

“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



Read & visualize the scene in Psalm 23

As we are in the Season of Lent – a time of reflection – a time of meditation on what our Lord endured for us that we might enter the Kingdom of Heaven, let us keep our eyes on the One who gave it all so that we might someday enjoy the peace and beauty of eternal life.

We know that we live in a busy age - a time of instant gratification, a time of hurried schedules, a time of manmade chaos. Let's be honest: life can be full of so much *noise*—so many distractions, so much busyness—and the temptation for many can be to just get swept away by all of it. There are meetings to be at, functions to attend, demands to be met, and if we're not careful, we can be in danger of drifting away from our Lord. Though we live in a society that seems to continually clamor in both speed and noise, our passage today reminds us of a bygone era when the pace was a bit slower and the noise was a bit less. The psalmist's words invoke an image of peace, rest, and tranquility taken next to a stream of quiet beauty—an image that has resonated with souls over the past centuries.

I count myself blessed, having experienced in nature my soul being rejuvenated next to peaceful pastures and streams of quiet waters. And though I don't always have the means of picking up and physically traveling to a location where this image can be experienced, I do have the ability of reading this passage, closing my eyes (wherever I am), and imagining myself in this place Scripture reveals. On many occasions, even in the midst of the busyness and distractions of life, I have recalled the words of the psalmist, imagining myself in this place of tremendous beauty and peace, and there I center my spirit and quiet my soul.

I encourage you, in this season of Lent, to take a moment today and ask our Good Shepherd to lead your spirit next to a place of green pastures and quiet waters—so that he may restore your soul. It is so worth the journey!

In His Service,
Pastor Jan ◇◇

Ministries

FILLING LENTEN GIFT BAGS WITH OUR LOVE



This Lenten season we will once again be sharing our love gifts with those in our Mt. Tabor Family who are unable to attend worship services. We will be filling the gift bags with small gifts, cards, notes, and goodies. They will be in the narthex on Sunday, March 8, 15, 22, and 29.

We will also need people to sign up to deliver the gift bags and flowers. The sign-up sheet will be on the gift bag table. Those kind people who are delivering should take the gift bags and flowers with them after church on Palm Sunday, March 29, and deliver them before Easter. Each recipient's phone number and address will be clipped to their gift bag.

Thank you, Mt. Tabor!

Diana Spaulding

Join Our

Book Club

Ready to dive into amazing stories?

The next Book Club meeting will be held on March 10th at 3:30pm. The book to be discussed is "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi. Please plan to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Looking ahead: Book Club will meet in April on the 14th at 3:30pm. The book being discussed will be "The Magnificent Lives of Margery Post" by Allison Paatask.

Book club meetings are held at the home of Sue Myers.



We will be gathering on March 18th and April 15th at 6:30pm at Loby's on Cleveland Ave. Please consider joining us!



The WINGS meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 25th at 12pm in Fellowship Hall.

They will hold their business meeting to discuss their calendar for the remainder of the year. Lunch out following the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Gretchen DeSavio/Deb Bayer Bredon

