

**Worship Services:
8:15, 9:45 & 11:00 AM**

**Sunday School for
All Ages: 9:45 AM
Adults: 11:00 AM**



Tabernacle Spotlighter

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March 2018

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord!

Soon we will celebrate together the greatest day in human history: the day of resurrection. That day on which Jesus rose from the dead in a new transformed body capable of living forever radically changed the way Jesus' followers viewed the world around them and energized their mission to awaken those around them to God's new day dawning. Here we are almost 2000 years later still amazed and energized by the hope and possibilities. Here we are almost 2000 years later wondering why we are NOT YET fully living abundant lives in God's new heaven-on-earth.

For the next few short days of Lent, we have an opportunity to examine that very "not yet". Christians take 40 days, plus the Sundays between, to walk the remembered road to the cross and work on those things which keep us living in a "not yet" world when God's heaven-on-earth has so clearly already begun. We look for something that ties our bodies and minds to the mortal way of living and, instead, turn to God to embrace the abundant from-now-on way of living.

In his book, Surprised by Hope, Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church, N. T. Wright states on page 182:

"When human beings give their heartfelt allegiance to and worship that which is not God, they progressively cease to reflect the image of God. One of the primary laws of human life is that you become like what you worship; what's more, you reflect what you worship not only to the object itself but also outward to the world around. Those who worship money increasingly define themselves in terms of it and increasingly treat other people as creditors, debtors, partners, or customers rather than as human beings. Those who worship sex define themselves in terms of it, their preferences, their practices, their past histories, and increasingly treat other people as actual or potential sex objects. Those who worship power define themselves in terms of it and treat other people as either collaborators, competitors, or pawns. These and many other forms of idolatry combine in a thousand ways, all of them damaging to the image-bearing quality of the people concerned and of those whose lives they touch."

During Lent, I challenge you to examine the way you increasingly define yourself and view others in terms of wealth, sex, power, or other idolatrous ways. I challenge you to turn back to worshipping God whole heartedly and begin increasingly to define yourself in terms of that worship, and begin increasingly to treat others as God's dearly loved children. I challenge you to begin living in God's new heaven-on-earth right now so that when we celebrate that great getting' up morning on April 1st, Easter Sunday, we will celebrate as people living right now and from now on as God's people.

Grace and Peace,

Barry and Becky



BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST BY GROWING MATURE DISCIPLES THROUGH:

PRAYER, **W**ORSHIP, **E**VANGELISM, **F**ELLOWSHIP, **S**TUDY, & **C**HRI**S**TIAN **S**ERVICE



3/1

Richard Whaling

3/2

Michael Reardon

3/3

Katherine Carter
James Sharon

3/4

Judith Ortega
Barbara Thompson
Raymond Whaling

3/5

Tracy Dodson
Ryan Ellis
Vy Goddard
Haily Joseph
Robert Kessler
Denise Myers

3/6

Nathaniel Moxley

3/7

Donald Fowler
Ellen Robey

3/8

John Flores
Gregg Kneipp

3/9

Zachary Brown
David Craig
Nolan DiDonato
Caleb Thorburn

3/10

Emily Mathis

3/11

Moses Monasir
Cynthia Neal
Carolyn Sullivan

3/12

Mason Chamblin
Kevin Leahy
Kelly McInteer

3/13

Jason Javaras
Andrew ProVorse

3/14

Lauren Higgins
Noah Taylor
Nathaniel Taylor

3/15

Daniel Henry

3/16

William Schroeder Sr.
Karah Sizemore
Rachel Walter

3/17

Linda Acors
Ryan Carr

3/18

Brandon Schrader
Robin Woodie

3/19

Linda Duncan
Sarah Flores
Matthew Higgins
William Oldham
Anna Weiderhold

3/20

Emma Farrell
Caroline Reardon
James Sharon III

3/21

Ryan Boetig
Mollie Gross

3/22

Jubee Moxley

3/23

Kaylah Coady
Floyd Harris

3/24

Ronald Newton

3/25

William Keyes

3/27

Alan Griffith
Tyler McCullen
Jeff ProVorse
Terry Sullivan

3/28

Ashlyn Dayney
Michael Moore
Austin Weiderhold

3/30

Amy Reardon
Jacob Wellerman

3/31

Julia Newton



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Thursday, March 01, 2018

9:00 AM Prayer Group
 9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible Study
 12:00 PM AA Meeting
 5:30 PM Bell Choir
 6:30 PM Chancel Choir
 7:00 PM Praise Team

Friday, March 02, 2018

3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 5208
 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 3721

