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The praise of children...Psalm 8 & Matthew 21:14-17 Pastor Bob Leroe, Clif-
tondale Congregational Church, Saugu, Massachusetts

"On Art Linkletter's television show House Party he had a famous interview segment, called, "Children say the darndest things." They said some pretty hilarious, unpredictable stuff! Linkletter, who is now in his 80s has said, "The two best interview subjects are children under 10 and people over 70, for the same reason--they say the first thing that comes to their mind." Art never talked down to children; he respected them, and you could tell Art was in touch with his inner child and appreciated what kids had to say.

Jesus urged His followers to have childlike faith, and the faithful gathered on Palm Sunday. The children cried out "Hosanna!" Adults often act indignant when children express their thoughts and feelings. The Pharisees, those up-right (and uptight) religious leaders, were shocked and offended by the devoted cries of these children. They had no clue that these little children were fulfilling Old Testament prophecy. How could they? They viewed children as insignificant, unimportant--from a grown-up perspective that has lost touch with real life. These stuffy religious leaders angrily scolded Jesus: "Do you hear what these children are saying?" They needed to go back and re-read Psalm 8, quoted by Jesus as a rebuttal and rebuke.

"From the lips of children and infants You have ordained praise" (Ps 8:2). Children praise without hesitation. We could have a closer walk with God if we'd be willing to be childlike in our devotion to God. Our problem is, we confuse "childlike" with "childish". To the Corinthian church, Paul says to put aside childish things (13:11), but not to lose a childlike faith. God wants our mature mind and childlike heart to be led by His Spirit.

Children love parades and festivity; they love to sing...often we adults lose some of this, thinking that childlike joy is childish. When we grow up, we sometimes lose our earlier sense of wonder that was present in the children of Jerusalem. These children celebrated the Messiah on Palm Sunday. Some of us adults are too embarrassed to even take a palm branch this day because we've suppressed our inner child, or someone's done it to us, pressured us to be more adult-like. We're told in many ways to grow up, when we might well become more like children.

Even Jesus' followers had a pharisaical attitude towards children. When people brought their children to Jesus, they acted as gatekeepers, trying to keep the Master from having to deal with such trivial matters. Jesus rebuked them, saying "Allow the children to come to Me; in no way hinder them; for such is the Kingdom of God." Kids are important, and they may well be closer to the Kingdom than us. We get distracted by the cares of the world. We get way too serious, when we should be more playful, more joyous, more carefree."

So this Children's Day, focus on your "inner child". See the world as Jesus intended us to see it, in that childlike wonder and amazement.

**PLEASE SUPPORT
THE INTERFAITH
FOOD PANTRY
WITH YOUR
NON-PERISHABLE
DONATION!**

**Our next Food
Pantry Sunday
is
August 29th.**



**We wish
everyone a
happy, fun,
and safe
Children's
Day**



WORSHIP INFORMATION

We are back to in-person worshipping! Please join us each Sunday at 11:00am. We will continue to post on Facebook Live and YouTube for those who choose to worship from home. Stay safe, stay connected with the Church Family, in-person or virtually, and pray for the day we can all be together without concern.



A Prayer for Children

God our Father, you have blessed us with the gift of children; thank you for these precious gems who adorn our house. Their laughter gives us joy and brightens our lives. They are the expressions of your presence in our home. Their growth shows the mysteries of your love.

May they experience your loving presence, advance in wisdom and grow in your love. Our children's future is in your hand, and yet we have our own role to play in shaping that future.

Help us to be true to our responsibility so that we may assist them in responding to your graces and thus to become what you want them to be. Amen.

(www.sharecatholic.com)

August 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 11a	2 Office Hours 10a-3p	3 Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	4 Office Hours 10a-3p Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p Youth Mini Golf 5p	5 Tabor's Treasures 4p-8p	6 CHILDREN'S Office Closed Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	7 DAY Tabor's Treasures 9a-1p
8 WEEKEND Worship 11a— Tabernacle	9 Office 10a-3p Ad Council 7p	10 Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	11 Office Hours 10a-3p Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	12 Tabor's Treasures 4p-8p	13 Office Hours 10a-3p Tabor's Treasures 10-2p Youth Movie Night 8p	14 Tabor's Treasures 9a-1p
15 Worship 11a	16 Office Hours 10a-3p	17 Tabor's Treasures 10-2p	18 Office Hours 10a-3p Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	19 Tabor's Treasures 4p-8p	20 Office Hours 10a-3p Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	21 Tabor's Treasures 9a-1p
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29 Worship 11a	30 Office Hours 10a-3p	31 Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p				



