

# "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



Hello Saints!

Fa la la la la la la la la! Let the Holiday Season begin! Hard to believe, isn't it? 'Tis the season to be jolly. The Holiday decorations are going up in the stores...we've started our Christmas shopping...cantatas are being practiced...parties are being planned...yep. 'Tis the season all right. And we're asking ourselves – how did we arrive in November already? Wasn't school just starting like –yesterday? Where did 2025 go? An even better question might be – have I done my best for the Lord this year?

Have I lived this year with love and forgiveness or with hatred and bitterness?

One of the first sermons I preached here at Mt. Tabor UMC was on forgiveness. I asked the question: When we say the words of the Lord's Prayer, do we really mean it when we say, "and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us?" The word trespass in this passage means simply - sin. Do we really want the Lord of the universe to forgive our sins the same way we forgive the sins of others? As my husband Scott would say, that's a fair question. In Ephesians 4:32, it is stated that we should be ...forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

According to Dr. David Jeremiah, "We can't survive life's traumas if we don't learn to forgive others. When we forgive someone, we are not excusing or condoning their actions. We are choosing to release the bitterness that can poison our own personalities. We are letting a ray of compassion break through the clouds so we can forgive as God has forgiven us."

In these strange days where hatred and bitterness are escalating, let us continue to learn how to forgive. Remember this prayer from Saint Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace!

Where there is hatred let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love.

It is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN

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Learn these powerful words as we go into the Holiday Season. They are definitely words to live by – especially at this time of the year! Happy Holidays to you and yours this Holy Season.

Be blessed.

*Pastor Jan*

## Ministries



The Wings group will not have a meeting in November as they are working on Candy making.

"The December meeting will be a Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon in the Church Fellowship Hall with a White Elephant gift exchange following."

Date to be announced.

*Gretchen / Deb Bayer-Bredon*



New information sheets with directions for the prayer chain will be available by Sunday November 2nd.

Susie Watson and Diana Spaulding will be our contact persons to add prayer requests. Diana will pass out the information to the members of the Prayer Chain.

*Diana Spaulding*



### Mt. Tabor's Table Stats

|                          | August   | September |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Meals Provided           | 6540     | 6855      |
| Families Served          | 134      | 129       |
| Pounds of Food Purchased | 6628     | 10104     |
| Money Spent              | \$557.22 | \$829.00  |

I recently received a newsletter from the Akron Canton regional foodbank which is the source of our food supplies.

It reads in part:

"Due to ongoing inflation and economic challenges for our neighbors, the need for help with groceries is higher now than it was during the pandemic."

"Significant cuts to government programs have reduced our ability to sustain food distribution at the same level provided to our region in 2024."

"Cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid will likely increase demand at a time when food supplies to the Foodbank are reduced."

In our case, the recent closure of the Minerva food program will also likely increase the pressure on our Mt. Tabor's Table program as Minerva's clients look for other sources of food support.

Please be assured that any contributions you can make to Mt. Tabor's Table will be put to good use for our neighbors. ***Donations can be made in the offering plate, online, or by mail. Please note in your memo line "Mt. Tabor's Table".***

Thanks,

*Guy Suffecool*



### You are Invited!

The Bible study for the New Year will be "The Promise of Heaven" by Dr. David Jeremiah. . . 31 reasons to get excited about your Eternal Home. In the previous Chimes we asked for input as to whether you would like to join the group and where would you prefer for it to be held A) at the church or B) in someone's home. We did not receive any input. We really would love for you to join us, but I need to hear from you.

This study will be facilitated by Diane Garner at the home of Kathy Hopkins beginning January 5th at 1pm. As has been our practice in the past, if schools (Alliance and Louisville) are closed due to weather we will not meet. Interesting topics that will be discussed will include will we remember our lives or each, what happens to children who die, what if someone was cremated, what about those who died by suicide?

*KathyHopkins*



Book Club will be reviewing the book, "On Fire" by John O'Leary. It's a true story of faith and determination. We will meet on November 10th at 3:30 at the home of Sue Myers. We will not meet during December, however, book club will resume in January, and meet on January 12th. The book chosen is entitled, "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawson. Everyone is welcome to an afternoon of discussion and 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 November 19th and December 17th at 6:30pm at Loby's on Cleveland Ave. 19th at 6:30 pm. Please consider joining us!



