



## Glassboro First United Methodist Church

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*“May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” –Galatians 6:14*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The season of Lent is a time to prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter by reflecting on the meaning of Jesus’ death and resurrection and our own need for God’s grace. To help us do this, I’ve committed to writing a devotional each day in Lent. You can find them on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/GlassboroUMC](https://facebook.com/GlassboroUMC)) which you can see without needing a Facebook account. Below is an excerpt from one about my favorite hymns, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.

Few hymns capture the humbling beauty and the heartbreaking pain of Christ’s sacrifice as Isaac Watt’s “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.” The first verse is:

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

In Watt’s day, to “survey” something meant to contemplate or examine something in great detail. Paul’s words to the Galatian church inspired him to examine the cross and all that it meant for Jesus to willingly die upon it for our sakes. His lyrics are those of someone probing every detail of Jesus’ dying, not with morbid curiosity but profound humility and heart-wrenching awe.

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Take this Lenten season to conduct your own survey of the cross. Realize all that Christ endured and why. See his love for you. Let humility and awe fill your heart and move you to sing and live the words of the final verse:

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!*

Writing these has helped me draw closer to Jesus and I hope they help you do so as well. I also hope you'll join us as we take this Lenten journey together. You, dear reader, are invited to join us each week, as we reflect on the seven last words of Jesus from the Cross. This is the topic of our sermon series every Sunday as well as our whole church dinner and Bible study every Wednesday. There is always room in the pew, at the table, and in one of our four study groups for you. Just let us know you're coming and we'll save you a seat. If you are looking for a hands-on way of observing Lent, our Mission and Outreach Team has created an opportunity for each week to serve others. The details are inside this newsletter.

However you choose to take your Lenten journey, I pray the Holy Spirit will keep you near the wondrous cross so that you may see and be changed by the love and mercy of Christ pouring out for you and for me and for the whole world. – Pastor John

## Weekly Lenten Challenge

**1st week - Visit Pitman Manor residents\***

**2nd week - Cemetery cleanup\***

**3rd week - Assemble hygiene kits**

**4th week - Write a letter to a prisoner or soldier**

**5th week - Donate food for the Samaritan Center**

**Palm Sunday - Bring Easter baskets to our shut-ins\***

**See a Mission Team member or the display in the narthex to get involved.**

**\*sign up required**

## My New "Appointment"



**DELAWARE BAY DISTRICT**  
UNITED METHODISTS  
OF GREATER NEW JERSEY

This is the time of the year when many of us feel a bit anxious, especially when the phone rings and on the other end of the line is a District Superintendent wanting to talk about the possibility of a new appointment. There is no doubt that appointment season brings trepidation for everyone from the Bishop and Cabinet trying to find the “right person,” to the pastor having to say goodbye and deal with all the family and ministry change, to a congregation confronted with all the transition and uncertainties. And often new appointments in life come whether we were looking for them or not.

At least that is what happened to me! While I am almost halfway through this appointment as a District Superintendent, this past year I got another appointment. It happened on August 29, 2019, when our first grandchild, Quentin, was born and I held him in my arms. My new appointment, promotion, status, whatever you want to call it was to be his Grandpop. In these past five months in this new appointment I have often thought of what it says in Proverbs 17:6 that, “Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their parents.” I love every minute of rocking him to sleep, feeding him a bottle, singing a lullaby, getting him to smile, playing with him on the floor, and yes even changing him, because I get to help and be a part of his life.

Yet, I am also reminded of something else that comes from this so-called divine appointment, and that is what Paul wrote in his letter to young Timothy that “I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother, Lois and your mother, Eunice and now I am sure lives in you.” (II Timothy 1:5) My grandson is blessed to have four loving Christian grandparents, but as I saw him in church being passed and held by one person after another and almost having to be rude to reclaim him as “my grandson,” I was reminded of what a gift, an appointment if you will, that we all have for those young and old in our midst.

Those kids at the local school by my house getting off the bus each morning, the young couple who just bought the house across the street, the college students who are in and out all hours of the day and night, the widow next door, the woman who waits on me at the dry cleaners, the kid who fills my tank with gas, and the waitress who knows I like chocolate, are also who God has appointed me to look after.

When Peter confronted Jesus and said we have left everything for you, Jesus reminded Peter that all would be given numerous mothers, fathers, grandparents, sisters, brothers, an extended family. It doesn't take a Bishop or Cabinet to appoint you the community (although it is done); it just takes us to look on the “fields ripe for harvest” and realize if we don't get out of our comfort zone of the church and mentor, encourage, befriend, become the grandparent or family of those all around us, then who or what will fill that void. Being a grandparent is a great appointment. But I am not just appointed to be Quentin's grandpop; for someone else also needs that same care to know the love of Christ. Look around today and ask God to enable you to see even one to whom God is appointing you to mentor and model what it is to be a disciple of Christ.

Glenn J. Conaway, Delaware Bay District Superintendent

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 Full-time graduate student • Financial need  
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 Contact Rev. Don Stevens at: revdon64@hotmail.com

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 Cristelle Ramirez at [cramirez@gnjumc.org](mailto:cramirez@gnjumc.org) or call 732-359-1060

**DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 31, 2020**

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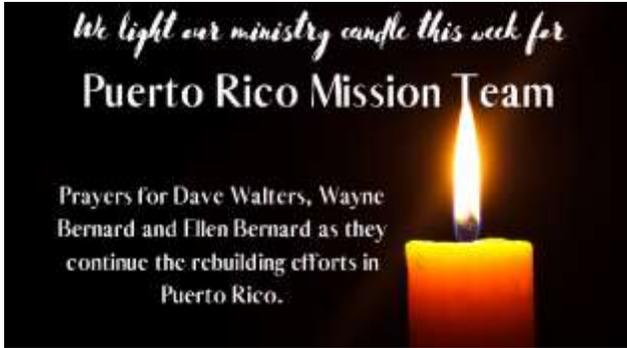


## ***This Lenten Season Don't Just Give Up. Give Out!***

Giving up something for Lent is an effective way to help us focus on Jesus Christ and our need for him. So is giving something out in service to others. Our Mission and Outreach team presents a new opportunity each week during Lent for our congregation to serve others and share Jesus' love. How many will you do?

