

# "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

*"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." – Luke 15:7 (NIV)*

During this season of Lent, as followers of Christ, we are called to repent of our sins. Repentance is not a term we use in every day conversations and often goes misunderstood. For many of us, we think of repentance like getting caught with **our hand in the cookie jar by our parent. We turn red, say we're sorry, and slink away.** But after they have left the room, we often sneak back to the jar to get ourselves the treat we were told not to eat. This is not repentance. In fact, often **we say we're sorry for taking the cookie when really, we're just sorry that we got caught.**

Repentance is different than hollow apologies and moments of embarrassment for getting caught. To repent means that we are genuinely sorry for our actions or behaviors and we are committed to changing. In some cases, this means completely turning the opposite direction and heading down a different path. In the cookie analogy, it would be like getting caught trying to eat a cookie, and then choosing to grab a healthy snack instead.

True repentance requires both a change of heart and a change of actions. Hollow words mean nothing to God, He cares more about our hearts, and what flows from them. In Luke 15:7, Jesus is teaching that Heaven will be more excited **about 1 person that truly repents, than 99 people that don't need to repent.** As much as I would like to think that I am in the 99, many days I am the 1 that needs to repent.

During our Lenten journey, I pray that you would see yourself as the 1, and that you would choose to allow your heart to turn back to God. Be bold and go for the big challenges! Instead of giving up something easy to fast from, go for the thing **that is consuming your time. Don't pick the simple sacrifice to make yourself feel better, but challenge yourself to grow during this season.**

The point of the season of Lent is to get our hearts right with God. To refocus our time and the relationship that we have with God. This is a time to take an inventory of ourselves, and find the things that we have allowed to take priority over our faith journey. Be brave and be honest with yourself, you might be amazed at what can happen!

*May we continue to be a light in this world -- Pastor Christy*

## Ministries



Nine (9) Methodist men met on January 6, at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall for a delicious breakfast and waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, and egg bake casserole. Food Insecurity was the impromptu topic of discussion.

**Mt. Tabor's Table food ministry is still going strong.** Several of the MM had helped on December 21 in the bagging of a 1000 pounds of potatoes donated by a local farmer.

On February 8 men and a young lad gathered for their monthly breakfast meeting. Discussion centered on local WWII veterans.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2. April-Easter plans will be determined at that time.

*Dean Varian*



### Mt. Tabor's Table

Thank you to all our volunteers and everyone who has donated money to fund

**Mt. Tabor's Table. Here are the numbers as of 2/15/24:**

- 73 Families Served
- 252 People total
- 20,197 pounds of food
- \$1,070.50 spent
- This ministry would not be possible without all of your support.
- If you are interested in volunteering, feel free to sign up with Kathy Hopkins, or just show up! Donations can be made in the offering plate, online, or by mail. Please note in your memo line "Mt. Tabor's Table".

*Pastor Christy*



United  
Women  
in Faith

The United Women of Faith are making and selling Baklava this Lenten season. The history of Baklava dates back centuries, some feel even to biblical time. The use of nuts and honey with the phyllo dough make a delicious dessert that is often served at Easter. This will be available for Easter for \$10.00 a pan. Orders will be taken by Deb Bayer-Bredon and Cheryl Sternberg.

March 27th meeting will be at 3:30pm in Fellowship Hall. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME. We will be filling the remaining orders of Baklava following a brief business meeting. February was the beginning of our culinary adventures. Deadline for orders is March 17th. Dinner on your own will follow.

April 22nd we will tour Compassion Delivered in Hartville. Compassion Delivered is a service available to those families who may have a family member nearing the end of life. Meals are delivered to the home at no charge. This non - profit is dependent totally upon donations. Please join us for this "road trip". Lunch on your own will follow at Hartville Pantry.

Let's pray for the same 5 people during Lent and see the difference it makes. It could be a family member, coworker, a person you don't know particularly well, you decide and really concentrate on this intentional prayer. The difference will be amazing.

God Bless you.

*Kathy Hopkins*



**We will once again be filling gift bags with God's love this Lenten season through Palm Sunday.** Please bring in cards, notes, candy, and small gift items to place in our gift bags for Jerry Butcher, Rich Little, Sarah Morrison, Mary & Ira Nestor, Jay Stahler, Janice Swan, and Ron Swan. (Swans will receive separate bags since they are in separate facilities.) We need several people to sign up to deliver a gift bag and a flower. Those who sign up should pick them up in the narthex Palm Sunday (March 24) and deliver them by Easter. The name and address of each recipient will be attached to their gift bag. Thank you for volunteering! If you have any questions, contact Diana Spaulding at (330)685-1846.



