TABOR TALK

UNANXIOUS

"Stop borrowing worries."

"You will become your own self-fulfilling prophecy."

"There is nothing you can do about what you have no control over."

These are just a few of the statements I have heard over the years and taken to heart whenever I became anxious. I confess that it is much easier to preach about trust in God in all situations than it is to practice it. Even preachers know this struggle. And yet, that does not mean those statements above are not true. In fact, a lot of times in life, the hardest things to practice are rooted in some of the most important truths!

Anxiety is something that dominates our culture. Perhaps you can relate as well. Perhaps there are situations in your life that cause anxiety and you wonder how to find calm and peace in the midst of those situations. There are countless books and articles out there describing strategies for reducing anxiousness. But more importantly, Scripture addresses the worry and anxiousness that we experience. The phrase "do not be afraid" is written or spoken dozens of times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Jesus himself said to us "do not let your hearts be troubled" and "do not worry about tomorrow." Uncertainty, fear, and stress are a part of the human experience, but our faith can help us respond to these situations and emotions. To live in a constant state of anxiety is not God's will for our lives. God wants us to know that peace that is truly beyond words.

Therefore, on September 10, we will begin a new series titled, "Unanxious". This series will look at some of the different themes that bring anxiety into our lives and how our faith can help us work through those moments. During this season, many small groups will be using the book, "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado. While not directly tied to the sermon themes, this book is a very helpful tool on understanding the relationship between anxiety and faith.

So much of life and culture seems to produce anxiety. Yet, we follow a Lord who overcomes all of that. In his name we can find calm – even in the midst of the storms. I hope you will join us as we strive to be "Unanxious".

In Christ, Pastor Lonnie

A Life of Prayer

Henri Nouwen once said, "A spiritual life without prayer is like the Gospel without Christ. F.B. Meyer said, "The greatest tragedy in life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer." These are wise words to chew on. Prayer is one of the greatest gifts we have. How incredible it is that we can pray to the Lord any time, any place, and He hears us. It requires discipline to develop the habit of prayer and to, "Be still and know". As Nouwen reminds us though, "the more we pray— in the sense of living a prayerful life — the more we desire to pray." Jesus himself prayed, often getting up early in the morning and going away by himself away from the noise and crowds.

At Mount Tabor, we believe in the power of prayer and in the privilege of praying for each other. If you have a prayer request, you can contact me or submit it online to our website. We are blessed to have a prayer chain that prays over each request. If you would like to be a part of this opportunity to pray, please let me know and I will add you to the group. A life of prayer is a true blessing, not only for yourself but for those you pray for.

-Kim Harvey Director of Congregational and Soul Care

Join our Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Women's Bible Study will participate in the church-wide study of the book, "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado, on Wednesdays at 9:30 am, in person in the Fellowship Hall and also via Zoom, from Sept. 13 - Nov. 15. Participants are asked to purchase their own book. Please contact Director of Congregational & Soul Care, Kim Harvey (kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org) for questions or to receive the Zoom link.

Care and Support

If you or your family are dealing with:

- Chronic or other illness
- Cancer
- Preparing for or recovering from surgery
- Caregiving
- Grief
- A life transition or

If you are a church member and have given birth we would love to celebrate this joyous occasion with you. If you would like:

- A pastoral visit
- Phone call or
- To share a prayer request

Please contact our Director of Congregational and Soul Care, Kim Harvey in the church office (336-765-5561), email her at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org, or drop by her office for a visit.

Adopt a College Student

The College Ministry program is seeking individuals/small groups to "adopt" a college student. This role will be to encourage, pray for, and reach out to their assigned college student throughout the school year. It is a wonderful way to keep our college students connected to their church family and for the students to know they are loved and supported! If you or your small group is interested in adopting or has questions, please reach out to Cheryl Bullard (cgbullard@gmail.com) or Misty Wooten (emwooten@yadtel.net). "

Which would mean more to you? Something made by a stranger, or something made by your child? Your child's creation would be the clear winner because knowing who made something can add value to the thing that has been made. That is why we want our friends in TaborKIDS Junior to know that God made everything because knowing God made everything makes everything very good! And since God made SO many good things, we are going to **Stack It Up** this month — ALL OF IT — from day one through day seven. So, let's get ready for a whole lot of stacking!

