

# “THE CHIMES”

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## New to Mt. Tabor?

Welcome! Know that wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome to join us in our quest to discover God. We offer a variety of ways to grow in your faith, to serve the world, and to reach out to others with the love of Jesus Christ. This newsletter is a little window into who we are as a faith community. We'd love to have you join us in worship on Sunday mornings, or if you'd like more information, contact us and we'll get back to you. Thanks, and may God bless your search for Him.

## Mt. Tabor's Mission Statement

*The mission of Mt. Tabor is to build an authentic, loving community that prays, worships, and empowers all people to REACH, GROW, and SERVE God's Kingdom.*

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## “Christmas Time”

by Pastor Jon Hutchison

Can you believe that we have about 25 days till Christmas? If you are like me you are asking yourself where in the world did the year go?

So, in the spirit of Christmas and knowing how the Mt. Tabor community loves to sing, I thought a test of your Christmas carol knowledge would be fun. Here are five questions about various Christmas carols. Answers are available over hot chocolate and conversation. Just call the church and let us set up a time to meet. Have fun!

Which song's second line begins with "Led by the light"?

- O Holy Night
- Nuttin' for Christmas
- The Christmas Song
- We Three Kings

Which song begins with "Joy to the World, the Savior reigns"?

- Sleigh Ride
- O Come, O Come Emmanuel
- Joy to the World
- Mary's Boy Child

Which hymn's second verse begins with "Christ by highest heav'n adored"?

- What Child is This?
- O Holy Night
- Silver Bells
- Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Which Christmas song's second verse begins with "Still through the cloven skies they come"?

- It came Upon the Midnight Clear
- I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
- The 12 Days of Christmas
- O Christmas Tree

Which Christmas hymn's second verse begins with "O sing, choirs of angels"?

- Home for the Holidays
- O Come all Ye Faithful
- Good King Wenceslas
- Away in the Manger

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas quiz. I look forward to having hot chocolate with you all. Singing of carols is awesome; it keeps our faith tradition going, but don't forget that the purpose of Jesus' birth was to bring us hope, peace, joy, and love.

*"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirine's was governor of Syria). And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." Luke 2:1-7*

Have a blessed season with family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Pastor Jon

# Upcoming Sermon Series

by Pastor Jon Hutchison



Can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner? This year Christmas Eve is on a Sunday so we will have services in the morning at 10:30am and then our Christmas Cantata in the evening. This year's Christmas series is "Our Coming Savior". We will take a look at the coming Savior through the eyes of: the Innkeeper, Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Shepherds, and Mary and Joseph. Come join us and invite a friend starting December 4th.

## Ministries

### United Methodist Women by Kathy Hopkins

As the season of Advent approaches we are thankful for our Lord, Jesus Christ who came to us to save us from our sin as the Son of God. But so many were involved in the birth of Jesus as we relive this each Advent season.

And so many of you are involved in the mission projects of United Methodist Women. Those are the gifts we can give, be it Adopt a Family, supporting Paraguay school children, filling our community pantry supporting Refuge of Hope as well as

the Domestic Violence Project.

Another way you support our mission projects is through your purchase of Christmas candy made by the women. This is our largest fund raiser and plays a huge roll in supporting women, children and youth in Ohio, the United States and around the world. We thank you for your support of our candy project. What remains available, will be sold on Sundays leading up to Christmas. Get your orders placed now to get your favorite gifts. Thank you for your

support.

What a night it was on November 28th. Don't we have a talented church? The solos, quartets, duets, choirs and instrumentals were all wonderful. It really was truly a Christmas Spectacular. Thanks to all who performed, baked, served and of course to all who attended.

May you know peace and love this Christmas season. Share our wonderful news that Jesus Christ is born!

### United Methodist Men by Dave Kuceyeski

The men met on the first Saturday in November. Fifteen men enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast. Warren briefed us on the turkey supper plans. He commented on how the new commercial size refrigerator and the two new gas stove tops would help

with food preparation. Thanks go to the Lillian and Clark Kandel memorial fund and to Vic and Denny for making this happen.

We discussed our continued support of the New Horizon School. Also the men agreed to support the Adopt-a-

Family program. The UMM will support the Jacob's Ladder ministry by preparing meals once or twice a month.

The men will meet on Saturday Dec. 2nd, at 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Come for breakfast and fellowship.

### Treasured Blessings by Norma Link-Boughman



This year our monthly church service at Altercare falls on December 24th. We will be there from 1pm-3pm to spread Christmas cheer through singing a variety of carols with the residents, families and staff. We need 4 dozen decorated cut out cookies to share with our friends by December 22nd. PLEASE PUT THEM IN AN AIRTIGHT CONTAINER so they stay fresh.

