

"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

"When I said, 'My foot is slipping,' your unfailing love, Lord, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy." (Psalm 94:18-19 NIV)

It is in our nature to make plans, to formula paths we want to take, to set expectations. And while plans and expectations are great for giving us direction, we are called to follow after God and His will for us. Achieving our own goals and **plans can bring us joy, but it's often temporary and can lull us into a false sense of control and success.** When things begin to not go the way we want them to, when life throws us curveballs and set-backs, how do we handle that? When we can no longer define our worth by our accomplishments and material milestones, we can begin to feel lost, anxious, and like we are failing.

It is in these moments that we need to cry out to God and know that He hears us. These are the moments that we are reminded that God is God and we are not. **Just as Psalm 94 says, 'my foot is slipping', there are going to be days that we feel the same way.** Days where life may feel like it is spinning out of control and we are merely along for the ride. It is then that we need to remember to cry out to God and know that he will calm our anxiety and our fears.

On our journey it can be hard to feel God's presence at times, but there's hope beloved. We have been blessed with an amazing community in our church. People that pray for one another, encourage one another, and help to sustain one another. I have watched as you have so lovingly cared for each other, sent cards, made meals, and have been the hands and feet of Christ to fellow members. I have also had the joy of watching as God has brought new people into our midst, and you have met them with open arms and loving hearts. Thank you, God, for that joy!

Over the past few years, we have had curveballs thrown at us, challenges to overcome, and adversity to face. It has been so good to watch as each of you have been growing in your faith and growing in your willingness to love the world around us. I am encouraged with each new ministry we launch and each new person that joins a Bible study to grow. And above all else, I am so very thankful for the willing spirits and adaptable hearts that continue to try new things, and step out in faith.

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



Nine Mt. Tabor men met for breakfast on Saturday, Aug 5. Once again Randy Branch did a bang-up job as chief cook and bottler. New business included the decision to donate the cost of the main course (meat) for the next "5th Sunday" after-church covered dish dinner and to make a donation toward the purchase of food for the Blessings Box. The next two meetings and breakfasts are September 2 and October 7, each commencing at 7:30am.

All men in the church are welcome.

Dean Varian



The Lord's Prayer will be the Bible Study beginning Monday, October 9 at 12:30pm at the church and running through November 13th. This study will be making you think about the Lord's Prayer in ways you haven't done before. We will take the monotony out of reciting the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray. You will want to slow down to hear each word and think about the meaning Jesus intended instead of rushing through the prayer. Join us for the study of this very important prayer. All are welcome.

Kathy Hopkins



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

September 4th Labor Day

October Domestic Violence Awareness Month

September 7th International Day of Clean Air

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

September 15th- October 15th Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month

October 1st World Communion Sunday

September 21st International Day of Peace

October 11th International Day of the Girl

Our Funds Support:

Northeast Community Center in Cleveland, Ohio

University United Methodist Church, Irvine, California

Hartville Migrant Ministries in Hartville, Ohio

Hope Secondary School, Israel/Palestine

Ohio Diaper Bank

Slovakia in Mission Together, Slovakia - to name a few.

Thanks to Sue Myers, Jane Patterson and Pastor Christy for providing snacks to the Osnaburg teachers on their in service day prior to school beginning. Teachers and employees seemed very appreciative. This is a nice connection with the school in building relationships.

September 27th the group will travel to the West Side Community House in Cleveland to tour their facility. Carpool will leave from the church at 9:30am for arrival in Cleveland by 11:00 am. Lunch will follow prior to leaving Cleveland. The West Side Community House has been supported by United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith for more than 100 years and was a former Deaconess home.

Candy making will begin on Monday, October 9th. Candy makers 9am; wrappers 10am. Get your candy making skills sharpened up and ready as we look forward to another successful candy season. We need all of you!

In October we will return to Fellowship Hall on October 25th at noon for a light snack, business meeting and program on Women of the Bible.

God bless all,

Kathy Hopkins



United Women in Faith will have their Fall District meeting on October 7th at Crossroads (Harmont location) United Methodist Church. Our speaker will be from the Ohio Diaper Bank. Reservations are due into Ruth Varian by Sunday, September 24th. The program starts at 10am; registration is at 9:30am. Carpool from the church will depart at 9:15am. Please join us for this important meeting of our district. **Thank you congregation for the diaper donations. You have responded for "the least of these."** We are grateful!

Ministries



It's time to get into shenanigans and adventures again!

Join us Sunday, September 17th at 6:00 pm in the youth room. We will brainstorm what adventures we want to have this year and plan our meeting schedule. Come with ideas, both big and little, even crazy ideas will be considered. We want to make this youth group what the students want it to be.



With the increase in mission and ministry happening, we are still 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, and 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.

