

“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 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

“We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father.” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 CEB)

Annual Conference is over, and by the time you receive this letter we will have begun the next appointment year. Both of these things are bittersweet and both will be bringing change to our church.

Annual Conference was much anticipated as churches waited to see the impact of the disaffiliation process. Thursday, just before lunch, that vote was held. There were many tears shed by people on both sides of the aisle. Grief was felt while mingled together with hope. The vote passed to allow the churches, which had completed the process, to leave. While we pray for every church, it is our hope that all the churches will continue to live into the vision and calling that God has placed on each congregation. **May we all continue to be Christ's ambassadors in this world.**

As a result of this, we now have many United Methodists on a pilgrimage to find their new place of worship, their new place to meet God. Mt. Tabor has agreed to serve as a Lighthouse Church in the East Ohio Conference. This means that we have committed to being a place of safety and healing. A place where people can come and know they will be welcomed and loved. While some of these people may only worship with us a few Sundays, we welcome them. Others may choose to journey with us for months or years, but no matter the length of time, we want to be a space of healing for them.

We are committed to sharing our church, and helping it to be their church as well. We know that this will cause us to change and grow. They may sit in the pews **we have grown fond of, or they wish to sing songs we aren't familiar with. It won't hurt us to try a new seat, or sing a new song.** They will also be bringing new ideas, different ways of doing things, and a fresh perspective that we can benefit from. The new things may become new favorites, or they may be the thing we have been missing all along.

For any of this to succeed, we need to have open minds and open hearts to the people God will be bringing to us. We need to have a teachable spirit and a **willingness to try new things. I have always told my children that they aren't allowed to refuse new foods if they've never tried them before. One bite is required** before opinions can be formed.

So, join me in the next chapter of our adventure. Try the new things, love the brokenhearted, and embrace the calling and vision that God has placed on our church. May we transform the world around us by our love.

Your partner on the journey,
Pastor Christy

Ministries



Ten Mt. Tabor Church men met in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 3rd, at 7:30 AM, except for the cooks who came in earlier. A hearty breakfast and good fellowship was enjoyed. The next breakfast meeting is scheduled for August 5. All men in the church are welcome to attend.

Dean Varian



The Bible Study series begins on July 13th at 1pm and runs through August 31st at the home of Kathy Hopkins. Discover what it means to belong to and be blessed by God. We will go deeply into the Sermon on the Mount and what it tells us about God's character, power and promises for those who follow Jesus. God's favor is upon us. This is not a closed group, please join us.

Kathy Hopkins



Book Club in July will be discussing the book "Destiny of the Republic" by Candice Millard. We will meet on Tuesday, July 18th.

Looking ahead, Book Club will meet on August 15th to review the book "The Book of Lost Names" by Kristen Harmel.

*All meetings will be held at 10:30am at the home of Sue Myers. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Come and enjoy a great discussion and wonderful fellowship

Sue Myers



We would like to thank our church family and everyone who offered prayers and concerns for our safe return and recovery from our trip. It means so much to know that we had so many people praying for us!

Denny & Sue Myers



United Women in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

July 4th Independence Day

August 19th International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples

Your Gifts at Work:

The West Side Community House in Cleveland

United Community Centers of Ft. Worth, Texas

Wesley Community Center in Phoenix, Arizona

What an experience we had at the West Side Community House in Cleveland in June. We have been supporting this mission for over 100 years and it was wonderful to see what they do first hand. Thank you for the Bingo prizes. They are a lively group and will put them to good use. If you did not join us, you missed something.

July 25th will take us to the Hartville Migrant Ministry for a tour of what they provide the families of the seasonal workers who pick the food that we eat. Lunch will follow in the area. We will carpool from the church at 10:30am.

August will be the Teachers Luncheon at the school on the their in service day before school begins.

We have work to do right here in our area. Supporting women, children and youth is what we do. Please come and see what we do.

Kathy Hopkins



There will NOT be a board meeting in July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 1st at 6pm.

The August meeting has been rescheduled for August 29th at 6pm.





Greetings. Offerings through June 11th are slightly ahead of 2022's for the same number of Sundays. There have been some large seasonal expenditures in addition to normal costs. Please "Keep doing good works and sharing your resources, for these are sacrifices that please God." Hebrews 13:16 The Jerusalem Bible

The first graphic below covers just the General Fund. The other graphics include Capital Improvement and Benevolence offerings.

