TABOR TALK

Dear Mount Tabor United Methodist Church Family,

On behalf of Lay Leadership and the Staff Parish Relations Committee, I wish to recognize the prayers, active passion, and incredible leadership of the staff over the last few weeks as they have not faltered, but continued to serve. Our talented and dedicated staff and lay leadership are lighting the way as we are moving forward into this new season in our church life.

As we embark on this new season ahead we acknowledge the grief and unsettled feelings we have as a church family and remind ourselves that God is in our future. Our faith is our salvation and a source of healing. In spite of the abrupt changes we have experienced over the past year and the sense of uncertainty that lingers with us today, we are reminded of who we are as Mount Tabor. We are a family of believers in the Word of God and we lean on His scriptures to guide us. Let us all pray for understanding and peace as we approach this new season knowing that God is with us in the decisions of our daily lives as we live out His promise to us.

At this time, it is an honor to welcome our new Interim Senior Pastor, Dr. Michael B. Brown, and his family, to our Mount Tabor United Methodist Church family. Dr. Brown will be our Interim Senior Pastor through June 2024. He met many of our Mount Tabor Staff on his first day with us, Monday, October 23. Now, our Lay Leadership and Staff Parish Relations Committee are eager for each of you to have the opportunity to meet him and hear his messages for us. His first sermon was on Sunday, October 29, at both the Modern and Traditional Worship Services.

Dr. Brown is a native of Asheboro, NC, and has been a pastor at Boone UMC, Central UMC in Asheville, Centenary UMC, and Marble Collegiate in NY. He is the author of several books, a regular blogger — *Give It Some*

thought (at www.drmichaelbbrown.com) and a contributor to the Huffington Post and Thrive Global. He teaches locally at High Point University and Wake Forest University Divinity School. Dr. Brown and his wife, Page, have four grown children, Adam, Alison, Katharine and Zachary, as well as two grandchildren, Anderson and Wells who are the daughter and son of Andy and Alison Haile.

We are eager to begin our season of ministry and service with Dr. Brown as our Senior Pastor and look forward to fulfilling our mission with his leadership, to GATHER Joyfully, GROW Spiritually, and GO Faithfully.

Lord, bless our church,

Carolyn Miller

SPRC Chairperson

Sometimes we get so excited about the gift that we forget to remember the giver. So, this month TaborKIDS Junior will take some time to look around at the wonderful gifts God has given us and teach our little disciples that God is good! We want our children to know that all of the good things they see in the world are good gifts from a very good God Who loves them. And we can say, "Thank you, God!" Everywhere we look we see good gifts that God has given us, like friends and family, people who help us, and yummy food. . . like donuts! DONUT forget to thank God because God is good!

Gratitude sometimes feels like a lost art. Yet gratitude is an idea close to God's heart. Think about all of the Bible stories where people gave thanks to God. The Israelites celebrated God with feasts and festivals. The writers of the Psalms wrote songs of praise to thank God for being faithful. Throughout this month, we hope TaborKIDS will learn to be grateful for everything God has done: for the world God made, for the promises God has kept, and for the new life God offers the world through Jesus. When we remember all of these things, we can always be thankful.

Speaking of being thankful... TaborKIDS is especially thankful for all of our youth and adult leaders and volunteers. We are so grateful for your love for the littlest disciples!

TaborTWEENS (4-5th Graders) will serve on November 19 from 3-5 PM at the Dwelling organizing the coat closet and making blankets. To register, please visit: https://bit.ly/mttweensserve . For more information, please contact Marcey Davis marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org. Advent Devotional Kits will be available for children beginning November 19! We will have one kit for TaborKIDS Junior and another for TaborKIDS. Be sure to pick up yours!



Families are invited to Breakfast in Bethlehem, an Advent experience for children, on December 2 at 10:00am. For more information and to register, please visit: https://bit.ly/mtbfast23 For more information, please contact Marcey Davis marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org.

All children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to participate in the Nativity on Christmas Eve. Nativity Camp and rehearsals will be held Dec. 20-22. Register here:

https://bit.ly/mtnativity2023 For more information, please contact Colleen Carr colleen.carr@mttaborumc.org.

TaborKIDS on Wednesdays continues this month! Every Tabor Table Wednesday, children are invited to come to the Children's Building from 6-7:00pm for faith, fun, and fellowship. Children must arrive by 6:15pm 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 6:00pm. There will be no Tabor Table on November 22.

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.

