

# TABOR TALK

Dear Church Family,

I am thrilled to share with you that on Sunday, March 2 we are welcoming the Rev. Dr. Lovett H. Weems, Jr to our pulpit to be this year's preacher as part of the Rev. James Bellamy Preaching Series. Dr. Weems will preach at both worship services in the morning and then speak again at 3:30pm with ample time for conversation and questions. I've asked Dr. Weems to share his wisdom as to "Who we are as United Methodists in the Wesleyan Tradition, where we go from here, our purpose, and our mission". Dr. Weems and I connected over 15 years ago and I have always been impressed by his faith, character, scholarship, wisdom, and leadership.

He is a distinguished professor of church leadership emeritus at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. He came to Wesley in 2003 as the founding director of the Wesley's Lewis Center for Church Leadership after eighteen years as president of Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. Previously he was a pastor in Mississippi for many years.

A native of Mississippi, Dr. Weems is a graduate of Millsaps College; Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University; and Wesley Theological Seminary. He holds honorary degrees from Baker University, Central Methodist University, and Millsaps College.

His years in local church ministry in Mississippi were marked by both evangelism and social concerns. His work in Mississippi led distinguished Mississippi writer Willie Morris to describe him as "one of the persons who added much to the growing civility of Mississippi."

He is the author of numerous books including his widely used church leadership text, *Church Leadership: Vision, Team, Culture, and Integrity*, described by Rosabeth Moss Kanter of Harvard Business School as "an invaluable guide to leadership in the church." His most recent book (with F. Douglas Powe, Jr.) is *Sustaining While Disrupting: The Challenge of Congregational Innovation*.

I can't wait for you to meet him and hear him share God's Word with us. I hope that you will begin to make plans to be in worship on March 2 and return in the afternoon to hear more. What a gift James Bellamy was to our church and all the churches and people he served in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. I believe James would be pleased to know that Lovett Weems will be here to honor his legacy of service and ministry.

Blessings,  
Pastor David

# What we're learning about in TaborKIDS Junior and TaborKIDS in February:



## TaborKIDS Junior (2yo-Kindergarten):

Have you ever been on a bus filled with people? There are grandparents, kids, teenagers, people going to the store, people going to work, people going to school. They may not know each other, but do you know what they all have in common? Jesus loves every one of them. Every. Single. One! Think about it this way, if Jesus was driving a bus, everyone would be invited to get on. EVERYONE! This month, are reminded that Jesus loves them. Jesus loves their family. Jesus loves their friends. Jesus loves everyone! And Jesus wants everyone to follow Him! So, crank up that bus! Get those wheels turning! There is a great big world that needs to hear that Jesus loves everyone!

## TaborKIDS (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades):

When we visit an aquarium, we find a whole world filled with sea creatures, plants, and more. Some of the discoveries we've made about what lives underwater can seem almost like a miracle. But it's not just under the sea where miracles happen—Jesus used water in some of his most well-known miracles! In this four-week series, TaborKIDS will learn about some of the incredible miracles Jesus performed to help people grow closer to God. As they do, they'll learn how Jesus does everything out of love, calls us to follow him, knows what we need, and, most of all, that Jesus can do anything!

**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](mailto:marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org))**

## TaborKIDS Events & Announcements:

⇒ **During February, TaborKIDS will be collecting items for Newborns in Need.**

Newborns in Need provides kits filled with necessities for a newborn during the first few weeks of life. Most needed items are sleepers (0-3 months & 3-6 months), bottles, socks, washcloths, and receiving blankets. Items may be dropped off February 1-28 in the Children's Building Lobby. Questions? Contact Marcey [marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org](mailto:marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org)

⇒ **TaborTWEENS (4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Graders)** are invited to participate in a special event Friday, February 7 – Sat., Feb. 8 called Created by God. Created By God is a program designed to communicate to tweens that we are a fantastic creation made by God. For more information and/or to register, please visit: [bit.ly/mtcreated2025](http://bit.ly/mtcreated2025) or contact Marcey Davis.

⇒ **Save the date for the next TaborKIDS Takeover!** Children will be leading one combined worship service on Sunday, February 9 at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary. There will be lots of opportunities for

children to lead worship through action, singing, or spoken word. Let's worship together!

⇒ **Mark your calendars for June 16-19 to join the fun at VBS camp** where kids will "wannastay" all summer! More information and registration opening soon.

