

# “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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## “A New Year and a New Start”

by Pastor Jon Hutchison

Have you ever experienced your phone, computer, or some type of electronic device freeze on you? There was nothing you could do to get it working and we get all worked up and sometimes act like the world is coming to an end, but then we remember the restart button. Once the restart button is activated all is right with the world again.

Life can be the same way. Over the year we are faced with struggles or even good things that can change our direction. Sometimes we are faced with something that stops us in our tracks and we feel like there is nothing we can do. As the year goes on, you feel like your life is going to end because you can't see a way out. Then you hear the words “NEW YEAR” and then you remember the “NEW YEAR” is a like a restart. It seems like on January 1<sup>st</sup> everything that happened last year is gone and the “NEW YEAR” has given us a clean slate.

For a lot of us the “NEW YEAR” does give us that breath of fresh air we need. The “NEW YEAR” reminds us that we don't have to be the way we were; that we can have a “NEW START”. Like in 2 Corinthians it states “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV) Christ can also give a “NEW START”.

To help us with our “NEW START” I would like to share with you this prayer from John Wesley. It is called “The Covenant Prayer”. Each year John Wesley expected those who called themselves “METHODIST” to pray this prayer on the New Year. The prayer originally came from the Puritans but John put his twist on it. I hope you enjoy the prayer and it gives you a “NEW START” to your year.

*“I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalt for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”*

So, between Christ and this prayer giving us a “NEW START”, I hope next year is a great one.

Happy New Year,  
Pastor Jon

## Upcoming Sermon Series by Pastor Jon Hutchison



Have you ever been asked what is your favorite verse or book in the Bible? I had a professor in college who said we should not have a favorite verse or book because it is all good for the edifying of God's people. I get the point of my professor, but I really think our answer is based on what verse or book has meant or helped us through a tough time in life. So, it really doesn't answer the question of favorite, but what means something to us.

For me, it is the book of James. There have been many times that I have gone to that book to help me through tough times. James speaks in a language that I think really all of us can understand. It is a very applicable book for everyday living. Maybe you can read the first chapter for January 7<sup>th</sup>. Let me know what nuggets you find. God bless.

## Ministries

### United Methodist Women by Kathy Hopkins



Did you feel that this Advent was a special one this year? I hope so. We thank all of those who made the sanctuary the beautiful place to worship that it is. All of you who performed in the Christmas Spectacular - you really were ready for prime time. The Dinner Theatre presented by the youth was terrific. How do they do

it every year? The Cantata was as lovely as it could possibly be; the bells added so much to worship and Christmas Eve. All of the candy buyers and makers - thank you for supporting the mission projects of United Methodist Women. The Christmas music is such a meaningful part of our worship - thank you Cheryl. Let's remember those messages of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love this year, all year long.

The UMW looks ahead to 2018 with program planning, how we can make a difference in our community and around the world. On January 24th, Pastor Jon will be our speaker. Light refreshments will be served at noon followed by the program in Fellowship Hall. If you have not joined us in the past, we hope that you will this year. Let's spread the Good News together.

Happy New Year.

### United Methodist Men by Dave Kuceyeski



The men met on December 2nd. A small group showed up for breakfast. The sparse turnout could be attributed to a reluctance to venture out in still unfamiliar cold and stormy morning after a warm Autumn. The rumor that the Weather Channel's chief storm chaser, Jim Cantore, who

never met a storm that he did not like, is going to show up for the January meeting to enlighten the men in how to enjoy and even revel in a snowstorm, is enticing, but alas, merely speculation.

The men served a meal for the Jacob's Ladder Ministry on Dec. 6th. The boys chipped in with kitchen duty and fire chief emeritus, Denny,

performed the semi-annual smoke detector test by overheating the toast.

The United Methodist men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, January 6th at 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Come and see who braves the ice and snow, or rain and gloom for an uplifting celebration of gustatory delights.

