

This is a gift-giving season. We have been given more gifts from God than we could possibly count.

So, what are you giving God this season? In Ephesians 4:30, we are warned not to grieve the Holy Spirit. Given that warning, here are some ways that we can "give" to God this season...

- ✦ A Christmas Offering to Erma Tabernacle.
- ✦ A Memorial Offering in the name of a loved one or a Tabernacle saint who has passed during Covid... Mary Still, Hank Chinn, Bud Halbruner, Nancy Stahl or Tom Gorsline.
- ✦ Read your Bible daily, Pray for the brethren, Love one another, teach & Do Good to others.

**Let us strive to be a people who love God, seek to please and show our appreciation to HIM.**



Please be in prayer for those below, also remember in light of the Covid 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 - goes home 12/7
- Frank Cahill - 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 & family who remain anonymous.

**A Note from Our Treasurer**  
**MAILING CHANGES**  
**Mail church offerings to Finance Secretary during Margie's rehab:**  
**T.U.M.C.**  
**C/O Barbara Mortensen**  
**306 Edgewood Avenue,**  
**Rio Grande, NJ 08242**

# Christmas Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find Christmas words from the list below

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c d a r	—	—	—	—		
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t y s o	—	—	—	—		
e i l g h s	—	—	—	—	—	—
a o c o c	—	—	—	—	—	
n a t a s	—	—	—	—	—	

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- bells
  - season
  - candle
  - sleigh
  - card
  - star
  - cocoa
  - toys
  - santa