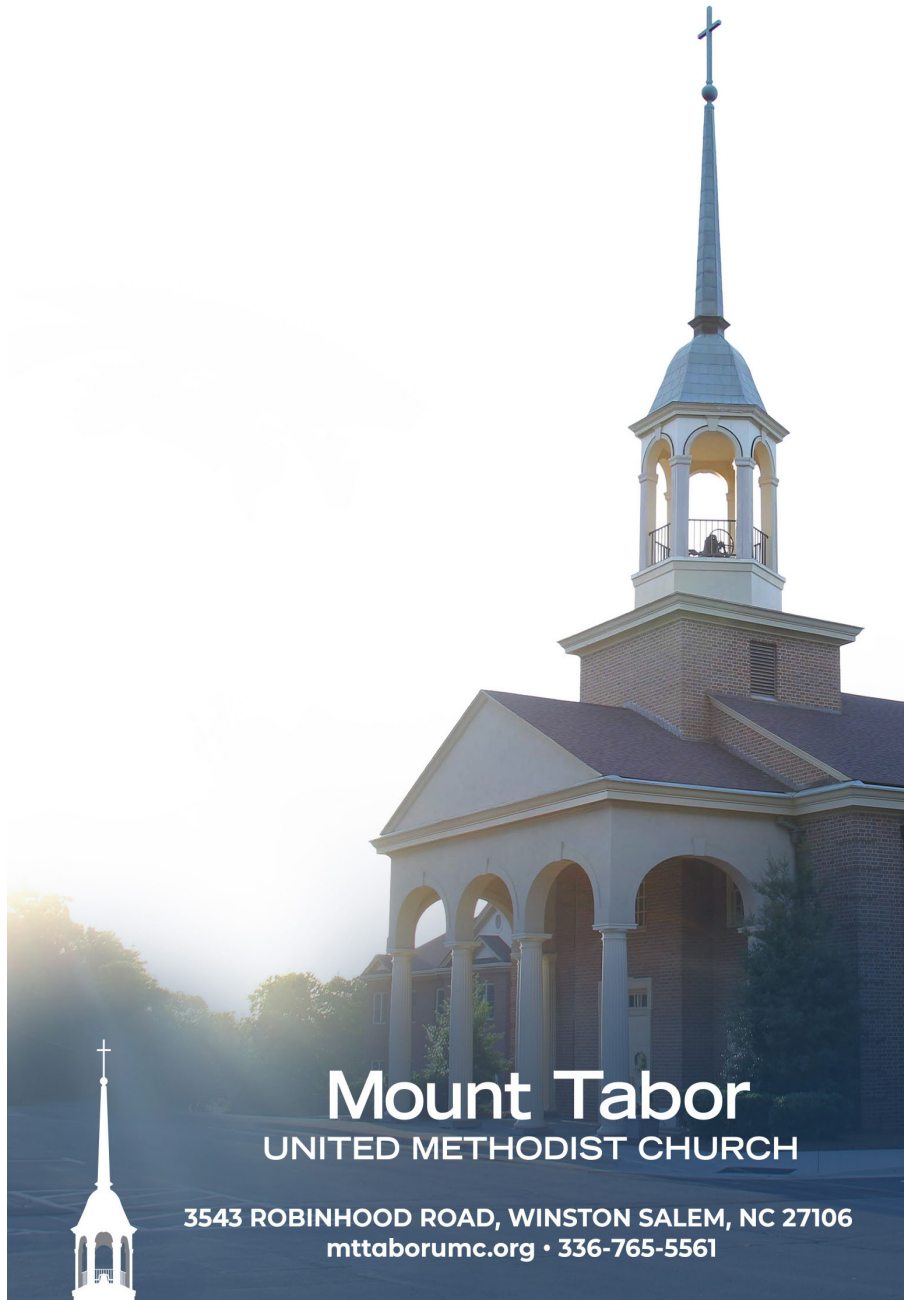


October 13, 2024

*A Scandalous
Conversation!*



Mount Tabor
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIPING GOD AT MOUNT TABOR UMC
GATHER JOYFULLY • GROW SPIRITUALLY • GO FAITHFULLY

Traditional Order of Worship

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 13, 2024 • 11:00am

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

Prelude	<i>Cheer Thee, My Soul</i>	Johann S. Bach
Welcome		Hank Buchanan
Introit	<i>Lord, Speak to Me</i>	CANONBURY
* Call to Worship		Hank Buchanan
	Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!	
	We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!	
	We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.	
	You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.	
	You turn our mourning into dancing!	
	Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!	
* Hymn # 181	<i>Ye Servants of God</i>	HANOVER
* Affirmation of Faith # 881	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	Hank Buchanan
* Prayer of Confession		Hank Buchanan
	Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.	
* Gloria Patri # 71	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	GREATOREX
* Assurance and Time of Greeting		Pastor David Beam
	<i>Children (3 years old-5th grades) may leave to participate in TaborKids Worship today. Parents will pick them up in the Children's Building immediately following the service.</i>	
* Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer		Pastor David Beam
Anthem	<i>A Call to Service</i>	Joseph M. Martin
Stewardship Speaker		Tommy Doughton
Mortgage Burning		Pastor David Beam
Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings		Pastor David Beam
Offertory	<i>Improvisation</i>	Herbert Grieb
* Doxology # 94	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
* Scripture	John 4:5-29; 39-42(NRSV)	Pastor David Beam
Message	"A Scandalous Conversation!"	Pastor David Beam
* Hymn # 731	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>	AUSTRIAN HYMN
* Benediction		Pastor David Beam
* Benediction Response	<i>Amen</i>	THREEFOLD AMEN
* Chiming of the Trinity		
Postlude	<i>March Romaine</i>	Charles E. Gounod
	*Please stand in body or in spirit	

