

“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 would like more information, please contact us. Thank you 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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“Pastor Christy's Corner”

Pastor Christy Suffecool

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well during this season of Lent. This **season of fasting can prove to be a challenge for the best of us, but don't give up!** Even if you have broken your fast, I encourage you to keep at it.

Many of you have joined me in the Random Acts of Kindness challenge. I hope you are being blessed by it as much as the random people you are blessing. It is so fun to watch the reactions of people when an unexpected act of kindness happens. And I think it has brought me as much joy as it has them. If you have been keeping count, please send your count into the office so that we can share together how big this has grown.

Another thing that has been bringing me joy is the planning for Holy Week this year. I am excited to announce two opportunities that will be available for you to draw closer to God during this time. On *Friday, April 2 from 4:00-8:00*, we will be offering an interactive Stations of the Cross. For those of you that have **never experiences the stations, it is a journey through the scriptures during Christ's** last days. It begins with the Last Supper and journeys with him all the way to the grave. We will have stations set up through our fellowship hall offering you the chance to smell, touch, see, hear, and taste your way through the scriptures. Our stations are for all ages, but young children will need someone to explain things for them as you go through them. This will be a great time of reflection and we hope everyone will take some time during your afternoon to come experience them.

The second thing that we will be offering this year is a sunrise Easter service. On *April 4th*, we will be offering worship services at *7:00am and 10:30am*. The sunrise service will be held outside in our cemetery. This will be a brief service, but feel free to bring a chair if you would like to be more comfortable. It will be a time of worship, scriptures, prayer, and music. I hope you can join us.

Finally, as you are well aware, our Chimes newsletters have been getting delivered later and later each month. Unfortunately, we are unable to control the timing of the postal service, so we are going to have to adapt. This has caused us to review how often we send them out, and how we are going to share them. Beginning in April, the Chimes will be sent every other month. Each Chimes will now cover two months of information at a time. We realize that things may come up between mailings, but those things will be shared either through Facebook, in worship, or through an email from the office. We appreciate your understanding of this change, as we do our best to communicate timely with everyone.

I pray that during this season of Lent you grow stronger and deeper in your faith, and you continue to be transformed into the likeness of Christ.

*Your partner on the journey,
Pastor Christy*

NEWS & EVENTS



Four men gathered in February 2021 and went over ideas for our yearlong projects. Have your wives or girlfriends mark your calendar on March 6th, 2021 for our next gathering. It will be at 7:30am in Fellowship Hall; masks and social distancing will be required.

Brad Boughman



Treasured Blessings Ministry

The Altercare of Louisville staff and residents were overjoyed by the Valentine boxes we provided. Many thanks to all of you for the finances you provided when tithing to this important **local community ministry**. **Mark your envelopes "TBM 2021" if you would like to help.**

We need 30 Easter cards. These may be homemade, or store bought; please drop off at the church office. The Easter boxes will be delivered to the Care Center by end of March 2021.

Norma Boughman



Brrr ----- It has been a cold and snowy month of February. Hopefully March will be better. Mark your calendar for March 5th at 10:00am to come to Prayer Shawl at the Church. Bring your projects old and new and join our fellowship and catch up on what has been happening. Looking forward to seeing you!!!!



Our sewing machines have been humming. We are going to be donating 10 quilts this month, with more on the machines and getting ready to deliver to Aultman Hospital. We also are giving blankets for two babies and 3 others in need. We are still in need of flannel material to make some warm quilts. So if you have any old shirts, sheets, etc. just drop them in the tote at Church. Thank you.

Karin Hartleben



As we find ourselves in the middle of another Lenten season, this will be like none other. Some may feel a sense of loss of traditions with events not happening since we cannot be together. Some of us feel isolated and alone. Does this resonate with the suffering of Lent? Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 tells of the sense of fear and danger within their community where hardships have occurred. But then the text turns and as the community processes their experiences, they hear the calling of God to "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with **mourning ... Bring yourselves to God and know that God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love.**" **We have the opportunity to remember Christ and what He stood for and center ourselves in the core of our faith. We have the opportunity to remember that our faith keeps us going and that at the end there is resurrection ... a power greater than death and loss. Return to Him with all your heart.**

Kathy Hopkins



"Act Like Jesus" by Randy Frazee is an 8 week Bible study that talks about how we can put our faith into action. To become like Jesus, your beliefs need to not only inform you but also transform you.

This study discusses the spiritual disciplines that will lead in fulfilling your mission to love God and love your neighbor.

"Act Like Jesus" continues on Mondays at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. Please join us at any point in the series.

Studies will continue through March 22nd.