Saturday, March 03, 2018

7:30 AM AA Meeting
 9:00 AM AA Meeting
 3:00 PM Second Times a Charm

Sunday, March 04, 2018

8:15 AM Traditional Service
 9:30 AM Children's Choir
 9:45 AM Contemporary Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 9:45 AM Upper Room Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Service
 11:00 AM WOF Bible Study
 12:00 PM Jr/Sr Youth Groups
 5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 472

Monday, March 05, 2018

6:30 PM Riverbend Banquet
 7:00 PM NOW Meeting

Tuesday, March 05, 2018

12:00 PM AA Meeting
 6:00 PM Lent Soup & Bread Meal
 7:00 PM Lent Study
 7:00 PM Missions Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 07, 2018

9:00 AM Prayers & Squares
 10:30 AM Rosa Miller Circle
 7:00 PM AA Meeting
 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 08, 2018

9:00 AM Prayer Group
 9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible Study
 12:00 PM AA Meeting
 5:30 PM Bell Choir
 6:30 PM Chancel Choir
 7:00 PM Praise Team

Saturday, March 10, 2018

7:30 AM AA Meeting
 9:00 AM AA Meeting

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:15 AM Traditional Service
 9:30 AM Children's Choir

9:45 AM Contemporary Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 9:45 AM Upper Room Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Service
 11:00 AM WOF Bible Study
 1:00 PM MPKids
 5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop
 7:00 PM UMM Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2018

9:15 AM MOPS

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

12:00 PM AA Meeting
 12:00 PM Dorcas Circle
 6:00 PM Lent Soup & Bread Meal
 7:00 PM Lent Study

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

9:00 AM Prayers & Squares
 7:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, March 15, 2018

9:00 AM Prayer Group
 9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible Study
 12:00 PM AA Meeting
 5:30 PM Bell Choir
 6:30 PM Chancel Choir
 7:00 PM Praise Team

Friday, March 16, 2018

3:30 PM Micah Ministries
 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 3721

Saturday, March 17, 2018

7:30 AM AA Meeting
 9:00 AM AA Meeting
 9:30 AM Stephen Ministry Meeting

Sunday, March 18, 2018

8:15 AM Traditional Service
 9:30 AM Children's Choir
 9:45 AM Contemporary Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 9:45 AM Upper Room Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Service
 11:00 AM WOF Bible Study
 12:00 PM Jr/Sr Youth Groups
 4:00 PM Prayer Service
 5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 472

Monday, March 19, 2018

7:00 PM BS Adult Committee
 7:00 PM Education Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

12:00 PM AA Meeting
 6:00 PM Lent Soup & Bread Meal
 7:00 PM Chancellor Swim Club
 7:00 PM Lent Study

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

9:00 AM Prayers & Squares
 7:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2018

9:00 AM Prayer Group
 9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible Study
 12:00 PM AA Meeting
 5:30 PM Bell Choir
 6:30 PM Chancel Choir
 7:00 PM Praise Team
 7:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Friday, March 23, 2018

3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 5208

Saturday, March 24, 2018

7:30 AM AA Meeting
 9:00 AM AA Meeting

Sunday, March 25, 2018

8:15 AM Traditional Service
 9:30 AM Children's Choir
 9:45 AM Contemporary Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 9:45 AM Upper Room Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Service
 11:00 AM WOF Bible Study
 12:00 PM Jr/Sr Youth Groups
 2:00 PM Easter Party
 5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 472

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

10:00 AM Crossbearers at Woodmont
 12:00 PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

9:00 AM Prayers & Squares
 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch
 7:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, March 29, 2018

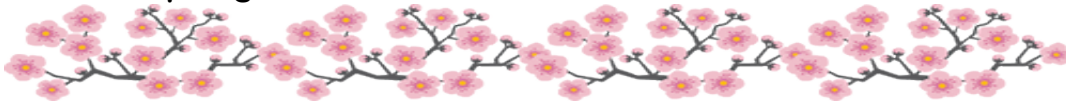
9:00 AM Prayer Group
 9:30 AM Thursday AM Bible Study
 12:00 PM AA Meeting
 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 30, 2018

8:00 PM 24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Saturday, March 31, 2018

7:30 AM AA Meeting
 9:00 AM AA Meeting



COMMUNION OFFERING FOR MARCH

Tabernacle's Communion Offering for March is for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). We also have a our special offering for March which is UMCOR Sunday. UMCOR Sunday was formally known as One Great Hour of Sharing in years past. UMCOR Sunday is March 11th. This offering takes place on the fourth Sunday in Lent and gives major support for UMCOR. The organization provides immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support the ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace. Special Offering envelopes will be available, you can designate it on your regular giving envelope or through ***E-giving***. UMCOR Sunday giving covers UMCOR's administrative and logistical costs which allows 100 percent of all designated gifts to be used for the specified disaster response or other ministry.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME—MARCH 11TH

DON'T BE LATE FOR CHURCH! Daylight-Savings Time begins. Sunday, March 11th. Turn your clocks **forward** before going to bed Saturday night.