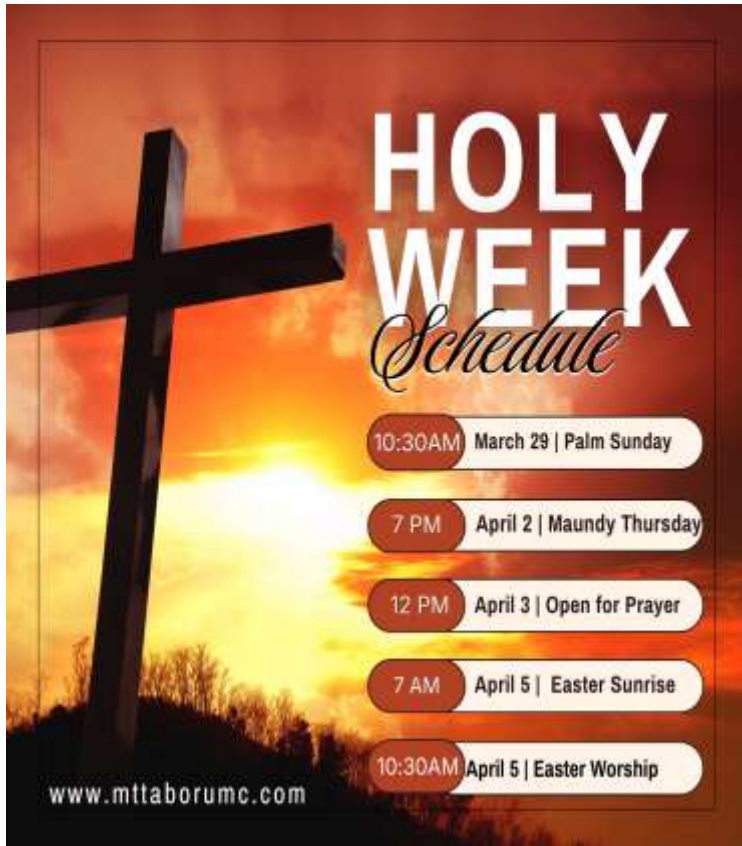


The Bible study for the New Year, "The Promise of Heaven" by Dr. David Jeremiah. . . 31 reasons to get excited about your Eternal Home, will continue in March and April.

This study will be facilitated by Diane Garner at the home of Kathy Hopkins at 1pm.

Interesting topics that will be discussed will include will we remember our lives or each other, what happens to children who die, what if someone was cremated, what about those who died by suicide? All are invited to attend.

Kathy Hopkins



HOLY WEEK

Schedule

- 10:30AM March 29 | Palm Sunday
- 7 PM April 2 | Maundy Thursday
- 12 PM April 3 | Open for Prayer
- 7 AM April 5 | Easter Sunrise
- 10:30AM April 5 | Easter Worship

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JOIN US FOR AN

EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 5, 2025

Birth thru 5th graders
11:45AM, meet at the cemetery



Candy donations are needed for filling our eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Donations can be dropped off in the office Monday thru Friday 9am-1pm.



Come to the Table Sunday

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 go to Mt. Tabor's Table to help fund this ministry. All food donations will be used to restock the Blessing Box as it is needed.

This ministry is 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!



Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8th. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour.

YOU NEED TO CHANGE THE BATTERY IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR!

"Change your clock, change your battery" is an easy way to remember. This simple chore could and will save your life in the event of a fire.

Every 23 seconds, a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation. Research shows that 30 years ago, you had about 17 minutes to escape a house fire. Today it's down to three or four minutes. The reason: newer homes and the furniture inside them actually burn faster.

Please take a few minutes and replace the battery in your detector. Better yet, replace your old smoke detector with a new one with a 10-year battery and don't worry about it next year!



Betty Bayer celebrated her 100th Birthday with a luncheon at Mt Tabor's Reception Hall on Valentine's Day. She would like to thank the 200 guests who came to offer their Birthday wishes. Betty was delighted to see so many family members, friends and East Canton acquaintances come and share their memories.

A big Thank You to Diane D., Diana S., Jane P., Cheryl S. and Karen H. for all their help in the kitchen and in making the party so successful.

Thank You to Pastor Jan for leading us in prayer and also to Sandy H. and Cheryl H. for all their help.

Mom has so many wonderful memories of her special day and wishes to thank all of those involved thank you also for your gifts and WINGS donations. She certainly is loved by many♥☐

Deb Bayer-Bredon



T.O.P.S. has changed their meeting time! Weigh in will be at 2:45pm in Fellowship Hall with their meeting to follow at 3pm. New members are always welcome.

IT'S TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS!

_____ TULIPS (6 1/2 inch pot) - \$10.00 each

_____ HYACINTHS (6 1/2 inch pot) - \$10.00 each

_____ LILIES (6 1/2 inch pot) - \$12.00 each

_____ DAFFODILS (6 1/2 inch pot) 10.00 each

_____ GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

_____ GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF: _____
(please print clearly)

_____ GIVEN IN HONOR OF: _____
(please print clearly)

_____ GIVEN BY: _____
(Person placing the order as it is to appear in the bulletin)

(Please place your order in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and put in the offering plate or return to the church office.) **PLEASE PAY FOR FLOWERS WHEN ORDERING. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MT. TABOR U.M.C. DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS Friday March 27th**



Money Matters by Charlotte Schweitzer, Treasurer

Greetings.

Thanks to God and your giving, the General Fund ended the year in much better condition than it started in 2025. (Note: all budgeted apportionments were paid in full.) I especially appreciated this as church was cancelled January 25th due to severe weather. And some of the snow removal/ice control bills have come in.

Through week 6 of 2026 a cumulative total of \$69,620 has been contributed to the Capital Improvement Campaign.