Burger and a Bible

Well, by now we all know what Burger and a Bible is – Dinner and conversation with friends. **Don't forget, this is a great way to have your friends from work, school, and life, meet your friends from church. So, invite someone to dinner who you've been afraid to invite to church.** They will get to know more of us, and maybe, church won't seem so intimidating anymore.

We will be gathering on September 20th and October 18th at the Winking Lizard on Fulton Road. We meet at 6:30 pm to enjoy dinner and discussion together. **Can't wait to see you!**



Believe it or not, Mt. Tabor has 11 students attending college this year! We want to make sure they know we are thinking of them and praying for them. If you like to write notes of encouragement, contact the office to get the complete list of students and their mailing addresses.

If writing isn't your thing, then join us in November as we collect items to create care packages for the students during finals week. The kids loved the treats we delivered last year and many shared with their friends during study sessions. This is just a little way to remind them that they are always a part of the Mt. Tabor family.



All Saints Day is Sunday, November 5th. We are compiling the list for this year's All Saints Day memorial. If a loved one of yours has passed in the last 12 months, please contact the church office if you would like to have them recognized. We would appreciate a photo of each person to use during worship that day. Please have your photos to the office by Sunday, October 29th. Thank you.



October 29th will be our next Hymn Sing. There will be a covered dish lunch afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. A basket will be available in the Sonshine Center for you to put in requests for your favorites!



Money Matters by Charlotte Schweitzer, Treasurer

Greetings. The General Fund ended in the black overall thanks to the receipt of a \$5,000 grant. The designated General Fund balance at the end of July was \$4,782.84, leaving a deficit of (\$556.34) in undesignated General Fund.

Regarding the 3rd graphic, offerings through August 13th include those designated AED or defibrillator. 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

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
June	14,376.00	200.00	-12,294.61	2,281.39
July	11,078.00	5,339.00	-10,006.00	6,411.00
Poinsettia fundraiser cost paid January 2023				-300.60
Payroll taxes withheld, not yet remitted				281.78
General Fund balance 7/31/23				4,226.50

Offerings – Church Budget line on offering envelope

Other Receipts – designated offerings such as Blessings Cupboard, Backpack program, grant, etc. Includes receipts other than offerings.

Average Weekly: thru July (31 weeks)				
	2020	2021	2022	2023
Budget*	3,578.92	3,406.62	3,355.75	2,573.58
Actual	2,823.15	2,694.55	2,590.74	2,691.61
Short	(755.77)	(712.07)	(765.01)	118.03
% of Budget	78.88%	79.10%	77.20%	104.59%



Percent change from prior year			
	'20 to '21	'21 to '22	'22 to '23
Budget	-4.81%	-1.49%	-23.31%
Actual	-4.56%	-3.85%	3.89%
Net change:	0.25% positive	-2.36% negative	27.20% positive

WEEK #	2022	2023	Change	Budget
QTR 1	31,561.00	31,598.01	37.01	33,456.60
QTR 2	37,156.84	38,416.00	1,259.16	33,456.60
27	3,529.00	3,346.00	(183.00)	2,573.58
28	1,860.00	2,848.00	988.00	2,573.58
29	2,290.00	2,626.00	336.00	2,573.58
30	1,547.00	2,247.00	700.00	2,573.58
31	2,369.00	2,359.00	(10.00)	2,573.58
32	2,572.00	5,005.00	2,433.00	2,573.58
33	2,628.00	2,536.00	(92.00)	2,573.58
Y-T-D	85,512.84	90,981.01	5,468.17	84,928.26

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

Announcements & Upcoming Events



This year's winner of the Golden Spatula Award is Tanya Martz! Tanya's entry was Banana Split dessert. Thank you to all who participated. Every year you make it harder to choose a winner.



Calling all kids! This fall, beginning in October, we will begin rehearsals for the Christmas program. Parts will be assigned early to aid in learning lines. Hope to see you there!



Greetings all you MTUMC Turkeys! It never ceases to amaze me how the Fall schedule comes screaming around the corner this time of year, usually accompanied by the faint sound of turkey gobbling. **This year's annual Turkey Supper will be held on Saturday, November 11th.** It will be a carry out only affair again this year. I will be making calls to coordinators to confirm your assistance and attendance at a brief after church planning meeting on September 17. Mark your calendars!

We have around 15-20 new faces that have appeared in our ranks in recent weeks. Let's make sure we include them in all of our preparation and fellowship opportunities as we tackle this tradition for the 68th time! What a great way to make us one bigger church family.

Mark Kandel



The Methodist 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.



Choir practice will resume on September 7th - Bells at 6pm. Choir at 7pm. Cantata practice will begin October 5th at 7:30pm.

