



TABERNACLE

United Methodist Church

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"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." ~James 1: 2-3

Dear Tabernacle Family,

On Sunday, August 2nd, we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time in five months! I also made the invitation for those in our area to have the Sacrament delivered. Please let me know if you would like to receive it.

We wrapped-up the first month of resuming indoor worship with Holy Communion in the Michael Hall gym. For four weeks, my messages were focused upon the joy that comes with face-to-face (mask-to-mask) interaction with one another. My goal was to foster greater unity within this wonderful Body of Christ called Tabernacle.

Locally and globally, we are witnessing the decline of unity. We are facing the 1-2-3 punch of coronavirus spikes, economic pressures, and election fever. How are Jesus-followers supposed to react – from God's perspective, not the world's?

On August 9th, I will introduce a new series on the Epistle of James. I like catchy titles and I hope not to disappoint:
SKIN: through Thick & Thin

It is during this season that we need to practice both toughness and tenderness – like Jesus. I will continue the series on August 16. However, on August 23 and 30 I have engaged the gifts and talents of two Certified Lay Servants to lead worship and present the Word on these two Sundays.

I will return with the "Skin" series on September 6 as well as the celebration of Holy Communion. Let us be living examples of Christian unity and Agape love with one another as we model this same unity and love to a world that needs a dose, a shot, an injection of the Good News of the Great Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Daily Blessings, Pastor Glenn

How to Wash & Sanitize Your Mask

Keeping your face mask sanitized is essential! Masks should be washed after each use. Always remove your mask without touching the layer facing out, also wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask.

1. Washing machine

- You can include your mask with your regular laundry.
- Use regular laundry detergent and the warmwater.

2. Washing by hand

- Prepare a bleach solution by mixing: 1/3 cup household bleach per gallon of room temperature water **OR** use 4 teaspoons household bleach per quart of warm water.
- Check label to be sure your bleach is intended for disinfection. Some bleach products, such as color-safe, may not be suitable. Ensure the bleach product is not expired. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.
- Soak the mask in the bleach solution for 5 minutes.
- Rinse thoroughly with cool water.

3. Make sure to completely dry mask after washing.

Church Announcements

"Bring A Bag of Basics" resumes August 9th on Missions Sunday. We will hold a "Bring A Bag" drive on the 2nd Sunday (Missions Sunday) of each month. The Basic Blessing ministry relies on donations from the Tabernacle congregation for the stock that is needed for the free monthly distributions to Lower Township families in need. If you need your donated items picked up, please contact Brenda Church at (609) 827-1593 and she will make arrangements. **Next distribution: Aug. 15th -10am.**

Listen to the service from your phone! If you receive the printed copy of The Torch and are unable to access the Internet, you may call-in to the 11am service and listen through your phone. **The phone # is: (929) 205-6099. The Meeting ID: 981 176 2526. The Password: 779813.**

Shoprite cards are available by calling Susan Scheyhing at (609) 600-7331, or purchasing them from her after Sunday service. \$50 and \$100 cards are available.



Prayer Requests

- 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 Spurl
- Kenny Walker
- Cathy Oney
- Cass Pascali
- Steve Bistak
- Mary Still
- Ann Rea
- Mr. Phil Breden, Sr.
- Buddy Halbruner
- Steve Brown

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.

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

Those that live alone: Doris Raker, Ella Elliott, John Leo, Ernie Long, Bob Jenkins, Alice Fuddy, Steve Brown and others who remain anonymous.

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:

**T.U.M.C. C/O Marjorie Katity
115 Aspen Drive, Swainton, NJ 08210**



Below is a list of items that we are collecting:

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| Baby wipes | Feminine products | Shampoo |
| Baby rash ointment | First Aid ointment | Conditioner |
| Baby wash | Floss | Disposable Razors |
| Band-aids | Hairbrushes/ Combs | Shaving creme |
| Body soap | Hand sanitizer | Sunblock |
| Chapstick | Incontinence pads | Tissues |
| Cleaning Spray | Kid's shampoo | Toilet paper |
| Deodorant | Laundry soap | Toothbrush / Floss |
| Denture supplies | Lotion | Toothpaste |
| Diapers | Pull ups | Trash Bags |
| Dish soap | Paper Towel | Washcloths |



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.