

“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

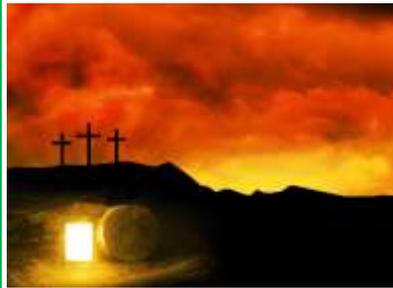
Our mission is to reach, welcome, and serve all people so that we and others can become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

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“Kandel’s Korner”

Rev. Clark Kandel



The date was March 15th, 2020. I walked out to get the Sunday newspaper. It was early (5:15am); still dark outside. So, I flipped on the porch light. As I stepped off the porch, to my left the mulch was being lifted up. There was snow on the lawn and snow on the bushes. But something was pushing up under the mulch. I knew what it was because I had seen it before. It was not a complete surprise; but it was a delight to my eyes. The daffodils were stirring in the ground. Yes, it was cold. Yes, the ground was frozen. And yes, spring, (the official date), was about a week down the road.

It didn’t matter that there was snow on the ground. It didn’t matter what the calendar said about spring. The daffodils were making their announcement. “This is our time, we are back, we are making our appearance. It’s resurrection time.”

Two thousand years ago there was a resurrection of great consequence. The politicians and the Roman soldiers had done their grizzly work. There was a mock trial and a declaration of guilt. There was the sound of nails and the agony of suffering followed by a death and a burial.

A stone was found to seal the grave site. Three days later, the stone was rolled away. The grave was empty. It was resurrection time. It still is. We celebrate it every year.

Can I explain it all? Do I understand it all? No, because it was a God thing. All I know is that the resurrection was the galvanizing experience that unleashed a hope,, a promise, a day spring of power. It changed people. It opened up all of our tomorrows. The daffodils **remind me of it’s power every spring. I hope that’s true for you as well.**

Hopefully we can once again be together in church. Stay tuned.

Clark



The UMM hosted a Fellowship Dinner at Mt. Tabor UMC on March 7th, 2020. There were 35 in attendance for the feast with friends and families. I would like to THANK the helpers that supported this event and took their time to help prepare the foods, set up the tables, and stayed to clean up after the meal. Joint efforts made this a success and several people are requesting we do it again!

On a more sober note: We will not be meeting April 4th, 2020 for UMM breakfast. God bless each of you; be safe with your families. As men we need to remember to PRAY DAILY 24/7 for strength, courage, and keeping our families focused on their faith in God amid turmoil in the world.

Brad Boughman



The Prayer Shawl group met this month and had a productive morning working on our projects. Our next meeting will be on Friday, April 3rd at the church. (Thinking positively.)

The knitting gathering at the library was cancelled this month.

Prayers for everyone,

Karen Hartleben



As some of you know, we need to raise some funds to continue doing what we do each week. Over the years we have had wonderful donations – sewing supplies, fabric, and machines. But the machines need serviced from time to time, and occasionally we need to buy material to match a particular color or a piece large enough for a quilt back, and quilt batting,

That being said, Diane, Karin and I will be having garage sale tables in the church parking lot May 8th and 9th during the East Canton Village annual garage sale days. There are three ways you can help. First, you or **anyone you know could "rent" space to sell your own items.** Just call the office or me for more information. Second, you can donate items for us to sell during those two days. We will price the items, but if you feel so inclined to price your own items that would be a great help! And lastly you could stop by and help us on those days between 9 and 5.

Thanks.

Ruth Varian



God is good - - All the time; All the time - - -God is good! We may have been apart from one another these last few weeks, but we can continue spreading the love of Jesus Christ in our own ways. Did you send a card or write a note to someone this month? What about an encouraging phone call or text to someone you know needs a lift? We can all do that for one another. Even though we are not together we still are in the presence of the Lord.

United Methodist Women did not meet in March due to the virus. Considering our past history, I could not find a time in my records where we did not meet for reasons other than weather. Now that is saying something - - - **we're a hardy bunch. But this recent virus is nothing to treat lightly.**

April 22nd is our field trip to the Brumbaugh Nature Center in Alliance. The University of Mount Union will more than likely determine if we are meeting at that time. As of this printing all activities at Mount are cancelled through April 3rd. It is always a fun time and a time of learning. We will keep you posted.