EASTER OFFERING

Tabernacle's Easter Offering this year will benefit the Give Ye Them To Eat (GYTTE) Program in Mexico through the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries. Tabernacle has supported the Methodist Missionaries/GYTTE for over 30 years. Not only have we supported them financially through our Easter Offerings but also through short term Mission Trips to the GYTTE Tree Of Life Training Center in Tlancualpican, Mexico. Our Easter Offering supports training and programs provided by GYTTE to combat hunger and poverty in the rural sector of south-central Mexico. GYTTE's web site is www.gytte.org. Let us share the love and hope we have in Christ and impact lives by supporting the Easter Offering.

Our Easter Offering provides an extraordinary means for us to resist evil in the world. The annual offering supports ministries beyond our local congregation, encouraging and assisting them in their efforts to resist evil.

THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY

The following letter was received through the Church website and we would like to share it with all of you. It was dated February 14th.

*Dear Tabernacle Family, Dale and I want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits, and concern you have shown us the past months since Dale's heart attack. It is very much appreciated and has been a real comfort to us. A special thanks to all those who provided meals for Kim's family while she was at the hospital with Peggy. Thank you so much! We hope to be back with you soon.
Dale and Peggy Weber*

WORSHIP COMMITTEE – 2018 COMMUNITY OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

just as you are...

Tabernacle has added an Outreach phrase to couple with its Purpose Statement this year. To publicize this Campaign from within Tabernacle's membership, the Worship Committee is asking members to share how this phrase speaks to them in their faith walk. If you would like to volunteer to share your story during the Mission Moment at any service, please contact Donna Jones at 540-207-5348 or at fdesigns2000@icloud.com.



YOUTH ROOM MAKEOVER FUNDRAISER—MARCH 11TH

Please help support the **Youth Fundraiser** by joining us for a **Painting Party on March 11th from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.** at PAINTING WITH A TWIST. The cost is **\$50**. Half of the money raised will go toward purchasing a flat screen TV and DVD player along with graphics and gently used furniture for the Youth Room. We would like to keep your painted canvas to use to decorate the Youth Room. On-line registration is available at www.paintingwithatwist.com, or at the church website www.tabumc.org. Donations can also be made to TUMC with "Youth Fundraiser" notated on the memo line. For more information contact Donna Jones at 540-207-5348 or Jeff Potts at born2coach@comcast.net. *If you can't come, consider sponsoring a youth who will be painting.*

PRAYER SERVICE – MARCH 18TH

Do you experience or long to experience the power of a group of people praying together? Please join us to experience that deep feeling of belonging by praying together. Our next Prayer Service is on March 18th in the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. Along with prayer for individuals, we pray for the church, the community, the country, and beyond.



CUPCAKES NEEDED!

The children at Tabernacle are eagerly awaiting a fun Cake Walk as part of our Easter Party on March 25th. In order for this cake walk to be a success, we are asking for donations of cupcakes! If you are able to donate cupcakes (baked or store-bought), please drop them off at the MPR kitchen on the morning of March 25th. Thank you for helping make this celebration special for the children! Stop by and join us for the Easter Party. You might even win a cupcake! For more information please contact Carol Gallagher at 540-710-0059

EASTER EGG HUNT AND PARTY – MARCH 25TH

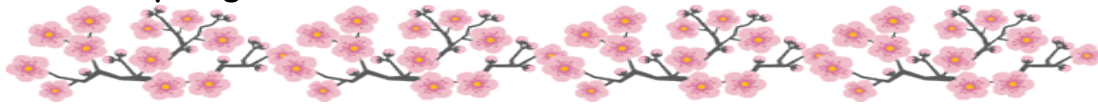
On March 25th from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., please come join us in the MPR for an Easter Party! This year we will be exploring the events of Holy Week through lessons, games, crafts and an Egg Hunt. There will also be fun games, a photo booth and a cake walk. Please invite friends and neighbors! We will again be helping support SECA. Your donations of non-perishables or other canned goods are greatly appreciated. We need adult volunteers for this event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carol Gallagher at 540-710-0059 .

LUNCH BUNCH – MARCH 28TH

Bring a dish to share, drinks and dessert are provided. Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 28th at Noon. We meet the last Wednesday of each month to share a meal and some fellowship. All are welcome!

