### "THE CHIMES"

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#### New to Mt. Tabor?

#### "Pastor Christy's Corner"

#### Pastor Christy Suffecool

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 — "What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe — as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Five years ago, I could have never imagined we would be where we are today. I came to Mt. Tabor in the midst of a pandemic, not knowing anyone, and not even being able to fully see your faces. I still remember the shock the first time we worshipped without masks; you all looked so strange to me. But since that time, I have grown to know you more, and we have had some amazing adventures!

God has showed us all so many things during our time together. We have continued traditions, and started new ones. We have tried new ministries; some failed, and some flourished. We were met with unexpected challenges, and we faced them head on. We were presented with the chance to be a Lighthouse church, and God blessed us by it.

Over the years together we have laughed and cried, healed and hugged, prayed and studied. Through it all God continued to strengthen our bond and strengthen our church. But this is not a new thing. Mt. Tabor has been doing this long before I ever came here, and it is my prayer that you will continue this long after I have gone.

Mt. Tabor has never been defined by the person in the pulpit, it has been the people in the pews. It is the people that are the hands and feet of the ministries. It is the hearts and minds of the people that love others, both in the church, and in the community. The people are the church, and God is at work among our people.

Often, we get attached to a pastor and give them credit for things that God has done. Sure, God uses pastors to lead and teach, but it is God through the Holy Spirit, that changes hearts. Paul addressed this in a letter to the early church in Corinth. They were claiming to follow Paul or Apollos, but Paul pointed out that it is actually God that makes things happen.

As I leave Mt. Tabor, Pastor Jan is coming to lead. I pray that you will love her and care for her and her family as you have loved and cared for me and my family. Pray for her, and support her while remaining faithful to Mt. Tabor and its ministries.

Thank you for the chance to serve here. Thank you for how you have challenged me and helped me to grow as a pastor. My time here has been both transforming and healing and for that I am grateful. Thank you to those that have sent notes of encouragement, prayed for me and my family, and held me accountable when needed.

I will continue to hold Mt. Tabor and its people in my prayers as I will always love all of you! Never forget that we can love this world in ways that can transform hearts and minds!

Forever your partner on the journey!

Pastor Christy

#### Ministries



The womens group "WINGS" will meet at the Total Living Center with Morris DuBlouse on July 23rd.

In August we will be going to Cross Eyed Missions with lunch at the Bird's Nest in Magnolia on August 27th.

Gretchen



The adult Sunday School class is looking for a teacher for the fall quarter that runs from

September 7th to November 30th. Think about volunteering for a week or sharing with a friend.

Please contact Sandy in the church office or Warren Kandel at 330-933-3894 if you are interested.

#### Come to the Table Sunday

JUST A REMINDER:

The first Sunday of every month has been designated as "Come to the Table"

Sunday". It has long been our practice to come to the communion table the first Sunday of the month. While we will continue to do this, we are very aware of many of our neighbors that have empty tables in their homes.

On the first Sunday of every month, please bring in food to donate, spare change, and any other offerings you can share. All monies donated will be split between our Blessing **Box and Mt. Tabor's Table to help fund these** ministries. All food donations will be used to restock the Blessing Box as it is needed.

These ministries are not part of our annual budget, and therefore, they can only operate from the monies donated directly to them. Thank you for helping to support our food ministries!

#### Mt. Tabor's Table Stats



	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Meals Provided	5220	4080
Families Served	62	50

Due to a problem with the website, we were not able to get numbers for pounds of food purchased or dollars spent.

Donations can be made in the offering plate, online, or by mail. Please note in your memo line "Mt. Tabor's Table".

Pastor Christy



Please respond by July 14.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. —Philippians 4:5

I am in the process of typing a new prayer chain sheet with instructions and members' phone numbers or email addresses. Members may choose to be contacted by either phone or email. Current prayer chain members, please contact me if your phone numbers or email addresses have changed since January 2023. Each member will receive a new Prayer Chain information sheet. If you are not a member and would like to be, please call me at (330) 685-1846 by July 14. We will welcome you and your prayers!

Thank you! Diana Spaulding

#### News and Events

The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 7th at 3:30 at the home of Sue Myers. The book to be reviewed is entitled, "The Last Year of the War" by Susan Meissner.

