

# "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

***"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him **with joyful songs.**" (Psalm 100:1-2 NIV)***

First, I want to thank everyone for their cards, kindness, and generosity that has been shared during Pastor Appreciation month. I am so grateful for this amazing congregation that I have the blessing to serve. Leading is never an easy task, but **leading is impossible when there isn't unity and connection. I know that I have** made changes that upset the status quo, I know that I have asked you to try new things that made you uncomfortable, and I know that I have thrown many curveballs at you over the past three years. I hope by now you have seen that these challenges have been with the future of our church in mind.

It is so exciting to see all the life and new adventures that are going on throughout our church. We have been blessed with many new faces that have become important pieces of our puzzle. Our ministries are continuing to grow and thrive as we try new things, and we look to truly love people exactly where they are.

Because of all the new ministries, we have more moving parts to coordinate. This makes clear communication essential to avoid conflicts between activities and groups. All of us will need to be disciplined in communicating our schedules and facility needs.

Going forward, if you or your ministry are making plans that will take place within the church building, you must make sure that Sandy has you on the church calendar. This includes the spaces you plan to use, as well as the dates and times. Additionally, should you cancel or reschedule an activity, please update Sandy so that she can update the calendar and make people aware of the changes. We have plenty of room for everyone, but we need to prevent double-bookings whenever possible. We have many new ministries meeting, and we are using the building now more than ever.

Secondly, if you are in the building for unscheduled reasons, please make sure to let someone in the office know you are there. If it is after office hours, make sure anyone else in the building is made aware of your presence. This is for both personal safety and general courtesy. It is quite startling to run into someone in the building when you thought it was empty. (It has happened to me on more than one occasion.)

These are wonderful challenges to be facing, as they are signs of the new life that is being breathed back into this congregation. I am excited for all that is coming, and I am looking forward to celebrating the upcoming Thanksgiving and Advent seasons with you all!

Your partner on the journey,  
Pastor Christy

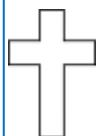
## Ministries



The men met on the first Saturdays in September and October. We had excellent breakfast both days. With **Randy on eggs and sausage, Norris' waffles, Allen on toast, and Warren's egg casserole**, plus OJ and high-impact coffee, the well-oiled machine was off and running. This was a good start for the day for all men who were participating.

Discussion centered around tentative plans to replace the sign in front of the church that was destroyed in a traffic accident. Also, the bulletin board at the east entrance is no longer in use and could be removed to let more light in on the stairs and entrance. The men will next meet on November 4th at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall. Come join us and get the day started off with vigor.

*Dave Kuceyeski*



**JUST A REMINDER:** Mt. Tabor Men's Group have crosses available in the narthex for a love offering.

*Denny Myers*



Our church will again be sharing God's love by filling Christmas gift bags. Please place cards, notes, small gifts, goodies, etc. in the gift bags located in the narthex for Jerry Butcher, Rich Little, Oranna Loy, Sarah Morrison, and Mary & Ira Nestor, Rod and Doris Greaves, and Lisa Tolley.

If you include goodies, be sure they are easy to chew. Please fill the gift bags before 10:30am Sunday, December 17th. There will be a sign-up sheet on a table in the narthex for those of you who would enjoy delivering the gift bags and poinsettias, which should be picked up after worship on Dec. 17th and delivered before Christmas.

THANK YOU FOR PASSING ON GOD'S LOVE AND JOY!

*Diana Spaulding*



This year we are hoping to spread Christmas cheer around our neighborhood. Join us on December 10th as we travel door-to-door singing familiar Christmas carols. **Don't worry how well you sing; it is a fun time together no matter how we sound.** We will meet at the **church at 6pm and carol until we can't carol anymore.** Volunteers will be needed to bake Christmas Cookies that we can pass out to the homes we visit while singing.



United  
Women  
in Faith

Thank you Mt. Tabor!

At the Fall District meeting held at Crossroads - Harmont, Mt. Tabor provided 948 diapers which was one third of the total number of diapers provided by the Tuscarawas District. In addition we made a donation of \$100 to the Ohio Diaper Bank. When the need is great, you always respond and we thank you!

