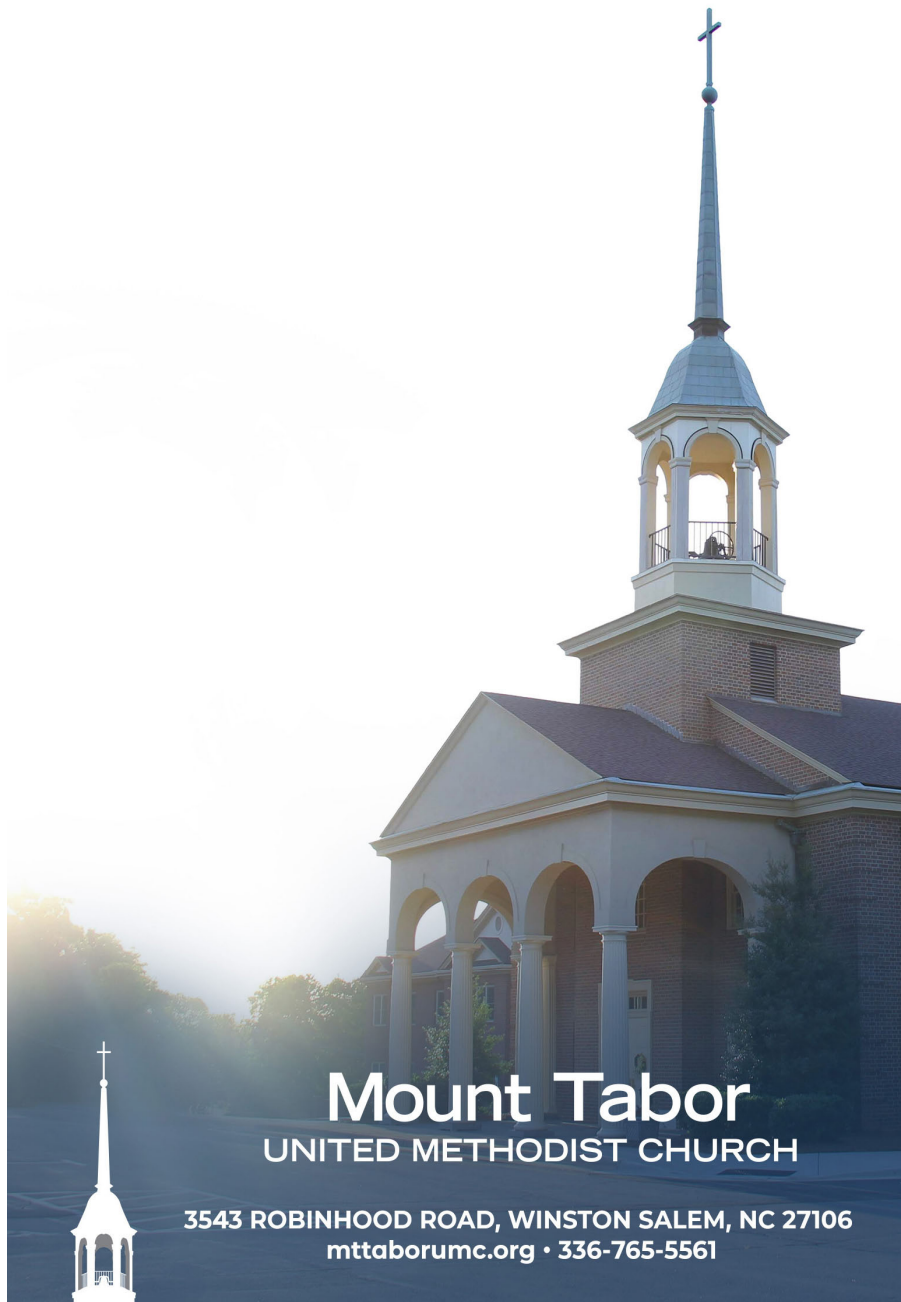


September 29, 2024

The Gift of Giving



Mount Tabor
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Traditional Order of Worship

19th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 29, 2024 • 11:00am

Hearing enhancement devices, as well as large print bulletins, are available in the Narthex.