**Youth – Don't forget about the upcoming Feed Your Brain Dates:**

March 10th, April 7th, and May 5th.

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported our soup sale. You are ALL SOUPER!

Save the Date – June 7th and 8th, Youth Annual Conference at Kalahari Resorts. Reservations will be due in March, please see Pastor Christy.



## Announcements & Upcoming Events



March 24th – Palm Sunday – Easter Egg Hunt after worship for children from 0 to 5th grade.

March 29th – Good Friday service at 7:00pm

March 31st – Easter Sunday!

7:30 am Sunrise Service in the cemetery

8:00 am Easter Breakfast

9:30 am Sunday School Classes

10:30 am Easter Worship Service



Calling All Readers! You are invited to join us for Book Club, and enjoy some lively conversation, and great fellowship. The book to be discussed in March is entitled, "Cutting for Stone", by Abraham Verglese. We will meet on the 26th at 4:00pm. Hope to have you join us!

Plan Ahead: In April, we will review, "Horse", by Geraldine Brooks.

*Sue Myers*



Our Lenten Study "Doubt" by Adam Hamilton will conclude Monday, March 25th at 6pm.

Please watch the Sunday announcement sheet for the beginning of "The Chosen Season 3" Bible Study.

*Kathy Hopkins*



Daylight Saving Time will resume on March 10th, 2024.

Don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD 1hour and change the batteries in your smoke alarms!



Board Meetings are scheduled for March 19th and April 16th at 6pm.



### Burger and a Bible

By now we all know what Burger and a Bible is –

Dinner and conversation with friends. But have you invited a friend lately?



We will be gathering on March 20th and April 17th at 6:30 pm, at the Winking Lizard on Fulton Road. Can't wait to see you!



Some of you who read this newsletter will remember that Dean and Reed Varian have a sister, Beth, who married John Schluep, who was a 1981 graduate of the Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Reverend Schluep recently retired from the First Congregational Church United Church of Christ in Tallmadge Ohio. Since his retirement, the ministry he founded in 2003, Warriors Journey Home Ministry Inc., has grown and expanded in northeast and southern Ohio, northern Kentucky, and Wisconsin. WJH works with multiple courts in Summit County and consults with local VA entities and county Veterans Service Commissions. "WJH has a proven record of helping veterans and their families heal from the invisible wounds of war."

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*Clark Kandel*



Money Matters by Charlotte Schweitzer, Treasurer

Greetings. Again there were some generous donations in December, which greatly helped the General Fund. General Fund apportionments were paid in full with a December payment of just over \$7,900. Benevolence apportionments were paid in full with a December payment of \$958. As can be seen in the second graphic, average 2024 offerings are not keeping pace with 2023's. However, average 2024 offerings are a bit ahead of 2021's and 2022's. 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 graphic includes Capital Improvement and Benevolence offerings. Blessings.

### General Fund Receipts vs Expenses

Month	Offerings	Other Receipts	Expenses	Net
Through Nov.	117,038.01	10,638.71	-123,648.36	4,028.36
December	23,833.31	1,347.75	-19,414.34	5,766.72
	140,871.32	11,986.46	-143,062.70	9,795.08

General Fund balance 1/1/2023	1,611.07
Poinsettias not paid by year-end – change from prior year	-29.35
General Fund balance 12/31/23	11,376.80

Jan. 2024	8,513.21	959.00	-10,871.18	-1,398.97
Poinsettia fundraiser cost paid January 2024				-271.25
Payroll taxes withheld, not yet remitted				278.72
General Fund balance 1/31/24				9,985.30

Offerings – Church Budget line on offering envelope

Other Receipts – designated offerings such as Blessings Cupboard, Mount Tabor's Table, etc. (includes receipts other than offerings) .

