TABOR TALK

(In the aftermath of a previous presidential election, my former Associate Pastor Margaret Freeman at First UMC Franklin, N.C. and I wrote this letter to our congregation. Yet as another potentially divisive election day approaches, and I want to share these thoughts and reminders of who and whose we are as God's people with you.)

-Pastor David

Dear Mount Tabor UMC Church Family,

The sun still came up this morning. For us here in Western North Carolina the air may have been filled with smoke from surrounding forest fires with ash raining down and the threat of evacuations for some of our folks....but the sun still rose this morning. With the light of day however the smoke from fires of the political kind have quickly affected our very breathing as the reality of yesterday's presidential election also fills our air...but the sun still came up this morning. It the midst of peril and uncertainty the experience of the rising sun each day reminds us that God is still sovereign and each new day brings with it some peril and uncertainty, but every day God is working for good in the world.

In conversations this morning it is evident that our folks, like the rest of the United States, are deeply divided on so many levels. Persons on each side of the political spectrum and every point in between are experiencing varying degrees of fear, uncertainty, anger, disbelief, and even celebration and euphoria at the results of our voting. Most of us are trying to glean some understanding of what our voting is telling us about our people and the state of our union, about the divides between 'haves and have-nots", genders, races, dissatisfaction with government and of being disenfranchised. But perhaps our visceral reactions to our clamoring for leadership come from a deeper seated source....anxiety and fear of the unknown.

But the Christian people are a people of hope. We hold on to that, especially with all that has been happening over the past few days. We have been filled with fear and uncertainty, whether it is because of the election (regardless of who one voted for), or because of the forest fires all around us, or for some of you, it is waiting on a report from a doctor, or worried about something with finances, family or work or school.

The good news for us as Christians is that we know God is still with us. Throughout the Psalms, we read that God's steadfast love endures forever. And in Deuteronomy 31:6, we read "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave nor forsake you."

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



TaborKIDS Junior (2 year olds - Kindergarten):

It's time to make thankful trees! Making thankful trees is so much fun! The colors get prettier and prettier as the trees get bigger and bigger. And, it feels so good to think about and write down what we're thankful for - for an entire month! This time of year helps us refocus on all the good in our lives. And there is SO much good when it comes to God. Because God is good! is what we want our little disciples to learn this month. God is good and we have A LOT we can thank Him for. So, get ready to create those thankful trees and tell God, "Thank You" for all the good things He's made and done! We can't wait to celebrate thankfulness all month long! And, in case you didn't know, we are very thankful for you and all that you do to help our TaborKIDS know that God made them, God loves them, and Jesus wants to be their friend forever.

TaborKIDS (1st-5th Grades):

Superheroes aren't heroic only when they feel like it — they're brave each and every day. The best heroes can even inspire the people around them to be brave, faithful, and hopeful in their own lives, too. In this 4-week series, TaborKIDS will learn more about what it looks like to see God as the hero of our story as they hear the story of Ruth and Naomi. They'll see how God gives them companions, opportunities, boldness, and hope so they can be heroes, too!

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:

- TaborKIDS Coat Drive Nov. 1-24! TaborKIDS will be collecting gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for the Community Coat Closet. They serve as a hub for schools, shelters, pantries, churches and other organizations so that when the colder seasons arrive we can keep our neighbors warm. Donations should be placed in the cart in the Children's Building Lobby. They will be delivered to the Community Coat Closet by TaborTWEENS on November 24.
- Moms Fellowship meets the first Thursday of each month (Nov. 7)
 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
- TaborTWEENS will meet on November 24 from 3:00-5 PM. We will travel to the Community Coat Closet where we will help sort, organize and pack deliveries of coats, gloves, scarves and hats with the Community Coat Closet. Please register by November 20. bit.ly/ tweens1124
- Save the Date! Breakfast in Bethlehem is Dec. 7 at 10:00am. This annual advent experience for young families is open for registration now! bit.ly/mtbfast2024



As we witness the leaves changing colors, falling off the trees, and the temperature coming to a crispy cold chill when the sun sets, we are reminded of the ways that we too change along with the seasons.

We started the month with a lock-in fellowship with Guilford College UMC and Grace UMC from Greensboro NC, we celebrated Fall Break, came together as one for Consecration Sunday, and got to partake and enjoy our largest community event, Fall Festival. During this past month, we recognized and honored the season of Fall as we blossomed into our most beautiful selves. This required us to detach from the things that have held us up. We recognized that even though the darkness seems to be more and more frequent, everyday the sun still

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shines bright and we bask in that sunlight just that much more.

