

TABOR TALK

Peace and Grace Church Family!

Even as there is the expected transfer of power in our country later this month, so there is the thoughtful and purposeful change in our church leadership each New Year. God raises up gifted people to serve throughout the church for a season and then calls others to hear and respond and offer their gifts to the cause of Christ. I want to pause for a moment and give thanks for, and to, those who have served on our Church Council, Ministry Chairpersons and Ministry members in 2024 and those who are moving on to serve in other areas. Praise God for our leaders: Beth Eller, Susan Miller, Rob Holliday, Lindsey Heitman, Sadie Daniels, Ashley White, Kenny Nicholls, Nancy Morris, Mark Wilson, Phillip Kelley, John Welch, Diane Wilson, David Rigby, Susan Annas, Deb Keaton, Cheryl Smith, Scott Bullard, Steve Runge, Laura Kelley, Brent Kincaid, Jim Bigger, John Giles, Ginger Owens, Nancy Stockton, John Elliott, and John Coiron, We give praise to God for each of these folks who have served faithfully and helped us to be faithful to God's call and purpose for our church!

Likewise, I want to give thanks for each of our new leaders on Church Council and in the Ministries of the church, and those continuing in their positions, as well as everyone who is serving through one of Christ's ministries among us. I lift for your prayers and encouragement our 2025 Church Council and Ministry Chairpersons: Jim Graham, John Elliott, Lindsey Heitman, Matilda Phillips, Sandy Callison, Zella Ann Cook, Jessica Campbell, Sandy Hauser, Kimberly Wiseman, Bill Huffman, Susan Stimpson and Tommy Doughton. There are many other ministries and volunteers of the church that I have not mentioned for lack of space, but those serving do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. We give thanks to God and to everyone who is serving and leading us in our response to God's call. For a complete list of all who are serving in 2025 and beyond please visit our website or call the church office.

Though we cannot know the future I am confident that we know who holds the future! I am equally expectant and confident that with the help of the Holy Spirit we will experience the presence, guidance, and blessing of God as we boldly step forward to meet the continuing challenges that lay before us. We are blessed with incredible people who have been gifted with wise and visionary leadership abilities and who are committed to being faithful to serving Jesus Christ. Please join us on Sunday, January 12 in worship as we ask God's blessing on our leaders. As we step out in faith this year I am reminded of the chorus in a Marty Rabon song, "...I've read the book, and I know how this story ends....every tongue of every nation will confess the revelation.....I've read the book, and I know how this story ends!"

We ain't seen nothing yet!!

In Christ,
Pastor David



What we're learning about in TaborKIDS Junior and TaborKIDS in January:

TaborKIDS Junior (2 yo – Kindergarten):

Have you ever seen a bunch of young children jumping in rain puddles? So many giggles! So much excitement! And do you know that feeling you get when you step outside and feel the sunshine on your face for the first time in a week? Pure happiness! Young children experience a wide range of emotions every day. They feel sad, happy, afraid, nervous, excited—sometimes all in the same hour! They will grow up and experience a lot of different situations and emotions. We want children to know that Jesus is a friend that loves them at ALL times—a friend that will never leave them! That's why, this month, we are talking about THE best friend—the One

who is ALWAYS a good friend. Rain or shine, Jesus is always a good friend of mine!

TaborKIDS (1st – 5th Grades):

People love camping, and for good reason! You can take in nature, practice special skills, or just take time to relax in a new environment. And when it comes to camping, no one loved it as much as John the Baptist. In this 4-week series, kids will hear about John the Baptist's special role in preparing the way for Jesus and his ministry. John's story will help kids to say their camp motto, "I believe God gives me purpose. I believe God can speak to me. I believe God is powerful. I believe God's words are true."

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)

TaborKIDS Events & Announcements:

⇒ **TaborTWEENS** (4th & 5th Graders) are invited to have **snow much fun** on **Sunday, January 5 from 3:30-5:00pm at MTUMC!** Games and special treats are planned so we can have **snow much fun!** Sign up here: bit.ly/mtumcsnow

⇒ **TaborKIDS** on Wednesdays and Pray'n and Play'n return January 8 from 6-7:15pm for more faith, fun, music! We hope to see our 2 year old through 5th grade friends there!

⇒ **TaborTWEENS** (4th & 5th Graders) are invited to participate in a special event Fri., Feb. 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 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. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

⇒ **Mark your calendar for June 16-19 to join the fun at VBS camp where kids will "wannastay" all summer!** More information and registration opening soon. Marcey Davis (marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org)



Oh how the time flies when you're having fun!

As 2024 comes to a close, we reflect on all the memories and formation that has happened this year. In the month of December, we celebrated 2024 coming to a close with a Christmas Party where we wrapped Angel Tree gifts, played Christmas Trivia, fellowshiped over food, did a gift exchange, and basked in the presence of the divine.