***Some of these require preregistration.***

- **First week (3/1)—Visit residents of Pitman Manor.**  
We are going at 1pm on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> to do a “pinecone project” with the residents on the memory floor. See Kristin Kerr for info or ***sign up in the narthex.***
- **Second week (3/8)—Cemetery cleanup.**  
BYOR (bring your own rake) on ***Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am*** to our cemetery on Delsea Dr. to rake leaves. See Kristin Kerr or ***sign up in the narthex.***
- **Third week (3/15)—Assemble hygiene kits.**  
Hygiene items are in great demand at the Samaritan center. Gallon bags and a shopping list will be available this Sunday. Turn them in on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Fourth week (3/22)—Write a letter to a prisoner or serviceperson.**  
Send a note of encouragement to those who need it the most. Instructions will be in the narthex this Sunday. See Christy Inverso or Lynn Silk for more info.
- **Fifth week (3/29)—Donate food for the Samaritan Center.**  
A list of the most popular items needed will be available this Sunday. Bring your donations in on Palm Sunday.
- **Palm Sunday—Bring Easter baskets to our shut-ins.**  
After church on Palm Sunday, you are invited to ***join the youth group*** in delivering homemade baskets to our members who cannot make it to church. See Pat Heritage for info or ***sign up in the narthex.***



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Altar flowers are available for March 15, April 19, and April 26. The cost is \$25. Please contact Julie Balkenhol if you would like one of these dates.

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There will be a **SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE** at the church council meeting on Monday, March 16th at 7pm. The purpose of this charge conference is specifically to appoint Pat Heritage as our Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference and Randy Nitowski as our Finance Secretary. According to the *Book of Discipline*, "The membership of the charge conference shall be all members of the church council or other appropriate body, together with retired ordained ministers and retired diaconal ministers who elect to hold their membership in said charge conference and any others as may be designated in the *Discipline*." (§ 246.2)

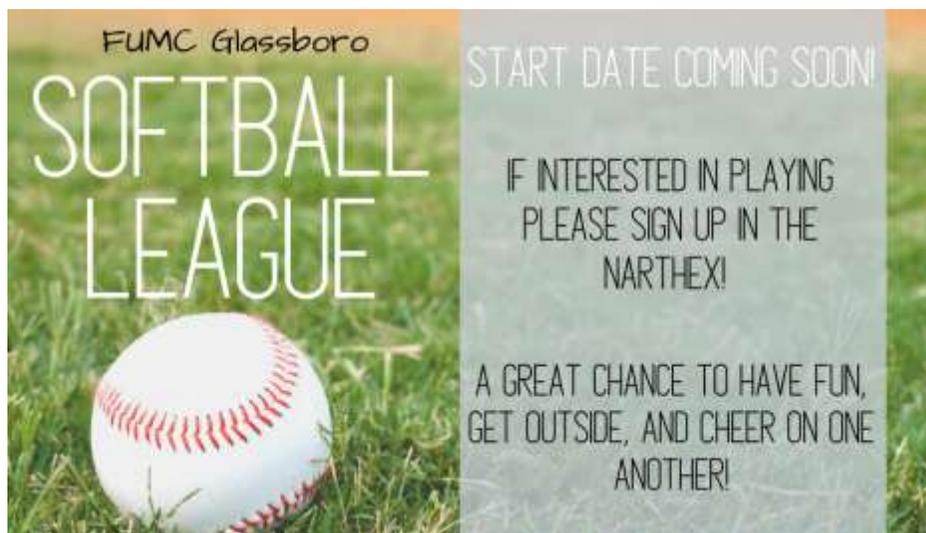


Our Easter Egg Hunt is April 11th at 11am. The youth need candy donations please We are accepting all types of individually wrapped candy and need it by April 5th. Donations can be put in box in narthex.

We will also need donations of hot dogs and rolls, juice boxes and hard-boiled eggs. Anyone willing to donate these items please contact Pat - 609-707-0471 for more details.

### Time to Order Your Easter Flowers

On Easter Sunday, flowers help transform our sanctuary into a place of joy and celebration. We invite members and friends of First UMC to order a plant in HONOR or MEMORY of a loved one. Or perhaps you would like to give to one of our scholarship funds. Please use the form in the bulletin or order online at [www.glassboromethodist.org](http://www.glassboromethodist.org) using your debit, credit, or checking account. The last day to order is Sunday, March 29.



# PUZZLE

## MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.

A type of horn	_____ <input type="checkbox"/>	MURTEP
Played by King David	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	PRHA
Plucked to make sound	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	IGSNSTR
Similar to a tambourine	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	MRBELT
A type of harp	_____ <input type="checkbox"/>	ELRY
Blown through to make sound	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	EPPI
A percussion instrument	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	YBLACMS

Le\_ everyt\_ing tha\_ has \_r\_ath  
\_raise the \_ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, gymbals, NIV



# Joyful noise

Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

**What you need:**

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

**What you do:**

1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.

