TABOR TALK

Dear Church family,

I am so grateful to finally be moved and serving alongside you here in Mount Tabor UMC! When I received the call from my District Superintendent Jae Lee in March about my appointment to Mount Tabor UMC, I was initially in shock as I thought the Bishop and Cabinet had finished the appointments for this year. But the shock soon turned to peace, joy, and expectancy as I talked with Bishop Ken Carter and in my prayers was assured that this move is a "God-thing". Finding out that Bishop Carter had indeed served this congregation, and that Dana McKim was appointed to First UMC Franklin (and that he also served here) brought further confirmation that the Holy Spirit is indeed moving in and through the appointments of our Annual Conference. I am also blessed to be counted in the number of some of my most revered colleagues who have served here. Wannamaker Hardin, Ken Carter, Earl Wilson, Mark Key, and Lonnie Pittman (there are others in this number that I don't know personally) are people I love, admire, and celebrate.

I am humbled and thrilled to join you in ministry, and I celebrate your inspiring legacy of faithful witness and service to this community and beyond. As I related in the sermon a few weeks ago, so many people in our local community know and have shared with me what an impact you have in this area. This speaks volumes about Mount Tabor UMC!

I do sense a prevailing need among us during my first few weeks. One person in our congregation shared that, "This church has been through so much in the past couple of years...and so have you...perhaps we're all in need of God's healing touch." This insight resonates in my spirit as well, so the focus of our Scriptures and sermons in August will be hearing some of the healing stories of Jesus, called "Jesus the Healer". I hope that you will join in worship as much as you can and be prepared for the Holy Spirit to move in our lives to bring healing, wholeness, unity, harmony, and joy! After each message each Sunday, you will have the opportunity to come to the altar to receive anointing with oil in the sign of the cross on your forehead and hear Jesus' words from that week's Scripture spoken to you personally.

I can hardly wait to be a part of all that God will continue to do in, through, and among us at Mount Tabor UMC. I say again with great expectancy, "We ain't seen nothing yet!"

In Christ, Pastor David

What we're talking about this month in TaborKIDS Junior and TaborKIDS:



During **TaborKids Junior** this month, we're talking about a different kind of bright light. We're talking about **THE** light that God sent into the world to shine bright for all the world to see. And **THIS** light has a name. His name is Jesus! Each time we choose to love like Jesus, we become a bright light. Just like each LiteBrite peg lights up to make a picture, each and every act of love is a bright light that makes a beautiful picture for the world to see Jesus.

TaborKIDS (1st-5th Grades):

On your mark, get set, go! When a shepherd named David became king, it was a whole new ballgame! He had some big wins and some big losses, but he also had a great plan for how to overcome his challenges. In this 4 -week series, TaborKIDS will team up with David and learn that making peace, following God, showing kindness, and forgiveness are all part of God's game plan for us!

Hey TaborKIDS! We'd love to see you on Sunday mornings in TaborKIDS Worship offered during all worship services. We love our TaborKIDS!

For more information on any of these activities or Children's Ministries in general, check your TaborKIDS Weekly email or please contact Marcey Davis (marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org)

Tabor Kids Events & Announcements:

- * Help get the Children's Building & the Playground ready for the new school year by assisting with a deep cleaning on Saturday, August 3 from 9:30-11:30 AM.
- * It doesn't matter if you carry a backpack, a tote bag, or a briefcase, Mount Tabor will be praying for all starting back to school. The Back to School Blessing will be part of both worship services on Sunday, August 4.
- * Back to School Breakfast on Sunday, August 4 9:45-11:00am in the Family Life Center. Open to TaborKIDS and Fusion families to celebrate Back to School with Family Ministries! RSVP here: bit.ly/mtb2sbfast
- * **TaborTWEENS** (4th & 5th Grade) are invited to the **District Tween Retreat Sept. 20-21.** For more information and to register, please visit: bit.ly/tweenretreat2024. The registration deadline is 8/28! Save the Dates!
- * **TaborKIDS on Wednesdays kicks off on September 4!** Every Tabor Table Wednesday, children are invited to come to the Children's Building from 6-7:15pm for faith, fun, fellowship, and back this year Worship Arts! Check your TaborKIDS emails in late August for more information!
- * At Mount Tabor, we believe in the study of God's word and want to impart that upon our children. This year, we are delighted to be giving Bibles to 1st graders and others who have yet to receive one from Mount Tabor UMC. These Bibles will be at their reading levels and geared toward furthering their understanding of God's word. Bibles will be handed out at all worship services on Sunday, September 15. You are also invited to a special "Hands On" Bible event at 3:00pm that afternoon. Please register here: bit.ly/mtbible24
- * Training for acolytes will be September 29 12:15-2:00pm. If your child is in 3rd grade or up and is interested in helping lead worship as an acolyte in the Traditional Worship Service, please register here: bit.ly/mtacolyte2024
- * Interested and invested in discipling the next generation? All current and prospective TaborKIDS & Fusion Leaders & Coaches are invited for dinner and training on **September 8 at 5:00pm**! Join the Family Ministries Team for an evening of fun, fellowship, and food while flexing your leadership skills! Questions? Contact Marcey marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org) or WillyB (will.busch@mttaborumc.org) RSVP for dinner here: bit.ly/mtldrtraining



Youth Ministries at Mount Tabor UMC

July brought an unreal amount of heat, leaving our physical bodies quenching and dying of thirst. July also has brought us nothing but the refreshing taste of memories, joy, justice, relations, missions, and community.