In 2024 we came together through multiple retreats, mission trips, lock-ins, prayer breakfasts, and our weekly Main Event youth gatherings where we spent time in worship together and we saw God move in miraculous ways. We continue to listen to the call God sets on us and strive our best to live in community.

Youth Ministries at Mount Tabor UMC

As we celebrate the end of a new year we do so connected knowing we are made better for knowing each other. So as 2025 approaches, may this be a year where we take the next steps in faith, embrace the comfort of God's everlasting love and presence even in the face of uncomfortable moments. May we lean into each other when the going gets tough, and celebrate with each other in those joyous times.

We want to thank everyone at Mount Tabor for supporting us and look forward to the ways we can grow closer together and to God.

—Will Busch, Director of Youth 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.

**Job Opening
Mount Tabor Nursery**

Mount Tabor UMC has an opening for a part time Nursery Worker. It is expected that the Nursery Worker of Mount Tabor United Methodist Church (MTUMC) have a genuine love for children, enjoy serving others, have a good working knowledge of nursery functions, and have the physical skills to perform various nursery-associated tasks. They must be open to learning and developing new skills to do this job in an increasingly effective way to better serve God, the church family and the surrounding community.

This is a 4 - 5 hour per week position that serves 2-3 Sundays per month on a flexible, rotating basis. For more information or to submit your application, please visit mttaborumc.org/employment-opportunities

**January Notes from the Director of
Traditional Worship Arts**

I want to thank our amazing Chancel Choir, Orchestra, and B.E.L.L.S. for your hard work and faithfulness in preparing Christmas music to share with the congregation and community in December! Also, I want to give a big shout-out to Kim Harvey for her beautiful narrations at our Sunday afternoon Christmas Celebration. What a blessing it is to work with such wonderful and talented people. I am so grateful to the congregation for your ongoing support of the Music Ministry at Mount Tabor.

The New Year is a wonderful time to consider joining one of our ensembles. We would love to fill up the choir loft, and we have openings for beginning and advanced handbell ringers, too. If you have any questions about choir or handbells, please contact me.

—Lauren Harris,
Director of Traditional Worship Arts

Mount Tabor Spotlight

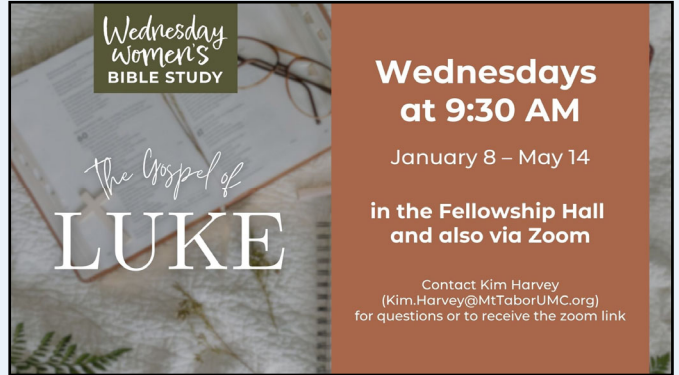
Here's what is coming up and what you need to know!



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, January 19 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, January 28

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!

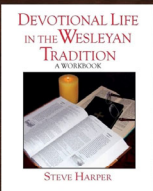


Beginner Handbells

STARTING JANUARY 2025

A handbell ensemble for BEGINNERS.
Youth and adults welcome!
No obligation, and no experience required.

Questions? Contact Lauren Harris at Lauren.Harris@mttaborumc.org



DEVOTIONAL LIFE IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION

A WORKBOOK by Steve Harper

A 6 WEEK STUDY

Wednesdays 6 - 7 PM | January 22 – February 26
Led by Pastor David and Kim Harvey in the Fellowship Hall

Participants are encouraged to purchase their own copy of the workbook
Questions? Contact Kim Harvey (Kim.Harvey@MtTaborUMC.org) or 336-765-5561



THE PALM TRIO

2025 Farmer Colclough Concert Series

**Saturday, January 25, 2025
4:00 p.m.**

Mount Tabor United Methodist Church
Winston-Salem, NC

Works by J.S. Bach, Leonard Bernstein, Johannes Brahms, Noelia Escalzo, Nancy Galbraith, Elizabeth Goode, and Reed Hanna

ADMISSION IS FREE

Shannon Lowe, bassoon
Peter M Geldrich, clarinet
Joshua K Pifer, piano



High School Prayer Breakfast

January 8 Chick-fil-A
January 15 Bagel Station
January 22 Chick-fil-A
January 29 Bagel Station

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



SNOW much fun FOR TABORTWEENS

Sunday, January 5
3:30-5 PM

sign up here: bit.ly/mtumcsnow





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

NEW 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.*

**—January 1—
No Dinner—Happy New Year**

—January 8—
Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls
or Chips, Salad Bar
Kids Option: Chicken Tenders

