

"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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"The Pastor's Pen"

Pastor Jan Walsh



*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man * (or woman – my insert) avails much. James 5:16*

When my children were in diapers, I was concerned that they would never be potty trained. That day DID arrive, FINALLY, and then I wondered about their first day of pre-school and if they would 'fit-in'. They did! Then I was concerned about them going to school ALL day and that day came also – all the way through high school. Then college, then graduate school and the list goes on and on. Today, all three children are grown and we are starting in on the grandchildren – four so far. Our children are grown and starting their own families. And I think - NOW I can have a carefree life. I thought that I would no longer have to be concerned about them-cuz now they're someone else's problem. WRONG. We don't stop being concerned just because they move away and have families of their own!

Let's be honest, when our children leave the nest, fear and anxiety can set in for us as parents. Personally, I find that my fear is rooted in a lack of faith, and I know from Romans 10:17 that "...faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God". My concerns disappear when I spend time in the Word, and when I pray actual Bible verses for my adult children. I love the idea of praying Scripture for our children (or anyone, for that matter) because we know without a doubt that we are aligning our prayers with the will of God for them. Here are the five passages I come back to again and again as I pray for my adult children.

1. Ephesians 1:17-19 (read)

I want to pray that the Lord would give my children the Spirit of wisdom and revelation of Him, that the eyes of their hearts would be opened so that they will know and cherish the hope to which He has called them; the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints (God's people); and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power in their lives, in accordance with the working of His mighty strength.

2. Colossians 1:9-12 (read)

I like this model of prayer from Paul! He prays specifically that those in the church at Colossae would be filled with the knowledge of the Lord's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Why does he pray this? So that they will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work, and growing in their knowledge of Him. He also prays that they would be strengthened with all power, for endurance, patience (with joy!). Finally, he prays that they would give thanks to the Lord, who was the One who qualified them to share in the inheritance of the saints.

3. Philippians 4:19 (read) Our kids will be needy, and as empty nesters, we can't be there to meet their needs the way we could when they were younger. I want my kids to remember that my God will supply every need of theirs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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4. Micah 6:8 (read) We want our children – no matter what their age – to remember that the Lord has told us what is good and what He requires of us: to be just, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

5. Proverbs 4:23 (read) This world is a challenging place to be, and I want my kids to guard their hearts diligently. Everything we do and say (Matt. 12:24) flows out of our hearts.

When worried about a child, there's peace and power in finding a quiet place to offer these very prayers, effectively and fervently. You might even keep a small notebook of Scripture prayers to persistently bring before the throne.

The Bible...was meant to be prayed.

Pastor Jan <><

Ministries



The womens group "WINGS" will hold their business meeting at noon on September 24th with lunch out after the meeting.

October 22nd: Helping Hands program at noon with lunch out afterwards.

They will not meet in November.

Gretchen / Deb Bayer-Bredon



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 continue to bring in food to donate, spare change, and any other offerings you can share. All food donations will be used to restock the Blessing Box as it is needed.



Mt. Tabor's Table Stats



	<u>June</u>	July
Meals Provided	5025	6075
Families Served	109	122
Pounds of Food Purchased	9188	6549
Money Spent	\$527.00	\$425.40

As you can see, the need is growing. This past Sunday, we set a new record of 50 clients served in a single day.

This is occurring in a more challenging environment as our state food program has reduced funding to food banks by nearly 20% and federal cuts have reduced availability by nearly 3 million pounds of food for 2025.

This will result in a reduction of approximately 15% overall and our costs are increasing for what remains.

Please prayerfully reflect on the growing need in this challenging environment and consider giving to this worthy cause.

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

Guy Suffecool



You are Invited!

The Chosen, season 5, continues thru September and concludes on October 6th.

Beginning in 2026 we are considering studying "The Story": The Bible as one continuing story of God and His people.

The story is divided into 31 chapters. There are DVDs and workbooks to complete the study. It is a commitment to read and study for 31 weeks, however the story is worth it. This bible version tells the grandest, most compelling story of all time.

Would you consider joining this study? Would you prefer it in the afternoon or evening? What about location? Would you prefer to meet at the church or at the home of a student?