Rockaway Interfaith Services to Empower
the Underprivileged and Powerless

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Facebook: Rise Up Rockaway

June, 2021

RiseUp Rockaway greatly appreciates all who participated in our 2021 Kind Soles Shoe Drive. Through your generous donations we were able to gather over 1500 pairs of shoes! Your contributions will help provide an economic opportunity for micro-entrepreneurs in developing nations. Funds raised by our group will go toward the continued good works of RiseUp Rockaway, as well as helping the Morgan Marie Michael Foundation, an organization that supports those on the autism spectrum. Not to mention the pounds of materials that we helped keep out of landfill!

It is truly amazing what a pair of old shoes can do.

Our sincerest gratitude to all,
The members of RiseUp Rockaway.

LOOKING FOR FUNDRAISING IDEAS

We are looking for your input on fundraising ideas. It certainly doesn't have to be the usual fundraisers. Get creative, think outside the box, and submit your ideas to the Church Office!

Maybe you saw something that another church or school was doing that seemed like a great idea. All ideas are welcome.

Call or email your ideas to the church office!



It's that time of year again!!! Mount Tabor will be celebrating the **152nd Children's Day** the weekend of August 6-8.

This will be a scaled back version due to the pandemic. We will do our best to make it memorable for the children (and the children at heart).

Please remember to be respectful to your neighbors...we are not out of this virus yet. Try to keep the 6 feet distance and wear a mask where appropriate. We ALL want to be back to a full Children's Day next year!

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe!!

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group recently went to an Escape Room. This is a great exercise in working together as a team. A fun time was had by all!!

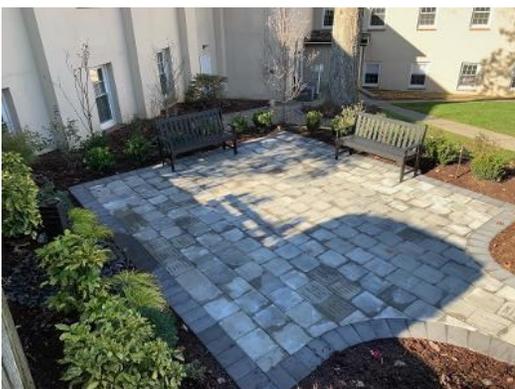


GARDEN OF PEACE

Even though it is cold, it is a great time to visit the Garden of Peace. Please feel free to come, sit, reflect, remember, and pray.

The plantings have been completed. Accent lighting has been installed. Two benches have been added for you to relax during your meditation.

This is a great place to remember our loved ones who have passed, as well as a place you might consider for yourself one day. Consider being part of this memorial garden with the purchase of an engraved stone for a loved one or for yourself.



July 2, 2021

Dear Friends:

We would appreciate your including the following in your Sunday bulletin as time and space permits.

Thank you,
Eileen Russick
JBMF Board Member

Joey Bella Memorial Fund September Events

The Joey Bella Memorial Fund, Inc. will host their annual fundraisers in September this year. The Fund has been in existence for 32 years and has collected more than one million dollars in donations which have been used to assist more than sixty families with children who are affected with catastrophic illness in Denville and surrounding areas.

Band Beer Beefsteak will be held on Friday, September 10 at Gardner Field, Route 46W, Denville. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets include an all you can eat beefsteak dinner, 16+ microbrew beers, and entertainment by The Nerds. Buy your tickets now at JBMF.EVENTBRITE.COM. On-line, early bird special ticket price will be \$65 until August 21 and \$70 after August 21. Paper tickets will be available for purchase at Denville Town Hall. Paper tickets will be available for sale on July 1 and are \$70. Advance ticket sales only.

The **Tricky Tray** is on Saturday, September 11 “under the tent” at Gardner Field, Route 46W in Denville. Doors open at 6 pm and calling begins promptly at 8pm. \$15 per person includes one sheet of tickets and light refreshments. No one admitted under 18 years--no infants permitted. Please contact Corey at 973-768-6487 for more information or to make a donation. Tickets sold at the door only.

For more information regarding The Joey Bella Memorial Fund, please visit our website at joeybella.org, email us at info@joeybella.org, or message us on Facebook.