⇒ **TaborKIDS needs your cardboard tubes and egg cartons.** Empty toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, wrapping paper rolls, cardboard (not styrofoam) egg cartons... we need them! Leave them on the Children's Building Desk and we will put them to use!

⇒ **Moms Fellowship** meets the first Thursday of each month except this month when it meets February 6 from 9:15-10:30am in the 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](http://bit.ly/mtmomfellowship) Questions? Contact Sandy Hauser [SandyLHauser@gmail.com](mailto:SandyLHauser@gmail.com)

# FUSION

## Youth Ministries at Mount Tabor UMC

January... A month usually celebrating returns from break and anticipation for what the new year has to offer.

Well this January brought us a pleasant surprise of snow. Not only snow but snow that stuck to the ground and stayed for days to follow. Though this caused a delay in us being reunited for our usual "Main Event" meetings, it did allow us to spend some time at home and enjoy our first true snow in years.

We were able to join together alongside the larger community to remember and honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and remind ourselves that we too hold the power and need to pave a new life before us.

Finally January ended with us reunited around the table, sharing a meal, gathering as one large group and ready to take on another year together!

As the month of January closes, and the month of February opens, we rejoice in knowing that we celebrated and enjoyed the Super Bowl together at Pastor David's home, and we will get to come together and host the Young at Heart Luncheon (hint hint wink wink email me/ signup at the connect corner to RSVP), and finish off the month on a retreat at Camp Tekoa with the opportunity to reunite with our friends from Deep Time AVL in Asheville, NC and learn about how despite the tragedy of Hurricane Helene, God remained ever present.

—Will Busch

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

# Young at Heart

Luncheon for Senior Adults

**Sunday, February 16**

at 12 PM in the Family Life Center

RSVP to [Will.Busch@MtTaborUMC.org](mailto:Will.Busch@MtTaborUMC.org) or sign up in the Welcome Center Connect Corner

♥ Sponsored by Mount Tabor's Youth Ministry



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

**SUGGESTED DONATIONS:**

Adult (age 13-older) **\$10**; Child (ages 3-12) **\$7**; Family in same house **\$30 cap**. Make reservations at [www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table](http://www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table)

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

**—February 5—**

Taco Salad (Beef or Chicken), Black Beans, Refried Beans, Rice, Queso, Salad Bar  
Kids Option: Quesadillas

**—February 12—**

Chicken Pie (with or without veggies), Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar  
Kids Option: Pancakes

**—February 19—**

Stuffed Shells, Pasta and Sauce Salad Bar  
Kids Option: Pancakes

**—February 26—**

Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls or Chips, Salad Bar  
Kids Option: Chicken Tenders

**Circle 7 is sponsoring the new addition of a library shelf dedicated to “Beam’s Book Recommendations” in our church library.**

**Circle 7 will purchase and maintain copies of the books that Pastor David references in his sermons. The church library is located in the hallway at the top of the stairs if you are coming up from the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to Circle 7 for their generosity in making these books available. Below is the list of books you’ll need to look for:**



- *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis
- *The Advent Conspiracy*, McKinley, Seay, Holder
- *Five Practices of Fruitful Churches*, Robert Schnase
- *The Liturgy of Abundance, The Myth of Scarcity*, Walter Brueggemann
- *Radical*, David Platt
- *Three Simple Rules*, Reuben Job
- *The Worlds’ Last Night* (essay), C.S. Lewis
- *God in the Dock* (essay), C.S. Lewis
- *The Faith we Confess*, Joseph Lochman
- “He Gets Us” (national ad campaign)
- *The Greatest Drama Ever Staged*, Dorothy Sayers
- *MacBeth*, William Shakespeare
- *Holy Humor*, Cal and Rose Samra
- *Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson
- *God’s Little Daily Devotional* (Honor Books Publishing)
- *Pay it Forward*, Catherine Ryan Hyde (movie-Mini Leder, Director; Leslie Dixon-Screenplay)
- *Surrendering to God*, Keith Beasley -Topliffe
- *Miracles*, C.S. Lewis
- *The Jesus I Never Knew*, Philip Yancey





**Tabor Kids** are taking over  
Sunday Worship!

**One Service on Sunday, February 9  
at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary**

No Sunday School. Nursery will be available for Infants & Toddlers.

**All are invited to stay for lunch and a church  
wide service project following the service.**

Thank you to everyone who attended the concert performed by The Palm Trio on January 25!