Mount Tabor UMC Nursery Staff Updates

We thank Alicia Winfrey for her time serving on the Nursery Staff. She has comforted and cared for many children during her time here and we are grateful for her! We welcome Fran Richardson to the Nursery Staff. She brings a deep love for children and infectious energy that is a welcome addition to the staff.

Please join TaborKIDS in welcoming Fran to our staff!

Your Help is Needed!

We have babies to rock and hold in the Nursery during worship. If you are interested in showing love to our littlest disciples, please contact Marcey Davis marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org



October brought us a plethora of memories — starting with our Lock-In with Grace UMC in Greensboro. This was a wonderful opportunity to reconvene with our friends from Grace UMC and to once again establish the beauty of "Mount Grace UMC"! We were able to share many laughs, lots of (junk) food, make blankets for fellow youth in need of warmth as winter approaches, and enjoy staying up until the wee hours of the morning.

The month included an emotional rollercoaster, and ended with legitimate roller coasters for some of our juniors and seniors as we endured a trip to *Scarowinds*. Finally, we finished off the month with the Fall Festival, and enjoyed being able to come together and celebrate the season while enjoying the games, food, candy, and a wonderful sense of our MTUMC community.

As October ends we rejoice in the many wonderful memories that were made and look forward to the new ones to be had when we head to Camp Tekoa for our Fall Retreat (November 10-12).

During the month of November we will continue to fixate on our eyes with hope, and look forward to seeing the way the Holy Spirit continues to move through us as a group.

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.

Mount Tabor Spotlight

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



GROWTH

led by members of the Spiritual Growth Team

Spiritual

Practices Booklet available at the

Connect Corner

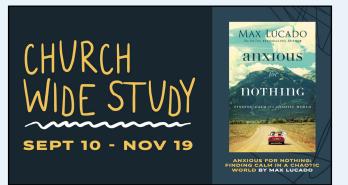
WEDNESDAYS 6 TO 7 PM

SEPTEMBER 13TH - NOVEMBER 15TH

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL











An event in conjunction with Tabor Table featuring Advent Resources for adults and children, a delicious dinner, Christmas music, special activities, and an opportunity to make an Advent wreath.



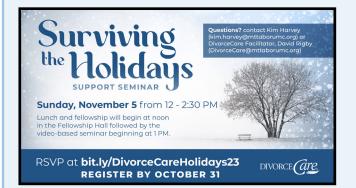




December 20 -December 6 For more information & to order, please visit bit.ly/mtpsdeweys2023

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Source register P.IS TO 10:30 AM IN ROOM 268 FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH CHILDCARE \$5 • MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE Register at bit.ly/mtumcmoms23 Questions? Contact Sandy Hauser at SandyLHauser@gmail.com



Advento, Devotionals

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 31

FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS AVAILABLE STARTING NOVEMBER 19



A labyrinth will be set up in the Youth Commons November 7–15 open during church hours (closed Nov 13) and on Wednesdays until 7 PM.

"It is solved by walking." — St. Augustine



5:30 PM Worship Service in Alspaugh Worship Center Potluck Line Opens Following Service



It's Time for our 2023 Angel Tree

The faithful congregation and community of Mount Tabor United Methodist Church gave generously to provide gifts of toys, clothes, books and more during the 2022 Christmas season to 324 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 and shepherding talents because its time to help others once again in our community with gifts for Christmas.

Ways to be involved— Sign up for all shifts here: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0B4CAAA728A2FF2-angel12

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. 18 from 9-11:00am 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: November 19 & 26 and December 3, 10, & 17. Gift return shifts will also be available at the Nov. 29, Dec. 6 & Dec. 13 Tabor Table. Help with gift distribution and sorting



Mon., Dec. 18 and Wed., Dec. 20.

Work at it with all your heart — Be a shopper beginning Dec 9. 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.

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.

For more information, updates, reminders, and key information, please visit www.mttaborumc.org/angel-tree.

Thank you! If you have questions please call Becky Pfaff or text Michelle Petrich or Laura Hill for more information; or call the church office for our Angel Tree contact information.

Volunteers Needed

The Traditional Service is looking for a few more volunteers to occasionally help run the online streaming graphics for the Sunday morning service. It's a position that anyone with basic computer familiarity can do and training is available!

The online live streams are an important part of the ministries at Mount Tabor, as they allow those who cannot attend worship in person to participate. Please contact charli.mills@mttaborumc.org if you have any questions.