This month, Club 252 and TaborTWEENS Bible series is called "Harmony: Together is Better." God created us for relationships. From the very beginning of the Bible, we see how important it is to have wise people in our life who help us understand how to honor God with our actions. When God sent Jesus, we were able to see the best example of friendship ever. Jesus showed us how much He loves us as He laid down His life for His friends. With His words and actions, Jesus showed friendship to everyone He met. We can reflect Jesus' love best when we take time to care for our friends.

Here is what is coming up for our Tabor Kids—

⇒ **Bible Sunday is September 10** in both worship services. Rising 1st graders and other children who have yet to receive a Bible from Mount Tabor should sign up here: bit.ly/mtbible2023 Children who receive Bibles on September 10 are invited to come back at 3 PM for a Hands on Bible event in the Welcome Center & Sanctuary!



- ⇒ **TaborKIDS on Wednesdays kicks off on September 13!** Every Tabor
 Table Wednesday, children are invited
 to come to the Children's Building from
 6-7 PM for faith, fun, and fellowship.
 Children must arrive by 6:15 PM to
 participate in programming.
 TaborKIDS Junior (independent 2 year
 olds Kindergarten) should be brought
 to Ms. Colleen in the Clubhouse in the
 Children's Building by their parents.
 TaborKIDS (1st-5th Grades) will be
 gathered by Ms. Marcey from the Family Life Center at 6 PM.
- ⇒ TaborTWEENS (4th & 5th Graders) are invited to the District Tween Retreat on September 15-16. For more information and to register, please visit bit.ly/tweenretreat23
- ⇒ 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)

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).

Great Day of Service—September 30 — 8:00am-NOON

Please make plans to serve with us in Mount Tabor UMC's Great Day of Service on Sat., September 30.

Our Great Day of Service is our annual church-wide morning of serving local community service organizations across Winston-Salem. It's traditionally been a wonderful opportunity for new members to build relationships, families to serve together, and longer-term members to re-connect... all while serving community organizations that provide crucial services to those in need 365 days each year.

We'll start the day by gathering for breakfast at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall and then the project teams will go out at 9:00am to a variety of community organizations to serve as the hands and feet of Christ. At noon the teams will come back to the church for a pizza lunch and enjoy fellowship with each other.

A sampling of the Projects will include:

- Crossnore Children's Home
- Crisis Control Ministries
- Hope of Winston-Salem
- Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center
- Ronald McDonald House
- Salem Pregnancy Center
- Samaritan Ministries
- and more.

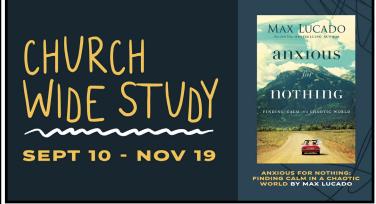
There is something for everyone! If you have a local community service organization, please consider forming and leading a new project team. It's easy to do, so if you're interested, please email Steve Mann at steve_mann_dba@yahoo.com or Debbie Bohlmann dhbohlmann@gmail.com.

Sign up boards with detailed descriptions of each project will be displayed in the Welcome Center in September.

Connect with friends and make plans to serve in the community with your brothers and sisters in Christ on Saturday, September 30.

Here are two NEW opportunities for you to grow in your Personal Faith in the Fall of 2023





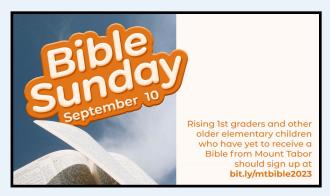
For more information or to sign-up for a Spiritual Growth Class, please contact the church office today at 336-765-5561.

Mount Tabor Spotlight

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

















DivorceCare at Mount Tabor UMC

DivorceCare features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on topics associated with separation or divorce. The DVD seminar features nationally respected counselors and real-life stories of people who have experienced divorce, followed by a small group discussion about the topic of each video. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them. Many people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have moved on, so being able to share and learn with others is helpful. Too often people, including Christians, tend to pretend they are healed instead of allowing the time needed, along with God's guidance. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is an essential part of this program.

Your experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find healing, hope, and encouragement in grieving the death of a relationship while learning how to be a whole person again. No matter what the cause of your 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 that you do not need to live in bondage to your past or your emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your "new normal" in life and renewing your hope for the future.

We begin on Wednesday, September 13, in The Parlor (Rm. 108) at 6:30 pm. For more information, please contact David Rigby at divorcecare@mttaborumc.org or visit divorcecare.org.

WOMEN'S FESTIVAL OF TABLES — COMING SOON!

