



# TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**“When you fast, comb your hair and wash your face. Then no one will notice that you are fasting, except your Father, who knows what you do in private. And your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.” ~Jesus in Matthew 6: 17 – 18, NLT**

Jesus is speaking to a Jewish audience. In the Old Testament law, fasting is required only once – on the Day of Atonement. However, by the time Jesus comes onto the scene, *tradition* has multiplied fasting opportunities so the practice ends up being diluted from its sacred annual event.

The problem that arises in the first-century Jewish culture is that many are trying to draw attention to themselves and not to God. Fasting is done living under the hot Israeli (desert) sun without any “Coppertone” to protect the skin. All it takes is a quick glance and it is obvious who is fasting and who is not. In actual practice, many of them only *appear* to be fasting when they are really just faking it. Jesus says if you are going to do it, then do it right – for “your Father” not your self.

I’m going to stretch this out a bit and declare that while giving up food for some higher purpose may have merit, looking at Jesus as the bridegroom of the great Wedding Feast is more my style. Jesus is the host of the Heavenly Banquet. Let those in the world do things to be seen by others in their world. In the end, it’s what *God* thinks of us that truly matters.

Thought for the Day: When you get the urge to say, “Look at me,” point your finger toward the Cross and say, “Look at Him.”

Lenten Blessings, Pastor Glenn



**Daylight Saving Time** begins Sunday, March 14 when clocks will “Spring Forward” one hour and we lose an hour of sleep overnight.

Though it’s been staying light out a little later each day since the winter solstice on Dec. 21, the big change will occur at 2 a.m. on March 14 with the shift to Daylight Savings Time. The sun will set at around 6:03 p.m in New Jersey on March 13 and the following day sunset is at 7:04 p.m. The tradeoff is that sunrise will be an hour later — 7:10 a.m. on March 14 after it was 6:12 a.m. a day earlier. Also, coming up is the spring equinox which is on Saturday, March 20. This marks the astronomical **First day of Spring!**

## Meetings next week:

Finance Committee - Tuesday, March 9 at 5:00pm  
Admin Board/Council - Tuesday, March 9 at 5:40pm.

Meetings will be held in the Blue Room & by Zoom.

Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9811762526>

Passcode - ermatab

Call-in/Dial-in 929-205-6099

Meeting ID - 981 176 2526 Passcode - 7798139



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Call: (929) 205-6099 then give the Meeting ID: 981 176 2526

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Please be in prayer for those below, also remember in light of the current 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
- Ralph Genovese
- Flo Magee
- Andrew Wund
- Lyndsey Bolton
- Betty Carlton
- Tandi Ankrum
- Tom Ankrum
- Jay Spori
- Cathy Oney
- Cass Pascali
- Mr. Phil Breden, Sr.
- Buddy Halbruner
- Carol Cahill (friend of Paul Breden)
- Steve Brown
- Braden Brojakowski
- Ella Elliott
- Wil Kaufman: cancer treatments
- Prayer for those without power across our nation.
- CW2 Ryan Pritchard, Margies nephew in Afghanistan
- Marilly Genovese: hip replacement and broken foot

**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.

**In Shut In & Convalescent Care**

Wesley Manor: Shirley Rutherford, Shirley Halbruner  
Pitman Manor: Edna Dickinson

**Prayer for those who have lost loved ones:**

- Janis Halbruner & Family
- The Chinn Family
- Bill Stahl & family
- Elizabeth Bailey & Family
- Frank Cahill
- The Chinn Family
- Flo Magee and Family
- The family of Mary Mason
- Jackie Matkowski & Family
- The Gorsline Family
- The Still Family
- Brenda & Robert Church & Family



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# Brain Teasers

(answers will be in Torch #51)

1: It is 3 in the morning, you're sleeping and you hear the doorbell. It's your parents who show up for a surprise visit for breakfast. You've got the strawberry jam, honey, bread, and cheese. What do you open first? Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2: What turns everything around without moving? Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3: What has 10 letters and starts with gas? Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## Word Search with a hidden Solution!

Since Daylight savings is coming up and we touched on the subject of Astronomy. That is the theme of your word search puzzle this week. Enjoy!

Find the words in the clue list on the grid. Circle the words that you find. The words camouflaged on the grid go in various directions: left to right, right to left, up and down, and diagonally in any direction. Find all the words.

There will be some letters remaining after all the words in the clue list have been found. Starting from the top left corner, arrange the remaining letters in the order they are found to form a sentence and the solution to the puzzle.

### Clue list:

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|----------|-----------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| AIR      | EQUINOX   | MERCURY     | PLUTO   | SPACE     |
| ASTEROID | GALAXY    | METEOR      | POLE    | SPHERE    |
| AXIS     | GLOBE     | MOON        | RADIO   | STARS     |
| COMET    | HOT       | NEPTUNE     | SATURN  | SUN       |
| CRATER   | HUBBLE    | NORTH       | SCIENCE | TELESCOPE |
| EARTH    | JUPITER   | OBSERVATORY | SEA     | URANUS    |
| EAST     | LATITUDE  | ORBIT       | SKY     | VENUS     |
| ECLIPSE  | LONGITUDE | PANEL       | SOLAR   | WAVE      |
| EQUATOR  | MARS      | PLANET      | SOUTH   | WEST      |



Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_