Mount Tabor UMC Quilting Ministry

Several members of the congregation have asked about the quilts sometimes used to decorate the altar in the Sanctuary. These quilts were created with love by the members of our Mount Tabor UMC Quilting Ministry. This ministry was created by Gayle Foltz, a cherished member of the church, decades ago. Although Gayle has gone on to glory, her beloved Quilting Ministry is still going strong.

Our quilts are made and given as gifts to our High School Graduates and families in the church with newborn babies during their baptism. In our outreach ministry, we supply a variety of quilts to Senior Services, Crossnore, and the Shepherd's Center. We make veterans quilts for Forsyth Memorial Hospital, Clemmons Novant Hospital, Medical Park, and we make quilts for Salem Pregnancy Center. For more information, you can contact our Quilting Ministry Members: Judy MacDonald, Barbara Beason, Shirley Halvorson, Diane Hyatt, Ramona Lewis, Vicki Livengood, Judy Petree, and Frances Vazquez.

Church Secretaries Needed

We are in need of another couple to serve as church secretaries once a month or more if needed to sub. The duties include collecting the offering and attendance from Sunday School Classes and recording these in the receptionist's office on Sunday morning. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact Kim Harvey, Director of Congregational Care and Spiritual Formation at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org or in the church office at 336-765-5561 ext. 1021.



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/tabortable

—November 1— Taco Salad (Beef or

Chicken), Black Beans, Refried Beans, Rice, Queso, Salad Bar, Drinks, and Desserts. Kids Option: Quesadillas

-November 8-

Stuffed Shells with meat sauce, Pasta with Meat Sauce and/or Vegetarian Sauce, Rolls, Salad Bar, Drinks, and Desserts. Kids Option: Corn Dogs and Chips

-November 15-

Chicken Pie, Chicken Pie with Vegetables, Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad Bar, Drinks, and Dessert. Kids Option: Pancakes

> -November 22 -No Tabor Table-Happy Thanksgiving

-November 29-Cheeseburger or Hamburger Sliders, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad Bar, Drinks, and Dessert. Kids Option: Kraft Mac and Cheese

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

Be on the lookout and make plans to join us for our Upcoming Tabor Table Fellowship Meals on: Dec 6 & 13.

'Twas the Week Before Advent

On November 29 from 5:15-6:30pm, Mount Tabor will host a "Twas the Week Before Advent" event in conjunction with Tabor Table. The event will include Advent Resources for adults and children, a delicious dinner, Christmas music, special activities, and an opportunity to make an Advent wreath. We are collecting \$5 to help cover the cost of the materials for one Advent Wreath.

Registration at bit.ly/mtwreath is required for the Advent Wreath Kit only. Tabor Table reservations should be made separately: https://www.mttaborumc.org/ tabor-table Questions?

Contact Marcev.Davis@mttaborumc.org.



Save the Date Saturday, December 9 from 5:00 - 7:30 PM

Dinner in the Family Life Center

A Skit, Christmas Carols, and the drama, Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory' performed by Robin Voiers

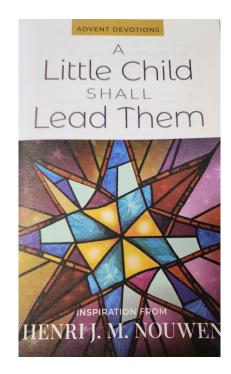
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ŝ	December 3	Advent Worship with choir, string quartet, and harp
	December 10	Advent Worship with choir, violin, cello, and oboe
s.	December 17	Advent Worship with choir and handbells
	December 24	Christmas Eve Worship at 11 AM and 4 PM with choir, brass quintet, and harp

Recycling Team Volunteers							
Dates	Group 1	Group 2					
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2023	Cheryl Cassel	John Eller					
Nov 12-25, 2023	Lynn Church	Greg Hale					
Nov 26-Dec 9, 2023	Ginny C Martin	Ron Hudnell					
Dec 10-23, 2023	Judy Miller	Craig Miller					
Dec 24, 2023-Jan 6, 2024	Carolyn Miller	Rob Crenshaw					
Additional Volunteer Teams							
Dates	Team	Volunteers					
November 2023	Kitchen Committee	Cynthia Grant					
November 2023	Altar Guild	Candy McCoy & Linda Reddick					
November 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							
November 2023	Ongoing Gift: Juice	Gift of the Month: Sugar, Flour, and Baking Items					

Advent Devotionals

Advent is the season of the church year when we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. The prophet Isaiah writes of the promise of a peaceable kingdom initiated by the coming of the Messiah, the Prince of Peace. Peace is something we long for as we look at the world around us and though it may seem impossible sometimes, we must remember that with God, nothing is impossible.