We are excited to invite you to our 2023 Women's Festival of Tables, October 14 from 9:00am-11:30am. This is such a fun morning and is a great opportunity to reach out to friends, relatives and others in our community to join us! The celebration will include time to visit festive tables individually decorated by our hostesses, a delicious breakfast, fellowship, mission project, worship and an encouraging message. Doors open at 8:30am for table viewing. Cost is \$10 and you may register at www.bit.ly/

festivaloftables. The purpose of this special morning is to reach out to friends, relatives, people in our community, etc. and invite them to join us as we hear about the blessings of friendship through our speaker, Beverly Burton.

Table decorators are needed for 18-20 tables. Dishes are provided so we just need ladies to create a tablescape for guests to enjoy. You may use holiday or other décor of your own design.

Please email Fleeta Hall at fleemainhall@gmail.com if

you are willing to decorate a table and more information will be provided. We are also in need of some donations for door prizes so please keep that in mind as you are out and about at various businesses. Thank you for helping us get the word out and we hope you will make plans to attend this event!



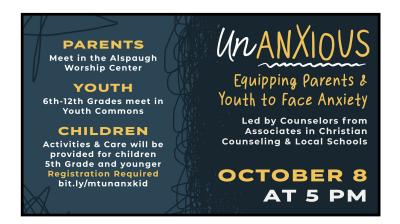




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Sundays from 4 to 6 PM, beginning September 10

To register contact Brenda Wills at politicalsciencemajor@gmail.com





Wednesdays, 5:15-6:30pm 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

-September 13 -

Stuffed Shells,
Pasta and Sauce, Rolls,
Salad Bar, Drinks,
and Desserts
Kids Menu: Corndogs and Chips

September 20—

Chicken Pie with Vegetables
Chicken Pie without
Vegetables
Roasted Chicken,
Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetables, Rolls,
Salad Bar, Drinks, and
Desserts
Kids Menu: Pancakes

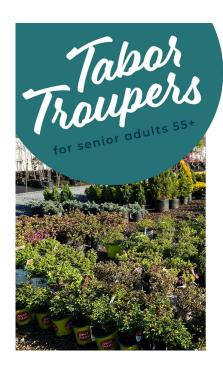
-September 27 -

Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Vegetables, Chips or Rolls, Salad Bar, Drinks, and Desserts Kids Menu: Chicken Nuggets

You won't want to miss a meal at Tabor Table!

Be on the lookout and make plans to join us for our Upcoming TaborTable Fellowship Meals:

October 4 — October 11 — October 18 — October 25



FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER JIM MITCHELL

MASTER GARDENER FROM MITCHELL'S NURSERY

\$6 LUNCH Menu: Hamburger Potato Casserole with Vegetables and Waldorf Salad

SEPTEMBER 18 • 11:30 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Recycling Team Volunteers						
Dates	Group 1 Group 2					
Aug 20-Sept 2	Jeff Buchanan	Cathy Hurd				
Sept 3-16	Barbara Beason	Ed Beason				
Sept 17-30	Bobby Sharp	Jeff Buchanan				
Oct 1-14	Sue Spiegelman	Cynthia Grant				
Oct 15-28	Tex & Anne Leonard	Laura Hill				
Additional Volunteer Teams						
Dates	Team	Volunteers				
September 2023	Altar Guild	Cheryl Smith & Shannon Settlemire				
September 2023	Kitchen Committee	Michelle Petrich				
September 2023	Crisis Control Delivery	Jim Graham				
Crisis Control Ministry Gift of the Month Please place your donations in the Crisis Control wooden bin in the Trinity Welcome Center						
September 2023	Ongoing Gift: Juice Gift of the Month: Canned Greens (Collards & Spinach)					



Bells ringing, deadlines approaching, Friday nights filled with football games, and of course the groaning and moaning of the weekend being too short means School is officially back in action!

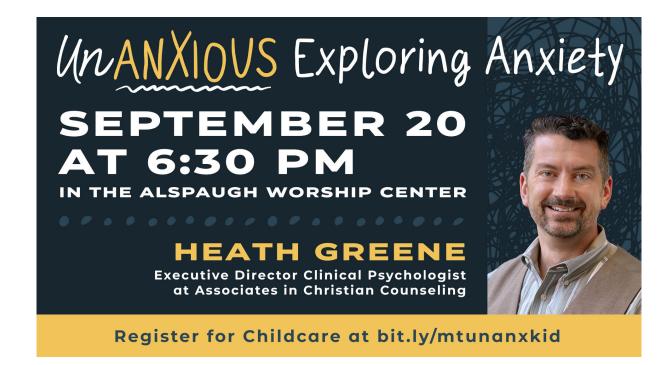
Looking back over the month of August I'm reminded of a few Summer moments: a trip to Carowinds and dinner at the home of WillyB's parents, a spur of the moment local mission week, our Fusion Family Kickoff— where over 100 folks from our Fusion community spent the night fellowshipping together, our last summer hangout at the church, repainting and refreshing of some youth rooms, and of course the return of Main Event on Sunday nights. Summer 2023 was full of memories, adventures, and growing closer as a community with the common goal of strengthening our relationship with Christ.

