

TABERNACLE United Methodist Church

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"Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows.

But take heart because I have overcome the world." ~John 16: 33b, NLT

Dear Tabernacle Friends & Family:

These are Jesus' words on His final night before going to the Cross. It is definitely a stressful time for Him (and His disciples). Have the last several months been stressful for you? Isolating in our homes means we have been set apart from one another. Are you tired from the past or are you excited for the future?

On Sunday the 12th - either live in-person or live online, we will explore the theme of victory and overcoming. In this letter, I will not be offering my usual mini-sermon. Instead, I am inviting you to a Prayer Vigil to prepare *for* Sunday.

What: Prayer Vigil

When: Saturday, July 11 at 7:00 pm

Where: Outside Michael Hall

Why: To ask God's guidance for the future and to celebrate His blessings

If you can make it, great. If not, then that's fine too. It will be brief yet so very important. All are welcome! Don't forget to wear your mask. Social-distancing, yes. Spiritual-distancing, no way! -Daily Blessings, Pastor Glenn

Church Re-opening

Our long awaited re-opening service will be THIS SUNDAY... July 12th at 9:15am in the Michael Hall gym!

Yes, the setup will look a little different and some of the new safety procedures may seem a bit much, but for the health of the Tabernacle family we are taking every precaution to keep you safe & healthy.

A list of some of the new safety procedures are explained on the right →

What's New?

- All should put on masks before you exit your car.
- Maintain 6 ft apart on campus inside & outside.
- Doors will be left open to avoid touching handles.
- No-Touch temperature check at the door.
- Use hand sanitizer on table as you enter Michael Hall.
- A closed offering box will be on a table as you enter.
- You will be seated by an usher.
- Bathroom please go before you come to church. If needed during the service, only 1 person in the bathroom at a time. Use sanitizer afterwards.

"Together Again"... but have we ever really been apart? - Pastor Glenn Scheyhing

It has been four months since we gathered in-person as the faith community called Tabernacle. Online worship is not the same as face-to-face. The Lord made a way to safely return to indoor worship and we praise Him for the privilege.

On Wednesday, July 8th, Gov. Murphy issued another Executive order requiring facemasks worn outside for those unable to practice social distancing. This doesn't impact our plans to resume worship, but may cause a change in direction.

However, for the moment we are introducing a sermon series called <u>Together Again</u>. Holy Communion will be observed at the August 2nd service. Together Again focuses on unity, love, freedom, and the victory of knowing Jesus Christ personally and practicing our faith publicly -- yes, even if we remain in our homes.

We will be continuing online worship (this may be pre-recorded due to Sunday services). The Tabernacle Torch newsletter will continue to be emailed and mailed as well. The upheaval we have experienced -- and will continue to experience, must be looked through the lens of a never-changing, always-loving God.

July 12: John 16:22 - 33 - "Free and Clear"

July 26: I John 4:16b - 5:5 - "Won By Forfeit"

July 19: John 17:14 - 26 - "One Love"

Aug. 2: Message based on Communion Liturgy



Prayer reminds us that we are not alone in our feelings and we can ease our own fears by praying for others. As we pray for our friends and family listed below, please also remember in light of the Coronavirus pandemic, the extra challenges that we face from time to time... fear, anxiety, economic hardships, isolation, and many other stresses that are unique to the times we are living in.

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

A CALL TO PRAYER

United Methodists are asked to join in prayer against racism at 8:46 am and pm for 8 min, 46 sec., the time the officer held a knee on George Floyd's neck.

Pastor Glenn & Family

- Chaz & Family
- Jody Cathrall
- John Dickinson
- Tom Ackroyd
- Dawn Garretson
- Betty Wund
- Lewi Magnusson
- Carol Cahill
- Bonnie Vile
- Bob Nichols
- Ralph Genovese
- Flo Magee
- Andrew Wund
- Lyndsey Bolton
- Betty Church
- Betty Carlton
- Tandi Ankrum
- Tom Ankrum
- Jay Sporl
- Kenny Walker
- Cathy Oney
- Cass Pascali
- Steve Bistak
- Mary Still
- Ann Rea
- Mr. Phil Breden, Sr.
- Buddy Halbruner

Covid Related Requests

- The Lords guidance for resuming services at the church
- Pray for an effective Covid-19 vaccine soon
- Pray for our First Responders
- Wisdom for leaders in Local & Federal Government
- Grant Approvals for Tabernacle Church
- 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
- Victoria Commons: Mary Still

<u>Those that live alone</u>: Doris Raker, Ella Elliott, John Leo, Ernie Long, Ann Rea, Bob Jenkins, Alice Futty, Steve Brown and others in the church who remain anonymous.

CHURCH SIGN HUMOR!



WE PRAISE YOU, LORD, FOR YOUR GOODNESS,



YOUR MERCY, AND YOUR LOVE. WE KNOW THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK DID NOT SURPRISE YOU.

WE KNOW YOU ARE

SOVEREIGN, EVEN OVER THIS.

LET THAT TRUTH GIVE US

COMFORT, AND MAY YOU

GIVE US OPPORTUNITIES

TO SHARE THAT COMFORT

WITH OTHERS.

IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

HOW DO I GIVE MY OFFERING?

If you are not ready to attend the services in Michael Hall, you may continue to mail your offerings to:

Please now address all church mail & offerings directly to:

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The answers will be in next weeks Tabernacle Torch!

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