Blessings,
Charlotte Schweitzer, Treasurer

General Fund Receipts vs Expenses				
Period	Offerings	Other Receipts	Expenses	Net
2022	127,561.52	4,771.50	-143,911.16	-11,578.14
General Fund balance 1/1/2022				12,888.61
Poinsettias – not paid by 12/31/22				300.60
General Fund balance 12/31/22				1,611.07
January 2023	11,476.00	432.50	-12,440.05	-531.55
February	8,817.00	151.00	-12,529.62	-3,561.62
March	8,849.01	283.00	-11,539.77	-2,407.76
April	12,050.00	344.00	-11,163.44	1,230.56
May	10,325.00	288.00	-11,400.77	-787.77
Poinsettia fundraiser cost paid January 2023				-300.60
Payroll taxes withheld, not yet remitted				479.12
General Fund deficit 5/31/23				-4,268.55

Offerings – Church Budget line on offering envelope
Other Receipts – designated offerings such as Blessings Cupboard,
Backpack program, etc. Includes receipts other than offerings .

Average Weekly: thru May (22 weeks)				
	2020	2021	2022	2023
Budget*	3,578.92	3,406.62	3,355.75	2,573.58
Actual	2,803.39	2,679.91	2,519.76	2,509.23
Short	(775.53)	(726.71)	(835.99)	(64.35)
% of Budget	78.33%	78.67%	75.09%	97.50%



Percent change from prior year			
	'20 to '21	'21 to '22	'22 to '23
Budget	-4.81%	-1.49%	-23.31%
Actual	-4.40%	-5.98%	-0.42%
Net change:	0.41% positive	-4.49% negative	22.89% positive

WEEK #	2022	2023	Change	Budget
QTR 1	31,561.00	31,598.01	37.01	33,456.60
14	3,481.00	2,931.00	(550.00)	2,573.58
15	3,475.00	4,312.00	837.00	2,573.58
16	2,923.00	1,922.00	(1,001.00)	2,573.58
17	1,618.74	1,936.00	317.26	2,573.58
18	3,484.00	1,684.00	(1,800.00)	2,573.58
19	2,873.00	4,204.00	1,331.00	2,573.58
20	2,075.00	1,773.00	(302.00)	2,573.58
21	1,814.00	3,623.00	1,809.00	2,573.58
22	2,130.00	1,220.00	(910.00)	2,573.58
23	7,316.10	8,329.00	1,012.90	2,573.58
24	2,701.00	2,425.00	(276.00)	2,573.58
Y-T-D	65,451.84	65,957.01	505.17	61,765.98

Reminder: the 2023 budget is based on expected offerings. Prior years' budgets were based on expected expenditures.

Reminder - The Ohio sales tax holiday this year will take place August 4th, 5th, and 6th. For more information navigate online to <https://tax.ohio.gov/help-center/faqs/sales-and-use-tax-sales-tax-holiday/sales%20and-use-tax-sales-tax-holiday>.



Burger and a Bible

Well, by now we all know what Burger and a Bible is. Many of you have attended at least one or more of them and had a great time. During the summer I want to remind you to bring your friends to the next one. It's a great way for them to meet members of our church in a casual environment.

We will be gathering on July 19th and August 16th at the Winking Lizard on Fulton Road. We meet at 6:30 pm and enjoy dinner and discussion together. Can't wait to see you!



July 30th will be our next Hymn Sing. There will be a covered dish lunch afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. Question and answer time with the Board will follow.

A basket will be available in the Sonshine Center for you to put in requests for your favorites!



Copeland Oaks Cruise-in. "Join Us Around the Lake" Sunday July 30th 1-4pm. Big car show with lots of antique cars, including Brad Henderson's 1932 Ford. Free food, music and fun. 50/50 Drawing & Basket Raffles. There is a \$5.00 registration fee for all classic vehicles. Proceeds to benefit a local charity.

Join us at 800 South 15th Street, Sebring, OH 44672. 330-938-6126 | CopelandOaks.com

(It will be easier to park at Evelyn Hewett's villa - 1839 on Dow Street.)



We are starting a fund-raising drive to purchase an AED (defibrillator) for our church. This item is used by non-medical persons until trained EMT paramedics can reach the patient. The devices are simple to use and don't require training to use as they walk you step by step through the process of CPR and use of the machine.

It is estimated that the cost will be in the area of \$2,000 or less.

Legislation is pending on making these devices mandatory in all schools, athletic teams and other public areas.

If you are interested in making a donation for this life saving device, please mark AED on your donation. Thanks in advance for your participation.



The Methodists Men's Group has the white yard crosses available. Several years ago, many of you purchased these thru a local church and placed them in yards, flower gardens and grave sites.

Thanks to Brad Boughman and Warren Kandel, we now have them available at Mt. Tabor, for a love offering. If you are interested contact Warren Kandel or Denny Myers.



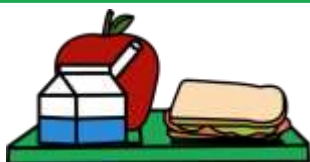
The youth group is taking a break for the summer but we will be back in September! Watch for our schedule in the next Chimes!