Our next concert in the Farmer-Colclough Concert Series will be presented by **Elektra Winds, a woodwind quartet based here in Winston-Salem, on Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday), at 4:00PM.** Please mark your calendars and save the date!

Another reminder: we have openings for choir members and beginning and advanced handbell ringers. Please consider joining us! If you have any questions about choir or handbells, please contact me.

Love and blessings to each of you -  
Lauren Harris



# Thank You to all of our Mount Tabor ANGELS

A heartfelt "thank you" to the Mount Tabor UMC congregation who helped make the Angel Tree a blessing and a success. We are grateful to those who helped staff the Angel Tree registration and check-in tables during this busy time of the year, to those who braved the stores to shop for angels, and to the many hands that helped wrap, package, inventory, and transport gifts. Because of your generosity, the parents of 297 children were able to give gifts to their children this Christmas. Thank you for your generous hearts and gifts of time and resources to make this annual ministry such a success.

Eva Wu, Michelle Petrich, Laura Hill, and Becky Pfaff





## What Would John Wesley Say?

In the workbook, "Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition" which we are currently studying on Wednesday nights from 6:00 -7:00 pm, the author, Steve Harper, has a wonderful quote, "If Wesley could say anything about the spiritual life to contemporary Christians, it might well be, God does not call you to have a devotional time; God calls you to live a devotional life." As disciples of Christ, we are to continue growing in our faith throughout our life. What does that mean for us today in the world in which we live?

### **Together, let's explore a few questions:**

- Are you growing in your faith?
- What might help you grow in your faith?
- What challenges you in your faith walk?
- How would you define the words, spiritual formation and discipleship?

I would sincerely like to hear your thoughts on these questions as sort of a short survey. If you would be willing to share, please send an email to me at [kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org](mailto:kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org)

### **It's not too late to join either of these studies:**

- **Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition – A Workbook** by Steve Harper. This is a 6 week study that will meet on Wednesday evenings 6:00-7:00 pm, Jan. 22-Feb. 26, in the Fellowship Hall led by Pastor David and Kim Harvey. Whether you are new to the United Methodist Church, or a member of many years, this study will not only teach you about the UMC, but will teach you about John Wesley's devotional life and how we can apply this to our own life. Some of the topics we will cover include prayer, scripture, the Lord's Supper and others. Participants are encouraged to purchase their own copy of the workbook.
- **Wednesday Women's Bible Study will study The Gospel of Luke** Jan. 8 – May 14 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and also via Zoom. There is nothing to purchase. Just bring a Bible.

If you are interested in finding a Sunday School Class or joining another small group or study, I am glad to help you with that.

### **A couple of recommended resources:**

- **John Wesley's Message Today** by Lovett H. Weems, Jr. Dr. Weems will be here at Mount Tabor on March 2-3. This guide will help you understand John Wesley's theology.
- **The Methodist Book of Daily Prayer** by Matt Miofsky, General Editor and Contributing Writer and Lacey Warner, Contributing Editor. This book is for those who want to strengthen and sustain their spiritual lives with a daily practice of reading and prayer. It includes morning and evening prayers, scripture passages, and reflective readings for 5 days each week and follows the liturgical year. We are now giving a copy to new members as they join the church.

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# Mount Tabor Spotlight

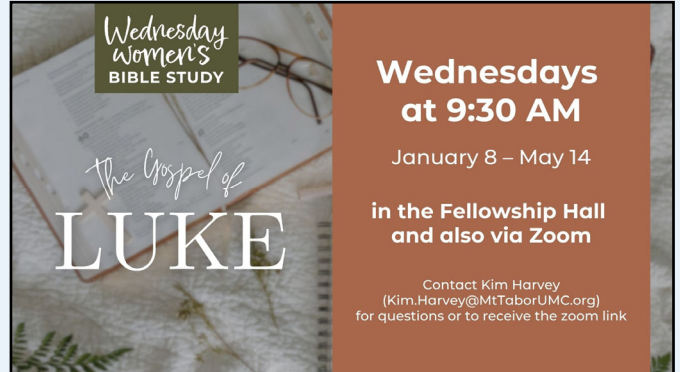
Here's what is coming up and what you need to know!



**Next Steps  
Everyone Has Them!**

Would you like to learn more about the ministries of Mount Tabor or learn about joining our church family?