## Treasured Blessings by Norma Link-Boughman

Almighty God, We are very grateful for another year. We are grateful for the birth of your Son Jesus. Please guide us daily in all aspects of our lives. We are weak when we try to do things alone. Renew our strength physically, renew our minds emotionally, renew our hearts spiritually, and renew our work as Christians in our community. Equip and lead us to build lasting relationships that build more disciples as the Holy Spirit works in and through us for your everlasting glory. In the name of Christ we pray, AMEN.

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



# Ministries (cont.)

## Youth Ministry by Vicki Thewes



Sunday 1/7	Youth Group	6:00-7:30pm	Team 4
Sunday 1/14	<b>Soup Sale</b> ** Popcorn/movie (In house)	<b>11:30am-12:30pm</b> 1:00-3:00pm	<b>All Youth Fundraiser</b>
Sunday 1/21	Youth Group	6:00-7:00pm	Team 1
Sunday 1/28	<b>Polar Blast/Brandywine</b>	6:00-7:30pm	<b>All Youth/Leaders</b>

## Christmas Program by Vicki Thewes

**THANK YOU** to those that came out and enjoyed a meal and/or to see our musical "Power of the King" on 12/17. Your support meant a lot. I also wanted to say thank you to Diane and Mark Krivos for helping prepare the meal.

## Card Tree by Vicki Thewes



The card tree is coming down soon. Be sure to check it for cards if a youth member has not handed them to you directly.

## Mitten Tree



We will be collecting hats, gloves, and scarves until January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. PLEASE remember these items are for elementary school age children in the Osnaburg School District; we **do not need infant or adult items**. Thank you for helping us!!!

## Refuge of Hope Donations by Diana Spaulding



Mt. Tabor, your response to our request for donations for the Refuge of Hope, the Christian shelter for homeless men in downtown

Canton, was wonderful! We filled the back seat and trunk of the car. Thanks to Marla and Norris Stringer for help loading the car. Note that there is a donation box across from

the church office so we can give year-round.

Thank you, Mt. Tabor Church family!

## Quilting/Prayer Shawl by Karin Hartleben



The Prayer Shawl ladies had a relaxing morning of knitting and crocheting at the December gathering.

We had our morning coffee and then started working on individual projects.

Our next meeting will be the start of the New Year, Friday, January 5th, 2018 at 10am at the church. A good New Year's resolution would be to learn a new craft: how to make a scarf, hat, washcloth, etc. Join us. We will be glad to help you.

The Quilting group meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am at the church. We are diligently working to finish projects for Flat Rock.

Wishing all of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR and God's blessings!

# Missions

## Community Cupboard by Diana Spaulding



If you are like me and never have to skip a meal, let's show our gratitude to the Lord by helping those in need. One way to do this is by contributing to our community cupboard. During January, please bring in boxed potatoes, spaghetti, boxed macaroni and cheese, pancake mix, syrup, and Tuna Helper. The donation box is across from the church office. Thank you!

## Missions by Dean & Ruth Varian

Ruth and I have just returned from a week long trip to Lambere', Paraguay, which, as you know, is the location of the New Horizon Methodist School. It also is where our contact missionary Sue Givens, an Osnaburg Township native and a 1970 East Canton graduate, lives and carries on her work for the poor people of this corner of Paraguay.

We were able to meet the congregation's two sponsored children, Luna and Thiago, and their mothers. They are happy and grateful to us to be able to be students at New Horizon, and they

are doing well there. They appreciated the gifts we brought them, which included a picture of the Mt. Tabor congregation.

Also, we learned sadly that there has been a gradual reduction in the support coming from U.S. citizens of students at the school. In other words, fewer poor children are receiving the valuable Christian education they need to emerge from their poverty and to receive deliverance from the spiritual darkness that often characterizes the environment into which they were born and are being raised.