"Keep doing good works and sharing your resources, for these are sacrifices that please God." Hebrews 13:16
The Jerusalem Bible

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				
				7,779.63
	Designated (use specified by donor)			10,714.93
	Undesignated			<u>18,494.56</u>
	Total			
2025				
Through Nov.	112,824.89	15,368.50	-127,520.19	673.20
December	<u>20,775.05</u>	<u>1,746.25</u>	<u>-9,577.61</u>	<u>12,943.69</u>
	133,599.94	17,114.75	-137,097.80	13,616.89
General Fund balance 12/31/2025				32,111.45
Designated (use specified by donor)				11,609.46
Undesignated				<u>20,501.99</u>
General Fund balance 12/31/2025				<u>32,111.45</u>
January 2026	5,746.00	587.00	-11,636.42	-5,303.42
Payroll taxes withheld, not yet remitted				597.77
General Fund balance 1/31/2026				<u>27,405.80</u>
Designated (use specified by donor)				11,313.65
Undesignated				<u>16,092.15</u>
General Fund balance 1/31/2026				<u>27,405.80</u>

Offerings – Church Budget line on offering envelope

Money Matters Cont....

Offerings – General Fund, Capital Improvement, and Benevolence

WEEK #	2025	2026	Change	Budget
1	3,055.00	3,310.00	255.00	2,525.00
2	1,721.00	1,368.00	(353.00)	2,525.00
3	3,508.00	3,178.00	(330.00)	2,525.00
4	2,987.00	40.00	(2,947.00)	2,525.00
5	3,364.00	10,043.00	6,679.00	2,525.00
6	2,471.00	3,302.00	831.00	2,525.00
YTD	17,106.00	21,241.00	4,135.00	15,150.00

Capital Improvement Campaign

Pledged	1,750.00	370.00	(1,380.00)	2,400.00
Unpledged	20.00	1,120.00	1,100.00	-
	1,770.00	1,490.00	(280.00)	2,400.00
*Totals	15,336.00	19,751.00	4,415.00	12,750.00

*Excluding Capital Improvement Campaign

Average Weekly: thru January (4 weeks)				
	2023	2024	2025	2026
Budget	2,573.58	2,580.77	2,669.24	2,525.00
Actual	2,505.75	2,293.30	2,817.75	1,974.00
Short) Over	(67.83)	(287.47)	148.51	(551.00)
% of Budget	97.36%	88.86%	105.56%	78.18%



Percent change from prior year			
	'23 to '24	'24 to '25	'25 to '26
Budget	0.28%	3.43%	-5.40%
Actual	-8.48%	22.87%	-29.94%
Net change:	-8.76% negative	19.44% positive	-24.54% negative



Mt. Tabor's Table Stats



	December	January
Meals Provided	7140	6435
Families Served	105	116
Pounds of Food Purchased	7229	8773
Money Spent	286.60	486.08

Due to generous donations, we have been able to keep our shelves stocked with food and provide for our neighbors.

We are still positioned well going into this year.

Guy K. Suffecool

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



Mark Your Calendars!



Choir practices will end for the summer on May 14th. Watch your bulletin sheets for information on when they will resume.



Board Meetings are scheduled for March 17th and April 21st at 6pm

Prayer Concerns

Members, Family & Friends

Adams, Tom

Botean, Doris

Branch, Nancy

Bucher, Dorothy

Buckle, Tim

Carl, Marian

DelSavio, Jodi

DiPietro, Gary

Dorosky, Renee

Dye, Kevin

Eaton, Eli

Fairless, Lorri *

Family of Ann-Sofi Rogler

Family of Annette Williams

Fetty, Kristie

Fowler, Jacob

Fry, Thomas Jr.

Ganjinek, Suzanne

Gerber, Kathryn

Gibson, Emily

Gobeli, Kathy

Gorrell, Monica

Greaves, Doris

Griffith, Nancy

Heaston, Diana

Hill, Kathy

Huber, Betty

Hutchison, Heather

Keyser, Julie

Kitzmiller, Gary

Krivos, Diane

Lanzer, Patricia

Law, Bradley *

Little, Rich

Martin, Shirley

McGee, Reggie

Miller, Josh

Myers, Skylar

Nennig, Allen

Nennig, Sharon

Nestor, Jody *

Peterson, Linda

Poulelis, Renee

Reese, Linda

Reese, Tom

Rohrer, Pam

Ryan, Debbie

Schwartz, Ethelind

Sharp, Judy

Sorrells, Toya

Swan, Ron & Janice

Thewes, Vickie*

Toalston, Paul

Tolley, Lisa

Totherow, Theresa

Truex, Charlotte

Truex, Tina

Truex, Gary

Unspoken Request

Zimmerman, Mary Anne

God 
Answers
Prayers

*** 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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Change Service Requested

Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30am.
Adult Sunday School 9:30am



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30am

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 am

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The Deadline for
May/June Articles
is April 15th