### Christmas Eve Service

On December 24th we will meet to celebrate our Savior's birth with a Bell choir concert at 6PM, snacks, and our annual Christmas Cantata at 7PM. This year's cantata is entitled, "Only Love." We are happy to welcome some vocalists from Westbrook Park UMC to our group. It promises to be an evening of worship, fellowship, and moving music. Please join us!

*Jillian Corbi*



How can I say thanks for this thing you have done for me?

Things so undeserved yet you gave to prove your love for me.

The words of this song says it all.

I have been truly blessed since coming to this beautiful church and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

In His service,

*Pastor Jan*



We have approximately 10 Christmas gift bags to fill with love gifts for members of our church family who are unable to attend church.

If the number of people changes, we will communicate that in the Sunday morning announcement page. Ideas for love gifts from our congregation include Christmas cards, goodies, snacks, soft candies, hand or body lotion, lip balm, calendars, book marks, postage stamps, and other things you feel they can use or might lift their spirits.

We will be collecting these love gifts during Advent. The gift bags will be set up in the narthex with each recipient's name, address, and phone number attached. In addition, a potted flower will be delivered along with each gift bag.

Please sign up to volunteer to share God's love with one of our Mt. Tabor family by signing up and delivering these love gifts. Please take the gift bags and flowers with you after church December 21 and deliver them before Christmas.

The sign-up sheet will also be in the narthex beside the gift bags.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN SHARING GOD'S LOVE DURING THIS SEASON OF GIVING!



Please note these changes to the choir schedule.

Thursday November 20th practice has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 18th.

Thursday, November 27th practice has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 25th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Bells at 6pm, choir at 7pm, and Cantata at 7:30pm.

*Jillian Corbi*

## *Updates from your Trustee*

By now we are hoping the new boiler is up, running, and keeping you warm! Thanks to all of your generous donations we were able to procure, install and pay for this project from the capital campaign funds we collected. The cost was \$37,300 for this project.

We also were able to replace the failed air conditioner in the sanctuary at a cost of a little over \$5,000. This was also not anticipated. As you all are aware, the major purpose of the drive was to create a capital fund to complete various needs for the church properties. As of the end of September you had donated over \$52,000!

One of the major goals was to put a new surface on the parking. In order to do that job properly we needed to replace the damaged sidewalk at the east end of our lot. That cost was \$4,200. As you can see with the unexpected costs of the a/c unit and the boiler, we were required to spend over \$42,000 of unanticipated funds. This \$42,000 plus the \$4,200 put our outflow at over \$46,000, using up the bulk of our funds collected. For this reason, the parking lot repair has been postponed until spring.

As always the needs for repairs and improvements will be addressed as a necessary need we all face, whether at home or church. Your continued support is much needed and extremely appreciated. By the time you are reading this, Council will have met and taken whatever steps we can to complete the parking lot project in a timely manner, as it is still a priority.

THANK YOU for your understanding and generous support!

*Denny Myers*



### Money Matters by Charlotte Schweitzer, Treasurer

Greetings. I need your help on this: in order to help contain costs a very limited amount of envelope boxes were ordered for 2026. (I am not talking about the generic pew envelopes.) If you have a box this year and don't think you would use the offering envelopes next year, please let Sandy and me know before December 1st. There are a couple extra ordered. If you want a box for 2026, please let us know now. We will be printing labels for the boxes in December.

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

Year-end reminder - to be credited to 2025, contributions will need to be received or postmarked by December 31. If you use the online giving option, you have until 11:59 p.m. December 31.

Through week 41 a cumulative total of \$52,550 has been contributed to the Capital Improvement Campaign. 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.

The first graphic below includes 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         |
| August                                   | 11,061.00 | 1,233.00       | -13,721.17 | -1,427.17        |
| September                                | 8,883.00  | 1,920.16       | -9,474.57  | 1,328.59         |
| Payroll taxes withheld, not yet remitted |           |                |            | 887.50           |
| General Fund balance 9/30/25             |           |                |            | <u>19,810.77</u> |
| Designated (use specified by donor)      |           |                |            | 9,794.06         |
| Undesignated                             |           |                |            | 10,016.71        |
| General Fund balance 9/30/2025           |           |                |            | <u>19,810.77</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  |
| QTR 3  | 48,751.10  | 38,974.00  | (9,777.10) | 34,700.00  |
| 40     | 3,607.00   | 2,973.00   | (634.00)   | 2,669.24   |
| 41     | 2,119.00   | 11,923.00  | 9,804.00   | 2,669.24   |
| Y-T-D  | 135,067.32 | 133,940.89 | (1,126.43) | 109,438.48 |