We know how richly we are blessed. Soon the spring bulbs will burst with color and the earth, so carefully created by our God, will once again come to life. Love God and all of your neighbors.

Kathy Hopkins

Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church

Daughters Banquet

MAY 19TH, 2020 AT 6PM

COVERED DISH MEAL

Our guest will be Carolyn Jacob,

Renaissance Strings.



Please mark your calendars in advance.
RSVP forms will be in May 2020 Chimes.



Due to the fact that we are currently not having Sunday Services, the Easter flower sale has been cancelled.



We did get to do a couple things in March before we went on hiatus for COVID-19. We had a great lesson on Lent... reminding us that this is a time of renewal...not just a time to give up something you can't "live without". Instead of Minute to Win-It games, the youth really wanted to watch "God's Not Dead 3"...Light in the Darkness. It was a very uplifting movie that reminds us that we all have dark moments that we have to deal with. It was very fitting considering what we are facing at the moment. God reminds us to find him in the light. We will need to be patient and calm in this time of uncertainty. I know the youth are feeling mounds of disappointment right now with the cancellation of so many important events. Seniors are feeling sad as they are missing milestones and memories they'd like to collect before leaving high school. Know that we are right there with you and are praying for peace for this time to pass. I will extend youth for as long as possible into the summer to make up for time lost if able.

Below is a tentative schedule for April...all pending. The Bible Walk is on our schedule for 4/26. I am not sure at this time whether or not we will be able to attend.

APRIL:

Sunday, 4/5	Youth Sunday Planning/Mtg.	5:00 - 8:00	Vicki and Leader
Sunday, 4/12	NO YOUTH (Easter)		
Saturday, 4/19	Youth Group	6:00 - 8:00	Team 1
Saturday, 4/26	TBD	6:00 - 8:00	All Youth/Leader Outing



Due to the CDC guidelines in place at this time, Treasured Blessings Ministry is prohibited from doing our bi-monthly visits in April 2020. However, there is something each one of you can do. Please read the information below.

This is the message Karin and I received from God Cares Ministry in Avon, Ohio. God Cares Ministry specializes and trains church members for Spiritual Care in area Care Centers in Ohio. We felt it would benefit everyone given the situation we face currently.

Although care home facilities across the country have closed their doors to outside visits, there is still much we can do for our beloved residents and the elderly that are isolated in their homes at this time. Following is a list of ideas on how you can continue to minister through this present challenge:

PRAY:

Pray for our friends in care homes and in their own homes – for protection from this illness; that they will not be fearful, but filled with a spirit of peace; for strength and endurance every day;

For the staff of the nursing homes and their family members - for their health; for patience, compassion, and strength; that the Lord would bless them as they care for the residents;

For the families and friends of residents – for comfort, faith and understanding;

For wisdom and guidance in decision making for our leaders in government and the medical profession;

For ourselves. Ask God how He can use you to be a light to your community. This is a new opportunity for us as followers of Jesus to live out His call to love and serve our communities in His love and His compassion!

DO NOT FEAR!

God tells us very clearly in Psalm 91 (and many other places) that those who dwell close to Him can find peace and security in Jesus.

And finally, be wise and STAY HEALTHY. Let us use this time to creatively and respectfully reach our resident friends and the staff members with words of comfort and encouragement from the Bible through 90 homemade cards. We are praying for them, and for you 24/7.

These 90 cards may left at the church and Norma will mail them OR you may directly mail your cards to: Joanie Misorski, Activities Director, Altercare of Louisville, 7187 St Francis St NE, Louisville, OH 44641. Let's remember to be the feet of Jesus midst the difficult circumstances plus remind Altercare of Louisville that Mt. Tabor UMC in East Canton is active and sending bear hugs of love to all of them.



The Mt. Tabor Book Club is reading American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins and was scheduled to meet on April 6 at 11am. We are going to postpone meeting. The new date is yet to be determined.