Before we know it, summer is going to be wrapping up. But before that happens, join us for our annual Dessert Contest! Bring your best pies, cakes, cookies, and sweet treats to church on **August 13th. After worship we will all gather to sample the goodies and to vote for this year's** winner of the Golden Spatula Award! The competition is tough, so bring your best dessert as we celebrate the sweetness of being together.



Our students will be returning to school on August 22nd, but before they do, we want to pray for them. All students, elementary through college are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 20th for the Blessing of the Backpacks.



In Matthew 15, we read a story of a second time that Jesus fed a large group of people. In verse 37, after Jesus has fed everyone, the disciples collected all the leftovers and found they had seven baskets full of bread. Based on this passage of scripture, we are excited to announce the launching of our new lunch program for students, Seven Basketfuls.

We realize that inflation is making things a challenge for many families in our community and we want to help out. Beginning August 27th, students may come to fellowship hall on Sundays after worship. There we will help them with picking out foods for their lunches that they can pack and bring to school with them. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, we are in need of volunteers to help the children make selections, drivers to pick up the food weekly, and someone to handle the ordering process. Please let Pastor Christy know you are interested in serving as soon as possible.



With the increase in mission and ministry happening, we are in need of a few faithful volunteers to help serve. There is no specific time commitment, serve as long as you are enjoying it, and take a break when you need it. Here are some of the ways you can help:

Congregational Care Team Member: Help us share the love with our members worshipping from home. Send cards, make phone calls, or visit those who **aren't able to attend worship in person. Once a month help deliver communion to**

those at home.



Food Ministry Team: **With the launching of "Seven Basketfuls" we are in need of volunteers to help with** the program. Additionally, we need volunteers to help maintain our existing Blessing Cupboard in the parking lot. If you are passionate about making sure people are fed, this may be the team for you.

Christian Education Team: We are looking for a volunteer to help organize our efforts with Christian Education. Ordering resources, providing organization, and supporting the efforts of our current bible studies and Sunday School are the focus of this role. This role does not need to lead any classes, but will help communicate available classes to the congregation.

Children's Sunday School or Nursery Volunteers: We have been blessed with some amazing kids here in our congregation. As we continue to grow, we are looking to add a few volunteers to our teaching rotation. If you are interested in serving, please let us know.

For all these teams, if you are interested in helping, please call the office, or let Pastor Christy *know*.



July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	July 03 Randy & Peggy Selby 05 Roger & Launda Slack 06 Tim & Amy Monteith 10 Jeff & Dana Cook		11 Randy Jr. & Nancy Branch 11 Jeff & Dana Kullman 26 Clark Jr. & Linda Kandel 27 Ron & Teresa Lyon			1 UMIM Breakfast 7:30am Hannah Butler Clark Kandel
2 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Joseph Bird	3 Lynn Rainsberger	4  Office Closed	5 Quilters 10am Janice Swan	6 Lynne Vincent	7 Prayer Shawl 10am	8 FH Reserved RR Club Tanya Martz
9 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Ira Nestor Candy Reinhart	10 TOPS 1-6 pm Installation of Officers	11 TOPS 5:30pm Home of Sue Myers TOPS 5:30pm Heather Nestor	12 Quilters 10am Keith Erickson	13 Bible Study 1pm at the Home of Kathy Hopkins Elizabeth Sternberg	14 David Zimmermann	15
16 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Stephen Botean Brandon Erickson	17	18 Book Club 10:30am Home of Sue Myers TOPS 5:30pm Heather Nestor	19 Quilters 10am Burger & Bible Night 6:30pm	20 Bible Study 1pm at the Home of Kathy Hopkins Doris Botean	21	22 Carol Smith
23 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am	24 Phillip Stoffer	25 TOPS 5:30pm UMW to Hartville Migrant Ministry Carpool from church at 10:30am	26 Quilters 10am Jane Patterson Amanda Vincent	27 Bible Study 1pm at the Home of Kathy Hopkins Vicki Thewes	28 Gwen Bushey Sue Myers	29
30 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Hymn Sing Covered Dish lunch to follow	31					