GET PLUGGED IN

Have you ever wanted to help out in church or the community but was not sure where to start? The church ministries invite you to look at Get Plugged In at www.tabumc.org. Go to the Church website and click on the **More** tab then click **Get Plugged In**. Check out the opportunities to become involved. See if your gifts and graces fit in with one of the opportunities. Then step out your comfort zone and try something new. Keep checking this information as new opportunities arise.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 25th—Palm Sunday

- Easter Cantata at 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Palm Sunday Service at 9:45 a.m. in the MPR
- Children process with palms at all Worship Services

March 29th—Maundy Thursday

- Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

March 30th—Good Friday

- 24 Hour Prayer Vigil from 8:00 p.m. March 30th until 8:00 p.m. March 31st

April 1st—Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. in MPR followed by breakfast
- Easter Services at 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Easter Service at 9:45 a.m. in the MPR

EASTER CANTATA – MARCH 25TH

Our Easter Cantata, *A Living Hope*, composed by Tom Fettke, will be presented on Sunday, March 25th at the 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services by the Adult and Youth Chancel Choirs. This beautiful Cantata will take you through Christ's journey from Palm Sunday to His resurrection. Please share an invitation with a friend or neighbor and come hear our gift of song to you!

EASTER PRAYER VIGIL—MARCH 30TH

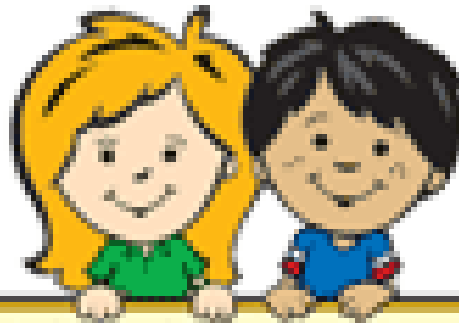
Our 24 Hour Prayer Vigil will begin on Good Friday, March 30th at 8:00 p.m. through Holy Saturday, March 31st at 8:00 p.m. We are asking two things of you. First we are inviting you to make a specific prayer request for yourself, your family members, a friend, financial situation, etc. These requests will be written on 3 x 5 index cards available in the Sanctuary and the MPR. Please fill out a card with your request and include your name at the top of the card. There will be a blue prayer box at the back of the church for the collection of these cards in the Sanctuary and a blue prayer box in the MPR. These cards will be used by those who are praying in the Sanctuary during the Vigil. The second request is that you also consider being one of those individuals praying during the Vigil. The sign up poster is located outside the Fellowship Hall. There will be security during the late hours and early morning hours of the Vigil. For questions or to make a prayer request, call Susan Pleasants at 540-786-6162 or email her at visitation@tabumc.org.

TUMC IS EXCITED TO OFFER FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. If you're interested in learning more about the class, email Michelle Pinheiro at admin.assistant@tabumc.org. The class is it at **Tabernacle** starting **April 4th at 7:00 p.m.** You may sign up and order your kit today by going to www.fpu.com/1060360 or visit our website at www.tabumc.org and **click** on the link to **Financial Peace University**.

ELECTRONIC PRAYER REQUESTS

This type of prayer request can be made at any hour of the day. Go to the church website which is www.tabumc.org, click on the **More** tab then click **Prayer Request**. There will be a screen where you can enter your prayer. After typing in your request, click on **Send Request**.



KIDS PAGE

FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



What you do:






1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennas and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!



Spring's Beauty

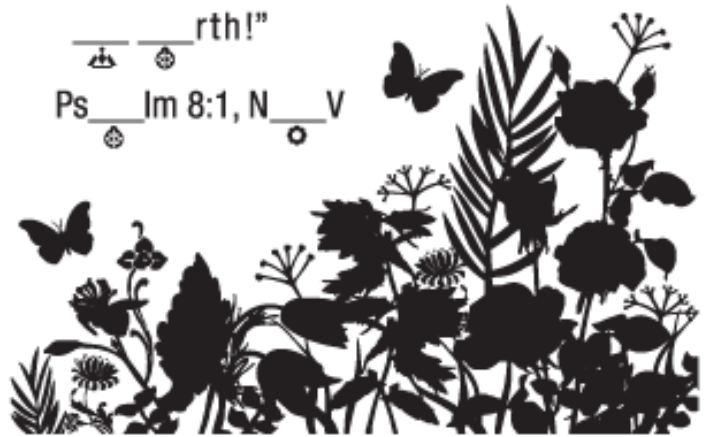
During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

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Ps__lm 8:1, N__v



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"
 NIV Psalm 8:1



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