Kathy Hopkins



I watched as the rain poured down and the driveway started to fill with water. The rain stopped and there was a strong wind. In a couple hours that driveway was nearly dry! This is not too unlike the times we currently are going through, though we can't see the end yet. Like everyone else, Mt. Tabor has ongoing expenditures. And our normal avenue of giving – during the service – is not currently available. What is still available is the mail. Also, those who use online bill pay can add Mt. Tabor as a payee. The address, if you need it, is 108 Walnut St. East, East Canton, OH 44730. I was reminded this week of a quote from Deuteronomy 31:8 “Don't be afraid, for the Lord will go before you and will be with you; he will not fail nor forsake you.”

Blessings,
Charlotte Schweitzer

Average Weekly: thru January (4 weeks)				
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Budget	3,222.17	3,403.85	3,520.44	3,578.92
Actual	2,909.35	3,046.50	2,000.50	2,714.25
Short	(312.82)	(357.35)	(1,519.94)	(864.67)
% of Budget	90.29%	89.50%	56.83%	75.84%



Percent change from prior year			
	'17 to '18	'18 to '19	19 to '20
Budget	5.64%	3.43%	1.66%
Actual	4.71%	-34.33%	35.68%
Net change:	-0.93% negative	-37.76% negative	34.02% positive

A Note from the Board of Mt. Tabor

We are living in a very trying time. The COVID-19 virus has changed our everyday life for the foreseeable future. Every day, we hear about more changes from President Trump or Governor DeWine. For us at Mt. Tabor, we are faced with many uncertainties. Let me start with a note from Bishop Tracy S. Malone and the Cabinet:

“We strongly urge all of our United Methodist churches to suspend in-person worship until we hear that it is safe to gather again. All in-person meetings at the Conference and district levels are either postponed or being held virtually until we hear that it is safe to gather again. We strongly urge churches to do the same.”

With this information, we have decided to close the church and restrict access to the pastor, administrator and a few select others. The board is meeting weekly, by conference call, to address issues as they arise. Pastor Clark & Mark Kandel are trying to host a “conference call” worship service on March 29....details to follow as it’s a process in the works.

Now for the hard facts...with no services being held on Sundays, Mt. Tabor’s tithes & offerings have, and may continue to, decline. Mt. Tabor still has its financial obligations that must be paid, such as payroll & benefits, utility bills, apportionments, and others. The average cost per week of these obligations is over \$2,000. As Charlotte stated in her *Money Matters* article, please help Mt. Tabor meet its obligations by mailing in your tithes and offerings during these uncertain times, or for those of you who use online bill pay, you can add Mt. Tabor as a payee.

Reggie McGee
Chairman of the Board



At the present time we will not be able to accept donations for the food pantry. We will provide updates as we get them.





A Service Opportunity for You

Some of you are aware of the free breakfast ministry, dubbed the Oatmeal Ministry, that has been taking place every Sunday morning for more than 30 years in the fellowship hall of Crossroads UMC, formally known as First UMC, in downtown Canton. This is an outreach of **love in Jesus' name to the poor, and in some cases homeless, folks of Canton.**

Beginning in June 2019 the Mt. Tabor family committed to assisting in this ministry on the first Sunday of each month for one year. That 12-month commitment is coming to a conclusion as of May 3, 2020. Twelve (12) of your fellow church folks have graciously participated these past ten months, but for the new term around the corner four (4) of them have elected to not continue. Thus, we are looking for some replacements in order to continue our contingent of at least 3, preferably 4, folks per month.

It's not a big commitment. With 12 workers on board, each person is assigned to work only once every 3 months. The work is easy and rewarding and the atmosphere is cordial. There are plenty of veterans there to assist the newbies. Workers need to report to Crossroads UMC at about 6:15 in the morning and may depart at 9:00 AM or a little sooner sometimes.

Won't you consider joining this year? Giving of ourselves is what serving in the Kingdom of God is all about. For further information contact me or Denny Myers.

In His Peace,

Dean Varian



A tremendous amount of work at the parsonage has been completed in order to greet our new pastor.

To bring you up to date, the following items have been accomplished since the previous family moved out:

Walls have been patched where needed and painted. The wall repair was filling various nail holes from pictures hanging over the years and a few dents.

The carpet has been cleaned and a few wear spots repaired. The carpet cleaning and repair was done by Stanley Steamer and required some stain spot removal and minor repair at the transition strips.