Prelude	<i>Prelude in Classic Style</i>	Gordon Young
Welcome		John Giles
Introit	<i>Give Thanks</i>	Henry Smith
* Call to Worship (Psalm 95)		John Giles
O come, let us sing to the Lord;		
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!		
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;		
Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!		
For the Lord is a great God, And a great Ruler above all gods, In whose hands are the depths of the earth And also the heights of the mountains.		
The sea belongs to God who made it, and the dry land, because God formed it.		
* Hymn # 152	I Sing the Almighty Power of God	Forest Green
* Affirmation of Faith # 881	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	John Giles
* Prayer of Confession		John Giles
Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human. We confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves. Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division. We confess that by silence and ill-considered word we have built up walls of prejudice. We confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy we have stifled generosity and left little time for others. Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin...		
* Gloria Patri # 71	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	GREATOREX
* Assurance and Time of Greeting		Pastor David Beam
<i>Children (3 years old-5th grades) may leave to participate in TaborKids Worship today. Parents will pick them up in the Children's Building immediately following the service.</i>		
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer		Pastor David Beam
Anthem	<i>What Shall I Offer My God?</i>	Lloyd Larson
Reception of New Members		Pastor David Beam
Stewardship Speaker		Phillip Kelley
Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings		Pastor David Beam
Offertory	<i>Stand Up and Bless the Lord</i>	Jan Bender
* Doxology # 94	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
* Scripture	II Corinthians 8:1-7; 9:6-15 (The Message)	Pastor David Beam
Message	<i>"Gifts are for Giving"</i>	Pastor David Beam
* Hymn # 140	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	FAITHFULNESS
* Benediction		Pastor David Beam
* Benediction Response	<i>Bless Thou the Gifts</i>	DEUS TUORUM MILITUM
* Chiming of the Trinity		
Postlude	<i>Postlude in C Minor</i>	Johann G Walther
*Please stand in body or in spirit		

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam
Director of Traditional Worship Arts: Lauren Harris

Liturgist: John Giles
Organist: Mike Hendrix

Modern Worship
Sunday, September 29, 2024
9:00am

—Opening Song—
I Saw the Light/ I'll Fly Away

— Welcome and Call to Worship —

— Praise Song —
In Christ Alone
(Lauren Daigle)

— Tabor KIDS Dismissal—

— Stewardship Moment —
Todd Engels

— Congregational & Offertory Prayer —

— Offertory —
Gratitude

—Scripture—
II Corinthians 8:1-7; 9:6-15

— Message —
“Gifts are for Giving”

—Closing Song—
Shout To The Lord

— Announcements & Sending Forth —

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam
Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas
Worship Host: Kim Harvey
Prayer Leader: Deborah Daniels

The rosebud on the altar today is dedicated to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Henry Michael Talley, son of Kristen & Brandon Talley.

WELCOME TO MOUNT TABOR UMC

Welcome to Mount Tabor and please feel at home! If you are a first-time guest, text the word "Hello" to 336-777-7990. Also stop by the Trinity Welcome Center Desk or a Welcome Kiosk on your way out to receive a welcome gift. The mission of Mount Tabor UMC is to "Gather Joyfully, Grow Spiritually, Go Faithfully to spread the love of Christ." If you would like to explore ways to Gather, Grow, Go, text "Connect" to 336-777-7990. Prayer requests can be submitted at www.mttaborumc.org/prayer or by contacting Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation Kim Harvey (336-765-5561 ext. 1021 or kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Nursery care and Mother's Room are available for all services. Children interested in participating in TaborKIDS worship may leave the service at the appropriate time. Wheelchairs are available for use while on church property and the church offices are open Mon.-Fri., 9am-NOON and Mon.-Thurs., 1-5pm. See the church website at www.mttaborumc.org for more info.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit announcement info at least two weeks in advance to charity.goff@mttaborumc.org.

GATHER JOYFULLY

- * **You can worship at MTUMC** on Sundays at: Modern Worship at 9:00am in the Alspaugh Worship Center or Traditional Worship at 11:00am in the Sanctuary. Both services are also available via Facebook Live and <https://www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming>.
- * ***Please remember that this is a meaningful and important moment of worship. In the spirit of this special time with our Lord, we ask that you silence and put away all electronic devices during our worship services.***

