

“THE CHIMES”

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.

“Kandel’s Korner”

Rev. Clark Kandel

We are living through an amazing time. The newspapers are dominated with stories of hardship and of loss. Unemployment is **reaching epic proportions. It’s already north of 25% and threatens to** move into the 30% range. No work means no income; no income means hunger and fear. The death rates are in front of your faces and we wonder what it all means and where it all will end.

But my job is to proclaim Christ. My job is to broadcast the good news of Jesus. My job is to preach good news to the poor.

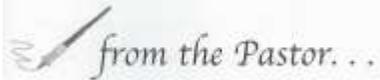
And when we use that word “the poor”, there is a tendency to limit the meaning of the word to loss of money. But maybe there is a larger meaning. How about the poor in spirit, the poor of faith, the poor of hope, the poor of vision. There are lots of ways to be poor that have little to do with money.

So here’s question. Can we broadcast good news even in a pandemic? We can. We should. And we must.

There are hundreds, thousands of people serving, helping and pitching in. There are scientists and researchers searching for ways to protect ourselves and everyone else.

I said proclaiming good news is my job. It is. But it’s more than that, right? It’s your job too - correct? We need to keep the faith. We need to do all we can to stay positive, to help where we can and to **pray for tomorrow. It’s a challenge and it’s a blessing.**

Clark



During this time that we are not allowed to congregate it is especially important that we keep in touch with one another via phone calls, email, cards, notes, etc.

The church is called to be a caring community. But it's not possible to care for each other if we don't know if you could use some assistance. So, we are trying to put together a small group of "Reachouters". They will periodically make calls to some of our members who may need some assistance – as for example – getting groceries, going to the doctor, basic transportation, or needing prayer. Obviously, we can't do everything. We cannot build you a new kitchen or buy you a new car. But there may be ways to help.

So, I have asked 6 special people to help identify how we might provide some help in this unusual time of pandemic. **This is not an attempt to be nosy or intrusive. It's an attempt to practice concern.**

As most of you are aware, we already have a prayer chain. For a whole lot of folks, just knowing that there are others who will be in prayer, lifting up the sick or hurting, provides a healing benefit.

But we can't be helpful unless you tell us.

I have asked each of my helpers to be especially kind during this time of isolation. So, let me ask the same of each of you should you get a call. If we can all practice a big dose of kindness it will go a long way.

Now a sentence or two about broadcasting the worship service. We keep trying to find ways to improve the service. It is more complicated than it might appear. There are licensing issues and restrictions on music.

But so far, the feedback we get makes us feel that the programs are helpful. Here I am, 82 years old (an old dog **trying to learn new tricks**) wondering where I am going to put my Emmy!! **Don't hold your breath on that one!**

If you have ideas on how it could be better, let us know.

Rev. Clark



On Sunday, May 31st, we baptized Travis James Powers and his sister Olivia Grace Powers. Travis is 9 years old and Olivia is 7 years old. They are the beloved children of Scott and Kristi Powers. Their older sister Alyssa is 16 years old and already baptized. We wanted you to know about this blessed occasion so that you can keep them in your prayers.

We are pleased to welcome the Powers family into the faith and fellowship of Mt. Tabor UMC.

Rev. Clark



We're Still The Church!

Did you miss us last month? We missed you and continue to miss you, but we will be together soon. **Happy Belated Mothers and Daughters Day to all of you. Did you know that Mother's Day was founded by two United Methodist Women?** If something needs to get done, give it to a United Methodist Woman. What a nice thing to do honoring Mothers.

In traveling around town I noticed so many church signs saying Church is closed. The building may be closed but the church has been open and doing good work. The first member of the church really was Mary Magdalene when she saw that her Lord had risen and shared that with the disciples who did not believe her. Ever since then, people have really been doing the work of the church, even in these uncertain times.

In May alone, United Methodist Women donated \$300 to the Community Cupboard of East Canton. The Cupboard was having difficulty getting the usual donations, the need was there and we responded. In addition, United Methodist Women donated another \$300 to Bridgepoint Community Services which serves the families of Canton South, East Canton and Sandy Valley. United Methodist Women, thank you for working hard to raise money and thank you for your contributions. We are here to serve our community and beyond.

Please also refer to the Prayer Shawl article; we've been knitting, crocheting and quilting as well as making masks for protection. The women have been busy during this pandemic. Most importantly, they have been praying! THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOLKS - ONLY THE BUILDING IS CLOSED!