A new metal roof has been installed with ice guard on the front roof. The old roof had been in need of repair for some time and the metal roof has a 40-year warranty on the material. We asked for 3 estimates and the metal roof from Yoder Roofing was the cheapest.

Also, a new electric service feed and panel was installed. The old service had sustained water damage and was in dire need of replacement.

A new kitchen sink and faucet was installed. The old sink had become discolored and the faucets corroded.

A special thanks to Head Trustee Vic Varian for all the work he has done and supervised.



We are eagerly awaiting our new pastor and thought we would share her bio with the congregation.

Pastor Christy Suffecool was born in Canton in 1977 and attended Jackson High School and graduated in 1995. She is completing her degree at The Methodist Theological School of Ohio. She is the mother to 2 teenage daughters, an 18-year-old and a 15-year-old.

She has a vast history in the private sector including administrative assistant, purchasing agent, account coordinator and project manager.

She has served with the Church of the Lakes in Women & Youth ministries and Discipleship positions.

Since 2012 she has served in the Apple Creek UMC as Director of Youth Ministries.

Her view of ministry is: The role of the pastor is to lead, inspire and encourage both spiritually and also on an administrative level. Spiritually, it is important for the **pastor to "recharge" the congregation. Administratively,** it is important to set vision and help people to achieve their objectives.



There were not many folks in church on March 15th when Dr. Dean gave us some valuable information about the virus. Thanks, Dean, for your useful words and valuable suggestions. We have been asked to NOT hold worship services until further notice. We will try to keep you posted.

Rev. Clark

Prayer Concerns

Members, Family & Friends

Members

Reggie McGee
 Bobby McGee
 Colleen Tataru
 Jack Nichols
 Pam Rohrer
 Loretta Proffitt
 Paul Heaston
 Susie Watson
 Chris Wilcox
 Ann Rogler
 Ira & Mary Nestor
 Rich Little
 Jerry Butcher
 Jay Fisher
 Randy Selby, Sr.
 Audree Selby
 Owen Mickley
 Dave Williams
 Oranna Loy
 Edna Coy
 Diane Krivos
 Harry Clayton
 Earl Vincent
 Carol Vincent
 Carrie Little
 Sarah Morrison

Family & Friends

Skylar Myers-Denny & Sue Myers
 Chris - Linda Britton
 Lisa Tolley, William Hayden - Betty Bayer
 Mia Grace & Kevin Thompson - Linda Britton
 Don & Elaine Diehl - Wes & Pam Rohrer
 Tim Kiger - Wes & Pam Rohrer
 Sarah Malone - Wes & Pam Rohrer
 Shelly Wheeler - Diane Krivos
 Family of Debi Rowland - Diane Krivos
 Katie Gobeli - Diane Krivos
 Diane Campbell - Diane Krivos
 Kathy Gobeli - Diane Krivos
 Stella Mackie - Jill Wagner
 Kyle Wagner - Jill Wagner
 Velma Schweitzer-Charlotte Schweitzer
 Jackie Fitch - Bonnie Duskey
 Casey Langley-Bonnie Duskey
 Renee Poulelis-Bonnie Duskey
 Bill & Lisa Leach - Marla Stringer
 Ethelind Schwartz - Marla Stringer
 Cody Grcevic-Marla Stringer
 Korey - Marla Stringer
 Kathy Putney - Marla Stringer
 Bob Marzano - Norris Stringer
 Gary Clark - Norris & Marla Stringer
 Shirley Douglas - Judy Spaulding
 Brian Bara - Judy Spaulding
 Gene Myers - Louise Myers
 Sue Givens - Paraguay Missionary

