



#### 702 Seashore Road, Cape May, NJ 08204 - April 30, 2021 ~ Issue No. 58

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised... But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. - (1 Corinthians 15: 13, 20)

Way back in the 1980s, there was a song that had a title reflecting the signs of the times: <u>Black</u> and White in a Grey World. Since then, many might agree that our society has become even more grey.

But our passage of scripture here-2,000 years "young"-tells a black-and-white story. Resurrection yes? Resurrection no? Yes, it IS that simple! I can go different directions on a wide variety of subjects, but when it comes to Jesus' rising from the dead, I am in the either-or category.

I am fully open to any and all who are sincerely exploring whether or not Jesus conquered death. If people are asking questions and seeking answers to this vital—this eternal—issue, then I'm all ears. It is so wonderful when there are those who are struggling with faith issues while at the same time looking to God for solutions.

However, in our grey world, many do not just say an outright "no" to the Resurrection, they just do not care. Someone offering hope out of the grave is simply irrelevant to daily living. To them I ask: "Then where is your hope? You know how a funeral works; what will happen to you after you go into the ground?"

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead . . ." the Apostle Paul writes, from first hand experience of seeing Jesus alive. Yeah, this is tough stuff. It is hard and heavy to handle. But it doesn't get any more REAL than this. This is-literally-the deepest meaning of life-and-death.

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#### **Church Council News...**

- At the April 28th meeting, the Church Council took another step towards the full reopening of the church. After May 16th, Pastor Glenn and Secretary/Treasurer Margie will once again be in their office to assist you! One caveat would be, due to the size of the offices, visitors must not enter the offices. Yes, this is new to us too... but we are going to make it work!
- Mailed Donations: After May 16th, donations may once again be mailed to Tabernacle UMC at 702 Seashore Road, Cape May, NJ 08204. Reminder, church phone # is (609) 884-3574.
- Tabernacle Basic Blessings will now be able to allow a limited number of shoppers to enter the • blue room according to covid safety procedures that were approved by the Church Council.

# **Mission News**

#### I would like to share that Family Promise has a family for us and here is a little bit about them:



A mom, dad and two boys, aged nine and two years. Imagine if you can, or cannot, having to take your clothes to a shelter, sort through what will fit in the lockers and then putting the rest, with other personal belongings, in storage. The first few days are so overwhelming. They can't believe they have found themselves HOMELESS. What now?

The day they were to move in, the mom shared with us that she had planned to call that day and tell us she was not going to be able to do this. She was so worried that she was doing the wrong thing. But something that made her call, not to tell us was <u>not</u> coming but to tell us why she <u>was</u> coming into the program. <u>This is what she shared</u>:

"The day was really hard. Here I was, packing my family's clothes to go to a shelter where I did not even know who was preparing that night's dinner or where we were going to sleep. As I began to cry, I asked God to show me that I was doing the right thing and that He was with us. At that moment I looked down and found a charm on the floor that had been missing from my bracelet a while ago, that carried 3 charms. One charm read "Faith the size of a mustard seed" another charm read "Put on the armor of God" and the third one, that I thought I had lost forever, read "She believed she could...so she did." That night a volunteer named Elaine, from Cape Community Church, brought us dinner at the Day Center and afterwards Kathleen and Laurie took us to where we would be sleeping during the time we would be in Family Promise. I don't know what the future holds, but I do know that God is in this place watching over my family.

Please keep them in prayer! We only have 2 meals left to fill!

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## Please MAIL all Tabernacle Tithes, Offerings

& Correspondence to the Church Treasurer

At her home office: Margie Katity

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Prayer Requested: Pastor Glenn, Susan & Grace, Jody Cathrall John Dickinson, Dawn Garretson Betty Wund, Ralph Genovese Flo Magee, Andrew Wund, Ella Elliott Lyndsey Bolton, Betty Carlton Tandi Ankrum, Jay Sporl, Cathy Oney Cass Pascali, Mr. Phil Breden, Sr. Buddy Halbruner, Steve Brown Carol Cahill (friend of Paul Breden) Braden Brojakowski & family Wil Kaufman: cancer treatments CW2 Ryan Pritchard, now in Syria Marlly Genovese: hip replacement Deb Lawless: shoulder replacement The Ankrum family

### Those that live alone:

Doris Raker, Ella Elliott, Bob Jenkins, John Leo, Ernie Long, Alice Futty, Steve Brown & other friends & family who remain anonymous.