Kathy Hopkins



"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down . . . And running over." Luke 6: 38

During March, if you are able, please donate Hamburger Helper, cake mixes, frosting, and pouches of chili seasonings to our Community Cupboard. There are donation boxes near the elevator on our main floor and inside the back, double doors of the Church of God.

Thank you for giving!

Diana Spaulding



February was a great month for the youth. We had a wonderful lesson on **Compassion ... something we could all give and use at times. We attended Skyview Ranch!** Although they are still dealing with the fire that destroyed their main large meeting area used for meals and worship along with the pandemic, they managed to have a meaningful **and safe retreat for the youth. We were faced with several challenges this year ... very cold** cabin temps at 50 degrees, no electric due to heaters popping the breakers, icy stairwells, lots of snow. None of it kept us from worshipping the Lord and bonding with friends. I'm so thankful that Pastor Christy and Denny Myers joined us this year. They offered great leadership support and friendship to me as well as the kids.

MARCH:

Saturday, 3/6	Canton Calvary Mission	3:30 - 8:00	All Youth/Leaders
Sunday, 3/7	NO YOUTH		
Sunday, 3/14	Youth Group	6:00 - 8:00	Messy Less./Dinner - Rayla
Sunday, 3/21	Youth Group	6:00 - 8:00	Team 4
Sunday, 3/28	Passion of the Christ	1:00 - 4:00	All Youth / Leaders

Submitted by: Vicki Thewes



Just a note to let our congregation know what a fantastic youth group we have.

I had the pleasure of attending Winter Blast 2021 from February 19 thru the 21st with the Mt. Tabor youth group. The event was a retreat held at the Skyview Ranch in Millersburg, Ohio. Words cannot describe the pride I felt in watching the interaction within this group of young men and women.

To observe their participation in the programs, the way they conducted themselves during the worship, **breakout sessions, and "free time" should make us all proud to have these young people in our midst.**

Kudos to Vickie Thewes for the leadership and dedication to making this group what it is.

Spending a couple of days with this group along with Pastor Christy was truly enjoyable and eye opening.

Mt. Tabor family, you can be confident of our future because of these young people. Please support them with your prayers and donations.

Denny Myers

Easter Flowers



We will be taking orders for Easter flowers again this year. Choices are lilies, tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils. Order forms are available at the church, or you can call the office and we will take your order by phone. All flowers are priced at \$10.00. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 14th.

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your cards, calls, and prayers with the passing of my dad. He would have been very touched by your expressions of kindness. You, his church family, were all very important to him.

Cheryl Sternberg & Joanne Varian



Mt. Tabor,

Our family would like to thank you for the lovely peace lily plant that you sent in honor of Dad's passing. Dad loved and cared about Mt. Tabor - not only the building, but all of the families who entered its doors. I will always look out to his seat and know he is there in spirit. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Cheryl Sternberg

The Vic Varian Family

		Mt. Tabor UMC 2021 Congregational Care			Take the road trip with Mt. Tabor UMC					
		We are calling for ACTIVE LOVE. Please PRAY for each group listed below daily. Do not just talk about FAITH! FAITH + ACTION = RESULTS!			PRAY	VISIT	SAY HELLO	CELEBRATE LIFE	READ THE BIBLE	SING A SONG
March 2021										
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday			
Week 1	31 February 2021	1 March 2021	2	3	4	5	6			
	WORLD PEACE/UNITY within UMCs	GOD'S GRACE	BE THANKFUL for all things in your life.	Ask God to take the Lead in all things in your life.	Pastor and family	Mt. Tabor and its Mission Statement	UMM/UWM Programs			
Week 2	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
	Domestic Violence Shelter /Refuge of Hope	Paraguay/ Children sponsored by our UMM/UMW.	Altercare of Louisville staff and residents	Treasured Blessings Ministry.	Aultman Hospital Newborns and those at end of life.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Community Cupboard & those it helps locally.			
Week 3	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			
	Candy makers at Mt. Tabor	Choir/Office staff and families	Bell Choir	Organist/Choir Director	SPR	Trustees	Council Members			
Week 4	21	22	23	24	25	26	27			
	Nursery Workers	Youth and children	Members on the prayer list	Virtual Bible Studies	Ushers	Finance Committee	East Canton Schools			
Week 5	28	29	30	31	1 April 2021	2 April 2021	3 April 2021			
	Worship	Treasurer	VBS Committee	Prayer Chain group	Quilting Group	Fundraiser committee and workers	Maintenance			

Bearing Fruit That Lasts: Called, Committed, Connected

The 2021 Spring District Meeting & Leadership Training will be held on March 20 at 10:00 a.m. at Salem UMC and at 3:00 p.m. at Grace (Uhrichsville) UMC. We are holding the conference in two different locations to allow for more attendees to attend in person, but still follow social distancing protocols. We do have registration limits on in-person attendees. We will also be live streaming each session via Zoom.

