

# ABERNACLE METHODIST C

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If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ~1 John 1: 9, NRSV

Thirty years ago, I participated in a program from The Navigators, a ministry devoted to discipling Christians. Memorizing verses of the Bible is a big part of this organization. The verse noted above is one of those.

What do you think of when you hear the word, *confess*? To confess sin may be more revealing than you realize. It literally means, "to speak the same." Think about this definition a bit. While our secular culture may have its own understanding of what "sin" is, we Jesus-followers should know better.

When we have wronged God, and want to confess to Him, then we must "speak the same" sin in prayer acknowledging it specifically and seek never to repeat it. Why? While unconfessed sin may not permanently damage our relationship with God in Jesus Christ, it does break the *fellowship* with Him.

Pretty heavy stuff – especially for a newsletter? For the believer in Jesus, though, it's really Christianity 101. The heavy stuff is the basic stuff of our faith.

If we say that we have <u>not</u> sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1: 10, NRSV)

We who have God's Word in us are all in the same boat. And confession is not just between God and you. As we offer in our Holy Communion liturgy, we are also to confess to one another. Now, that's a letter for another day.

Lenten Blessings, Pastor Glenn

#### **Church News:**

This past week, the Administrative Board welcomed Joe Williams as our Chairperson. This position has been vacant for a while and we-all look forward to serving with Joe, and he with us, as we work together as the Tabernacle community—as Methodism's founder John Wesley once said—to "spread scriptural holiness over the land."



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

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Meeting ID: 981 176 2526

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### **Daily Lenten Bible Readings**

Week 4: Confession

Sunday - 1 John 1:5-9

Monday - Psalm 51:1-4

Tuesday - Matthew 5:21-24

Wednesday - Mark 1:1-5

Thursday - James 5:13-16

Friday - Proverbs 28:13

Saturday - Hosea 14:1-7





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 Sporl
- 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, in Afghanistan
- Marlly Genovese: hip replacement and broken foot

#### Those that live alone:

Doris Raker, Ella Elliott, Bob Jenkins, John Leo, Ernie Long, Alice Futty, 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



"Next week spring starts. How many snowballs do you think I can fit in the freezer?" 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

# **Southern Region Lay Servant Classes:** Basic Class

**Dates:** Mondays – April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 10

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Led by:** Rev. Walt Kellen

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All classes will be virtual via Zoom. To best engage with the instructor and class, you will need a computer, tablet, iPad, or smartphone with a camera. There is a call-in option for those who do not have the listed equipment. Access information will be provided via email upon registration. The participant's book will be mailed to you. The cost of registration is \$50 and includes materials. You must attend all of the classes in the schedule you choose in order to receive certification.

ever since his daughter was

#### QUIZ TIME!

10.He has had a

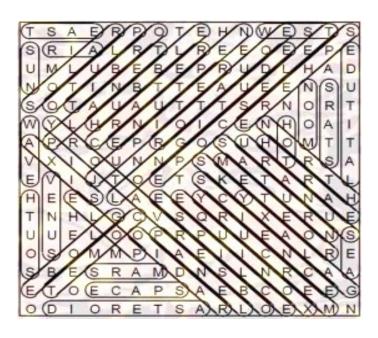
born last month.

Choose the right expression with "spring" to fill in the gaps!

1.	My brother always	when I need protection.
2.	Let's	and get this done quickly.
3.	I almost had a hear from behind the do	rt attack when my niece me oor.
4.	She is	_but she can still work all day in the garden
5.	You always	when I need somebody to talk to.
	His parties never _ until dawn.	until midnight but they always last
7.	My grandfather	as if he was a young athlete.
8.	I don't want to over for dinner ton	you but I invited some friends ight.
	These boring topic the conversation.	s whenever your father joins

## Expressions to choose from:

- a. No spring chicken
- b. Spring out at
- c. Spring it on
- d. Spring into action
- e. Springs to my defense
- f. Spring in his step
- g. Spring to life
- h. Spring to his feet
- i. Spring to mind
- j. Spring up



Here's the Answer to last weeks puzzle... Plus the solution to the hidden clue!

The Solution: The Man In The Moon