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam

Director of Traditional Worship Arts: Lauren Harris

Liturgist: Hank Buchanan

Organist: Mike Hendrix

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Michael Callison .

Modern Worship
Sunday, October 13, 2024
9:00am

—Opening Song—
Your Grace Is Enough
(Matt Maher & Chris Tomlin)

— Welcome and Call to Worship —

— Praise Song —
Evidence
(Josh Baldwin)

— Tabor KIDS Dismissal—

— Stewardship Moment —
Andy Smith

— Mortgage Note Burning —

— Congregational & Offertory Prayer —

— Offertory —
Unfailing Love
(Chris Tomlin)

—Scripture—
John 4:5-29;39-42 (NRSV)

— Message —
“A Scandalous Conversation!”

—Closing Song—
Goodness Of God
(Jenn Johnson/Bethel Music)

— Announcements & Sending Forth —

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam
Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas
Worship Host: Wende Rogers
Prayer Leader: Venessa Irby

WELCOME TO MOUNT TABOR UMC

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GATHER JOYFULLY

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

GROW SPIRITUALLY & GO FAITHFULLY

- * **Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner** will meet Wednesday, October 16, 5:15-6:30pm in the Family Life Center with reservations made either at <https://www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table> or in the Trinity Welcome Center. Suggested donation is \$8 for adult (age 13 and up), \$5 for child (age 3-12), free for children under 3. For those living in same home, family max is \$25. The menu Chicken and Rice, Salad Bar, Desserts, and Drinks. Kids Option: Pancakes.
- * **Our American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be at Mount Tabor UMC on Tuesday, October 29 from 2-7 pm in the Family Life Center. Make your appointment online at <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> using the church zip code 27106 for the October 29 date or contact Ron Grant (336-577-3687).
- * **Sing with the Chancel Choir for Christmas... or Beyond!** The Chancel Choir would like to invite YOU to come and sing with us as we prepare for the Chancel Choir Christmas Celebration on December 15. Beginning October 3, at 7:00PM, the first 30 minutes (maybe more) of choir rehearsal will be devoted to Christmas music. We would love for you to join us, whether it's just for the Christmas portion or for the entire rehearsal. Come and give it a try! No long-term commitment is required.
- * **During the month of October, we are offering a church wide study** of the book, Three Simple Rules - A Wesleyan Way of Living by Rueben P. Job. John Wesley taught and practiced these simple rules that have the power to change the world: 1) Do No Harm 2) Do Good 3) Stay in Love with God. Wednesday Night Gatherings: 6:00 -7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall -- Lunch

& Learn on Thursdays: 12:00 noon-1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall - donations accepted for light lunch. Books will be available at no cost beginning Sept. 29 at these events and in the Welcome Center, Sanctuary Narthex, and Church Office. For questions or to connect with a class or small group study, contact Kim Harvey at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org

- * **Your Stewardship Committee has designated October 20, 2024 as Consecration (formerly Pledge) Sunday this year.** As we prepare to consider the opportunity we have as faithful stewards of all that God gives us, remember that as a faith community living our values, we are committed to our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service & Witness. Jesus summed up the spiritual connection between money and God this way: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34). After prayerful consideration, each member, individual or household, will be provided an Estimate of Giving Card and a Step Chart to help determine donation amount. These items are meant to help determine where we each stand as providers for our mission as a community of faith. This Estimate of Giving allows the member leaders of various groups within the church, including Outreach, Missions, SPRC, Finance, Trustees, and others, to responsibly designate funds for the coming year. Please begin now to pray to God for His guidance on what you estimate you will be able to give to MTUMC in 2025. Thank you and we hope to see everyone at our combined service in the sanctuary at 10:30AM on Sunday, October 20th!
- * **You are invited to a Special Consecration Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, October 20 at 10:30am for One Combined Service** (our Sunday School Classes will not meet on Oct. 20). A FREE meal will be served following the service. Please let us know you will be joining us and make your reservation on the church website (mttaborumc.org). A full congregational portrait will be taken after our service before lunch. The Alsbaugh Worship Center will be open for overflow seating, if needed.
- * **2024 CROP HUNGER WALK is Sunday, October 20 at 2:30** at Corpening Plaza -- TO WALK: Sign up in the Welcome Center and pick up a packet. Then visit www.cropwalkforsyth.org and join Team Mount Tabor. TO DONATE: Sponsor the walker of your choice with cash or check ("CWS/CROP"). Give to John or Denise or place in Outreach Box (put "Denise Peterson" on envelope) OR online at www.cropwalkforsyth.org. HELP PROMOTE the WALK BY PICKING UP a FLYER or BROCHURE on the CROP TABLE in the WELCOME CENTER and DISPLAY at YOUR WORKPLACE, GYM, etc. Questions? contact your Team Captains: John Giles (johnlgiles55@gmail.com) Denise Peterson (mamapete3@gmail.com). A portion of your donation automatically goes to Helene Relief. If you put "Helene Relief" on the "For" line of your check to CWS/CROP, all will go to Helene.
- * **Tabor Troupers will be meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall.** Come dressed in a costume if you like and join us for an exciting game of Fall Bingo. Our menu will be Hamburger Potato Casserole, Vegetable, Rolls, Desserts, and Drink. Please contact Kim Harvey at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org, signup in your Sunday School Class, or in the Welcome Center to make your reservation TODAY.
- * **The Fall Festival at MTUMC will be Sunday, October 29, 4:30-6:30pm.** Enjoy a hot dog supper, bingo, inflatables, games, and more. Invite your friends and family. If you would like to volunteer, please visit <https://bit.ly/mtfall2024> to sign up. Please contact Marcey Davis (marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org) if you have any questions.
- * **Individually wrapped candy donations are needed for the Mount Tabor UMC Fall Festival.** Packages must be unopened. Candy may be dropped off in the Trinity Welcome Center at the Donation Table in the basket marked & Fall Festival Candy by Wednesday, October 25.