The month started off for me in Hendersonville, NC surrounded in a camp setting of over 150 school-aged campers and roughly 25 adults with varying neurological and physical disabilities. This time reminded me of the beauty of 1 Corinthians 12:22 which reads "...the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable" and helped me recognize the value and importance of every individual.

When I returned from my week at camp, we led the High Schoolers to Atlanta, GA, in conjunction with Williamson's Chapel UMC in Mooresville, NC, for our High School Mission Trip. This mission trip focused on Micah 6:6-8 and the relations that come with those living on the margins while pursuing a life of justice, mercy, and humility. During our time in Atlanta, we had the ability to partner with 10 different organizations, visit the King Center, and the National Civil and Human Rights Museum while also taking all three types of public transit in Atlanta (train, bus, and street car). We experienced things in new ways, broadened our horizons, and learned the difference between relief and empowerment.

Next it was our Middle Schoolers turn to embark on a journey to the Eastern Shore of Virginia, in conjunction with Guilford College UMC in Greensboro, NC. During our time on this mission trip, we gleaned the farms experiencing time as a community and saw how local organizations partner with folks to use and re-purpose these fresh vegetables that are often overlooked.

Then we finished off the month with VBS where we "Started The Party with Jesus" and all of God's children. What a joyful reminder it is to remember we are all invited to God's party regardless of age. It is beautiful to see generations come together to spend a week celebrating the love of God!

July was physically hot and exhausting and was emotionally draining as we were pushed outside of comfort zones. However, the thirst of our souls has been quenched tenfold by seeing the beauty of God at work. May we hold onto these memories, allow ourselves to be transformed by these events, and head into the new school year (which is rapidly approaching) with a stronger sense of self, purpose, and relationship with Christ.

—Will Busch Director of Student Ministries

Contact Will Busch, our Student Ministries Director at 336-765-5561 or email him at will.busch@mttaborumc.org if you have questions about the Student Ministries of Mount Tabor UMC.





DivorceCare Begins in September

DIVORCECARE is a biblical and Christ-centered support group where people find healing, hope, and encouragement after separation or divorce. For you, or someone you know, no matter what the cause of separation or divorce, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck and learn valuable information about

facing your "new normal" and renewing your hope for the future. Our DivorceCare group will gather on Wednesday nights, from September 11 - December 11 in The Parlor (Rm. 108) from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information, please contact David Rigby at divorcecare@mttaborumc.org. Registration is easy at www.divorcecare.org.

Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation

Congregational Care:

- If you or your family are dealing with chronic or other illness, cancer, preparing for
 or recovering from surgery, caregiving, mourning, dealing with a life transition, etc.,
 I'd love to hear from you to know how you can best be cared for and supported by
 the church.
- If you are a church member and have given birth, we would love to celebrate this
 joyous occasion with you, and place a rosebud on the altar in one of the worship
 services in honor of your newborn.
- If you have a prayer request, I can pass it along to our pastor, staff, and prayer chain so that we can pray over your request.
- If you or a family member are now homebound, I will be glad to add you to the homebound ministry list so that you can receive visits from one of the homebound ministry teams.

Spiritual Formation:

- If you are looking for resources or need curriculum for your small group or Sunday School Class, I will be happy to help you with that.
- If you would like to learn more about spiritual practices, deepen your prayer life, or learn about retreat opportunities, I can help you with that as well.

Kim Harvey, Dir. of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org — 336-765-5561

GriefShare begins in September

GRIEFSHARE is a biblical and Christ-centered group that gathers to help each other heal and find encouragement following the death of a loved one. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

Our fall *GriefShare* series will begin on Wednesday, September 11 – Wednesday, December 11 in room 101 from 3:30-5:00pm. For more information, please contact Beverly Burton at griefshare@mttaborumc.org or to register go to www.griefshare.org and search for Find A Group. Mount Tabor is listed to begin on September 11.

Mount Tabor Spotlight

Here's what is coming up and what you need to know!



