**** EVERYONE MUST REGISTER FOR THE OPTION THEY PLAN TO ATTEND. ****

Here is the registration link via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-tuscarawas-district-spring-conference-leadership-training-tickets-138364886099>

If you register for the live streaming & wish to receive a printed booklet, please contact the district office after registering.

Who should attend Spring District Conference? In the conference Journal, it reads:

¶9 DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

A. District Conference. There shall be a district conference in each district to be presided by the district superintendent. Membership of the district conference shall consist of the following persons from the local churches of the district: the lay leader, chairpersons of Councils on Ministries, Administrative Boards, and Administrative Councils, presidents of the United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Young Adults, and United Methodist Youth Fellowship, lay members of the annual conference, ministerial members of the annual conference, part-time local pastors, student local pastors, deaconesses, home missionaries, diaconal ministers, church and community workers assigned by the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries to work in the district and members of conference boards and agencies affiliated with churches within the district and the following persons from the district leadership: district designated officers including the secretary and treasurer, lay leader and associate lay leaders, chairpersons of all district councils and standing committees, presidents of district United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Young Adult, United Methodist Youth or youth representative, district members-at-large of annual conference.



You may remember that I opened the January Money Matters with the verse: "Be glad for all God is planning for you. Be patient in trouble, and prayerful always." (Romans 12:12, The Living Bible). To put it mildly, January was not a good month in many ways. For various reasons, the offerings declined.

There was a carryover from 2020 which is helping for now. As was highlighted last month, there are a number of ways available to give (in addition to in person). They are: online at Mt. Tabor's website, mail, and your bank (i.e. bill pay). Please consider these options and thanks for your continued, prayerful support. Blessings.

Charlotte Schweitzer, Treasurer

WEEK #	2020	2021	Change	Budget
1	3,121.00	1,531.00	(1,590.00)	3,406.62
2	2,735.00	2,287.00	(448.00)	3,406.62
3	1,826.00	3,395.00	1,569.00	3,406.62
4	3,175.00	1,431.00	(1,744.00)	3,406.62
5	2,995.00	1,766.00	(1,229.00)	3,406.62
6	2,117.00	3,085.00	968.00	3,406.62
7	2,596.00	1,646.00	(950.00)	3,406.62
QTD	18,565.00	15,141.00	(3,424.00)	23,846.34

Average Weekly: thru January (5 weeks)				
	2018	2019	2020	2021
Budget	3,403.85	3,520.44	3,578.92	3,406.62
Actual	2,944.40	2,542.40	2,770.40	2,082.00
Short	(459.45)	(978.04)	(808.52)	(1,324.62)
% of Budget	86.50%	72.22%	77.41%	61.12%



Percent change from prior year			
	'18 to '19	'19 to '20	'20 to '21
Budget	3.43%	1.66%	-4.81%
Actual	-13.65%	8.97%	-24.85%
Net change:	-17.08% negative	7.31% positive	-20.04% negative



MARCH 2021 Spiritual Growth Virtual Bible Study for all ages
GOD'S INTERVENTION FOR HIS CHURCH and HIS PEOPLE ---
Healing for the Wounded Heart

Several pastoral mentors guided me through some difficult circumstances in my life. This Bible study is the guide they had me follow.

We are aware of the past year's events and how the world has become more divided. God's doors never close; He is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

There are the several Virtual Bible studies on Mt. Tabor UMC website, <http://mttaborumc.com/virtual-biblespiritual-growth-care-exercise>.

"Make every effort to preserve the unity the Spirit has already created, with peace binding you together." (Ephesians 4:3)
 Hugs of love from *Norma Boughman*



The family of Vicki Small would like to express their gratitude for all your cards and prayers since her passing from cancer. It was really appreciated.