Another big thank you goes out to all of the women who are making, wrapping, and selling candy this year. It wouldn't be possible to support our many mission projects if not for the women of the church. However you, the congregation, always support this fund raiser in such a big way. Remember, orders need to be turned into Joanne Varian no later than November 19th. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We know you remember the reason for the season and that Christmas is not YOUR birthday, however enjoy your time with family and friends. Attend the Cantata, help with Mt. Tabor's Table (it will make you give thanks) and help with our Adopt-A-Family. There are so many ways we can reach out to those in need. Do so with joy in your heart. It'll change your life. Make someone's Christmas merry!

*Kathy Hopkins*



The Lord's Prayer Bible study continues through November 13th. This has been a meaningful study and I believe those in attendance will take with them the discussion points each time they pray this important prayer.

**January will bring us back to "The Chosen" Season 3.** Dates will be announced in the next edition of the Chimes.



**Reminder!!**

**Don't forget to grab a copy of the calendar of upcoming events from the youth room!**

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

### Turkey Supper

What does it take to keep a 70 year tradition alive?

How can YOU help with this year's Turkey Supper? Here is a snapshot of the effort we have undertaken each year for nearly 70 years!:

You can buy and sell tickets to get us to 500 + people served.

You can cook and prepare turkey. We need (40) 20 pound turkeys in our hands on the morning of November 11.

You can bake a fruit pie. We need at least (30) to go with our (50) pumpkin pies.

You can help us make (16) pans of homemade stuffing, on Tuesday / Thursday / Friday mornings the week prior to our Saturday event. We cut, dry, and prep (90) loaves of bread. We need at least (10) of you to help with this.

You can work in our kitchen on the day, working as a runner, server, food prepper, gravy & potato maker, and cleaner upper. We need at least (20) of you to fill those roles.

You can pray for all of this work, that it might be pleasing to God.

For all you have done, are doing, will do, beloved, many thanks! **This year's TS Tithe will go to SAM – Serving Area Military Families in honor of Veterans Day.** Check them out at [www.servingareamilitary.org](http://www.servingareamilitary.org).

With love, from the biggest turkey,

MK



### 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 November 15th at the Winking Lizard on Fulton Road. We meet at 6:30pm to enjoy dinner and discussion together. Due to the Christmas holiday, we will not meet in December. Can't wait to see you!



Mt. Tabor Book Club will meet on November 13th at 3:30pm at the home of Sue Myers. The book to be discussed is entitled, "Librarian Spy" by Madeline Martin. Book Club will not meet in the month of December.

Club will resume on January 22nd, 2024 at 3:30pm. The book to be reviewed is "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver. Book Club is for anyone who likes a good book and a great discussion! Hope to see you there!

Sue Myers

### Adopt-a-Family



Christmas is Coming!!!!

Time to Adopt-a-Family!

This year Mt. Tabor is excited to be partnering once again with the Adopt-a-Family program for Christmas. Last year we stepped it up and adopted 2 families of teenagers. This year we are adopting a family with 6 children.

Watch for the tree to go up in November with tags for various family members that you will be able to choose. For those that attend worship virtually, you will be able to call the office and reserve your tags with Sandy. As always, you are welcome to make a donation and we can do the shopping for you. Please return all gifts (unwrapped) by the week of December 4th.

Pastor Christy



## Daylight Saving Time Ends November 5th! Be sure to set your clocks BACK one hour.

**YOU NEED TO CHANGE THE BATTERY IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR!**

"Change your clock, change your battery" is an easy way to remember.

This simple chore could and will save your life in the event of a fire.

Fires in the US have decreased from 2.27 million in 1986 to 1.35 million in 2021. There are still over 480,000 structure fires annually.

Every 23 seconds, a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation.

Research shows that 30 years ago, you had about 17 minutes to escape a house fire. Today it's down to three or four minutes. The reason: newer homes and the furniture inside them actually burn faster.

Please take a few minutes and replace the battery in your detector.

