



# TABERNACLE

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METHODIST CHURCH

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*"I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ~Mark 14: 34, NRSV*

The Jewish Passover is about to begin. The day after is what we Christians usually call Palm Sunday. It is a time of celebrating the Triumphal Entry of "King" Jesus into the Holy City of Jerusalem. However, it also can be referred to as Passion Sunday as a way of looking forward to the coming week of shame. *Passion* comes from Latin which means to suffer, to endure.

Palm Sunday is loud and joyful. Passion Sunday is quiet and mournful. It all depends upon your perspective – present celebration or future sadness. On Jesus' final night—in Mark 14—He cautions Peter, James, and John to "keep awake." The context is that they are to effectively stand guard, not just physically but also spiritually. In the Greco-Roman-Jewish first century world, the presence of evil/temptation is especially pronounced at night. Things haven't changed much, have they?

The message on Passion Sunday is all about the spiritual discipline of Silence. This is a scary subject in our pandemic-ridden world of 2021. But the challenge is made to practice more silence in our lives. Why? Didn't your mother ever tell you that God gave you two ears and one mouth so you should listen twice as much as you speak? It's a funny way of saying that if you are speaking, if we let noise crowd your life, then there is space left to listen to God.

It is my hope and prayer that you—and I—will listen to God this Holy Week, now more than ever. We have the "trifecta" of Spy Wednesday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday. Each of these three evenings I will offer a brief "live" online worship experience at 7:00 pm. A little music, a Bible message/devotional, and maybe even some silence. You are invited to participate in this week of reflection.

Good Friday is always the hardest for me. Some years are better than others, but it is still a difficult time. Though, as Philadelphia professor/theologian Tony Campolo is famous for saying, "Friday's here, but Sunday's a-comin'."

Let's get through Holy Week first. Thank you for your faithfulness in-person and online. While I get my strength from the Holy Spirit, your prayers and words of encouragement are precious to me.

Holy Week Blessings,  
Pastor Glenn

## ***Hang It On The Cross*** - A Poem by Lisa O. Engelhardt

***If you have a secret sorrow, a burden or a loss,  
An aching need for healing... Hang It On The Cross.  
If worry steals your sleep and makes you turn and toss,  
If your heart is feeling heavy... Hang It On The Cross.  
Every obstacle to faith or doubt you come across,  
Every prayer unanswered... Hang It On The Cross.  
For Christ has borne our brokenness and dearly paid the cost  
To turn our trials to triumph... Hanging On The Cross.***





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 Spurl
- Cathy Oney
- Cass Pascali
- Mr. Phil Breden, Sr.
- Buddy Halbruner
- Carol Cahill (friend of Paul Breden)
- Steve Brown
- Braden Brojakowski & family
- Ella Elliott
- Wil Kaufman: cancer treatments
- CW2 Ryan Pritchard, in Afghanistan
- Marly 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



### **Listen to the Service on your phone:**

If you cannot use the internet, you may call-in to the 11am service and listen on your phone!

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

**UPDATED: Password/code: 7798139**

**Please MAIL all Tabernacle UMC Tithes/Offerings & Correspondence to the Church Treasurer at her home office:**

**Margie Katity - 115 Aspen Drive  
Swainton, NJ 08210**

**Do not send mail to the church mailbox**




## Holy Week Schedule



**Pastor Glenn asks the Tabernacle community to once again commit to a Holy Week that is sensitive to pandemic safety concerns.**

In 2021, the “hybrid” model will be in place, some in-person and some online, beginning with Passion Sunday on March 28 and ending with the Day of Resurrection on April 4. Both events will be celebrated in-person in the Tabernacle Sanctuary at 9:15am with online-only worship from PG’s office (or Parsonage Porch) at 11am.

March 28	Passion Sunday	“Silence”	Mark 14: 32 – 41
March 31	Spy Wednesday	“Deception”	Luke 22: 1 – 6
April 1	Holy Thursday	“Love”	John 3: 1-17, 31-35
April 2	Good Friday	“Shadows”	John (selected verses)
April 3	Silent Saturday	NO WORSHIP	
April 4	Easter Sunday	“Gratitude”	Luke 24: 1-12, 50-53

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Pastor Glenn will offer worship from the Sanctuary via livestream on Tabernacle’s Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/tabernacle.umc.9](http://www.facebook.com/tabernacle.umc.9)). While the Sanctuary will be open, please note that it will essentially be “PG & computer.” ZOOM also will be available for those who desire to engage via telephone.

*Pastor Glenn may offer a brief online-only Easter Sunday SonRise service at 7:00 am.*

**Holy Week is a powerful time in the life of the disciples of Jesus. The most important thing is that we worship our Lord – from His Passion to His Crucifixion to His Resurrection. These events stay the same – *wherever* we worship.**

### Daily Lenten Bible Readings

#### **Week 6: Silence**

**Sunday – Mark 14:26-41**

**Monday – Ecclesiastes 3:7-8**

**Tuesday – Proverbs 17:27-28**

**Wednesday – Proverbs 19:20-21**

**Maundy Thursday – Psalm 62:5-7**

**Good Friday – Exodus 3:4-5**

**Saturday – Lamentations 3:25-26**

### **Ways To Support Your Church**

**ShopRite Grocery Program:** Are you a Shoprite customer? If you are, why not purchase Shop Rite grocery cards after today’s service and 5% of your purchase will benefit Tabernacle!

#### **Amazon Smile donates to Tabernacle UMC!**

Most of us shop from Amazon at one time or another! If you register thru **AmazonSmile** and choose **Tabernacle United Methodist Church-Cape May** as your charity, the church will receive a quarterly check for a percentage of whatever you purchase! Then always log in thru AmazonSmile for the church to receive donations. This is a free and easy way that we can earn money for the church! Sign up by entering: [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) on your internet browser address line & enter your regular Amazon ID and Password to register!

**Tabernacle Basic Blessings:** A ministry of Tabernacle UMC which collects & distributes basic necessities that go unprovided by state funded programs.

Items and donations made go toward the purchase of Basic Blessings stock. Distributions are held on the third Saturday each month at 10am at Tabernacle UMC. Pastor is available for counseling for those desiring spiritual help.