GROW SPIRITUALLY & GO FAITHFULLY

- * **Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner will meet Wednesday, October 2, 5:15-6:30pm in the Family Life Center** with reservations made either at <https://www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table> or in the Trinity Welcome Center. Suggested donation is \$8 for adult (age 13 and up), \$5 for child (age 3-12), free for children under 3. For those living in same home, family max is \$25. The menu Taco Salad (Beef or Chicken), Black Beans, Refried Beans, Rice, Queso, Salad Bar, Desserts, and Drinks. Kids Option: Quesadillas.
- * **All the men of Mount Tabor UMC are invited to join us for breakfast on the first Sunday of each month** – October 6 at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome and reservations are not needed.
- * **During the month of October**, we are offering a church wide study of the book, Three Simple Rules - A Wesleyan Way of Living by Rueben P. Job. John Wesley taught and practiced these simple rules that have the power to change the world: 1) Do No Harm 2) Do Good 3) Stay in Love with God. Wednesday Night Gatherings: 6:00 -7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall -- Lunch & Learn on Thursdays: 12:00 noon-1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall - donations accepted for light lunch. Books will be available at no cost beginning Sept. 29 at these events and in the Welcome Center, Sanctuary Narthex, and Church Office. For questions or to connect with a class or small group study, contact Kim Harvey at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org

- * **Your Stewardship Committee has designated October 20, 2024** as Consecration (formerly Pledge) Sunday this year. As we prepare to consider the opportunity we have as faithful stewards of all that God gives us, remember that as a faith community living our values, we are committed to our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service & Witness. Jesus summed up the spiritual connection between money and God this way: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34). After prayerful consideration, each member, individual or household, will be provided an Estimate of Giving Card and a Step Chart to help determine donation amount. These items are meant to help determine where we each stand as providers for our mission as a community of faith. This Estimate of Giving allows the member leaders of various groups within the church, including Outreach, Missions, SPRC, Finance, Trustees, and others, to responsibly designate funds for the coming year. Please begin now to pray to God for His guidance on what you estimate you will be able to give to MTUMC in 2025. Thank you and we hope to see everyone at our combined service in the sanctuary at 10:30AM on Sunday, October 20th!
- * **Moms Fellowship meets the first Thursday of each month (October 3)** 9:15 - 10:30am in Fellowship Hall. This is a time for mothers of young children to meet for a heartfelt prayer, a short devotion with discussion, and fellowship. Childcare will be provided with registration done by 5 PM the night before the meeting. Register here: bit.ly/mtmomfellowship Questions? Contact Sandy Hauser SandyLHauser@gmail.com
- * **You are invited to a Special Consecration Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, October 20** at 10:30am for One Combined Service (our Sunday School Classes will not meet on Oct. 20). A FREE meal will be served following the service. Please let us know you will be joining us and make your reservation on the church website (mttaborumc.org). A full congregational portrait will be taken after our service before lunch. The Alspaugh Worship Center will be open for overflow seating, if needed.
- * **2024 CROP HUNGER WALK is Sunday, OCTOBER 20 at 2:30** at Corpening Plaza -- TO WALK: Sign up in the Welcome Center and pick up a packet. Then visit www.cropwalkforsyth.org and join Team Mount Tabor. TO DONATE: Sponsor the walker of your choice with cash or check ("CWS/CROP"). Give to John or Denise or place in Outreach Box (put "Denise Peterson" on envelope) OR online at www.cropwalkforsyth.org HELP PROMOTE the WALK BY PICKING UP a FLYER or BROCHURE on the CROP TABLE in the WELCOME CENTER and DISPLAY at YOUR WORKPLACE, GYM, etc. Questions? contact your Team Captains: John Giles (johnlgiles55@gmail.com 336-414-2526) Denise Peterson (mamapete3@gmail.com 336-922-1717)
- * **The Fall Festival at MTUMC will be Sunday, October 29, 4:30-6:30pm.** Enjoy a hot dog supper, bingo, inflatables, games, and more. Invite your friends and family. If you would like to volunteer, please visit <https://bit.ly/mtfall2024> to sign up. Please contact Marcey Davis (marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org) if you have any questions.
- * **Individually wrapped candy donations are needed for the Mount Tabor UMC Fall Festival.** Packages must be unopened. Candy may be dropped off in the Trinity Welcome Center at the Donation Table in the basket marked & Fall Festival Candy by Wednesday, October 25.