### Capital Improvement Campaign

|           |            |            |            |            |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Pledged   | 15,245.00  | 10,080.00  | (5,165.00) | 3,075.00   |
| Unpledged | 11,825.00  | 7,410.00   | (4,415.00) | -          |
|           | 27,070.00  | 17,490.00  | (9,580.00) | 3,075.00   |
| *Totals   | 107,997.32 | 116,450.89 | 8,453.57   | 106,363.48 |

\*Excluding Capital Improvement Campaign

| Average Weekly: thru September (39 weeks ) |          |          |          |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                            | 2022     | 2023     | 2024     | 2025     |
| Budget*                                    | 3,355.75 | 2,573.58 | 2,580.77 | 2,669.24 |
| Actual                                     | 2,528.30 | 2,681.54 | 3,316.44 | 3,052.43 |
| Short) Over                                | (827.45) | 107.96   | 735.67   | 383.19   |
| % of Budget                                | 75.34%   | 104.19%  | 128.51%  | 114.36%  |

| Percent change from prior year |                 |                 |                  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                                | 22 to '23       | 23 to '24       | 24 to '25        |
| Budget                         | -23.31%         | 0.28%           | 3.43%            |
| Actual                         | 6.06%           | 23.68%          | -7.96%           |
| Net change:                    | 29.37% positive | 23.40% positive | -11.39% negative |



**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 a family with 6 children. So far this year we have adopted a family with 4 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 15th. Donations can be left in our missions corner.



# Mark Your Calendars!



All are invited to join us following worship on November 23rd to help with the Hanging of the Greens.



Board Meetings are scheduled for November 18th and December at 6pm.

## Do you need a Christmas Gift?



|                    |                         |                             |                    |                         |                             |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                    | \$10.00<br><u>Pound</u> | \$5.00<br><u>Half Pound</u> |                    | \$10.00<br><u>Pound</u> | \$5.00<br><u>Half Pound</u> |
| Peanut Clusters    | _____                   | _____                       | Pretzel Clusters   | _____                   | _____                       |
| Raisin Clusters    | _____                   | _____                       | Marshmallows       | _____                   | _____                       |
| Haystacks          | _____                   | _____                       | Mixed              | _____                   | _____                       |
| Peanut Butter Ritz | _____                   | _____                       | Peanut Butter Cups | _____                   | _____                       |
|                    | \$12.00<br><u>Pound</u> | \$6.00<br><u>Half Pound</u> |                    |                         |                             |
| Turtles            | _____                   | _____                       |                    |                         |                             |

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

**Orders due to Joanne Varian by Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Fundraiser for Missions - Made by the Mt. Tabor Women.**

**Please make checks payable to Mt. Tabor Women**

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Please place cash or check (made payable to Mt. Tabor U.M.C.) along with this order form in an envelope and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office by **Sunday December 7th.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias @ \$9.50 each, 6 1/2 inch pots; 4-7 blooms

\_\_\_\_\_ Red    \_\_\_\_\_ Pink    \_\_\_\_\_ White    \_\_\_\_\_ Marble    \_\_\_\_\_ Ice Punch    \_\_\_\_\_ Glitter  
(number of each)

GIVEN IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## **Prayer Concerns**

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

|                                |                       |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Adams, Tom                     | Gobeli, Kathy         | <b>Reese, Tom</b>           |
| Baumgarner, Shelly             | Greaves, Doris        | Rogler, Ann                 |
| Bayer, Brenda                  | Griffith, Nancy       | Rohrer, Pam                 |
| Bayer, Betty                   | Heaston, Diana        | Ryan, Debbie                |
| Bell, Michelle                 | Hollingsworth, Amy    | <b>Sanders, Mary</b>        |
| Blanc, Barbara                 | Hutchison, Heather    | Schwartz, Ethelind          |
| <b>Bucher, Dorothy</b>         | Karavic, Landon       | <b>Sexton, Pastor Bruce</b> |
| <b>Buckle, Tim</b>             | Langley, Casey        | <b>Sharp, Judy</b>          |
| <b>Christine</b>               | Lanzer, Patricia      | Swan, Ron & Janice          |
| Eaton, Eli                     | Law, Bradley *        | Tolley, Lisa                |
| Ecroate, Diane                 | Little, Karen         | Totherow, Theresa           |
| <b>Emerson</b>                 | Little, Rich          | Truex, Charlotte            |
| Fairless, Lorri *              | Masalko, Eleanor *    | Truex, Tina                 |
| <b>Family of Vicki Hampton</b> | <b>Mayle, Wes</b>     | Truex, Gary                 |
| <b>Family of Jim Sharp</b>     | Miller, Josh          | Varian, Ruth                |
| <b>Family of Earl Vincent</b>  | Myers, Skylar         | Wagner, Kyle                |
| <b>Family of Jason Grasham</b> | <b>Nennig, Parker</b> | Wright, Calvin              |
| Fallott, Gerald                | Nennig, Sharon        | White, Mayson               |
| Fetty, Christy                 | Nestor, Jody *        | Williams, Annette           |
| Fowler, Jacob                  | Peterson, Linda       | Unspoken Request            |
| <b>Fry, Thomas Jr.</b>         | Poulelis, Renee       | Zimmerman, Mary Anne        |
| Ganjinek, Suzanne              | Reese, Linda          |                             |
| Gibson, Emily                  |                       |                             |

