



TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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“Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” ~ (Elizabeth to Mary) in Luke 1: 42 – 45, NRSV

We are not at Christmas Day just yet. The third candle in the Advent Wreath is J-O-Y. While we fondly remember the stories before Christ’s birth, the passage in Luke chapter one is of greater depth than we can imagine.

One of the more radical aspects we often miss is that this narrative includes not one woman, but two. Here in 2020, few eyebrows would be raised. However, in first-century Roman-occupied Palestine, it is a completely different story – literally. Without oversimplifying, there are occasions when male children are seen as more important as adult females. So, even mentioning one woman is unheard of. But two? Something amazing is happening here. And we are just getting started.

Elizabeth is “getting on in years” the text says earlier. She has yet to have a child. But the announcement from the angel Gabriel changes all that. Mary is just the opposite. She is young, unmarried, and (legally) unable to have a child. Gabriel makes an appearance to her, too. Get ready for not one but two divinely-ordained miracles!

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While we have yet to reach Christmas Day, we do know the rest of the story. Elizabeth’s child leaps for joy for her Lord, our Lord, who is pure joy.

Jesus greets us every day. He wants us to leap for joy. In the midst of all that is going on now—which needs no further explanation—let us remember that Elizabeth and Mary had it rough, too. The hope of the Savior leads to the peace of His coming and now brings joy with His almost-here birth. Now, THAT’s a cause for celebration, for J-O-Y!

Advent Blessings, Pastor Glenn

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bazaar Is On! Sat., Dec. 12 parking lot at Cape Community Church, RT 9, CMCH. Call Lynn for 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. Call to RSVP (609)997-1794, or email Chris South, 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**.

Shoprte 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.

ANGEL TREE: All Angel Tree Gifts are due back by Sunday, Dec. 13. Questions? Contact Lynn at (609) 884-0735.

Your Gift to 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 Tabernacle saint who has passed during Covid... Mary Still, Hank Chinn, Bud Halbruner, Nancy Stahl, Tom Gorsline or Betty Church.
- ✚ Offering of your Time: 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 - Home & rehabbing
- 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
- Brenda & Robert Church & 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 Futti, 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

Home With The Lord Elizabeth Mae Church ~ Oct.15, 1938 - Dec 9, 2020



We are sad to announce the homegoing of a dear Tabernacle Saint, Elizabeth Church ("Betty") on Wednesday, December 9. Betty was involved in many ministries over her decades of selfless service. She leaves behind her daughter, Brenda, and son, Rob.

There will be a "contactless" viewing for the public on Tuesday, December 15, from 10-10:30am in the Tabernacle Sanctuary. The wearing of masks and social distancing are required. A private funeral service will be held at 11:00 am after which Betty will be laid to rest in the Tabernacle Cemetery next to her beloved husband, Robert.

Please be in prayer for the Church family and friends during this sad yet blessed event.

If you would like to send a card to Betty's daughter, and our dear sister Brenda Church, her address is:

Brenda Church
 1706 Star Avenue
 Villas, NJ 08251

Phone: 609-827-1593
 Email: brendac1260@gmail.com

To read a full obituary, please visit the Radzieta Funeral Home website at:
<https://www.radzieta.com/obituaries/Elizabeth-Mae-Church>

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