We wanted to THANK ALL OF YOU for offering support through your donations for the items we need to do our local ministry as well as the much needed monetary donations to buy the flowers and cards.

The final thought for each of you to remember as 2017 comes to a close is this: PLEASE remember there is no such thing as a wasted prayer. God hears all and loves that you include Him in your daily life!

Hugs and love from Norma, Dorothy, Virginia, Karin, Susie and Ruby ---Your TBM Team



## Ministries (cont.)

### Youth and Kids Ministry by Vicki Thewes

DECEMBER:

Sunday, 12/3	Youth Group	6:00 - 7:30	Team 2
Sunday, 12/10	Youth Group	6:00 - 7:30	Team 3
Saturday, 12/16	Rehearse & Christmas Party	2:00 - 7:30	Youth and Kids
Sunday, 12/17	Christmas Dinner Theater	4:00 - 8:00	All Youth Fundraiser

### Christmas Program by Vicki Thewes

Mark your calendars now to attend our annual Christmas Dinner Theater on Sunday, December 17th. Join us for a Ham dinner anytime between 5pm and 6:30pm; then head upstairs to enjoy this year's musical "The Power of the KING" at 7:00 pm. It is an uplifting and joyous production that will have you tapping your toes and singing along. The kids have worked

hard. We are so proud of them. Come share in the joy and love of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The staff of a radio station must come up with a live Christmas Eve broadcast when an impending blizzard knocks out the electricity, leaving them with limited broadcast capabilities and only a backup generator for power. Fortunately, a few choir

members have taken up refuge at the station. They must put on their annual Christmas Eve broadcast of music by joining with them to pull it off. A non-believing DJ discovers faith in Jesus and the real meaning of Christmas!

Things will never be the same!

### Calvary Mission Christmas by Vicki Thewes

The youth are collecting donations again to support the purchase of gift bags for 50 Canton Calvary Mission kids in grades K - 12. The youth will be shopping on Thursday, December 7th for these gifts. We purchase personal items for all such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/brushes, etc. Any extra money is used to buy them something fun for each that is age appropriate. If you are able to support this program, please do. Canton Calvary Mission appreciates anything we can do.

### Christmas Card Tree by Vicki Thewes



The card tree will once again be setup in the Narthex as a service to the members of Mt. Tabor. You may fill out your Christmas cards and place them in the box next to the tree. The youth will put them in their slots and distribute them at the end of the service. We ask that you PLEASE put them in alphabetical order and rubber band them. Also, donations are being accepted for this effort with proceeds going directly to the Canton Calvary Mission Youth Christmas Presents.

### Refuge of Hope Donations by Diana Spaulding

Now through Sunday, Dec. 10, Mt. Tabor is accepting donations for the Refuge of Hope, a Christian ministry in downtown Canton, where emergency help and transitional housing for men as well as hot meals seven days a week for men, women, and children are provided. Needed items include individualized men's hygiene products (but nothing containing alcohol like some mouth washes), gloves, hats, socks, underwear of all sizes, and liquid laundry detergent. Men's used clothing and items needed to set up a new household such as used furniture, cookware, dishes, etc. are also needed. They will even pick up the furniture for you!

### Quilting/Prayer Shawl by Karin Hartleben

In October, our Prayer Shawl group took a road trip to a yarn shop in Salem called Knit Wit Knits. Kay Thompson, the owner, was very helpful in the type of project to use the many different yarns available. We all made up our minds what we were going to make with our purchases and headed back to East Canton. On the way back we stopped and enjoyed lunch.

In November, we met at the church, and worked on our separate projects. We also talked about making hats and scarves for the Refuge of Hope to give out. We have free yarn, instructions, patterns, etc. for knitters and crocheters. If you would like information, or want to help with this worthwhile project, please call Karin at 330-488-1661. Our next meeting will be at the church on December 1st at 10am. Please join us for a morning of creativity and fellowship.

Our quilt group is working hard to finish the Flat Rock projects. We are working on the last seven blankets requested. Almost done! Merry Christmas everyone from the Prayer Shawl and Quilt groups.

# Missions

## Community Cupboard by Diana Spaulding

Mt. Tabor, let's bring glory to God this season of Advent and bring in our gifts to the poor! Our community cupboard provided food for 140 people for Thanksgiving, and now our cupboard resembles old Mother Hubbard's. Please donate chunky-type soup, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, and any food, in general, this month. Thank you!