WEEK #	2023	2024	Change	Budget
1	2,304.00	2,413.00	109.00	2,580.77
2	2,868.00	1,746.00	(1,122.00)	2,580.77
3	2,177.00	2,594.21	417.21	2,580.77
4	2,674.00	2,420.00	(254.00)	2,580.77
5	2,249.00	2,754.00	505.00	2,580.77
6	3,989.00	2,195.01	(1,793.99)	2,580.77
YTD	16,261.00	14,122.22	(2,138.78)	15,484.62

Average Weekly: thru January (4 weeks )				
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Budget*	3,406.62	3,355.75	2,573.58	2,580.77
Actual	2,161.00	2,215.00	2,505.75	2,293.30
(Short) Over	(1,245.62)	(1,140.75)	(67.83)	(287.47)
% of Budget	63.44%	66.01%	97.36%	88.86%



Percent change from prior year			
	'21 to '22	'22 to '23	'23 to '24
Budget	-1.49%	-23.31%	0.28%
Actual	2.50%	13.13%	-8.48%
Net change:	3.99% positive	36.44% positive	-8.76% negative

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



## **Prayer Concerns**

### **Members, Family & Friends**

#### **Members**

Reggie McGee  
Pam Rohrer  
Ann Rogler  
Ira & Mary Nestor  
Jerry Butcher  
Jay Fisher  
Randy Selby Jr.  
Owen Mickley  
Earl Vincent  
Carol Vincent  
Carrie Little  
Rich Little  
Sarah Morrison  
Jay Stahler  
Doris & Rod Greaves  
Annette Williams  
Ron & Janice Swan

#### **Family & Friends**

Skylar Myers - Denny & Sue Myers  
Robin Whalen - Denny & Sue Myers  
Debbie Ryan - Linda Britton  
Michelle Bell - Linda Britton  
Olivia - Linda Britton  
Lisa Tolley - Betty Bayer  
Brenda Bayer - Betty Bayer  
Nancy Griffith - Betty Bayer  
Rick Hayden - Betty Bayer  
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  
Casey Langley - Bonnie Duskey  
Renee Poulelis - Bonnie Duskey  
Bill & Lisa Leach - Marla Stringer  
Ethelind Schwartz - Marla Stringer  
Karla Casto - 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  
Eric Loy - Oranna Loy  
Fox Varian - Oranna Loy  
Calvin Wright - Warren & Barb Kandel  
Max Huston - Susan Huston  
Carol (Kennedy) Hall - Diana Spaulding  
Gary Truex - Diana Spaulding  
Shearl Brown - Julie Brown  
Barb Garrott - Vicki Thewes and Julie Brown  
Rhonda Pfalzgraf  
Mike Szutkowski - Annette Williams  
Betsy Franklin - Allen & Sharon Nennig  
Betty Greaves  
Sally Critean  
Lucas Butler - Marilyn Reed  
Ron DelSavio - Gretchen DelSavio  
Heather Hutchison - Reggie McGee  
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







# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 TOPS 5:30pm	3	4 Quilters 10am Choir 7pm	5 <b>Prayer Shawl 10am</b>  Kyle Arick Elizabeth Bushey Nathan Krivos Matthew Wilcox	6 <b>UMM Breakfast 7:30am</b>  Andrew Nestor Carol Vincent
7 <b>Youth Feed Your Brain 9:30am</b> Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am	8   Harry Clayton	9 TOPS 5:30pm	10	11 Quilters 10am Choir 7pm  Jack Mayle	12	13 <b>RR Club 5pm FH Reserved</b>
14 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am  Jillian Corbi Benjamin Sternberg	15   Matthew Brown Taylor Richards Sarah Selby	16 TOPS 5:30pm <b>Council Meeting 6pm</b>	17 <b>Burger &amp; Bible Night 6:30pm</b>	18 Quilters 10am Choir 7pm	19   Sarah Morrison	Linda Nestor
21 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am  Jay Stahler	22 <b>UWF to Compassion Delivered in Hartsville Carpool from church at 9:45am</b>  Stephen Botean Jr	23 TOPS 5:30pm  Nancy Branch Mary Nestor	24   Victor Garman Jr. Kelsey Wilcox	25 Quilters 10am Choir 7pm	26   Diane Daniels	27   Bryan Heaston  Janis Jones Ann Soft-Rogler
28 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am  Allen Nemig Sr. Jenna Selby	29   Stephen Botean Jr	30 TOPS 5:30pm	31	 <b>April 01 Harry &amp; Fran Clayton</b> <b>10 Larry &amp; Nancy Hrometz</b> <b>11 Michael &amp; Carol Hennessey</b> <b>20 Dave Kucyewski &amp; Joyce Stevens</b> <b>23 Richard &amp; Diane Daniels</b>		

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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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The Deadline for  
May/June Articles  
is April 15th