As we continue to embrace the changing of seasons we don't just embrace them in nature, but we embrace them within ourselves. We look forward to what November will bring us, between Fall Retreat, the Church Wide Thanksgiving Service and Potluck, and just being able to spend Thanksgiving surrounded by those we love. So as we continue to head into the new month let us be tethered to the gratitude and thanks we have for God, for our friends, family, and to remain in Great Thanksgiving in the present moment!

—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.



The Chancel Choir and B.E.L.L.S. are hard at work learning music for November and December, but it is not too late for you to join in the fun! We are especially in need of female voices (soprano and alto) for the choir and one or two bass bell ringers (attention Men!) for handbells. Our handbells rehearse on Thursdays at 6:00PM, and the choir rehearses right after that at 7:00PM.Please feel free to come and sit in a rehearsal anytime just to give it a try. No obligation!

Adult and youth instrumentalists, I would love to hear from you. If you play an instrument and you would be interested in playing during a worship service...solo, small ensemble, etc....please contact me at Lauren.Harris@mttaborumc.org. Even if you are "rusty" and your instrument is collecting dust in the attic, I still want to hear from you!

Coming in January 2025 - Beginning Handbells! There will be more information on this in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

—Lauren Harris Director of Traditional Worship Arts

Mount Tabor Spotlight

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













Journeys of Paul in Greece and Turkey

Pastor Mark Key is hosting an educational and spiritual trip to Greece and Turkey tracing the "Journeys of Paul" with Educational Opportunities in September of 2025. The pilgrimage will include a large selection of the places Paul traveled to and wrote letters to. The experience will give the sojourners an in-depth understanding of the apostle who wrote 13 of the 27 books of the New Testament, traveled more than 10,000 miles and started at least 16 churches in the Roman Empire.

For more information, contact Pastor Mark at mkey@wnccumc.net.

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Mount Tabor will recognize our Military Veterans during worship services on Sunday, November 10th.

To be featured in the video send in a digital copy of a picture of

To be featured in the video, send in a digital copy of a picture of yourself or a Mount Tabor UMC family member in uniform

Email Camdyn Davis, Digital Media Coordinator at camdyn.davis@mttaborumc.org

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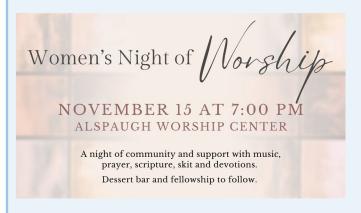
Sunday, November 3rd













Continuation from Pastor David's letter to Mount Tabor from the front page.

Right now our country is deeply fractured, but it is not the first time, nor unfortunately, will it probably be the last. However, we are committed to lifting our country and her leaders up in prayer, asking God to provide the deep healing that can only come from Him. And we truly believe that it is our responsibility as Christians to continue to be about the kingdom work that God calls us to do. That means to be about the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It means reaching out to those who are hurting, those who are lost, those who are in need. It means loving one another, just as Jesus showed us how to. If we follow what Matthew 22:37-40 says, Jesus tells us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

This week's lesson from Disciple I prophetically states in the "human condition": "We demand leaders, hoping they will bring security and peace. We want our leaders to make decisions for us, to tell us what to do so we won't have to take responsibility for ourselves and our actions. But power tends to corrupt: and we discover our leaders, like us, have feet of clay." Very often our human condition strikes at the heart of just who and where we are in our everyday lives and this week's lesson certainly puts the mirror close enough to see our breath. We are reminded of Joshua's calling the people of God together as they are in transition into a foreign land that God has promised for them to remind them of who

they are, and whose they are, and God's provision all along the way. Joshua calls for a renewal of their covenant with God and says to them, "Now revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness...choose this day whom you will serve. They respond, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey (Joshua 24)." The "Mark of Discipleship" that corresponds to the "Human Condition" for this week's Disciple lesson is yet another reminder of who and where God is in the midst of our sometimes uncertain and precarious world, and our response (not reaction) to cloudy days: Disciples maintain a perspective on leadership that supports and respects godly leaders but give true allegiance only to God.

We know that isn't always easy to do, but that's why God has placed us in a community of faith, so that we can do life together. We are thankful to be a part of this church family and this community, and we pray that we can work together to heal, to unite and to focus on what God is calling us to do. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

In her thoughts about the election on her Facebook page Ann Smith writes,

The sun will come up tomorrow
The birds will sing
There will be good people doing good
things

Growth Guides are available on our website for individual or group study each week. These are based on each Sunday's sermon scripture and include author information, context of scripture, and discussion questions.