## Missions by Dean & Ruth Varian

From time to time the topic of hands-on mission trip participation by Mt. Tabor members has been discussed in this column or in Sunday morning services. Mission trips - foreign or domestic - are an important means by which to grow in your Christian faith and serve others. I believe all able-bodied Christians should consider mission trips seriously and afford themselves of opportunities that come along. If the desired expansion of mission activities is realized though the creation of a Mission Committee, some locally organized domestic missions trips may be in Mt. Tabor's future. This remains to be seen, but I'm optimistic.

In the meantime, there are many opportunities scattered through the year, but mostly in the warmer seasons, that are offered at the United Methodist church at the conference and the jurisdictional level. We will communicate some of these opportunities as we know of them, but anyone can go on-line to <http://eocumc.com/> and click on the "Missions" pull down tab. You do not need anyone's permission from this church to inquire of and participate in any mission trip offered by the conference - though individuals may encounter obstacles, such availability (a timing issue), cost, or physical limitations. Also, outside of the United Methodist Church structure there are numerous opportunities.

One example is an organization called "Experience Mission" out of the state of Washington.

Go to <http://experience.mission.org> for more information.

Finally, we are going to set an open depository in the hall across from the office to contain missions brochures that come to the church in the mail. You are welcome to look them over and write down any pertinent information to take with you. Check it out. And remember: After the individual salvation of souls, if missions is not a prime reason for the church to exist, then what is?

Dean and Ruth Varian



# Community Life

## Money Matters by Charlotte Schweitzer, Treasurer

Did you ever wonder how financially new missions are started, ministerial leaders are educated, and UM colleges supported? Your World Service apportionments underwrite these endeavors and more. And not just here in Ohio, but around the world. As of Oct. 31 we had paid 9-1/2 months of our World Service and Education apportionments. I know there have been a lot of other demands on our giving this year; but if you can, please

consider stepping up your giving in this area. (This is the World Service line of the offering envelope.) This is your decision; do as your heart prompts you.

Last call for requesting offering envelopes for 2018 or letting Sandy or me know if you do not want a set for next year.

Year-end reminder - contributions will need to be received or postmarked by December 31 to be credited to 2017.

Below are the statistics for October. The 'Actual' offering averages each have been computed using 44 weeks in order to have all years comparative. The budget averages are based on 52 weeks (53 for 2017) to smooth out timing differences.

Blessings

Average Weekly: thru October (44 weeks)				
	2014	2015	2016	2017
Budget	2,615.73	2,741.75	2,824.65	2,906.45
Actual	2,428.31	2,822.39	2,613.56	2,683.61
Short	(187.42)	80.64	(211.09)	(222.84)
% of Budget	92.84%	102.94%	92.53%	92.33%



Percent change from prior year			
	'14 to '15	'15 to '16	'16 to '17
Budget	4.82%	3.02%	2.90%
Actual	16.23%	-7.40%	2.68%
Net change:	11.41% positive	-10.42% negative	-0.22% negative



## Music Notes by Jillian Corbi



Christmas Eve

Come and listen as our Bell Choir rings in the season with holiday favorites at 6PM. Enjoy a drink and a snack in the Sonshine Center while you listen. Then, at 7PM, the Mt Tabor Choir will present the Christmas cantata, "How Should a King Come?" Join us and be blessed on this very special night.

## Un-hanging of the Greens by Jillian Corbi

January 7th, directly following worship, we will be packing away our Christmas accoutrements. There will be tasks suited to every ability level. Please consider helping with this very necessary task.

## Jacob's Ladder by Deb Bayer-Bredon



It seems so very appropriate as we reflect on the events of 2017 and celebrate a New Year to come, to take this moment to "Thank" all of you who have contributed in making Jacob's Ladder possible. Extra kudos goes to those who have donated games and food; cooked and served snacks & suppers; volunteered time in tutoring, mentoring; and assisted with the students. You are very appreciated. God Bless every one of you!

## Lunch Bunch by Loretta Krause



The Lunch Bunch met November 15 at the Panda Garden. In attendance were Ann Rogler, Loretta Krause, Doris Botean, Betty Bayer, Louise Myers, Pastor Jon and his wife, Heather. Heather and Jon were a great addition to the group. Oranna Loy was home caring for family children and Dorothy Smith wasn't feeling well. Our prayer list was Oranna, Dorothy & Virginia Varian. It was nice getting to know Heather. We decided to not meet in December and in January, weather permitting, we would go to Palumbos's Restaurant for Italian. Otherwise we will go to local restaurants for the winter.

## Turkey Supper



by Warren Kandel

### *Figment of My Imagination*

Figment is the pink & purple dinosaur of EPCOT Center in the land of imagination. It is a wonderful place!