This year's Advent Devotional, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them" will be available in the Trinity Welcome Center beginning Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Tabor Table. Inspiration from the writings of Henri J.M. Nouwen, one of the most beloved spiritual writers of our time, is included each day of Advent followed by reflections by Elizabeth Scalia. An Advent Devotional Kit will also be available for families beginning on Nov. 15.



Walking a Sacred Path: The Labyrinth as a Spiritual Practice

In conjunction with the Growth Gatherings hosted by the Spiritual Growth Team on Wednesday nights, a Labyrinth will be set up in the Youth Commons Nov. 7- Nov. 15 open during church hours (closed on Nov. 13) and on Weds. evenings until 7:00pm. Walking a labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice that dates back thousands of years and can serve as a metaphor for the Christian spiritual journey and a powerful tool for transformation. It is a walk that quiets the mind and allows room for contemplation, prayer, and reflection, centering us and helping us to focus on God and what He is saying to us. Some people walk as they ponder questions, reflect scripture, pray for themselves or others; some people walk during times of grief and loss, to find strength to take the next step, or to slow down and have some quiet time in the midst of a busy life. St. Augustine said, "It is solved by walking."



In Appreciation of your Service

All veterans are invited to attend a reception in their honor on Sunday, Nov. 12, from 10:00 - 11:00 am 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!

For questions contact on the upcoming Devotional, Labyrinth, or the Veterans Reception please contact Kim Harvey, Director of Congregational Care and Spiritual Formation, at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org or 336-765-5561.

Spiritual Formation

What do you long for in your relationship with God? Would you like to connect to God on a deeper level and spend more time with Him? Spiritual Formation is the process of being open to the work of the Holy Spirit to shape our life into the likeness of Jesus. Our willingness to allow God to do this work in us is a lifelong process or as Eugene Peterson said, "a long obedience in the same direction." To do this we cooperate with the Holy Spirit by engaging in spiritual practices such as bible study, worship, prayer, silence and solitude, gratitude, and participating in small groups, to name a few. Spiritual growth is an important component of spiritual formation and takes place too but sometimes we engage in spiritual growth activities without a hunger and thirst to be changed and to be shaped. It is in the intentionality of being open to the Holy Spirit and to being changed that sets spiritual growth and spiritual formation apart.

Scripture tells us: Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect. ~ Romans 12:2.

> Kim Harvey Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation

November 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 Title	Sermon Scripture			
All Saints Day and Communion Sunday, Nov. 5	Dr. Michael Brown	Dr. Michael Brown	<i>The Intersection of Loss and Hope</i>	John 11:21-27; 12:27-32			
Nov. 12	Dr. Michael Brown	Dr. Michael Brown	Ordinary Time	Luke 19:11-24			
Nov. 19	Dr. Michael Brown	Dr. Michael Brown	Anyhow	1 Thessalonians 5:16-22			
Nov. 26	Dr. Michael Brown	Dr. Michael Brown	Saying YES	Matt. 25:31-40 & John 6:66-69			
All services are also available via livestream at www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming							

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.

-Sharing our-

Joys, Sympathies, and Prayers, with our church family

Memorial and Honorarium Gifts Given to Mount Tabor UMC

Given to the Building Fund in honor our of MTUMC staff by Janie Livengood

Given to the Building Fund in honor of Mary Pitts by Miller & Janie Council

Given to Tabor Troopers in honor of Jim & Susan Annas

Given to Tabor Troopers in honor of Sandy Collison

Given in honor of the baptism of Natalie Dutton by Sandy Steele

Given to Bethesda Center in honor of Sheri Nebinger by 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 September 13, current loan balance is **\$263,131.12.**

Sharing our Joys with:

 Donny & Nicole Dutton upon the baptism of their daughter, Natalie Noelle Dutton

Extending our Sympathies to:

- Elizabeth Nolan upon the death of her father, Ken Burnette
- Dale Smith upon the death of his daughter, Suzette Brown
- Nancy Morris upon the death of her stepmother, Evelyn Boyd Atkins
- Janet Gardner upon the death of her granddaughter, Emma Hemphill
- Janet Fangmann upon the death of her sister, Anne
- Tamara Levi upon the death of her mother, Wanda Lingle

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

Mount Tabor Will be recognizing our Military Veterans during worship services on Sunday, November 12.

Please share a digital copy of a picture of yourself or a Mount Tabor UMC family member in uniform with our Digital Media Coordinator, Camdyn Davis (camdyn.davis@mttaborumc.org) by Wednesday, November 9.



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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 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