Sunday, October 13, 2024

9:00 AM	Modern Worship Service	Alspaugh Worship Center
10:00 AM	Child, Tween, Youth, & Adult Sunday School Classes	
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Liturgical Dance Practice	Alspaugh Worship Center
5:00 PM	Fusion Youth Main Event	Rm 113

Monday, October 14, 2024

8:00 AM	Tabor Talk, Bulletin, and In The Know	Email Submission Deadline
9:00 AM	Church Business Admin Mtg	Rm 207
12:00 PM	Nar-Anon Family Support Grp	Rm 108
2:00 PM	Staff Prayer Time	Rm 200
6:00 PM	Voices of God's Children	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 934 Mtg	Rm 113
7:00 PM	Men's Basketball	Family Life Center
7:00 PM	Women's Alcoholics Anonymous	Rm 102

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

10:00 AM	Worship Planning Meeting	Rm 207
12:00 PM	Band of Brothers	Foothills @ 4th Street
1:00 PM	Staff Meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	A Church for All People Ministry Mtg	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Circle #5 Meeting	Rm 108

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

6:50 AM	High School Prayer Breakfast	Bagel Station
9:30 AM	Weds Women's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
3:30 PM	GriefShare Support Group	Rm 101
5:15 PM	Tabor Table Fellowship Meal	Family Life Center
6:00 PM	TaborKids	263/265
6:00 PM	TaborKids Junior Pray'n and Play'n	166
6:00 PM	Wednesday Night Gatherings	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	DivorceCare Support Group	Rm 108
6:45 PM	Adult Volleyball Game	Family Life Center
7:00 PM	MTUMC Delivers to Bethesda Center	

Thursday, October 17, 2024

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

Friday, October 18, 2024

Saturday, October 19, 2024

9:00 AM	Pickle Ball	Family Life Center
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Our Response to God's Grace...

**BUDGET PLEDGES
 FOR 2024
 as of Sept. 4, 2024**

**# Pledges: 205
 for Pledge Total of
 \$993,194**

October 6, 2024 ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	144
In-person Worship	406

October 6, 2024 GIVING

Budget Needs Each Week	\$31,382.00
Budget Gifts	\$27,574.69
Disaster Response	\$33,674.12
FUSION Ministries	\$500.00
CROP Walk	\$250.00
Bethesda	\$200.00
Memorials	\$550.00
Other	\$1,226.06
Total	\$63,974.87

Sermon Series: “Promises worth keeping!”

“A Scandalous Conversation!”

October 13, 2024

John 4:5-29; 39-42 (NRSV)

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” ²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Questions to Answer...

1. Name the potentially scandalous parts of Jesus’ encounter with the woman of Samaria?
2. How does Jesus challenge both the woman at the well and his disciples’ world view?
 3. Are there parts of your life Jesus is challenging?
 4. How do you share how Jesus is working in your life?
 5. How will you respond?



Consecration Sunday
 is October 20, 2024

One Combined Service
 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary

Free meal following service - please RSVP by visiting www.MtTaborUMC.org
 Full Congregation Portrait will be taken after service before lunch

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

Wednesday Night Gatherings
 6 – 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall

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

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



CROP HUNGER WALK
 ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

WALK, DONATE, FIGHT HUNGER
 Sunday, October 20 at 2:30 PM
 Winston-Salem's Corpening Plaza

Sign up to walk in the Welcome Center

DONATE AT CROPWALKFORSYTH.ORG/DONATE

Fall FESTIVAL
 OCTOBER 27 4:30-6:30 PM

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS & CANDY

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP:
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 INDIVIDUALLY
 WRAPPED CANDIES