Josh Groban, on his Cd "Stages" sings a song called Pure Imagination, from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. "Come with me and you'll be in a world of pure imagination. What you will see will defy explanation. If you want to view paradise, simply look around and view it. Want to change the world, there's really nothing to it!"

What I saw Nov. 11th at the turkey supper defies my explanation. I'm not sure we can or should get much bigger. Although we ran out of buns, dressing, beans, and dark meat, no one went away without eating a meal.

Before the dinner, Denny Myers and Vic Varian installed two new gas cooktops. They also got a new

commercial refrigerator which helped us store the dressing. THANKS! Earl Vincent installed new outlets on the serving table which meant we were not tripping over extension cords or popping circuit breakers. When you're providing HOT dinners, constant electric is very important. Thanks Earl!

Joann Simodi remarked to me twice, "This is a well oiled machine." This is our fourth year doing this in Fellowship Hall. I think everyone knows the drill; they jump in and do it. That blows my imagination and defies explanation.

This is a church wide effort and the sheer number of workers, "Busy Workers", is mind boggling. The youth in their dark blue shirts were everywhere - and don't get in their

way or you'll get run over! Great job, youth and leaders.

Thank you for all your efforts, service, fellowship, donations, and gifts. All helped make the evening a huge success. We served somewhere around 560 dinners; 275 in the Fellowship Hall and 285 carry-outs. We took in approximately \$5700.00 before expenses. Thanks to the candy makers as well.

I hope, I think, most of you actually enjoy the effort it takes to successfully complete the dinner. For outsiders to witness the efforts of so many, they have to be impressed with Mt. Tabor. We put our best foot forward!

Thanks,

Warren



## Gift Bags for Shut-ins

Once again our Mt. Tabor Church Family is filling Christmas gift bags for our shut-ins. Please bring in uplifting notes, cards, goodies, and small gifts and place them in the gift bags in the narthex. A sign-up sheet will be on the table beside the bags for those willing to deliver a gift bag and poinsettia to a shut-in. Gift bags and flowers should be picked up after the worship service on Sunday, December 17 and delivered before Christmas. The name and address of each recipient will be attached to each gift bag. If you have any questions, contact Diana Spaulding at 330-685-1846. Thank you for your love and generosity!

## Adopt-a-Family



This year we have adopted a single parent household with three small children. The little girl is in first grade in Osaburg School District. The two boys, ages 2 and 4, are energetic and keep mom on her toes. The tree is in the narthex and it has the Christmas Tags for what the children need per mom's request. There are tags for what mom's household needs as well as her care needs since she works part-time also.

Stocking Stuffers--- 2 dozen Homemade Christmas Cookies were requested! PLEASE seal the cookies in an airtight disposable container that mom can freeze.

FREE CHOPPED WOOD NEEDED FOR WOOD BURNER IN THE HOME. TWO SMOKE DETECTORS WITH BATTERIES would be welcomed also for safety. Monetary donations can be made; mark your envelope "ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2017" and put it in the offering plate.

## Mitten Tree



Please keep the elementary students in mind when shopping for winter items - mittens, gloves, scarves, and knit caps. These can be pinned to the Mitten Line in the narthex. The school staff always expresses appreciation for your generous gifts. (There is no need for infant or adult items)

## Nibbles from the Church Mouse

With one more page on our current calendar, we make plans for an end-of-year journey. The planned itinerary is taking form; the list-to-do pad beginning to fill..

Oh, what was it like? That getting ready to move on, headed for Bethlehem. The carefully packed sack of swaddling clothes, the apprehensive leave taking as Joseph and Mary made the decision to fulfill the expectations. Inconvenient, physically demanding, yet they joined their comrades, obeying the law of their land.


Can we take a lesson from this part of the Jesus story? Can we share a vicarious experience even as we celebrate those life changing moments so long ago?

For us, as for them, life's demands don't go on holiday. Life keeps happening, interrupting well laid plans and important family endeavors. It may require us to pack up our traveling bag, make frequent stops down a road we had never seen mapped - the destination not clearly defined.

Mary and Joseph did not go it alone. Friends surrounded them on their travel route. The Spirit of Love kept them safe. All would be well with the Holy Family.

And so it may well be that our December journey will take us into new vistas, the estimated times of arrival and departure not well defined.

With all else that may be required from us these delightful December days, we'll keep our eyes on the Star, and all will be as planned from the time of creation.

 There's a song in the air. Listen for it and accept our invitation to the Best Birthday Party ever!

See you at our Advent activities.

Shalom!