Kathy Hopkins



Although we haven't been together at Mt.Tabor, we still continued with our youth meetings via Zoom during April and May. Thank heavens for that wonderful program that has allowed us to see eachother's faces. What a blessing. There have been as many as 15 on at a time including leaders.

We've had several meetings where we've discussed how to deal with the loss of the school year and what the Bible says about worry. Zoom has allowed us to stay connected with our favorite Skit Guy videos. We watch one entitled "The Serenity Prayer". "God" broke down it's meaning and how it affects our lives. The youth have been on a scavenger hunt for stackable items to discover the importance of priorities as well.

It's never going to be as good as "in person" lessons, but it's something. Just seeing their smiling faces and hearing their laughter, warms my heart. This month we will be attending our Youth Annual Conference (YAC) virtually. There will be music, a guest speaker and some surprises. Depending on what's allowed, we may be able to do a small group gathering where we social distance or we can view it at home. Either way, we look forward to attending.

Youth is technically over for the summer. We are just waiting with baited breath to find out when we can come together again...we missed our Lock-In for sure.

Congrats to all our Seniors. They've added so much to our group. This is not goodbye...but see you later. I also want to thank my wonderful and supportive group of youth leaders Shandra Castle, Bonnie Duskey, Jay Fisher and Diane Krivos. Without them, youth would not be possible. They bring their knowledge, life experience, faithfulness and love to the table in everything we do. We are a special team together!

God Bless everyone. Stay healthy, stay faithful and stay safe!

Vicki Thewes
Youth Coordinator



Just to let you know, the Mt. Tabor Council has been meeting weekly to try to make sure we are doing all we can to keep pace with the changing landscape of the pandemic. We did this by conference calling over the telephone. But on May 26th, we met in the Mt. Tabor Fellowship Hall. We all wore masks and kept proper distances as we attempted to understand the multiple issues in front of us as we plan to open the building. It is a complicated process.

But please note: The church building is not open yet. We have ordered sanitizing equipment. Clearly, making and keeping the building safe is our top priority. If you need to be in the church building, please call the church office at 330-488-1842, and talk to Sandy Hamilton.

Rev. Clark



We realized while trying to compile a list of addresses and phone numbers that a lot of our information is outdated. Some of you have moved or no longer have a landline and are using only your cell phone. Some email addresses also need updated.

Please call the office at 330-488-1842 or email us at admin@mttaborumc.com to be sure the information we have for you is current!



As most of you who read the Chimes already know, Mt. Tabor is receiving a new full time Pastor on July 1st, 2020. She is the Rev. Christy Suffecool. She is hoping that when she gets settled in here at Mt. Tabor she can get to know all of you.

The way we can help her is by hosting a backyard camp fire or a porch party - any kind of small group (no more than 10 people at a time) where we can distance ourselves and meet and greet one another; a place where she can tell you something about herself and you can tell her something about who you are.

Maybe you'll be able to help us get this accomplished. Let the church office know if you would like to host a meet and greet.

Rocky Railway VBS

We are still planning to have VBS this year, albeit in a different format. Plans are in the works to create a curriculum that kids can follow at home, with a box of supplies being sent home prior to VBS week. These boxes will contain crafts, simple games, snacks, and instructions to view online Bible stories read by Mt Tabor members. This week of fun is scheduled for July 17th-20th. Register your kids now!

This new format is going to require a very different sort of volunteer effort. We need people who are willing to contribute to the cost of supplies (snacks, craft materials), a group to assemble boxes, and a group to distribute boxes. If you feel led to be part of this important ministry to the youth of East Canton, please call Jillian Corbi.