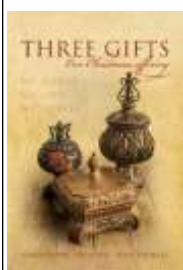
Better yet, replace your old smoke detector with a new one with a 10-year battery and don't worry about it next year!



All are invited to join us following worship on November 26th to help with the Hanging of the Greens. Lunch will be provided afterwards for those who stay.



This year Mt. Tabor has 11 students away at college and we would like to support them during their upcoming finals week. We will be assembling small care packages that will be delivered to them while they are busy studying for final exams. Please feel free to drop off small items to encourage them and keep them energized for the final stretch before they come home for Christmas. These items can be things like candy, gum, stickers, fun pens, whatever you think might bring a smile to their faces and remind them that they are loved. Watch for a basket labeled "College Care Packages" to appear for your donations. Please make all donations by November 26th.



### Christmas Eve Service

December 24th we will ring in the season with a hand bell concert at 6pm and our choral cantata at 7pm. This year's program is entitled "Three Gifts." Join us as we rejoice in the arrival of our long awaited Savior!

*Jillian Corbi*



### Calling all kids!

From now until Christmas, Sunday morning junior church time will be rehearsals for our upcoming program. Rehearsal will end at noon.

Join the fun! Our program will be Sunday, December 17th during worship.



### Mt. Tabor's Table

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped make Mt. Tabor's Table a success. In our first month, we have served 87 people!



A huge thank you to all of those that contributed so generously to the request for the Pastor Appreciation celebration.

It is always amazing that our congregation never passes up an opportunity to show our Pastor how much we care.



Hello.

The end of the year is coming up fast. If you wish to have the boxed offering envelopes, please let Sandy know before December. If you currently have boxed envelopes and do not want them next year, please also contact Sandy.

If you have given cash and put your name on the generic offering envelope from the pews, please give Sandy your address and make sure we have both your first and last name. We cannot issue contribution statements if we do not have this information.

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

Blessings,

*Charlotte Schwietzer*

### 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
August	9,339.00	352.25	-9,765.22	-73.97
September	9,826.00	938.30	-10,991.02	-226.72
Poinsettia fundraiser cost paid January 2023				-300.60
Payroll taxes withheld, not yet remitted				460.94
General Fund balance 9/30/23				4,104.97

Offerings – Church Budget line on offering envelope

Other Receipts – designated offerings such as Blessings Cupboard,

Mt. Tabor's Table, grant, etc. Includes receipts other than offerings.

Average Weekly: thru September (39 weeks)				
	2020	2021	2022	2023
Budget*	3,578.92	3,406.62	3,355.75	2,573.58
Actual	2,711.50	2,596.79	2,528.30	2,681.54
Short	(867.42)	(809.83)	(827.45)	107.96
% of Budget	75.76%	76.23%	75.34%	104.19%



Percent change from prior year			
	'20 to '21	'21 to '22	'22 to '23
Budget	-4.81%	-1.49%	-23.31%
Actual	-4.23%	-2.64%	6.06%
Net change:	0.58% positive	-1.15% negative	29.37% 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
QTR 3	29,886.00	34,566.00	4,680.00	33,456.60
40	3,498.00	5,281.00	1,783.00	2,573.58
41	3,642.59	1,957.00	(1,685.59)	2,573.58
42	2,667.50	3,103.00	435.50	2,573.58
Y-T-D	108,411.93	114,921.01	6,509.08	108,090.54

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



**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Made by the United Methodist Women. Please make checks payable to United Methodist Women**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