If so, you are invited to join us on Sunday, February 16 from 10:15-10:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



Wednesday  
women's  
BIBLE STUDY


The Gospel of  
**LUKE**

**Wednesdays  
at 9:30 AM**

January 8 – May 14

**in the Fellowship Hall  
and also via Zoom**

Contact Kim Harvey  
(Kim.Harvey@MtTaborUMC.org)  
for questions or to receive the zoom link



**Tuesday, February 25**

**Spirit Day**

Once a month, Bobo's Deli & Grill is teaming up with Mount Tabor UMC Afterschool for a School Spirit Night! A portion of the proceeds from both dine-in and carry-out orders ALL DAY will be donated back to the Afterschool Scholarship fund. Join us & show your support!



**High School  
Prayer Breakfast**

**February 5** Chick-fil-A  
**February 12** Bagel Station  
**February 19** Chick-fil-A  
**February 26** Bagel Station

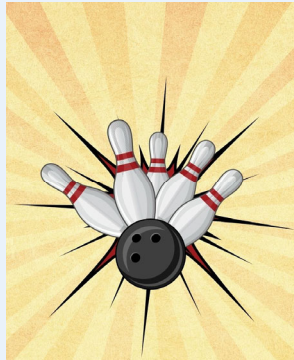
Wednesdays before school,  
stop by anytime between 6:50 AM – 8:30 AM



**Do you know someone  
who loves kids and Jesus?**

**WE ARE  
HIRING** → **someone to  
work in the  
Nursery!**

Contact Marcey Davis or visit [mttaborumc.org/employment-opportunities](http://mttaborumc.org/employment-opportunities) for more info



**FUSION**  
6-12 GRADE YOUTH

**BOWLING  
AT CREEKSIDE LANES**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2-4 PM**



**FUSION**  
6-12 GRADE YOUTH

**SUPERBOWL  
PARTY**

**February 9, 6-9 PM  
AT PASTOR DAVID'S HOUSE**



**FUSION** Come join us for a fun time full of fellowship, bonding, and spiritual growth!

**Spring Retreat 2025**

**February 21 - 23**  
Open to 6-12th grade youth

Register at  
[bit.ly/mtspringretreat25](http://bit.ly/mtspringretreat25)





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

**TaborKIDS Winter Mission Project:**  
Collecting Items for  
**NEWBORNS IN NEED**  
*One heart one mission*

Newborns in Need provides kits filled with necessities for a newborn during the first few weeks of life such as baby wash, sleepers, diapers, wipes, thermometers and other necessary items.

**Questions?**  
Contact Marcey Davis at [Marcey.Davis@MtTaborUMC.org](mailto:Marcey.Davis@MtTaborUMC.org)

**Drop off February 1-28 in the Children's Building Lobby**

**Needs:**

- sleepers (0-3 months & 3-6 months)
- bottles
- socks
- washcloths
- receiving blankets

## Created By God

**FEBRUARY 7-8, 2025**

Created By God is a program designed to communicate to Tweens that we are a fantastic creation made by God. Topics are approached in a frank, honest, and Bible-based manner.

Hosted By Mount Tabor UMC  
Led by Reverend Kate May

Cost \$30

Questions? Contact Marcey Davis  
To register: [bit.ly/mtcreated2025](https://bit.ly/mtcreated2025)



*Does adventure await you this summer?*

**The Ryan Shoaf Memorial Summer Grant can help!**

Open to 6th-12th grade youth.  
Visit [MtTaborUMC.org/scholarships](https://MtTaborUMC.org/scholarships) for more information and the grant application.

**Applications due Sunday, March 16**



## WE NEED CARDBOARD TUBES & EGG CARTONS

**Empty** toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, wrapping paper rolls, cardboard (not styrofoam) egg cartons... we need them! Leave them on the Children's Building Desk and we will put them to use!