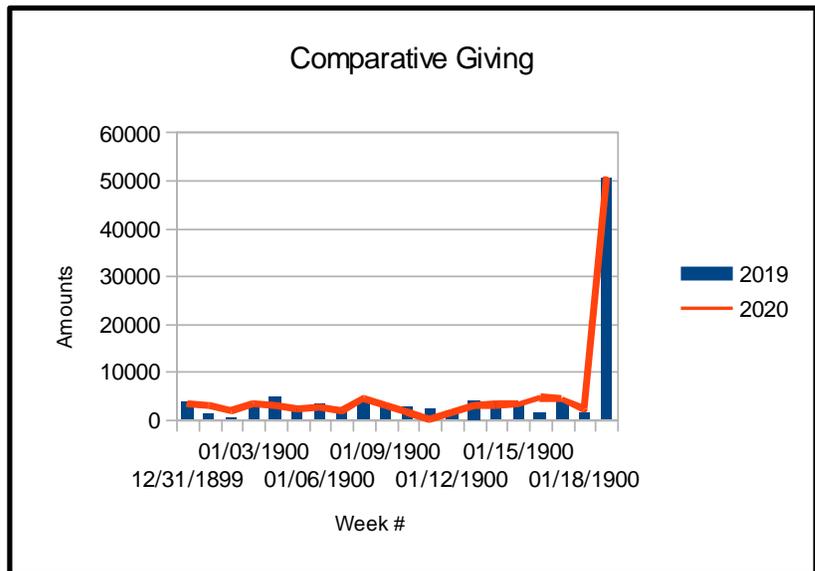
Money Matters

Average Weekly: thru April (17 weeks)				
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Budget	3,222.17	3,403.85	3,520.44	3,578.92
Actual	3,160.04	2,987.21	2,677.00	2,599.44
Short	(62.13)	(416.64)	(843.44)	(979.48)
%of Budget	98.07%	87.76%	76.04%	72.63%

Percent change from prior year			
	'17 to '18	'18 to '19	19 to '20
Budget	5.64%	3.43%	1.66%
Actual	-5.47%	-10.38%	-2.90%
Net change:	-11.11% negative	-13.81% negative	-4.56% negative

WEEK #	2019	2020	Change
1	3,578.00	3,121.00	(457.00)
2	1,185.00	2,735.00	1,550.00
3	250.00	1,826.00	1,576.00
4	2,989.00	3,175.00	186.00
5	4,710.00	2,995.00	(1,715.00)
6	2,125.00	2,117.00	(8.00)
7	3,282.00	2,596.00	(686.00)
8	1,780.00	1,849.00	69.00
9	3,607.00	4,472.00	865.00
10	3,151.00	2,778.50	(372.50)
11	2,607.00	1,499.00	(1,108.00)
12	2,143.00	70.00	(2,073.00)
13	1,971.00	1,341.00	(630.00)
QTR	33,378.00	30,574.50	(2,803.50)

14	3,971.00	2,949.00	(1,022.00)
15	3,483.00	3,065.00	(418.00)
16	3,182.00	3,085.00	(97.00)
17	1,495.00	4,517.00	3,022.00
18	3,534.00	4,154.00	620.00
19	1,400.00	2,235.00	835.00
QTR	17,065.00	20,005.00	2,940.00
Y-T-D	50,443.00	50,579.50	136.50



Greetings.

Thank you Mt. Tabor Family for stepping up. We need \$3,578.92 per week to meet the budget. Average offerings through the end of April were \$2,599.44 per week. Offerings for week 19, the last week I have full data for, were \$2,235.00. Total year-to-date offerings at that time were comparable to the prior year.

For reference, week 11 was March 15, the last Sunday that we had an in-house service.

Blessings,
Charlotte Schweitzer



Hello Mt Tabor Friends.

We just wanted to remind you, that although you do not have a funny little basket hanging on your chair, we do need to remember Thiago and Luna's education in Paraguay. The schools closed in March just as they did in the US. It's much harder to home school through technology down there but they are trying. In our Paraguay fund we have \$270 and need \$480 by August to be able to send the second half of the kids' tuition. When you send you offerings to the church, you may designate a portion to the Paraguay fund if you wish. Sue Givens is still managing the distribution of funds to the schools with the help of friends.

Ruth Varian

Treasured Blessings Ministry

Power to Persevere

Remember the Cross - The Anchor of Our Devotion

What did Jesus do for me by dying on the cross?

What is something significant that you have overlooked? Maybe an Anniversary, Birthday, or work commitment? Whatever we forget in our human weakness let us never forget the cross and all that it holds for us!

We invite you to remember the cross as the foundation of our faith that we can persevere in the face of All situations even a Pandemic. We Shall overcome because Jesus overcame the Cross!

READ Mark 15:16-41

Jesus Accepted a Death sentence (reread 15:21-24)

1. Why is Simon needed to carry Jesus' cross (see 14:65; 15:15,19)?
2. How might that have affected Simon?
3. Put yourself in Simon's sandals; how might you have felt?
4. Did Jesus have to die on the cross?
5. Why do you think Jesus may have refused to dull His senses as He paid the price for our salvation?
6. How do you think Jesus felt as He saw prophecy being fulfilled before His very eyes? (see Isaiah 53:12)
7. How we might anchor our faith in His sacrifice daily in all aspects of our lives?

Let us use every day to apply this message, enjoying what Jesus did for us on the cross. Take time to enter into the presence of God, get on your knees and enjoy the benefit. Jesus died to give it to you!