Please consider studying "The Story". Any questions or willingness to join this study, please contact Kathy Hopkins with your preferences.

Kathy



August brought our annual campfire/wiener roast with members, spouses, and friends. This is a real highlight of the year!

On September 8th, we will review the book "Broken Country" by Clare Leslie Hall. We will meet at the home of Sue Myers at 3:30 pm. At that meeting we will plan times, books and dates through December. Watch the weekly handout at church for details.

Everyone is always welcome to join us for great discussions, and wonderful fellowship.

Sue Myers

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 September 17th and October 15th at 6:30pm at Loby's on Cleveland Ave. 19th at 6:30 pm. Please consider joining us!



Adult Sunday School

Please join us for Adult Sunday School. Classes resume September 7th at 9:30am. All are welcome!



Church Directory

The new church directories are here! They were distributed on August 24th and August 31st. If you did not receive yours at that time, you can sign out your copy during office hours.



Board Meetings are scheduled for September 16th and October 21st at 6pm.



Choir practice resumed in August, but it's not too late! Join now, and beat the Christmas rush!

(Kidding, but only a little.) Christmas cantata rehearsals will begin on October 2nd. Beginning at that rehearsal, regular choir will practice from 7-7:30, followed by Cantata from 7:30-8:30. Please plan to attend as many rehearsals as possible.

Bell ringers will meet at 6PM on Thursdays, beginning September 11th.



Money Matters by Charlotte Schweitzer, Treasurer

Greetings.

The cumulative Capital Improvement Campaign amount through July 31st is \$50,930. (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.)

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I was not able to accuracy-check the August offering numbers. There is a chance, however small, that the numbers for 2025 weeks 31-33 may change

"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
General Fund balance 12/31/2024				18,494.56
Designated (use specified by donor)				7,779.63
Undesignated				10,714.93
General Fund balance 12/31/2024				<u>18,494.56</u>
Jan. 2025	9,571.00	1,001.00	-10,836.91	-264.91
February	8,597.00	1,140.18	-14,443.64	-4,706.46
March	11,093.00	1,394.00	-12,610.02	-123.02
April	14,101.00	848.70	-10,506.87	4,442.83
May	8,810.00	1,454.00	-10,887.96	-623.96
June	9,503.89	1,610.96	-10,536.11	578.74
July	12,300.00	940.50	-12,016.43	1,224.07
Payroll taxes withheld, not yet remitted				580.65
General Fund balance 7/31/25				<u>19,602.50</u>
Designated (use specified by donor)				10,710.81
Undesignated				8,891.69
General Fund balance 7/31/2025				<u>19,602.50</u>
Offerings – Church Budget line on offering envelope				
Other Receipts – designated offerings such as Blessing Box, Mt. Tabor's Table, etc.				

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Money Matters Cont....

Offerings – General Fund, Capital Improvement, and Benevolence				
WEEK #	2024	2025	Change	Budget
QTR 1	32,455.22	35,406.00	2,950.78	34,700.00
QTR 2	48,135.00	44,664.89	(3,470.11)	34,700.00
July	15,211.97	15,730.00	518.03	10,676.96
31	7,616.00	3,730.00	(3,886.00)	2,669.24
32	1,783.00	1,560.00	(223.00)	2,669.24
33	5,795.13	2,740.00	(3,055.13)	2,669.24
Y-T-D	110,996.32	103,830.89	(7,165.43)	88,084.68
Capital Improvement Campaign				
Pledged	11,680.00	9,235.00	(2,445.00)	2,475.00
Unpledged	11,370.00	7,065.00	(4,305.00)	-
	23,050.00	16,300.00	(6,750.00)	2,475.00
*Totals	87,946.32	87,530.89	(415.43)	85,609.68

*Excluding Capital Improvement Campaign

Average Weekly: thru July (30 weeks)				
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Budget*	3,355.75	2,573.58	2,580.77	2,669.24
Actual	2,598.13	2,702.70	3,193.41	3,193.36
(Short) Over	(757.62)	129.12	612.64	524.12
% of Budget	77.42%	105.02%	123.74%	119.64%



Percent change from prior year			
	22 to '23	23 to '24	24 to '25
Budget	-23.31%	0.28%	3.43%
Actual	4.02%	18.16%	0.00%
Net change:	27.33% positive	17.88% positive	-3.43% negative

*Reminder: as of 2023 the budget is based on expected offerings. The 2022 budget was based on expected expenditures.