Sunday, September 29, 2024

- 9:00 AM Modern Worship Service— Alspaugh Worship Center
- 10:00 AM Child, Tween, Youth, & Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 AM I am a Disciple (2s & 3s) Children's Class —the Clubhouse
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Acolyte Training — Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 PM Liturgical Dance Practice — Alspaugh Worship Center
- 5:00 PM Fusion Youth Main Event — Youth Commons

Monday, September 30, 2024

- 8:00 AM Bulletin & In The Know Email Submission Deadline
- 9:00 AM Church Business Admin Mtg— Rm 207
- 10:00 AM Staff Prayer Time — Rm 200
- 12:00 PM Nar-Anon Family Support Group — Rm 108
- 6:00 PM Voices of God's Children — Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Lay Leadership Committee Meeting — Rm 207
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 934 Meeting—Rm 113
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball — Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous — Rm 102

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

- 10:00 AM Worship Planning Meeting — Rm 207
- 12:00 PM Band of Brothers — Foothills @ 4th Street
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting — Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM SPRC Meeting — Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

- 6:50 AM High School Prayer Breakfast —Bagel Station
- 9:30 AM Weds Women's Bible Study— Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 PM GriefShare Support Group — Rm 101
- 5:15 PM Tabor Table Fellowship Meal — Family Life Center
- 6:00 PM TaborKids — The Loft
- 6:00 PM TaborKids Junior Pray'n and Play'n—166
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Gatherings — Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM DivorceCare Support Group—Rm 108
- 6:45 PM Adult Volleyball Game — Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM MTUMC Delivers to Bethesda Center

Thursday, October 3, 2024

- 7:30 AM Band of Brothers In-person and via Zoom— Rm 306
- 9:15 AM Mom's Fellowship Gathering — Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 PM Lunch and Learn with Pastor David — Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM B.E.L.L.S. Rehearsal — Music/Choir Room
- 6:30 PM Modern Worship Band Rehearsal — Alspaugh
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—Music/Choir Room

Friday, October 4, 2024

- 6:15 PM Youth Lock-In — Family Life Center

Saturday, October 5, 2024

- 10:00 AM Pickle Ball Family Life Center

Our Response to God's Grace...

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Stewardship Series: “Promises worth keeping” “Gifts are for giving.”

The 18 th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

II Corinthians 8:1-7 (The Message)

1-4 Now, friends, I want to report on the surprising and generous ways in which God is working in the churches in Macedonia province. Fierce troubles came down on the people of those churches, pushing them to the very limit. The trial exposed their true colors: They were incredibly happy, though desperately poor. The pressure triggered something totally unexpected: an outpouring of pure and generous gifts. I was there and saw it for myself. They gave offerings of whatever they could—far more than they could afford! —pleading for the privilege of helping in the relief of poor Christians.

5-7 This was totally spontaneous, entirely their own idea, and caught us completely off guard. What explains it was that they had first given themselves unreservedly to God and to us. The other giving simply flowed out of the purposes of God working in their lives. That’s what prompted us to ask Titus to bring the relief offering to your attention, so that what was so well begun could be finished up. You do so well in so many things—you trust God, you’re articulate, you’re insightful, you’re passionate, you love us—now, do your best in this, too.

II Corinthians 9:6-15

6-7 Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.

8-11 God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you’re ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist puts it, He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out. This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God. 12-15 Carrying out this social relief work involves far more than helping meet the bare needs of poor Christians. It also produces abundant and bountiful thanksgivings to God. This relief offering is a prod to live at your very best, showing your gratitude to God by being openly obedient to the plain meaning of the Message of Christ. You show your gratitude through your generous offerings to your needy brothers and sisters, and really toward everyone. Meanwhile, moved by the extravagance of God in your lives, they’ll respond by praying for you in passionate intercession for whatever you need. Thank God for this gift, his gift. No language can praise it enough!

How are you/we responding and giving in response to God’s generosity and abundance given to you?

Are you/we being intentional in deciding how you/we give?

Your help is needed. Last year, we gave away almost **20,000** pieces of candy. Help by donating **individually wrapped**

candies

for the Fall Festival.
Candy may be dropped off in the Welcome Center at the Donation Table in the basket marked "Fall Festival Candy."
The Fall Festival is October 27.

A Wesleyan Way of Living
 Three Simple Rules by Rueben P. Job *Church Wide Study October 2-27*

Wednesday Night Gatherings
 6 – 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Thursdays Lunch & Learn
 12 – 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Donations accepted for light lunch. Books will be available at no cost. For questions, contact Kim Harvey at Kim.Harvey@MtTaborUMC.org

Fall FESTIVAL
 HOT DOG SUPPER - POPCORN - SNO CONES BINGO - INFLATABLES - GAMES

OCTOBER 27
4:30 - 6:30 PM
 MOUNT TABOR UMC CAMPUS
 MTTABORUMC.ORG

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