In August, we will have our annual campfire/ weiner roast. The date has not been determined, and will be announced after the July meeting. Plan ahead for September when we will meet to review, "Broken Country" by Clare Leslie Hall." Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a good discussion and great fellowship!

Sue Myers



Due to the July 4th holiday, the Prayer Shawl group will meet on Friday, July 11th at 10am.



At this time, no Youth "Feed Your Brain" meetings have been scheduled. Dates will be listed on the bulletin sheet when they

become available.





You are Invited!

Bible study will resume on August 4 and run through September 22 at 1 pm at the home

of Kathy Hopkins.

The Chosen - Season 5 will be picked up where we left off with Jesus's triumphant arrival into Jerusalem. You may have watched it on Amazon Prime and enjoyed it, however sharing the story with group study can be powerful.

Please contact Kathy if you would like the accompanying study guide. Join us for study and fellowship.

Kathy

By now we all know what Burger and a Bible and a Bible is — Dinner and conversation with friends. But have you invited a friend lately?

We will be gathering on July 16th and August 19th at 6:30 pm. Watch your bulletin sheets for location information.



Board Meetings are scheduled for July 15th and August 19th at 6pm.



heartfelt thanks!

I want to thank all of my friends at Mt. Tabor who helped in any way and came to help me celebrate my

90th birthday on May 25th.

Many thanks for the heartfelt cards and gifts I received. It's a day I will never forget.

Joanne Varian

#### Money Matters by Charlotte Schweitzer, Treasurer



I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Summer. Thank you for your continued giving. The Capital Improvement Campaign cumulative amount through June 8th is \$48,295. Reminder: if you pledged, please be sure your pledge offerings are marked Capital Improvement Campaign. If you

put an amount on the Capital Improvement line of the offering envelope for your pledge, please write in 'pledge' beside it.

It was announced recently that the 2025 Ohio Sales Tax holiday has been expanded. It will run from August 1st through August 14th. For further details please see https://tax.ohio.gov/business/ohio-business-taxes/sales-and-use/sales-tax-holiday.

"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 (the Campaign included) and Benevolence offerings.

Blessings,

Charlotte

General Fund Receipts vs Expenses				
Period	Offerings O	ther Receipts	Expenses	Net
General Fund b	oalance 12/31/202	3		11,376.80
2024	131,416.35	13,913.71	-137,941.05	7,389.01
2024	131,410.33	13,913.71	-137,941.03	7,369.01
2023 Poinsettia	a fundraiser cost p	oaid 2024		-271.25
General F	und balance 12/31	/2024		18,494.56
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Jan. 2025	9,571.00	1,001.00	-10,836.91	-264.91
February	8,597.00	1,140.18	•	-4,706.46
March	11,093.00	1,394.00	,	-123.02
April	14,101.00	848.70	,	4,442.83
May	8,810.00	1,454.00	-10,887.96	-623.96
Payroll taxes withheld, not yet remitted 412.06				412.06
General Fund balance 5/31/25			17,631.10	
Conorai i			=	17,001.10
Designated (use specified by donor)			9,199.48	
Undesignated			8,431.62	
General F	und balance 5/31/2	2025	=	17,631.10

Offerings – Church Budget line on offering envelope
Other Receipts – designated offerings such as Blessing Box,
Mt. Tabor's Table, etc.

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

#### Money Matters Cont....

Offerings - General Fund, Capital Improvement, and Benevolence

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WEEK#	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Change</u>	Budget	
QTR 1	32,455.22	35,406.00	2,950.78	34,700.00	
April	11,294.00	23,016.00	11,722.00	10,676.96	
May	10,174.00	10,265.00	91.00	10,676.96	
22	7,515.00	2,418.00	(5,097.00)	2,669.24	
23	5,818.00	2,835.00	(2,983.00)	2,669.24	
Y-T-D	67,256.22	73,940.00	6,683.78	61,392.40	
Capital Improvement Campaign					
Pledged	3,000.00	8,530.00	5,530.00	1,751.54	
Unpledged	1,135.00	4,705.00	3,570.00	-	
	4,135.00	13,235.00	9,100.00	1,751.54	
*Totals	63,121.22	60,705.00	(2,416.22)	59,640.86	