↓ Mark Your Calendars! ↓



It's that time again!

The date for the annual Turkey Supper has been set for November 15th.

Volunteers are needed!

Watch your Sunday announcement sheets for further information.



As most of you know, October is Pastor Appreciation month. This is when we take the opportunity to show our appreciation for Pastor Jan's service to Mt. Tabor.

We have chosen October 19th as Pastor Appreciation Day. Refreshments will be served in the Sonshine Center following worship.

Updates from your Properties Team

As you may know, the current Pastor had no need for the parsonage. As a result, Council had decided to rent the house out and not sell. The reasoning was, that our need for future use again as a parsonage and the shortage of housing in the East Canton area would make it difficult in the future, if we have a pastor needing the residence.

That said, the move in maintenance was completed the final week of July, and it was rented August 2. That consisted of carpet cleaning, duct work cleaning and general household cleaning. Two new light fixtures were installed to modernize some of the lighting. The total cost is under \$2,200. Mowing, yard maintenance and cleaning was provided by Norris Stringer, Warren Kandel, Tim Erickson and the youth group. Many thanks to all of them.

The monthly rent is \$1500 per month with the tenant paying the utility costs.

With the church paying taxes and insurance annually, it is anticipated we will bring in over \$15000 to \$18000 per year which will give us some added capital improvement income.

That said, the wall unit air conditioner in the sanctuary by the sound board blew the condenser coil unit and the cost estimates are between \$5500 and \$6560.

A couple of other issues have come to light over the summer. The sidewalk in front of the parking lot is severely cracked and several sections are in need of replacement. We are in need of a drain and new sidewalk at the parking lot entrance. No estimates have been obtained for those 2 projects as of yet.

As you know, we are still anticipating resurfacing the parking lot this year. The estimate on that project is \$46,000.

The latest capital monies received are almost \$50,000. A great response so far, and hopefully we will reach our goal of \$75,000.

Denny Myers



Make a Difference!
DONATE

The Refuge of Hope is in need of **gently worn men's clothing and shoes**, and unopened toiletries.

We are also in need of donations for the Domestic Violence Shelter and the East Canton Giveaway. Donations can be left in the bins in our missions corner.

We would like to thank Brad Boughman for making the white crosses for us. If you would like one, they are on the table in the narthex.

Donations for the crosses can be left in the container on the table.

Warren Kandel



Has anyone found any gardening gloves and tools or do you know where they may be? If so, please contact Diana Spaulding or the church office.

Thank you

Prayer Concerns

Members, Family & Friends

Adams, Tom	Greaves, Betty	Reese, Linda
Baumgarner, Shelly	Greaves, Doris	Rogler, Ann
Bayer, Brenda	Hampton, Vicki	Rohrer, Pam
Bell, Michelle	Heaston, Diana	Ryan, Debbie
Blanc, Barbara	Hutchison, Heather	Schuring, Beth
Bucher, Dorothy	Kandel, Linda	Schwartz, Ethelind
Burchett, Kathy	Langley, Casey	Schweitzer, Charlotte
Family of Michelle Flesher	Lanzer, Patricia	Selby, Jr., Randy
Family of Shelly Wheeler	Law, Bradley *	Sharp, Judy
Clapper, Bob	Little, Karen	Swan, Ron & Janice
Dancy, Ruth Ann*	Little, Rich	Tolley, Lisa
Eaton, Eli	Masalko, Eleanor *	Totherow, Theresa
Ecroate, Diane	Mayle, Wes	Truex, Gary
Fairless, Lorri *	Miller, Josh	Vincent, Earl
Fallott, Gerald	Myers, Skylar	Wagner, Kyle
Fowler, Jacob	Nennig, Sharon	Wright, Calvin
Ganjinek, Suzanne	Nestor, Jody *	White, Mayson and His Family
Gibson, Emily	Peterson, Linda	Williams, Annette
Gobeli, Kathy	Poitingner, Ed	Zimmerman, Ida
Grasham, Jason	Poulelis, Renee	Zimmerman, Mary Anne