### In Shut In & Convalescent Care

Wesley Manor: Shirley Rutherford Shirley Halbruner

Pitman Manor: Edna Dickinson

### Families losing loved ones during Covid:

Janis Halbruner & 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

## **Mother's Day Greetings**

### It's that time of year to recognize & thank all of the Moms, Grandmoms & others that have stood in for Mom!

The UMW is taking orders for Mothers Day Greetings to appear in print at the Mother's Day service, plus listed in the Tabernacle Torch (both versions).

**TO ORDER**: If you attend on Sundays in person, Betty Wund has order forms at the welcome table.

For those worshipping virtually, please send an email with your Mother's Day greeting 's typed out to: <u>elizabeth.wund@comcast.net</u>

Greetings are \$2.00 each - send payment to: Bettty Wund 676 Town Bank Rd., Unit 321 North Cape May, NJ 08204.

1 person named per greeting please.

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### Wondering how you can help support Missions?

- Bring A Bag of Basics for Basic Blessings to church.
- Sign up for the Family Promise Dinner Opportunity
- Support our Shared Ministry Missions Work
- Give an extra gift toward Missions
- Contact our Missions Coordinator, Chandi Ankrum for more ideas! Call (609) 972-7617 or Email her at: <u>rrspecialties@comcast.net</u>

# **Ways To Support Your Church**

<u>ShopRite Grocery Program</u>: 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 benefits Tabernacle UMC!

Most of us shop from Amazon. 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! <u>Sign up by entering:</u> <u>Smile.Amazon.com on your internet</u>

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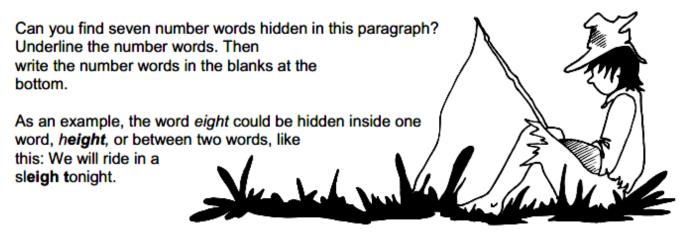
### Tabernacle Basic Blessings:

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 3rd Saturday each month at 10am at Tabernacle UMC. All Basic Blessing distributions are done with Covid safety measures in place.

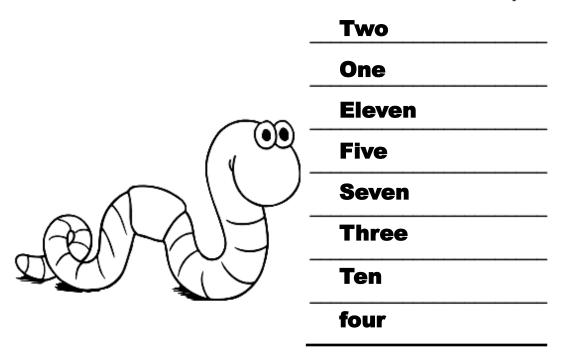


Listen to the Service on your phone: If you can't use the internet, call-in at the 11am service and listen on your phone! Call: (929) 205-6099 then give the Meeting ID: 981 176 2526 UPDATED: Password/code: 7798139

# The One That Slipped Away



Answers: Where has the fat worm gone? He was wriggling away from my re**el even** before I had the hook on it! If **i've** lost him, I'll be sorry. This **even**ing I came prepared wi**th ree**l, line and bait hoping to catch plenty of fish. It's not of**ten** that a worm of **our**s gets away!



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