MO UPDATE

Ways we are in mission during this time of 'distancing'—

Food Drives will be held each Food Pantry Sunday (last Sunday of each month) 10am-12noon. Contactless drop off!

Our **Kind Soles Shoe Drive** was a success! Thank you to everyone who brought in shoes!

WORSHIP OPTIONS

We are holding in-person worship! It is wonderful to be back in the sanctuary and seeing everyone in person! We will continue to post to Facebook Live at 11:00am on Sundays for everyone who chooses to worship from home. The service will be posted to YouTube after the service is finished.



Tabor's Treasures

THRIFT SHOP

If you are looking to donate to Tabor's Treasures, please email Dawn Zinckgraf at taborstresuresumc@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

Walk-in drop offs are not being accepted at this time.

Thank you!

YOUTUBE

You may subscribe to the Church's YouTube channel at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6EJO5CzlhFfOs6lp6gaJYQ>

Sunday worship services will be uploaded to YouTube on this channel after the service is over.

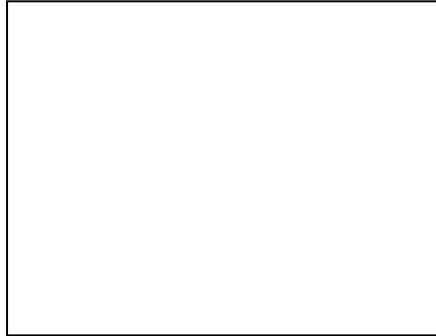
This will make it easier for you to find it each week!

AUGUST FOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 10AM TO NOON

(no contact drop off)

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT MT. TABOR
(5 Simpson Ave., Mt. Tabor, NJ)**



The temperatures soar...

but often Food Pantry donations drop.

Please don't forget the hungry this summer!

**KINDLY BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
ITEMS TO THE CHURCH ON THE ABOVE DATE.**

Monetary donations are ALWAYS welcomed!

If you cannot make the 8/29 drop off date, please contact us for a different drop off or pick up time.

(janetery@gmail.com; 973-625-3660)

THANK YOU



Interfaith Food Pantry

Serving Morris County

“neighbors helping neighbors”

EVERYDAY PANTRY NEEDS

ALL are needed

<p><u>FRUITS & VEGETABLES</u> – Look for fruit canned in its own juice or with “no sugar added”. Look for vegetables with low sodium or “no salt added”.</p>	<p>Canned Fruit 100% Juice 32 oz. Canned Vegetables Spaghetti / Tomato Sauce, Tomato Products (crushed, whole, diced, paste, puree) Fresh Produce from your garden (uncooked)</p>
<p><u>GRAINS</u> – Donate whole grains as often as you can</p>	<p>Cereal – low sugar, high fiber Oatmeal Pasta/ Whole wheat Pasta Rice /Brown Rice – 1 or 2 lb. sizes</p>
<p><u>DAIRY</u> – Donate shelf-stable low-fat (1%) or non-fat dairy products</p>	<p>Parmalat (shelf stable 32 oz. size) Dry Milk (1-qt. package) Evaporated Milk Calcium-fortified Milk alternatives such as soy, rice or almond milks</p>
<p><u>PROTEIN</u> – Look for “no salt added”, “low -sodium” and “canned in water”</p>	<p>Canned Beans (Pork and Beans, Pinto, Red, White, not green beans) Dried Beans Tuna Fish, Salmon and other canned fish Peanut Butter, 18 oz. Canned Meats and Meals (ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, hash, stew canned chicken etc.)</p>
<p><u>SIDE DISHES</u> –</p>	<p>Mac ‘n Cheese Instant Potatoes Stuffing Rice-A-Roni Hamburger Helper</p>
<p><u>SOUPS</u></p>	<p>Hearty, Low-Sodium, Regular</p>
<p><u>BABY ITEMS</u></p>	<p>Enfamil Infant Formula (NOT Newborn) Baby Food – Stage 1 Fruits and Stage 3 Vegetables & Meats Diapers 5 & 6 Pull Ups 4T & 5T Baby Wipes</p>
<p><u>SPECIALTY ITEMS</u></p>	<p>Gluten Free Products Boost or Ensure, regular Boost Glucose Control or Glucerna Adult Depends (no tabs) Tea (100 count boxes) Resealable sandwich bags and quart sized Plastic Bags</p>

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(and it's free to you and to us)

The body is not one part, but many parts. -1 Corinthians 12:14 (NIV)

Offering During The Pandemic

COVID-19 has made many aspects of life difficult, including finances. If you are able, please continue giving to the church. Perhaps you can even give a little more to help offset those who are unable to do so at this time.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty yourself, please contact Pastor Rosario. And remember, we are praying for you.