Join us at Summer Tabor Table from 5:15-6:30pm in the Family Life Center

Suggested donations are Adult (age 13-older) **\$8**; Child (ages 3-12) **\$5**; Family in same house **\$25 cap**. Make reservations at **www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table**

-August 14-

Chicken and Rice Casserole, Roasted Chicken Tenders, Vegetable, Rolls, Drinks, and Desserts with Pizza Quesadillas as our kids option,

Our Weekly Tabor Table Fellowship Meals resume on September 4. Here's a look at what our Church Hostess, Sheri's got cookin'.

—September 4— Taco Salad

-September 11-Pasta

Memorial and Honorarium Gifts Given to Mount Tabor UMC

In memory of Miller Council by:

Debbie Dosek

In memory of Rick Worf by:

- William & Barbara Clifford
- Lois West

In memory of Dianne Moser by:

- Bob & Margaret Holder
- Jeff & Carolyn Woods
- Doug & Debbie Tucker
- Joe & Susan Miller
- Jim & Susan Annas
- Carl & Susan Lanier

In honor of Dale & Beth Orrell by:

Bobby & Sharon Sharp

In honor of Michael Brown by:

- Ed & Barbara Beason
- Bob & Brona McHone
- Patricia Council
- GC & Judy Petree
- Bill Huffman
- Gerald Church
- Barbara Conley
- Mike & Carol Petree
- Mac & Lisa Warren
- Michael & Michele Roberts
- Don & Marcey Davis
- John & Ginger Elliott
- Herb & Fleeta Hall

- M.E. Wheat
- Jim & Beth Graham
- William & Peggy Dillard
- Dixie Clark
- Lisa & Bill Meadows
- Joe & Susan Miller
- Carolyn & Ralph Miller
- Laura Hill

Memorials or Honorariums may be made online at https://www.MtTaborUMC.org/give or by check payable to MTUMC. Please remember to designate Memorial or Honorarium along with the person's name.

Extending our Sympathies to

- Todd & Lisa St. John upon the death of Todd's mother, Jill
- The family and friends of Emma Philpott upon her passing
- Scott Spencer upon the death of his sister in law, Ruth Sharp

Sharing our Joys with

Jon Michael & Kassy Broyles upon the baptism of their children Tommie Grace and Rynn Josie.

Recycling Team Volunteers					
Dates	Group 1	Group 2			
Aug 4-17, 2024	Lynn Church	Cynthia Grant			
Aug 18-31, 2021	Tex & Anne Leonard	Laura Hill			
Sept 1-14, 2024	Cheryl Cassel	John Eller			
Additional Volunteer Teams					
Dates	Team	Volunteers			
August 2024	Kitchen Team	Suzie Haley			
August 2024	Altar Guild	Judy McDonald			
Crisis Control Ministry Gift of the Month Please place your donations in the Crisis Control wooden bin in the Trinity Welcome Center					
August 2024	Ongoing Gift: Juice	Gift of the Month: Toilet Paper			

Call for Volunteers: Join the Altar Guild Committee!

We are seeking dedicated volunteers to join the Altar Guild Committee. Duties include setting up and taking down the Altar each week for the traditional service. During Easter and Christmas, the committee works together to ensure that all the setup responsibilities are shared, so no one is overwhelmed.

If you are interested in contributing to this important ministry, please contact Beth at bethhorrell@gmail.com or JoBeth at jobeth.holliday@gmail.com for more information. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Worship with Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church					
Date	Preaching at our 9:00am Modern Service in the Alspaugh Worship Center	Preaching at 11:00am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary	Sermon Title	Sermon Scripture	
Communion Sunday August 4	Rev. David Beam		The Grace of Gratitude	Luke 17:11-19	
August 11	Rev. David Beam		Why Can't We?	Matt. 17:14-21	
August 18	Rev. David Beam		20/20	Mark 8:22-26	
August 25	Kim Harvey		Awaiting Further Light	John 9:1-11	

All services are also available via livestream at www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming and the Mount Tabor United Methodist Church Facebook page.

Worship Bulletins are available at https://www.mttaborumc.org/bulletin.

Photos and videos are taken during Mount Tabor Services and Events for communication and/or historical purposes.

If you want your image excluded, notify the church office at 336-765-5561 ext. 1000.



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Worship Opportunities at Mount Tabor UMC

9:00am Modern Worship Service

this is a modern and contemporary worship service that is held in the Alspaugh Worship Center. Join us in-person and online each Sunday.

11:00am Traditional Worship Service

this traditional worship service incorporates traditional hymns of faith and historic creeds of the church in the Sanctuary.

You are invited to join us in-person and online each Sunday.

- Nursery care and a Mother's Room are available in the Children's Building.
- Wheelchairs are available for use while on church property and hearing enhancement devices, as well as large print bulletins, are available.
- See an usher for details.

How to watch our services from home or while you are away:

- Livestream the services at www.YouTube.com/ MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming
- Facebook Live at Mount Tabor United Methodist Church