\*Totals excluding Capital Improvement Campaign

Average Weekly: thru May (21 weeks )				
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Budget*	3,355.75	2,573.58	2,580.77	2,669.24
Actual	2,538.32	2,570.62	2,567.77	3,270.81
(Short) Over	(817.43)	(2.96)	(13.00)	601.57
% of	75.64%	99.88%	99.50%	122.54%
Budget				



	Percent change from prior year			
		22 to '23	23 to '24	24 to '25
<mark>Budge</mark> 1	t	-23.31%	0.28%	3.43%
Actual		1.27%	-0.11%	27.38%
	Net	24.58%	-0.39%	23.95%
	change:	positive	negative	positive

 Thank you to everyone who donated items to fill our disaster relief buckets.

#### With your help we were able to complete 5 buckets!

Can you help us fill the rest of the 20 buckets? As you do your shopping, please continue to pick up an item or two. Monetary donations will also be accepted if you do not want to shop.

Contents of the kit should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols.

Cleaning kits provide supplies to help individuals and families clean up after flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes and other natural disasters. Please join us as Mt. Tabor works to fill 20 buckets.

Your donated items can be left in our Missions Corner.

Questions can be directed to Laurie Peach at 330 - 224-0862.

#### Items Needed:

Liquid household cleaner - 16-40 oz. total - no pump or spray bottles

Dish soap - 42-64 oz. total

Liquid laundry detergent - 16-34 oz. total

1 Scrub brush - with or without handle

1 6-14 oz. Pump spray air freshener

1 6-14oz. Pump spray insect repellant

18 reusable cleaning wipes (No terrycloth, microfiber, or paper towels)

5 scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap)

36-50 clothespins

1 50-100 ft. clothesline

24 roll of 33-45 gal. trash bags

5n95 respirator dust masks (1-3mm thickness, no surgical masks)

2 pairs of kitchen gloves (durable for multiple uses)

1 pair work gloves

1 5-gal round bucket with re-sealable lid (no screw on lids). May be used (but free from residual product), advertising on outside is ok.

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Food Bank Delivery

Carol Hennessey

Larry Hrometz

Jeffrey Proffitt

Gary Thewes

23

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

28 Quilters 10am

Food Bank Delivery

26 TOPS 5:30pm

WINGS to visit Cross-

eyed Missions Noon

9-10:30am

Burger and Bible

6:30рш

9-10:30am

Board Meeting 6pm

Worship 10:30am

Joshua Bird Ray Butler

Marityn Reed

Leo Lennington

Max Huston

Carley Wheeler

#### Prayer Concerns

#### Members, Family & Friends

Adams, Tom

Baumgarner, Shelly

Bayer, Brenda

Bell, Michelle

Blanc, Barbara

Branch, Randy

Branch, Jackie

Burchett, Kathy

Family of Everleigh Brumfield

Family of Carol DeWalt

Family of Pat Hughes

Family of Jay Stahler

Clapper, Bob

Dancy, Ruth Ann\*

Eaton, Eli

Fairless, Lorri \*

Fallott, Gerald

Fowler, Jacob

Gibson, Emily

Gobeli, Kathy

Greaves, Betty

Greaves, Rod & Doris

Hutchison, Heather

Kandel, Linda

Karavic, Landon

Langley, Casey

Law, Bradley \*

Little, Karen

Little, Rich

Masalko, Eleanor \*

Miller, Josh

Myers, Skylar

Nestor, Jody \*

Peterson, Linda

Poitinger, Ed

Poulelis, Renee

Reese, Linda

Rogler, Ann

Rohrer, Pam

Ryan, Debbie

Schwartz, Ethelind

Selby, Jr., Randy

Swan, Ron & Janice

Tolley, Lisa

Totherow, Theresa

Truex, Gary

Vincent, Earl

Wagner, Kyle

Wheeler, Shelly

Wright, Calvin

Williams, Annette

#### \* Denotes Cancer

#### Names in bold are new since last printing

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 - US Army Reserve Owen Herman - National Guard Daniel John - Panama City, FL. Gage Robinson - US Air Force Reserve - Arizona Cameron Suffecool - US Navy



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9:30am

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 am

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The Deadline for September/October Articles is August 15th