With a new school year brings a lot of anxiety, transition, and change. Despite these struggles and worries it also provides us with an opportunity to say "we are here with you"! Despite every challenge a new school year may bring, remember, God is with us every step of the way!

So here is to an amazing school year of growing together as family through our bond of faith. I invite you to pray for youth and families alike for blessings upon this school year.

> -Will Busch Director of Student Ministries

Contact Will Busch, our Student Ministries Director at 336-765-5561 ext 1008 or email him at will.busch@mttaborumc.org if you have questions about the Student Ministries of Mount Tabor UMC.



September 2023 — Mt. Tabor UMC Worship						
Date	Preaching at our 9:00am Modern Service in the Alspaugh Worship Center	Preaching at 11:00am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary	Sermon Series	Sermon Title	Sermon Scripture	
Sept. 3	Kim Harvey	Kim Harvey	_	Love in Action	Roman 12:9-21	
Sept. 10	Rev. Lonnie Pittman	Rev Lonnie Pittman	UNanxious	Jesus in & Over The Storm	Matthew 8:23- 27; Matthew 14:22-23 (NIV)	
Sept. 17	Rev. Lonnie Pittman	Rev. Lonnie Pittman	UNanxious	Spitting Out the Bitter Pill	Genesis 50:15- 21; Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)	
Sept. 24	Rev. Lonnie Pittman	Rev. Lonnie Pittman	UNanxious	More Than Enough with God	Judges 6:11-16; Jeremiah 1:4-6; 2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)	

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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Memorial and Honorarium Gifts Given to Mount Tabor UMC

Memorial Gifts given in memory of Pat Manious by:

Richard & Evelyn Worf

Jeffrey & Becky Reeves

Memorial Gifts given in memory of Lee Trotter Dixon by:

. Will & Paige Dubose

Memorial Gifts given in memory of George Buschard:

Sandy Callison

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.

Now Finish the Task

to build and enhance the ministries of MTUMC

Debt reduction funds are still being collected. Prayerfully consider making a donation to reduce the debt at https://www.mttaborumc.org/give or by cash or a check made payable to MTUMC and returned to the church.

As of August 9, current loan balance is **\$276,413.02.**

WELCOME HOLLY SMITH!

SPRC would like to formally welcome Holly Smith to the Mount Tabor staff. Holly is our new Church Business Administrator. She comes to



us from Hope Presbyterian Church here in Winston-Salem. Her husband (Ethan) is a pastor at Hope, and they have two children: Annaleigh (13), and Addison (10). Welcome to the Tabor family, Holly!

-Sharing our-

Joys, Sympathies, and Prayers, with our church family

Sharing our Joys with:

- Kevin & Jennifer Argabright upon the baptism of their son, Holden
- Wells & Sarah Vance upon the baptism of their daughter, Collette Louise
- Matt & Carla Owen upon the baptism of their son, Xander Carl

Welcoming our new church family members:

- * Connor Stone
- * Wells and Sarah Vance

Extending our Sympathies to:

- To George Hofmann upon the death of his wife and church member, Linda Ann Hofmann
- To Erik Hall upon the death of his father
- To Sue Ann Harris upon the death of her brother, George
- To Michelle Petrich upon the death of her mother, Rita Anderson
- To the family and friends of Jackie Settle, a former Church Administrator upon her death

Please keep these MTUMC service men and women in your prayers:

- Matthew Blue
- * Matthew Burris
- Adam Clapp
- Audrey Clapp
- Jason Clapp
- Christopher Fisher
- Robert Hines
- Jennifer Penley
- Carmen Roberts
- * Trey Wheeler
- William Wilson
- Edward Wolfe

List your active service loved one by emailing office@mttaborumc.org



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GATHER Joyfully • GROW Spiritually • GO Faithfully

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 from the Sanctuary.

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