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
<b>Communion Sunday February 2</b>	Rev. David Beam		<i>The Truth Is...</i>	Luke 4:21-30
<b>February 9</b>	<b>TaborKIDS Takeover in the Sanctuary</b>		<b>ONE SERVICE</b>	<b>at 10:30am</b>
<b>February 16</b>	Rev. David Beam		<i>Yes, but...</i>	Luke 6:17-26
<b>February 23</b>	Rev. David Beam		<i>Realistic Expectations</i>	Luke 6:27-38
<p>All services are also available via livestream at <a href="https://www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming">www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming</a> and the Mount Tabor United Methodist Church Facebook page. Worship Bulletins are available at <a href="https://www.mttaborumc.org/bulletin">https://www.mttaborumc.org/bulletin</a>. <b>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.</b></p>				

Recycling Team Volunteers		
Dates	Group 1	Group 2
Feb. 2-15, 2025	Cheryl Cassel	John Eller
Feb. 16-March 1, 2025	Sue Spiegelman	Greg Hale
March 2-15, 2025	Sara Lyn Macy	Ron Hudnell
Additional Volunteer Teams		
Dates	Team	Volunteers
February 2025	Altar Guild	TBD
February 2025	Kitchen Team	Cynthia Williams
Crisis Control Ministry Gift of the Month		
<i>Please place your donations in the Crisis Control wooden bin in the Trinity Welcome Center</i>		
February 2025	Ongoing Gift: Juice	Gift of the Month: Canned Stews (Beef Stew, Brunswick, Chili)

## RESCHEDULED Worship Service Training for ALL Current and Interested Volunteers

On **Sunday, FEBRUARY 2, 2025** Pastor David would like to invite all current and interested worship volunteers to join us for a special **Worship Service Training Session at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Our session will begin with lunch and end with volunteer training in our various ministry areas on Sunday mornings.

At 12:45pm we will celebrate and share a vision for our worship services and talk briefly together about expectations and information concerning the parts each of us plays in worship. Our training session will finish by 2:00pm.

This special session is designed to support, encourage, and offer you basic instructions and training for each area of worship.

***These areas include: liturgists, prayer leader, worship hosts, leaders, ushers, A/V operators, and acolytes.***

We are grateful to you and your willingness to serve in leading, facilitating, and participating in worship each week at Mount Tabor UMC. Please plan to join us as we seek to continue to serve and praise our God through our worship services at Mount Tabor UMC. Please use the link below and RSVP to our training session [bit.ly/mtservantraining](http://bit.ly/mtservantraining)



# Memorial and Honorarium Gifts Given to Mount Tabor UMC

## **In memory of Jean Shuping given by:**

- Brian & Ellen Benfield
- Cherie & David Ratcliffe
- Karen & Dean Browder
- Harold & Laura Beaty
- Phillip & Karen Everhart
- Kay Brookshire
- Robin Sizemore
- Tanya & Sam Odom
- Nancy Long
- TaborWomen Circle #9
- Mike Hendrix

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- Phil & Karen Everhart

## **In memory of Jean Bradford given by:**

- Carol Cobb
- Becky Howard

## **In memory of Sam Gladding given by:**

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- Sam & Rachel Jenson

## **In memory of Mr & Mrs Thompson given by:**

- Mitchel Thompson

## **In memory of Bob & Frances Crenshaw given by:**

- Rob Crenshaw

## **In memory of Mr & Mrs Bill Hughes**

## **In memory of Michael Robertson given by:**

- Don Robertson

## **In memory of Mike Hendrix given by:**

- David Hendrix

## **In memory of Marianne Livengood given by:**

- Karen & Dean Browder
- Becky Howard

## **In memory of Thelma Livengood given by:**

- Karen & Dean Browder
- Becky Howard

## **In memory of Rick Worf given by:**

- Becky Howard

## **In memory of Betty Weik given by:**

- Becky Howard

## **In memory of Patricia Lineback given by:**

- Becky Howard

## **In memory of Bill Blackard given by:**

- Becky Howard

## **In honor of the Choir and Handbell Choir given by:**

- Charli Mills

## **In honor of Bob & Cathy Gardner given by:**

- Elaine Thielen

## **In honor of Rob & Deb Keaton given by:**

- William & Peggy Dillard

## **In honor of Ron & Cynthia Grant given by:**

- Martha Agnew

## **In honor of Rob & JoBeth Holiday given by:**

- Martha Agnew

## **In honor of Dale & Beth Orrell given by:**

- Martha Agnew

## **In honor of Gail & Jerry Howell given by:**

- Judy & Don Lineback

## **In honor of Pastor David Beam given by:**

- Leon & Carolyn Martin
- Steve & Ellen Pfaff

## **In memory of Mike Hendrix given by:**

- Jerry & Gail Howell
- Larry & Ann Pitts

## **In honor of G.C. Petree given by:**

- G.C. Petree, Jr.

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.





# Mount Tabor

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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 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](http://www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming)
- Facebook Live at Mount Tabor United Methodist Church