## **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  
Rod & Doris Greaves  
Annette Williams  
Ron & Janice Swan

#### **Family & Friends**

Skylar Myers - Denny & Sue Myers  
Robin Whalen - Denny & Sue Myers  
Kim - Sue Myers  
Debbie Ryan - Linda Britton  
Michelle Bell - Linda Britton  
Olivia - Linda Britton  
Family of Joe & Kathy Kostka - Linda Britton  
Lisa Tolley - Betty Bayer  
Brenda Bayer - Betty Bayer  
Nancy Griffith - Betty Bayer  
Elaine Diehl - Wes & Pam Rohrer  
Patricia Tapp - Wes & Pam Rohrer  
Cindy Ward - Wes & Pam Rohrer  
Shelly Wheeler - Diane Krivos  
Katie Gobeli - Diane Krivos  
Diane Campbell - Diane Krivos  
Kathy Gobeli - Diane Krivos  
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  
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  
Fox & Frankie Varian - Oranna Loy  
Calvin Wright - Warren & Barb Kandel  
Max Huston - Susan Huston  
Carol (Kennedy) Hall - Diana Spaulding  
Family of Karen Little - Diana Spaulding  
Kylie Hess - Maryann Zimmerman  
Shearl Brown - Julie Brown  
Barb Garrott - Vicki Thewes and Julie Brown  
Rhonda Pfalzgraf  
Family of George Darrah  
Keith Boughman - Brad & Norma Boughman  
Mike Szutkowski - Annette Williams  
Betsy Franklin - Allen & Sharon Nennig  
Henry Talkington - Marla Stringer  
Elaine Schengen  
Thom France  
Greg Peach  
Betty Greaves  
Gary Cline  
Unspoken Request

*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.*

### **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







# November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</b> <i>November</i> 15 Warren & Barb Kandel 15 Gary and Vicki Thewes 27 Paul and Sandy Nichols						
5 Worship 10:30am <b>All Saints Sunday</b>  Sharon Ackerman	6 Bible Study 1pm Candy	7 TOPS 5:30pm	8 Quilters 10am	9 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm Charlotte Schweitzer	10 Tara Holbrook Dale Roberts	11 Turkey Supper 3:30pm-6:30pm  Dana Cook
12 Worship 10:30am Melody Corbi Joey Thewes	13 Bible Study 1pm <b>Book Club 3:30pm</b> at the home of Sue Myers.	14 TOPS 5:30pm	15 Quilters 10am <b>Burger &amp; Bible Night</b> 6:30pm Victor Garman Sr. Kalina Lennington	16 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm Don Reinhart	17 Susan Huston	18
19 Worship 10:30am Jeremy Richards	20	21 TOPS 5:30pm <b>Council Meeting</b> 6:00pm	22 Quilters 10am Michael Martin	23 Office Closed 	24 Office Closed	25
26 Worship 10:30am <b>Hanging of the Greens</b> 	27	28 TOPS 5:30pm Ellen Brace Wesley Rohrer	29 Quilters 10am	30 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm	31	



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 04 Allen & Sharon Nennig 08 Richard & Carrie Little 17 Don & Sharon Ackerman			22 Ronald & Janice Swan 27 Dennis & Sue Myers		1 Prayer Shawl 10am Megan Varian Mary Ann Zimmerman	2 <b>UMM Break fast 7:30am</b> Diana Spaulding
3 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Jeff Adams Peggy Selby	4 Oliver Meyers	5 TOPS 5:30pm	6 Quilters 10am	7 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm Paul Nichols	8	9 <b>Railroad Club 4pm</b>
10 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Caroling 6pm Tim Monteith	11 Oliver Meyers	12 TOPS 5:30pm Micah Butler Tony Duskey Joshua Selby	13 Quilters 10am	14 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm	15 <b>CHIMES ARTICLES ARE DUE!</b>	16 Tom Loy
17 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Tim Erickson	18 Jody Adams Tara Davis Tony Humes Cory Reinhart Joyce Stevens	19 TOPS 5:30pm <b>Board Meeting 6pm</b> Roger Slack	20 Quilters 10am	21 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm Alex Brown	22 Justin Fisher Rick Wheeler	23 Denny Myers
24 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am <b>Cantata - Bells at 6pm; Cantata at 7pm</b>	25  Sandra Vincent	26 TOPS 5:30pm Chase Duskey	27 Quilters 10am Keegan McGee Rich Showalter Doris Williams	28	29 Jay Fisher Richard Garman	30
31 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Emily Suffecool						

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Change Service Requested

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



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30am

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 am

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