Damon White- Jeff & Denise Proffitt
 Anne Reid - Kathy Hopkins & Susie Watson
 Mike Male Jr.-Debbie Winters
 Donna Deaton - Rhonda Deaton
 Anthony Deaton - Rhonda Deaton
 Eli Eaton - Jillian Corbi
 Christine Giovannelli -Annette Williams
 Stephen Giovannelli - Annette Williams
 Andrea Giovannelli - Annette Williams
 Cassie Dulaney - Jackie Botean
 Bill Hallas, Carl Thoman - Lynn Rainsberger
 Sue Blevins - Tara Selby
 Ruth Ann - Diana Heaston
 Betty Abel - Diana Heaston
 Debbie & Mark Bowman - (Sharon Erickson)
 Denny Fogle - Lisa Fogle
 Michelle Flescher - Cheryl Sternberg
 Jamie Crowe - Deb Bayer Bredon
 Paul Sommers -Thewes & Castle families
 Jayna Lennington - Oranna Loy
 Patricia Ann & Clyde Nichols - Jack Nichols
 Charles Link Jr. - Norma Boughman
 Ashley Hornick Walters - Dana Kullman
 Jeff Adams - Ida Zimmerman
 Diane Quillen
 Neil Youngman
 Children of Candy Karl - Jason & Jodi Edwards
 William Ackerman Family - Bryan Heaston
 Anna Dye
 Beth Toalston - Dean Varian



Our Shut-ins

Colleen Tataru
 Inn at Whitewood
 3146 Whitewood Street NW
 North Canton OH 44720
 Phone: 330-413-4229
 Birthday : July 23

Ira & Mary Nestor
 7075 Mapleton St. SE
 East Canton OH 44730
 Phone: 330-488-1810
 Birthdays: Ira July 9
 Mary April 23

"I was
sick and
you visited
me . . ."
 —Matthew 25:36 NKJV

Those in our Armed Forces



Alex Brown - Jacksonville, FL.
 Daniel John - Gulf Breeze, FL.
 Caleb Talkington - N. Canton, OH.

Garrett Pfau - North Carolina
 Gage Robinson - Nellis AFB Las Vegas NV
 Jake Warner - Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo





April 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 April: 01 Harry & Fran Clayton 10 Larry & Nancy Hrometz 11 Michael & Carol Hennessey 20 Dave & Joyce Kuceyeski 20 Richard & Ida Mary Zimmerman 23 Richard & Diane Daniels	6 Scouts 6pm <i>Andrew Nestor</i> <i>Carol Vincent</i>	7 Bible Study 1pm TOPS 5:30pm	1 Quilters 10am Overflow 7pm <i>Wilma Dreher</i>	2 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm <i>Chrissandra Wilcox</i>	3 Prayer Shawl 10am 	4 NO UMM Breakfast <i>Jack Mayle</i>
5 Worship 10:30am Youth 6-8pm <i>Kyle Arick</i> <i>Elizabeth Bushey</i> <i>Nathan Krivos</i> <i>Matthew Wilcox</i>	13 Scouts 6pm <i>Linda Nestor</i>	14 TOPS 5:30pm <i>Jillian Corbi</i> <i>Benjamin Sternberg</i>	8 Quilters 10am Overflow 7pm <i>Harry Clayton</i>	9 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	10  11	18 <i>Jeff Spaulding</i>
12 EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE TBD  <i>Sarah Morrison</i>	20 Scouts 6pm <i>Bryan Heaston</i>	21 TOPS 5:30pm Board Meeting 6pm <i>Jay Stahler</i>	15 Quilters 10am Knitters EC Library 12:30pm Overflow 7pm <i>Matthew Brown</i> <i>Taylor Richards</i> <i>Sarah Selby</i>	16 TBM - Altercare 3-5pm Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	17  <i>Vic Garman Jr.</i> <i>Kelsey Wilcox</i>	25 UMW District Spring Meeting 9:30am-1pm Easton Chapel UMC <i>Jeff Spaulding</i>
19 Worship 10:30am <i>Diane Daniels</i>	27 Scouts 6pm <i>Janis Jones</i> <i>Ann-Soft Rogler</i>	28 TOPS 5:30pm <i>Allen Nennig Sr.</i> <i>Jenna Selby</i>	22 Quilters 10am UMW Wilderness Center Mt. Union Overflow 7pm <i>Stephen J Botean Jr</i>	23 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm <i>Nancy Branch</i> <i>Mary Nestor</i>	24 <i>Is your April birthday or anniversary listed here? If not, please call & let us know. 330-488-1842</i>	Please note that all activities scheduled on this calendar are subject to cancellation due to the Covid-19 Virus.

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Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30am.



SUNDAY WORSHIP:

10:30 am

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May Article Deadline
is April 20th!