August 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 6 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am <i>Carrie Little</i>		1 TOPS 5:30pm Council Meeting 6pm	2 Quilters 10am <i>Todd Brace</i>	3 Bible Study 1pm at the home of Kathy Hopkins	4 Prayer Shawl 10am	5 UMM Break fast 7:30am <i>Earl Vincent Jenelle Vincent</i>
6 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am <i>Carrie Little</i>	7 <i>James Patterson</i>	8 TOPS 5:30pm Worship Meeting 6:30pm <i>Tim Brown</i>	9 Quilters 10am Lighthouse Team Meeting 6:30pm <i>Grace Spaulding</i>	10 Bible Study 1pm at the home of Kathy Hopkins	11 <i>Megan Dorosky Stacy Duskey Evelynn Hewett</i>	12 FH Reserved RR Club
13 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Dessert Contest <i>Oranna Loy</i>	14	15 TOPS 5:30pm Book Club 10:30am Home of Sue Myers <i>Ruth Varian</i>	16 Quilters 10am Burger & Bible Night Winking Lizard 6:30pm	17 Bible Study 1pm at the home of Kathy Hopkins <i>Gary Thewes</i>	18	19
20 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Blessing of the Backpacks <i>Larry Hrometz</i>	21 Teacher's Luncheon <i>Carol Hennessey</i>	22 TOPS 5:30pm	23 Quilters 10am No UWF Meeting For August	24 Bible Study 1pm at the home of Kathy Hopkins	25 <i>Jeffrey Proffitt</i>	26
27 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Lunch Program Begins <i>Max Huston</i>	28 <i>Leo Lemington</i>	29 TOPS 5:30pm Council Meeting 6pm <i>Marilyn Reed</i>	30 Quilters 10am	31 Bible Study 1pm at the home of Kathy Hopkins <i>Davonne Bird Joshua Bird Ray Butler</i>	<div>  <p>August</p> <p>01 Charles & Chelsea Myers 15 Doug & Susan Huston 17 Bobby & Samantha Small 18 Erik & Amanda Marshall 19 James & Jane Patterson 24 Randy, Jr. & Sarah Selby 25 Jody & Brian Nestor</p> <p><i>Happy Anniversary</i></p> </div>	

Prayer Concerns

Members, Family & Friends

Members

Reggie McGee
Pam Rohrer
Ann Rogler
Ira & Mary Nestor
Jerry Butcher
Jay Fisher
Randy Selby Jr.
Owen Mickley
Oranna Loy
Earl Vincent
Carol Vincent
Carrie Little
Rich Little
Sarah Morrison
Jay Stahler
Doris Greaves
Sharon Erickson
Norma Boughman

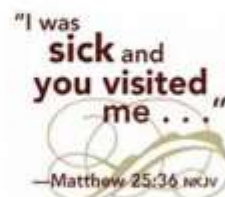
Family & Friends

Skylar Myers - Denny & Sue Myers
Robin Whalen - Denny & Sue Myers
Debbie Ryan - Linda Britton
Michelle Bell - Linda Britton
Lisa Tolley - Betty Bayer
Brenda Bayer - Betty Bayer
Nancy Griffith - Betty Bayer
Frank & Judy Perreault - Wes & Pam Rohrer
Elaine Diehl - Wes & Pam Rohrer
Patricia Tapp - Wes & Pam Rohrer
Cindy Ward - Wes & Pam Rohrer
Matt Dieffenbacher - Wes & Pam Rohrer
Shelly Wheeler - Diane Krivos
Katie Gobeli - Diane Krivos
Diane Campbell - Diane Krivos
Kathy Gobeli - Diane Krivos
Stella Mackie - Jill Wagner
Barb Kennedy - Jill Wagner
Victoria Vaught - Jill Wagner
Velma Schweitzer - Charlotte Schweitzer
Casey Langley - Bonnie Duskey
Renee Poulelis - Bonnie Duskey
Bill & Lisa Leach - Marla Stringer
Ethelind Schwartz - Marla Stringer
Jim Peters - Marla Stringer
Anne Reid - Kathy Hopkins & Susie Watson
Ryan, Jordan & Wren Ott - Jillian Corbi
Eli Eaton - Jillian Corbi
Ashley Hornick Walters - Dana Kullman
Cynthia Kullman - Dana Kullman
Rob Vincent - Earl Vincent
Eric Loy - Oranna Loy
Brian Mitchell - Oranna Loy
Joe - Oranna Loy
Ronnie Hodge - Sharon Erickson
Calvin Wright - Warren & Barb Kandel
Max Huston - Susan Huston
Keith Harris - Diana Spaulding
Carol Kennedy - Diana Spaulding
Kylie Hess - Maryann Zimmerman
Barb O'Malley - Diana Spaulding
Shearl Brown - Julie Brown
Brian Clayton - Fran & Harry Clayton
Dave and Annette Williams - Deb Bayer-Bredon
Judy Goebeler - Kathy Hopkins
Barb Garrett - Vicki Thewes and Julie Brown
Rhonda Pfalzgraf
Thom France
Elizabeth Kandel

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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Birthdays: Ira July 9th
Mary April 23rd



Those in our Armed Forces



Caleb Talkington - Army Reserve
Owen Herman - National Guard
Daniel John - Panama City, FL.
Gage Robinson - Nellis AFB Las Vegas NV



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Change Service Requested

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



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30am

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30am

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The Deadline for
September/October Articles
is August 15th