Won't you prayerfully consider sponsoring a child or partnering friends or family? The personal benefit of full sponsorship is that each year you receive letters and a picture of the child that is assigned to you. But be assured, even a partial sponsorship is very useful. Such funds are used to help other children who do not have full support. Any amount of money is beneficial to this worthy work for the Kingdom of God. If you have questions about how to participate, please contact us.

Dean Varian

# Community Life

## Money Matters by Charlotte Schweitzer, Treasurer

I am happy to report that 47 pledge card were turned in in response to the 'STEW' stewardship campaign. This is an increase of 18 over the previous year. \$108,204 has been pledged for 2018. In contrast, \$78,124 was pledged for 2017.

In the interest of full disclosure, I will say that not all pledge cards had

amounts on them (this goes for both years). That's fine; the fact they were turned in at all is appreciated. Our budget for next year? ...the amount is \$177,000.

Below are the General Fund statistics for November. The 'Actual' offering averages each have been computed using 48 weeks in order to

have all years comparative. The budget averages are based on 52 weeks (53 for 2017) to smooth out timing differences.

I wish all a happy and healthy New Year.

Blessings.

Average Weekly: thru November (48 weeks)				
	2014	2015	2016	2017
Budget	2,615.73	2,741.75	2,824.65	2,906.45
Actual	2,417.56	2,766.28	2,606.87	2,708.73
Short	(198.17)	24.53	(217.78)	(197.73)
% of Budget	92.42%	100.89%	92.29%	93.20%



Percent change from prior year			
	'14 to '15	'15 to '16	'16 to '17
Budget	4.82%	3.02%	2.90%
Actual	14.42%	-5.76%	3.91%
Net change:	9.60% positive	-8.78% negative	1.01% positive



## Christmas Cantata Followup by Jillian Corbi

A huge thank you goes out to all who contributed to the success of this year's cantata! Our choir was a bit smaller than usual this year, but the Spirit was moving in and through them. I am so very proud of all of you! Our narrators, Denise and Jimmy Wright, skillfully led us through each facet of the Christmas story. Cheryl, as always, steered us smoothly through both rehearsals and performance. The Bell Ringers serenaded us while Barb and Warren Kandel fed the masses in the Sonshine Center. Kevin and Jeff Proffitt keep our sound system running smoothly. Without each one of you, that evening would not happen. You have my sincerest thanks.



*Dear church family and choirs,*

*Thank you all so much for the generous gifts; they are very much appreciated! It is such a blessing to get to work with the choirs here, especially at Christmas time. Thank you, again.*

*With Love,*

*Jillian*

## Jacob's Ladder by Deb Bayer-Bredon



Happy New "2018" Year from all of us involved with Jacob's Ladder. We ended the 2017 year with a Christmas celebration involving a piñata handmade by the boys along

with sampling the old fashioned hard tack candy that they had cooked from scratch the week before. The students were also involved in a discussion of the various Christmas traditions and customs of

other countries around the world.

Jacob's Ladder will resume on Jan. 10, 2018.

Wishing all a blessed New Year!

Debra Bayer-Bredon

Jacob's Ladder Committee



## Lunch Bunch by Loretta Krause



The Lunch Bunch decided to not meet in December. In January, weather permitting, they will go to Palumbos's Restaurant for Italian. Otherwise they will go to local restaurants for the winter.

## Gift Bags for Shut-ins by Diana Spaulding



Thank you for once again showing God's love to our shut-ins and letting them know we are thinking of them. A big thank you goes to Betty Bayer, Oranna Loy, Cheryl Sternberg, Clark Kandel, and Reed Varian via Lynn and Bill Rainsberger for delivering the Christmas gift bags and poinsettias to our shut-ins: Edna Coy, Mickey Kelly, Blanche Simmons, Pattyann Stoffer, and Virginia Varian.