—January 15—
White Chicken Chili, Roasted Chicken, Baked
Potatoes, Cornbread or Crackers, Salad Bar
Kids Option: Pancakes

—January 22—
Baked Spaghetti, Broccoli, Rolls, Salad Bar,
Kids Option: Chicken Tenders

—January 29—
Chicken and Rice Casserole, Roasted
Chicken Tenders, Vegetables, Rolls, Salad
Bar, Kids Option: Mac & Cheese

Memorial and Honorarium Gifts Given to Mount Tabor UMC

In Memory of Thelma Livengood by:

- Dave Hendrix
- Rob & JoBeth Holliday
- Martha Agnew

In Memory of A.M & Doris Isenhour by:

- Jamie Isenhour

In Memory of Bob Reddick by:

- Bob & Brona McHone

In Memory of Dr. Richard Worf by:

- Bob & Brona McHone

In Memory of Miller Council by:

- Bob & Brona McHone

In Honor of Sheri Nebinger by:

- Steve & Ellen Pfaff

In Honor of Charity Goff and Kim Harvey by:

- Bob & Brona McHone

In Honor of Will Busch by:

- Steve & Ellen Pfaff

In Honor of Larry & Debbie Beitel by:

- Cathy Gardner

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:

- Helen Coats upon the death of her
husband, Harvey Coats
- David Krueger upon the death of his
mother, Elizabeth Krueger
- Beth Tedder upon the death of her
mother, Jean Shuping

Sharing our Joys with:

- Brandon & Kristen Talley upon the
baptism of their son, Henry
- Susan & Mike Walker upon the birth of
their grandson, Jordan Paul Chilton

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 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.

A New Beginning

Happy New Year! Another year has flown by and 2025 is here. This time of year, we often make New Year's resolutions but then February comes and well, sometimes they fall by the wayside. This year, maybe we can try something different. Offer a prayer to God and ask Him to show you where in your life you may need to make changes by either beginning something new that will benefit you or giving up something that is not helpful. A great place to pray is our Prayer Room. Did you know Mount Tabor has a Prayer Room? If you take the elevator from the Family Life Center up, the doors open right across from this quiet space. It is a very peaceful room with prayer and other resources, a desk to sit and write at or read scripture from, comfortable seating, and some items from our church's history. Check it out sometime. I pray 2025 will be a blessing for you and your family and that you will draw even closer in your relationship with God. As we turn the page to this new year, let's hold on to the hope, peace, joy, and love of Advent, focusing on the light of Christ in the center of it all.

We are blessed to serve a God of new beginnings

Upcoming Spiritual Formation Opportunities:

- **Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition – A Workbook** by Steve Harper. This is a 6 week study that will meet on Wednesday evenings 6:00-7:00pm, 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 book.
- **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.

Congregational Care:

- If you or your family are dealing with chronic or other illness, cancer, preparing for or recovering from surgery, caregiving, mourning, dealing with a life transition, etc., please let me know how the church can best care for and support you.
- If you are a church member and have given birth, we would love to celebrate this joyous occasion with you, and place a rosebud on the altar in one of the worship services in honor of your newborn.
- If you have a prayer request, I can pass it along to our pastor, staff, and prayer chain so that we can pray over your request.
- If you or a family member are now homebound, I will be glad to add you to the homebound ministry list so that you can receive visits from one of the homebound ministry teams.

Kim Harvey
Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation
kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org or 336-765-5561

Recycling Team Volunteers		
Dates	Group 1	Group 2
Jan 5-18, 2025	Lynn Church	Cynthia Grant
Jan 19– Feb 1, 2025	Tex & Anne Leonard	Laura Hill
Feb 2-15, 2025	Cheryl Cassel	John Eller
Additional Volunteer Teams		
Dates	Team	Volunteers
December 2024	Altar Guild	TBD
December 2024	Kitchen Team	Sandra Hartman
Crisis Control Ministry Gift of the Month		
<i>Please place your donations in the Crisis Control wooden bin in the Trinity Welcome Center</i>		
January 2025	Ongoing Gift: Juice	Gift of the Month: Canned Stews (Beef Stew, Brunswick, Chili)

Join us for a Worship Service Training for ALL Current and Interested Volunteers

On **Sunday, January 12, 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, 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

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 January 5	Guest Minister, Dr. Michael Brown		<i>Loyalty and Love</i>	Luke 14:25-30
January 12	Rev. David Beam		<i>Let's Be Clear</i>	Luke 3:15;17;21-22
January 19	Rev. David Beam		<i>The Good Stuff</i>	John 2:1-11
January 26	Rev. David Beam		<i>Today</i>	Luke 4:14-21



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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
- Facebook Live at Mount Tabor United Methodist Church