*** 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





September 2025





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  <i>Office Closed</i>	2 TOPS 9am	3 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am <i>Randy Branch</i>	4 Quilters 10am	5 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am <i>Prayer Shawl 10am</i>	6 <i>UNIMM Breakfast</i> 7:30am <i>Diana Heaston</i>
7 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am <i>Samuel Selby</i>	8 <i>Bible Study 1pm</i> <i>Home of Kathy Hopkins</i> <i>Cora Lennington</i>	9 TOPS 5:30pm <i>Julie Brown</i>	10 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am	11 Quilters 10am <i>Bell Choir Practice</i> <i>begins 6pm</i> <i>Choir 7pm</i> <i>Addison Loy</i> <i>Corbin Nestor</i>	12 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am <i>Bradley Jones</i>	13 FH Reserved RR Club <i>Launda Slack</i>
14 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am	15 <i>Bible Study 1pm</i> <i>Home of Kathy Hopkins</i>	16 TOPS 9am <i>Council Meeting 6pm</i> <i>Karris Kandel</i>	17 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am <i>Burger & Bible</i> <i>6:30pm at Lobby's</i>	18 Quilters 10am Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	19 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am <i>Diane Krivos</i> <i>Randy Selby Jr.</i> <i>Rodney John</i>	20
21 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am	22 <i>Bible Study 1pm</i> <i>Home of Kathy Hopkins</i> <i>Mara Mayle</i>	23 TOPS 9am <i>Heather Krivos</i> <i>Teresa Lyon</i>	24 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am <i>WINGS Noon</i>	25 Quilters 10am Bells 6pm Choir 7pm <i>Linda Britton</i> <i>Kelly Loy</i> <i>Chelsea Myers</i>	26 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am	27 <i>Samantha Small</i>
28 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am	29 <i>Bible Study 1pm</i> <i>Home of Kathy Hopkins</i> <i>Dana Kullman</i>	30 TOPS 9am	31 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am	 September: 07 <i>Guy and Cathy Suffeool</i> 07 <i>Morgan and Doris Williams</i> 16 <i>Robert and Sandra Vincent</i> 18 <i>Kyle and Carnie Johnson</i>		



October 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 September 02 Jerry & Dawn Hartschen 02 Reggie & Betty McGee	07 Jim & Jillian Corbi 12 Stephen & Jackie Dehan 18 Rick & Carol Wheeler 23 Dave & MaryAnne Zimmerman 30 Jay & Joeli Fisher		1 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am	2 Quilters 10am Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm	3 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am Prayer Shawl 10am	4 UMM 7:30am <i>Henry Ackerman</i>
5 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am <i>Teah Anstutz</i>	6 Candy Making 9am Wrappers 10am	7 TOPS 9am	8 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am	9 Quilters 10am Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm	10 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am <i>Ronald Lyon</i>	11 RR Club FH Reserved
12 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am	13 Candy Making 9am Wrappers 10am	14 TOPS 9am <i>Ida Zimmerman</i>	15 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am Burger & Bible Night 6:30pm <i>James Wilcox</i>	16 Quilters 10am Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm	17 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am <i>Jaron Lennington</i>	18 <i>Daniel John</i> <i>Graceyn Thompson</i>
19 Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am <i>Linda Kandel</i>	20 Candy Making 9am Wrappers 10am	21 TOPS 9am Council Meeting 6:00pm <i>Sandra Morrison</i>	22 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am WINGS Noon Helping Hands <i>Brooke Fields</i>	23 Quilters 10am Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm <i>Kelcie Bredon</i> <i>Cheryl Sternberg</i>	24 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am	25 <i>Marka Stringer</i>
26 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am <i>Marian Carl</i>	27 Candy Making 9am Wrappers 10am	28 TOPS 9am	29 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am <i>Jennifer Garman</i> <i>Anthony John</i>	30 Quilters 10am Bells 6pm Choir 7pm Cantata 7:30pm <i>Renee Dorosky</i> <i>Nancy Varian</i>	31 Food Bank Delivery 9-10:30am	

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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
November/December Articles
is October 15th