*With Heartfelt Thanks*

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and love. We have such a super church family. God is such a blessing in my life, putting all the wonderful people in my life, and I thank Him for doing that. Together in Christian love,

Sharon Nennig

## Prayer Concerns

### Members, Family & Friends



#### Members

Reggie McGee  
 Bobby McGee  
 Colleen Tataru  
 Nicole Lyon  
 Erik Loy  
 Loretta Proffitt  
 Paul Heaston  
 Chris Wilcox  
 Pam Rohrer  
 Ann Rogler  
 Ira & Mary Nestor  
 Dale Roberts  
 Theresa Schaeffer  
 Mike Province  
 Rich Little  
 Susan Watson  
 James Patterson  
 Jack Nichols  
 Jerry Butcher  
 Shirley Martin  
 Janis Jones  
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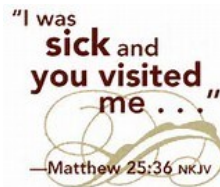
#### Family & Friends

Chris - Linda Britton  
 Mia Grace & Kevin Thompson - Linda Britton  
 Sue Heyard-Carrie Little  
 Gene Murari-Carrie Little  
 Jerry Bekeleski - Pam Rohrer  
 Jane & Sonny Greenfield - Pam Rohrer  
 Kathy Gobeli - Diane Krivos  
 Shelly Wheeler - Diane Krivos  
 Breanna Rose - Mary Anne Zimmerman  
 Ralph Senn - Lynn Rainsberger  
 Ernie Sharp - Lynn Rainsberger  
 Lisa Tolley - Betty Bayer  
 Roy Luthie - Jill Wagner  
 Tracy Bickle - Jill Wagner  
 Scott Owens - Marilyn Reed  
 Harold & Velma Schweitzer-Charlotte Schweitzer  
 Jackie Fitch - Bonnie Duskey  
 Carolyn Nape-Barb Kandel  
 Christine - Barb Kandel  
 Maureen Schmucker - Warren Kandel  
 Bill & Lisa Leach - Marla Stringer  
 Gina Holbrook - Marla Stringer  
 Ethelind Schwartz - Marla Stringer  
 Amanda, Erik, Josephine Marshall-Marla Stringer  
 Evan Mills-Marla Stringer  
 Cody Grcevic-Marla Stringer  
 Skylar Myers-Denny & Sue Myers  
 Abby Robson -Denny & Sue Myers  
 Vi McGonagle-Denny & Sue Myers  
 Diane Bowman-Denny & Sue Myers  
 Duane & Carol Gobeli  
 Kim Cathey

Colleen McClain  
 Jon & Kathy Ritenour - Judy Spaulding  
 Shirley Douglas - Judy Spaulding  
 Brian Bara - Judy Spaulding  
 Sue Givens - Paraguay Missionary  
 Jennifer Stoffer - Pattyann Stoffer  
 Janet Schlagel - Todd Brace  
 Kylee Earl - Todd Brace  
 Melissa Wagner - Ellen Brace  
 Dave Roeder - Diana Spaulding  
 Paul Toalston-Diana Spaulding  
 Shelby Truxall-Baxter - Shirley Martin  
 Paula Clum-Annette Williams  
 The Bernabei Family-Annette Williams  
 Shawna Wilhelm-Dale Roberts  
 Renee Clapper - Oranna Loy  
 Margie Smith - Diane Daniels  
 Damon White- Jeff & Denise Proffitt  
 Susan Hoag-Kathy Hopkins  
 John & Pat Richardson-Kathy Hopkins  
 Debbie Wells-Kathy Hopkins  
 Shannon Baker & Family-Kathy Hopkins  
 Connor Hawkins - Randy Branch  
 Dave Patterson-Jane Patterson  
 Amanda Reinhart-Allen & Sharon Nennig  
 Craig William Smith - Allen & Sharon Nennig  
 Mike Male, Jr.-Debbie Winters  
 Susan J.  
 Archie Sanders  
 Family of Keith Griffin



### Shut-Ins



Blanche Simmons  
 108 W. Walnut Street  
 East Canton, OH 44730  
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 Birthday: Apr. 20

Mickey Kelly  
 3453 Indian Run Ave SE  
 East Canton, Oh 44730  
 Phone: 330-488-2425  
 Birthday: Oct. 3

Pattyann Stoffer  
 Green Meadows  
 7770 Columbus Rd. NE  
 Room E 25  
 Louisville Oh 44641  
 Birthday: June 26

### Those in our Armed Forces



Alex Brown - Jacksonville, FL.  
 Daniel John - Gulf Breeze, FL.  
 Donald T. Ackerman - Worthington, OH.

Christopher Daniels - Mildenhall AFB, England  
 Caleb Talkington - Toledo, OH.  
 Garrett Pfau - North Carolina



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