4 ways to give:

- Send your check to the church office. Thank you to all those who have sent offering already!
- Set up automatic, recurring gifts through your bank.
- Donate electronically via GIVELIFY (instructions below).
- Donate electronically through the Conference website gnjumc.org (click on the heading at the top of the page entitled ‘give to your church’).



How To Make Your First Givelify Donation

- 1 Download the free Givelify app



- 2 Locate our Place of Worship

- 3 Tap My Place of Worship

- 4 Tap the Give button

- 5 Tap an amount

- 6 Select an envelope

- 7 Tap Give Now

- 8 Create your account

- 9 Enter payment information

➔ Next time you use Givelify, save time with the **1-TAP GIVE NOW** button

August



**& Birthdays
Anniversaries**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- August 1 Jewel Burns
- August 4 Amanda Kratt
- August 1 Jared Osborne
- August 20 George Hemenetz
- August 26 Linda Sullivan
- August 31 Rachael Miller

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- August 15 Janet & John Ryans
- August 27 Jacqueline & Jeff Corcoran



Members and Friends In The Military

- Erin Parker**, *US Air Force*, former church member and son of Kathy & Chris Parker
- Michael O'Neil**
- Drew Greenlees**, *US Navy*, serving in Iraq, Graduate of PHHS, grew up in Glacier Hills
- Mike Sgambati**, *US Air Force*, living in New Mexico, Husband of Melissa Meyers
- Alex Degrosky**, friend of the Scala Family
- Steven Masker**, *US Army*, back in the US, friend of the Dickerson Family
- Melissa Pier**, *US Marines*
- Danny Antolos**, friend of Ruth Blazure
- Ridar Gunderson**, *US Marines*



Tabor's Treasures

THRIFT SHOP

Hours:

- Tuesday 10a-2p
- Wednesday 10a-2p
- Thursday 4p-8p
- Friday 10a-2p
- Saturday 9a-1p

We apologize if you were not included on our list. If we have not listed your birthday, please contact the church office so we can include you in future editions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BITS & PIECES

Do you have something to announce? The deadline for the **weekly bulletin** is Wednesday at 10:00am. The deadline for the **monthly Tidings** newsletter will be the 20th of each month. Please feel free to contribute!!

PRAYER CHAIN

Our church has an active prayer chain whose members regularly receive requests for prayers for specific needs. Although most often it concerns health, the need may be in other areas as well. To place a request for prayers, please call the church office at 973-627-4243 or email the office at umcmounttabor@verizon.net.



PRAYERS NEEDED

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

David Ober, Jr	Donna Wojcik
Jan Atkinson	Carolyn Wescott
Patricia Caldari	Nancy Gerardi
All the Families who lost loved ones to COVID-19	
The Englehardt Family	Blake Davis
The Family of Dennis Robjohns	

Today's Chuckle

SOMETIMES WE JUST MISS THE POINT



“Become friends with people who aren’t your age. Hang out with people whose first language isn’t the same as yours. Get to know someone who doesn’t come from your social class. This is how you see the world. This is how you grow.”

THE UPPER ROOM

Due to the pandemic, the Upper Room magazine is available online. If you haven’t been to in-person worship to pick one up, you may read it online.

Please see the link below for the latest issue:

<https://upperroom.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1b5f1dafae8900da3ef72c04d&id=95254ae632&e=3f436b09ca>

WELCOME

The United Methodist Church at Mount Tabor is a community of faith-filled friends who seek to grow closer to God through the ministry of Jesus Christ and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the history of Mount Tabor, and look with hope toward the future. Everyone is welcome here; everyone is cherished here; for everyone is a child of God. All are welcome to participate with us in our journey of faith, regardless of background, theological stance, or personal characteristics. We rejoice in God creating us to be a diverse family; and we strive to follow the Spirit's leading as one, while maintaining and upholding our individuality. Because of the current official stance of The United Methodist Church, we feel it is important to state a welcome to those of all sexual orientations and gender identities—You are welcome here.

God loves you just the way you are; and so do we.

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