# Prayer Concerns

## Members, Family & Friends



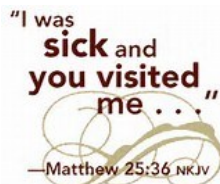
### Members

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  
 Jay Fisher  
 Loretta Krause  
 Sharon Ackerman  
 Dorothy Smith  
 Randy Selby, Sr.  
 Virginia Varian  
 Owen Mickley

### 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  
 Lisa Tolley - Betty Bayer  
 Sharon Taylor - Jill Wagner  
 Scott Owens - Marilyn Reed  
 Harold & Velma Schweitzer-Charlotte Schweitzer  
 Jackie Fitch - Bonnie Duskey  
 Casey Langley-Bonnie Duskey  
 Renee Poulelis-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

Family of Carrie Norris-Denny & Sue Myers  
 Liz Widgand-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  
 Melissa Wagner - Ellen Brace  
 Dave Roeder - Diana Spaulding  
 Paul Toalston-Diana Spaulding  
 Shelby Truxall-Baxter - Shirley Martin  
 Randy Royer-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  
 Craig William Smith - Allen & Sharon Nennig  
 Jen & Josh Hall-Allen & Sharon Nennig  
 Joan Biery-Allen & Sharon Nennig  
 Mike Male, Jr.-Debbie Winters  
 Susan J.  
 Family of Keith Griffin



## Shut-Ins

Blanche Simmons  
 108 W. Walnut Street  
 East Canton, OH 44730  
 Phone: 330-488-1258  
 Birthday: April 20

Virginia Varian  
 6342 Orchardview Dr. S.E.  
 East Canton, OH 44730  
 Phone: 330-488-1802  
 Birthday June 12

Mickey Kelly  
 3453 Indian Run Ave SE  
 East Canton, Oh 44730  
 Phone: 330-488-2425  
 Birthday: October 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  
 Alex Donaldson-Altus AFB, OK.



# January 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Is your January Birthday or Anniversary listed here? If not, let us know! 330-488-1842</p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p> 	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>T.O.P.S. 5:30 - 7:00pm Worship 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:30am Choir 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Prayer Shawl 10am</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>UMM Breakfast 7:30am FH Reserved 11-4pm</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Unhanging of the Greens - following worship Youth 6pm</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>T.O.P.S. 5:30 - 7:00pm Trustees 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>T.O.P.S. 5:30 - 7:00pm Trustees 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:30am Jacob's Ladder 3pm Choir 7pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:30am Jacob's Ladder 3pm Choir 7pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:30am Jacob's Ladder 3pm Choir 7pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Chimes Articles Due!</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Am anda Marshall</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Scouts 6pm</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>T.O.P.S. 5:30 - 7:00pm Finance 6:00 pm Council 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:30am Lunch Bunch 11:45am Jacob's Ladder 3pm Choir 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:30am Lunch Bunch 11:45am Jacob's Ladder 3pm Choir 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:30am UMW - Noon Jacob's Ladder 3pm Choir 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Chimes Articles Due!</p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Youth 6pm</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Scouts 6pm</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>T.O.P.S. 5:30 - 7:00pm S.P.R. 6:00 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:30am UMW - Noon Jacob's Ladder 3pm Choir 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:30am UMW - Noon Jacob's Ladder 3pm Choir 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:30am UMW - Noon Jacob's Ladder 3pm Choir 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Chimes Articles Due!</p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Youth Outing Polar Blast/Brandywine 6-7:30pm</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Scouts 6pm</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Scouts 6pm</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:30am Jacob's Ladder 3pm Choir 7pm</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Happy Anniversary</p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:30am UMW - Noon Jacob's Ladder 3pm Choir 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Quilters 9:30am UMW - Noon Jacob's Ladder 3pm Choir 7:00 pm</p>
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		<p><b>Logan McGee</b></p>			<p>January: 01 Jan &amp; Deb Bayer-Bredon 12 Earl &amp; Kathy Hopkins 15 Victor &amp; Joanne Varian 17 Mark &amp; Diane Krivos 27 Rich &amp; Irene Showalter 29 Randy &amp; Lori St. Clair</p>	

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship: 10:30 am

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**February Article Deadline Is**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**