Then ask yourself this:

Who in your life most needs to hear that all people have access to God through Christ? A family member? A neighbor? A coworker? A friend?

My fellow disciples, go forth in fellowship by letting God lead you, remembering the ultimate sacrifice of Christ Jesus, and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through you as you reach out to others beyond your home walls. In the name of Jesus, AMEN

Norma Boughman



With sadness, we report the passing of Dale Fenstemaker. Dale faithfully served Mt. Tabor for many years as the Sunday School Secretary. We ask that you keep his children in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Celebrating the Class of 2020



Nikita Abbott is a graduate of Minerva High School. She is the daughter of Michele and Steve Abbott. She was a member of the Chamber Choir and played the flute in Marching Band and Wind Symphony. She also participated in the **spring musicals... The Addams Family as Morticia and Babette in Beauty and the Beast**. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Nikita joined and became a faithful member of Mt. Tabor Youth this past year. She will be attending Kent State University in the fall majoring in Environmental and Conservation Biology. We are all very proud of her and feel blessed that she joined our youth family on our faith journey this past year. Good Luck!



Emilee Cercone is a graduate of Minerva High School. She is the daughter of Vanessa Cercone and the late Chad Cercone. She is a member of the Marching Band, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Choir, International Circle, SADD, the Mentoring Program, Pep Club, the Academic Challenge team, Drama Club, Chess Club and Card Club. She has been attending Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church since the fall and has been an active member of the Youth Group. Emilee enjoys helping her mom take pictures at sporting events. She plans to attend Youngstown State University in the fall to major in Business Management with a minor in International Marketing. We are very proud of the young lady you have become. Your dedication to youth and your faith journey is inspiring. We are lucky to have you with us! Good Luck!



Cierra Kerr is a graduate of Minerva High School. She is the daughter of Mike and Angel Kerr. She is a 4-yr. member of the Marching Band and Wind Symphony, a member of the Chamber Choir and International Circle, and was a cast member in the musical *Beauty and the Beast*. She is also a Jr. VFW honor guard member (playing taps) and part of the youth mentoring program. She has been attending Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church since the fall and has been an active member of the Youth Group. She is the youngest of 5 siblings and enjoys spending her free time outdoors, playing softball, camping and fishing. Cierra is undecided on college but plans to pursue a career in music education. **We were very blessed to have you join our youth group this year.** You showed us your heart as we traveled on this faith journey together. Thanks for sharing your kindness and faithfulness. Good Luck!



Megan Dorosky is a graduate of Louisville HS. She held a 3.75 GPA with AP and College Credit Plus classes. She lettered her junior year in soccer and received a Scholar Athlete Award. She is a member of the Varsity Softball team. Megan was just awarded the 2020 Mirror Award for her class after being nominated by one of her teachers, who recognized her dedication, compassion and inquisitive learning abilities and for her "maturity beyond her years" as quoted by the principal, Ken Faye, during the senior awards ceremony. She has been a fixture here at Mt. Tabor from the time she was little and periodically since 7th grade. She has helped with Turkey Suppers and VBS programs as well. Megan will be attending the University of Akron in the fall for nursing specializing in pediatrics. Her goal is to work at Akron Children's Hospital. Her parents Todd and Renee are very proud of her for always doing the right thing despite the pressure in high school to do otherwise. Good Luck Megan!



Logan McGee is the son of Reggie and Kelly McGee of East Canton. He is a graduate of Mount Union University. He is a Trustees Scholarship recipient, a first ever recipient of the Student Affairs Student of the Month Award, the **Cynthia S. Hepler Radio Award, and the Good Citizenship Prize.** He's a National conference attendee, presenter and awards recipient. He competed in the 1st annual "Battle of the Brains" and won first place. **He Served as Promotions Director, Program Director/President, and Music Director of WRMU 91.1 FM.** He's a founding member of the football livestream production team and served as **Producer, Technician, and Trainer for 3 years.** **He's a brother of Sigma Nu** and served as Philanthropy Chair, ByLaws Chair, LEAD Chair, Alumni Chair, and Marshal. He served Mount Union as a Student Delegate to the Board of trustees, a peer educator in high school and college, and as a Resident Assistant for two years. Logan graduated with a BA in Integrated Media with a Minor in Spanish. We are blessed to have such a talented young man help us weekly with our Live Video Stream during this difficult time. He has always been a faithful member of Mt. Tabor and is appreciated greatly for the years of service he has dedicated to the youth and our church. Good Luck as you pursue your chosen career.



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