Go to mttaborumc.org/growthguide.

Stay in Love with God

Many thanks to all who participated in our church wide study, *Three Simple Rules*. I hope the book was a blessing to you. In the book, author Rueben P. Job raised a few questions for us to consider: How can we faithfully live as disciples of Jesus? Are we really measuring up to our calling as children of God? Is there a better way for us to practice our faith? The three simple rules are: Do no harm, Do good, and Stay in love with God. So as we finish our church wide study, how do we stay in love with God? John Wesley referred to this last rule as "attend to the ordinances of God" which included a daily time of prayer; reflection upon and study of Scripture; regular participation in the life of a Christian community, including weekly worship and regular participation in the Lord's Supper; doing some act of goodness or mercy; and taking opportunities to share with and learn from others who also seek to follow the way of Jesus. Wesley considered these spiritual disciplines to be essential to a faithful life. They strengthen and grow our relationship with God and help us to stay in love with God. Please let me know if I can help you explore spiritual disciplines or share resources.

Upcoming Opportunities:

- Surviving The Holidays, one-time support seminars especially designed for people who have lost a loved one through death or divorce, will be offered in-person on Sunday, Nov. 3 from 12:15 -3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch and fellowship will begin at 12:15, followed by the video-based seminars beginning at 1 pm. Participants dealing with loss through death will remain in the Fellowship Hall while the participants coping with divorce loss will relocate to the church parlor. As space is limited, please register by Oct. 29 at: GriefShare.org/events/249550 or DivorceCare.org/events/222155. If you have questions, contact GriefShare Facilitator Beverly Burton, (griefshare@mttaborumc.org) or DivorceCare Facilitator, David Rigby, (divorcecare@mttaborumc.org) or by calling the church office at 336-765-5561.
- All veterans are invited to attend a reception in their honor on Sunday, Nov. 10th, from 10:00 - 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be light refreshments served, a prayer of thanksgiving, recognition, and a time of fellowship to connect with other veterans. Thank you for your service to our country! You are greatly appreciated!
- All women are invited to Women's Night of Worship on Nov. 15 at 7:00 pm in the Alspaugh Worship Center. Join us as we come together as a community of faith to worship, sing, and support and encourage one another through a special time of prayer, the reading of scripture, a skit, and devotions. A dessert bar reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Due to the time of this event, you are encouraged to invite those who may prefer not to drive at night, and give them a ride.
- **Advent Devotionals** will be available at the desk in the Trinity Welcome Center, the Sanctuary narthex, and the church office beginning Nov. 24 (Advent begins Dec. 1)

—Kim Harvey Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation

kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org 336-765-5561



Join us at 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

*Drinks and Desserts are available at each Tabor Table meal.

-November 6-

Taco Salad (Beef or Chicken), Black Beans, Refired Beans, Rice, Queso, Salad Bar with Quesadillas as a kids option.

-November 13-

Stuffed Shells, Pasta and Sauce, Rolls, Salad Bar with Corndogs as a kids option.

-November 20 -

Chicken Pie, Chicken Pie with Veggies, Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Greenbeans, Rolls, Salad Bar with Panckes as a kids option.

-Sunday, November 24-Thanksgiving Potluck

From the Church for All People Ministry

November is a month of thanksgiving, recognizing those who have served our country in military service, and our opportunity and privilege as citizens to vote. From the United Methodist Church's social principles: Our involvement in political systems is rooted in the Gospel imperative to love our neighbors, to do justice, and to care for the vulnerable. As United Methodists, we acknowledge that love requires responsible political action and engagement aimed at the betterment of society and the promotion of the common good.

People of Mount Tabor UMC, your vote is your voice in action. As people of faith, let's honor our responsibility to seek justice and mercy. Register to vote (available at any early voting location), vote and encourage others to do the same. The General Board of Church and Society has produced this voter guide in keeping with the United Methodist Church's social principles. Reminder that in North Carolina, voting requires proof of identification.

When you vote, keep in mind these wise words from John Wesley who has three simple rules for voting just as he has three simple rules for living.

October 6, 1774

I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election and advised them

- 1) To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy
- 2) To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and
- 3) To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."
 - John Wesley,
 The Journal of John Wesley

2024 Angel Tree Collections start SOON!!!

The faithful congregation and community of Mount Tabor United Methodist Church gave generously to provide gifts of toys, clothes, books and more during the 2023 Christmas season to 320 infants, toddlers, children, and teenagers in the Winston-Salem community.