**\* 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







# November 2025



| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Mon                                                              | Tue                                                                                                                          | Wed                                                                                                       | Thu                                                                                                        | Fri                                                                                    | Sat                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <div>  <p>November:</p> <p>15 Warren &amp; Barb Kandel</p> <p>15 Gary &amp; Vicki Thewes</p> <p>27 Paul &amp; Sandy Nichols</p> </div> |                                                                  |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                            |                                                                                        |                                                                                                           |
| 2<br>Sunday School 9:30am<br>Worship 10:30am<br>                                                                                       | 3<br><br><i>Tara Holbrook</i>                                    | 4<br>TOPS 5:30pm<br><br><i>Kevin Proffitt</i><br><i>Audree Selby</i>                                                         | 5<br>Food Bank Delivery<br>9-10:30am<br><br><i>Sharon Ackerman</i>                                        | 6<br>Quilters 10am<br>Bells 6pm<br>Choir 7pm<br>Cantata 7:30pm                                             | 7<br>Food Bank Delivery<br>9-10:30am                                                   | 8<br>FH Reserved RR<br>Club 5pm                                                                           |
| 9<br>Sunday School 9:30am<br>Worship 10:30am<br><br><i>Charlotte Schweitzer</i>                                                                                                                                           | 10<br><b>Book Club 3:30pm</b><br><b>At the Home of Sue Myers</b> | 11<br>TOPS 5:30pm<br><br><i>Dana Cook</i> | 12<br>Food Bank Delivery<br>9-10:30am<br><br><i>Melody Corbi</i><br><i>Joseph Thewes</i>                  | 13<br>Quilters 10am<br>Bells 6pm<br>Choir 7pm<br>Cantata 7:30pm<br><i>Jackie Branch</i>                    | 14<br>Food Bank Delivery<br>9-10:30am                                                  | 15<br><b>Church Reserved for Turkey Supper</b><br><br><i>Victor Garman Sr</i><br><i>Kalina Lennington</i> |
| 16<br>Sunday School 9:30am<br>Worship 10:30am<br><br><i>Don Reinhardt</i>                                                                                                                                                 | 17<br><br><i>Lisa Fogle</i>                                      | 18<br>TOPS 5:30pm<br><b>Board Meeting 6pm</b>                                                                                | 19<br>Food Bank Delivery<br>9-10:30am<br><b>Burger &amp; Bible Night 6:30pm</b><br><i>Jeremy Richards</i> | 20<br>Quilters 10am<br>Bells 6pm<br>Choir 7pm<br>Cantata 7:30pm                                            | 21<br>Food Bank Delivery<br>9-10:30am                                                  | 22<br><br><i>Michael Martin</i>                                                                           |
| 23<br>Sunday School 9:30am<br>Worship 10:30am                                                                                                                                                                             | 24<br>                                                           | 25<br>TOPS 5:30pm<br>Board Meeting 6pm                                                                                       | 26<br>Food Bank Delivery<br>9-10:30am<br><b>No Wings Meeting for November</b>                             | 27<br><br>Office Closed | 28<br>Food Bank Delivery<br>9-10:30am<br><b>Office Closed</b><br><br><i>Wes Rohrer</i> | 29<br>                                                                                                    |
| 30<br>Sunday School 9:30am<br>Worship 10:30am                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                  |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                           |                         |                                                                                        |                                                                                                           |

December  
ANNIVERSARIES

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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  
January/February Articles  
is December 15th