Roger & Liz Stertzbach

March 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bible Study 1pm	2 <i>David Kuceyeski</i> <i>Caleb Talkington</i>	3 Quilters 10am	4	5 Prayer Shawl 10am	6 UMM Break fast 7:30am <i>Christopher Kandel</i>
7 Worship 10:30am NO Youth Meeting <i>Micah Kullman</i> <i>Sharon Nennig</i>	8 Bible Study 1pm	9 TOPS 5:30pm	10 Quilters 10am <i>Todd Dorosky</i>	11 <i>Lucas Ackerman III</i> <i>Robert Vincent</i> <i>Graceyn Wheeler</i>	12 <i>Richard Little</i> <i>Susan Watson</i>	13
14 Worship 10:30am Youth 6-8pm 	15 Bible Study 1pm <i>Don Ackerman</i> <i>Cole Duskey</i>	16 TOPS 5:30pm Council Meeting 6pm	17 Quilters 10am  <i>Randy St Clair</i>	18 <i>Andrew Brace</i> <i>Deb Bayer-Bredon</i> <i>Brian Nestor</i>	19	20  <i>Anna Stanford</i>
21 Worship 10:30am Youth Road Rally Scavenger Hunt	22 Bible Study 1pm <i>Morgan Williams</i>	23 TOPS 5:30pm	24 Quilters 10am <i>Charles Meyers</i>	25	26 <i>Randy Selby</i> <i>Elizabeth Spaulding</i>	27
28 Palm Sunday Worship 10:30am Youth Movie Night <i>Keely Wagner</i>	29 <i>Denise Wright</i>	30 TOPS 5:30pm <i>Dean Varian</i> <i>Annette Williams</i>	31 Quilters 10am <i>Hannah Griffin</i>		March: 10th <i>Paul & Diana Heaston</i> 17th <i>William & Lynn Rainsberger</i> 20th <i>Ray & Vicki Butler</i> 28th <i>Reed & Nancy Varian</i>	

Prayer Concerns Members, Family & Friends

Members

Reggie McGee
Bobby McGee
Logan McGee
Colleen Tataru
Jack Nichols
Pam Rohrer
Loretta Proffitt
Paul Heaston
Ann Rogler
Ira & Mary Nestor
Jerry Butcher
Joretta Butcher
Jay Fisher
Randy Selby, Sr.
Audree Selby
Owen Mickley
Oranna Loy
Edna Coy
Diane Krivos
Harry Clayton
Earl Vincent
Carol Vincent
Carrie Little
Rich Little
Sarah Morrison
Doris Greaves
Dave Williams
Annette Williams
Deb Bayer-Bredon
James Patterson
MaryAnn Zimmerman
Norris Stringer
Sharon Ackerman

Family & Friends

Skylar Myers - Denny & Sue Myers
Gwen Waldorf - Denny & Sue Myers
Family of Erica Brown - Denny & Sue Myers
Chris - Linda Britton
Lisa Tolley - Betty Bayer
Mia Grace & Kevin Thompson - Linda Britton
Don & Elaine Diehl - Wes & Pam Rohrer
Tim Kiger - Wes & Pam Rohrer
Sarah Malone - Wes & Pam Rohrer
Renee Dorosky - Wes & Pam Rohrer
Shelly Wheeler - 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
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
Gene Myers - Louise Myers
Sue Givens - Paraguay Missionary
Mary Richards - Diana Spaulding
Fran Harter - Diana Spaulding
Ronnie & Mary Jane Sterrett - Diana Spaulding

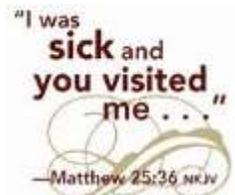
Anne Reid - Kathy Hopkins & Susie Watson
Eli Eaton - Jillian Corbi
Christine Giovannelli - Annette Williams
Stephen Giovannelli - Annette Williams
Andrea Giovannelli - Annette Williams
Ryan, Jordan & Wren Ott - Jillian Corbi
Cassie Dulaney - Jackie Botean
Bill Hallas, Carl Thoman - Lynn Rainsberger
Diana Cloud - Lynn Rainsberger
Sue Blevins - Tara Selby
Debbie & Mark Bowman - Sharon Erickson
Jamie Crowe - Deb Bayer Bredon
Ashley Hornick Walters - Dana Kullman
Jeff Adams - Ida Zimmerman
Anna Dye
Cheryl Krider - Marla Stringer
Rob Vincent - Earl Vincent
Brian Mitchell - Oranna Loy
Jayna Lennington - Oranna Loy
Brian Krivos
Ginger Dougan - Mark Kandel
Sue (Hewett) Henderson - Karin Hartleben
Margaret Newton
Matthew Brown - Tim & Julie Brown
MaryAnn Zimmerman
Trey Carle - Shandra Castle
David Tallman—Oranna Loy
Eric Loy
Baby Isaiah - Marla Stringer

We have tried to include all prayer requests that have come in during the recent weeks. We apologize if we missed anyone. If you would like to add (or remove) a name, please call the office at 330-488-1842.



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Those in our Armed Forces



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Change Service Requested

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



SUNDAY WORSHIP:

10:30 am

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April Article Deadline
is [March 20th!](#)