The Angel Tree committee has begun planning for a joyous Christmas season for the children of *The Bethlehem Center, Hispanic Ministry, Potters House, Little Red Schoolhouse* and *Waughtown Kids Are Us.*

Mount Tabor, we need your prayers, shopping, shepherding talents, and time to help others once again in our community with gifts for Christmas.

Key dates and ways to be involved: Sign up for all shifts below: www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0B4CAAA728A2FF2 51820333-angel.

For we are God's handiwork:

Angel Tree Tags will be available for filling out with gift requests, age and gender and "decorating" the tree on Sat.

Nov. 16 from 9:00-11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Give and it shall be given unto you: Help with angel tree gift sign-ups, gift returns on the following Sundays: Nov. 17, Nov. 24, Dec. 1, Dec. 8, and Dec. 15. Gift return shifts will also be available at our Nov. 20, Dec 4, and Dec 11 Tabor Table. Help with gift sorting on Monday, Dec. 16 and pickup from the agencies on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Work at it with all your heart: Be a shopper beginning Nov. 17. There are many generous people who can't go out to shop for gifts. You can be the hands and feet by taking this volunteer opportunity.

Angels are available on the tree in the Trinity Welcome Center or online: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CAAA728A2FF2-51820909-hispanic

As before we will have the option to select an angel online as well as in person in the lobby of the Trinity Welcome Center.

We have created a page on the Mt. Tabor UMC website: mttaborumc.org/angeltree . All updates, key information and reminders will be posted there.

Thank you! If you have questions: CALL Becky Pfaff— TEXT Michelle Petrich — TEXT Laura Hill — or TEXT Eva Wu



Beyond Grateful

Words cannot express how grateful we are for all that you have done for us. Your kindness and generosity has touched our hearts in a way that we can't even begin to describe. The blessings Mount Tabor and it's faithful Christian Members are countless. To say we are grateful for every prayer, gift card, meal, visit, check, cash, and gifts is an understatement. We believe in miracles! Please continue to pray for Michele's recovery.

In Christian love and gratitude, Steve, Michele, and Hunter

Memorial and Honorarium Gifts Given to

Given in memory of Pat Lineback by:

Jerry & Gail Howell

Given in memory of Bill Blackard by:

- Sally Sappey
- Jerry & Gail Howell
- Til Tillery
- Loris & Betty Colclough
- Don & Marcey Davis
- Larry & Debbie Beitel

Given in memory of Marianne Livengood by:

- Debra & Bradley Striplin
- TaborKIDS
- Don & Marcey Davis

Given in Honor of Betty Colclough by:

Loris Colclough

Given in memory of Michael Callison by:

- Rob & Jo Beth Holliday
- Jeff & Carolyn Woods

Given in memory of Andy Burton by:

Margaret Herring

Given in honor of Philip Kelley by:

• Wes & Marie Murph

Given in honor of Blaine Burton by:

• Jaime & Christopher O'Byrne

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

Sandy Callison upon the death of her husband Mike

Sharing our Joys with

- Joshua and Kimberly Harbaugh upon the birth of their son, George Scott Harbaugh
- Brandon and Kristen Talley upon the birth of their son, Henry
- Sean and Nicole Bonifas upon their children Jack and Quinn's baptism and becoming members of our MTUMC family

Recycling Team Volunteers					
Dates	Group 1	Group 2			
October 27-Nov 9, 2024	Carolyn Miller	Bobby Sharp			
Nov 10-23, 2024	Don Rhyne	Judy Miller			
Nov 24-Dec 7, 2024	Ginny C Martin	Cathy Hurd			

Additional Volunteer Teams

Dates	Team	Volunteers	
November 2024	Altar Guild	Candy McCoy	
November 2024	Kitchen Team	Cynthia Grant	

Crisis Control Ministry Gift of the Month

Please place your donations in the Crisis Control wooden bin in the Trinity Welcome Center

November 2024

Ongoing Gift: Juice

Gift of the Month: International Foods Baking Items (cooking oil, baking mixes, etc.)

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 November 3	Rev. David Beam		The Gift of a Self-Emptying God	Ephesians 3:5-12		
November 10	Guest Minister, Rev. Mark Key		Governments and Kingdoms	I Timothy 2:1-4 & John 18:33-37		
November 17	Rev. David Beam		Good News and Bad News	Mark 13:1-8		
November 24	Rev. David Beam		You Say So	John 18:33-37		

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.

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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