Jillian Corbi

Charge Conference

With the coming of fall also brings Charge Conference season. This is the time that the leadership of the church is voted on as well as ministry candidates, lay servants, and many other matters of business. Anyone that is a member of Mt. Tabor Church is welcome to attend this meeting and be included in the votes. This year the fall Charge Conference will be held at Crosspoint Church on October 28th at 5:00 pm. The address is 9687 Portage St. NW, Massillon, Ohio 44646.



Mt. Tabor Book Club will meet next on Monday, September 11th at 3:30 pm at the home of Sue Myers. The book to be discussed is entitled, "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolian.

Plan Ahead: The book chosen for October is entitled "Eat, Pray, Love Made Me Do It" by Elizabeth Gilbert and Madeline Martin.

*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



Once again, this congregation has risen to the occasion. Never in our wildest dreams did we think we would be this successful so quickly!

Your contributions to the AED drive were outstanding! Give yourselves a well-deserved pat on the back.

We will be scheduling training on the unit with the ushers and anyone else interested in the near future.

Again, thanks for the overwhelming response.

Denny Myers



Many, many thanks for all of the prayers, positive thoughts and cards during my recent procedures. It is truly a blessing to have so many people pulling for you. Thanks again to our church family.

Denny & Sue Myers







As most of you know, October is Pastor Appreciation month. This is when we take the opportunity to show our appreciation for Pastor Christy's service to Mt. Tabor. We have chosen October 22nd as Pastor Appreciation Day. Refreshments will be served in the Sonshine Center following worship.



September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 3 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am <i>Randy Branch</i> 10 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am	September: 07 Morgan & Doris Williams 07 Guy & Cathy Suffecool 4  Office Closed 11 Book Club 3:30pm - Home of Sue Myers <i>Addison Loy</i> <i>Corbin Nestor</i>	5 TOPS 5:30pm 12 TOPS 5:30pm 19 TOPS 5:30pm Board Meeting 6pm <i>Diane Krivos</i> <i>Jonathan Montieth</i> <i>Randy Selby, Jr.</i>	6 Quilters 10am <i>Diana Heaston</i> 13 Quilters 10am <i>Launda Slack</i> 20 Quilters 10am Burger and Bible 6:30pm <i>Rodney John</i>	7 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm <i>Samuel Selby, Jr</i> 14 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm 21 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm 28 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	1 Prayer Shawl 10am 8 <i>Cora Lennington</i> 15 <i>Julie Brown</i> 22 <i>Mara Mayle</i> 29 <i>Dana Kullman</i>	2 UMM Breakfast 7:30am 9 Railroad Club 4pm 16 <i>Karris Kandel</i> 23  <i>Heather Krivos</i> <i>Teresa Lyon</i> 30 



October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am	2 UMW Candy Makers 9am - Wrappers 10am Bible Study 12:30pm	3 TOPS 5:30pm Worship Team Meeting 6:30pm	4 Quilters 10am <i>Henry Ackerman</i>	5 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm <i>Teah Amstutz</i>	6 Prayer Shawl 10am	7 UMM Break fast 7:30am UWF Fall District Meeting Carpool 9:15am
8 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am	9 UMW Candy Makers 9am - Wrappers 10am Bible Study 12:30pm	10 TOPS 5:30pm	11 Quilters 10am <i>Ronald Lyon</i>	12 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm	13	14 RR Club
15 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am <i>James Wilcox</i>	16 UMW Candy Makers 9am - Wrappers 10am Bible Study 12:30pm	17 TOPS 5:30pm Council Meeting 6pm <i>Jordan Brace Jaron Lemington</i>	18 Quilters 10am Burger & Bible 6:30pm at Winking Lizard <i>Daniel John Graceyn Thompson</i>	19 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm <i>Linda Kandel</i>	20	21 <i>Ida Zimmerman</i>
22 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Pastor Appreciation Day <i>James Wilcox</i>	23 UMW Candy Makers 9am - Wrappers 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Book Club 3:30pm Home of Sue Myers <i>Kelsie Bredon Cheryl Sternberg</i>	24 TOPS 5:30pm	25 Quilters 10am UWF Noon <i>Arthur Branch Marla Stringer</i>	26 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm <i>Marian Carl</i>	27	28 Fall Charge Conference Crosspoint UMC 5pm
29 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Hymn Sing - Covered Dish after service <i>Jennifer Garman Anthony John</i>	30 Bible Study 12:30pm <i>Renee Dorosky Nancy Varian</i>	31 TOPS 5:30pm 			12 Earl & Carol Vincent 18 Rick & Carol Wheeler 23 David & MaryAnne Zimmerman 30 Jay & Jodi Fisher	

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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
November Articles
is October 15th