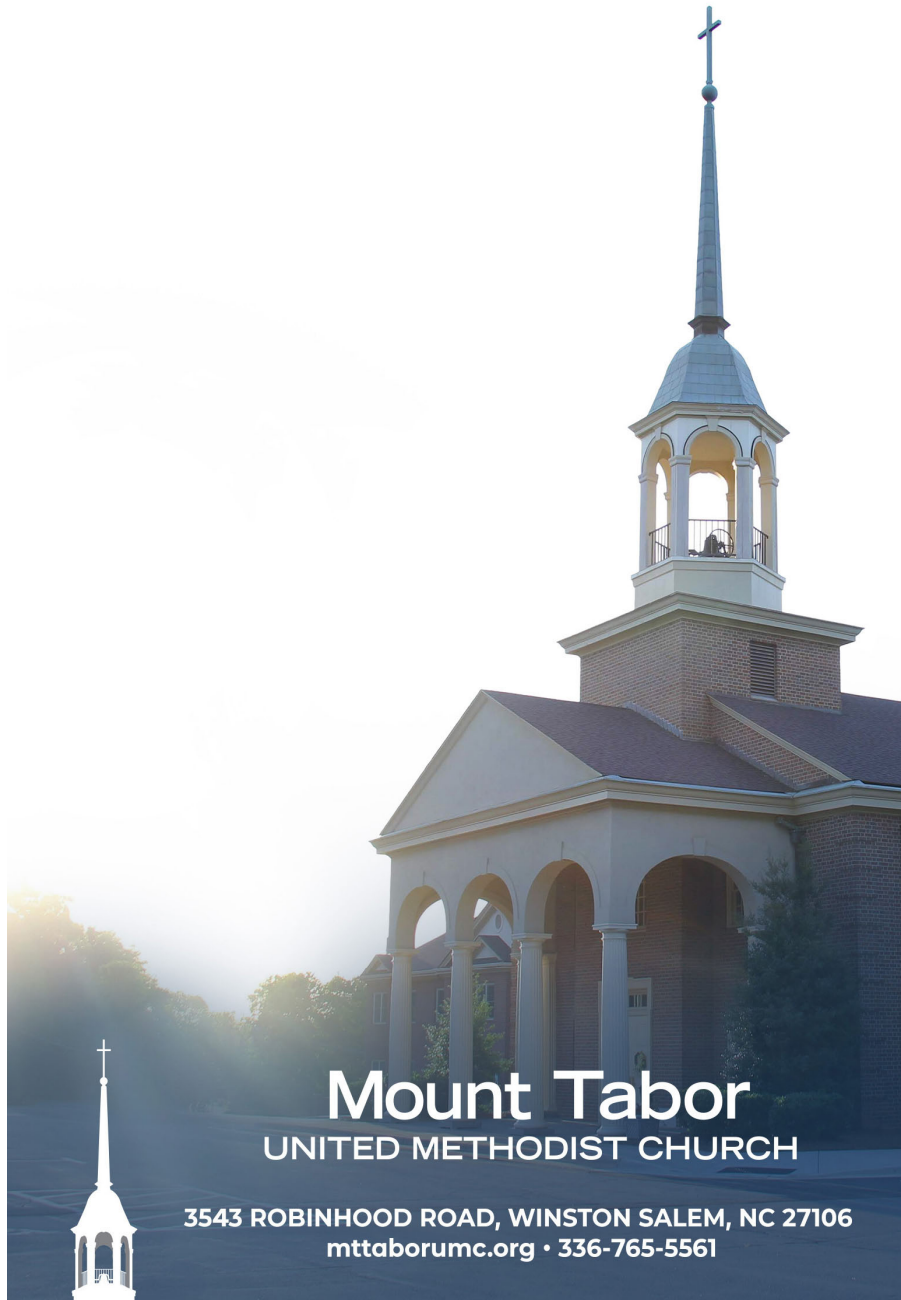


March 16, 2025

*Curiouser and  
Curiouser*



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Traditional Order of Worship

2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 16, 2025 — 11:00am

*Hearing enhancement devices and large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.*

**Prelude** *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622* J.S. Bach  
*(O Man, Bewail Your Sins So Great)*

**Welcome** Bobby Sharp

**Introit** *My Song I Love Unknown* LOVE UNKNOWN

\* **Call to Worship** (Genesis 15, Psalm 27)

Wait for the Lord; be strong!

**The promises of God will never be broken.**

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love.

**O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us! Be our guide and our light instead.**

One thing we ask of God:

**That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our lives, and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.**

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving, for God is among and within us!

**Thanks be to God!**

\* **Hymn # 139** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (1-3, 5)* LOBE DEN HERREN

\* **Affirmation of Faith # 881** *The Apostles' Creed*

\* **Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, we are quick to join Abram's doubt and impatience, but we find it difficult to copy Abraham's faith and trust. We want to believe your promises, but the here-and-now problems of daily life consume our focus and erode our faith. Open our eyes to your light. Open our hearts to your love. Open our minds to your possibilities. Speak to us today, O God, and strengthen our faith, that we, too, may know the everlasting power of your love.**

\* **Gloria Patri # 71** *Glory Be to the Father* GREATOREX

\* **Assurance and Time of Greeting** Pastor David Beam

*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.*

**Special Announcement** Bill Huffman, SPRC Chairperson

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem** *Amazing Grace* arr. John Rutter

**Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** *O World, I Must Leave Thee* Gearld Near

\* **Doxology # 95** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture** Luke 13:31-35 (The Message) Pastor David Beam

**Message** "Curiouser and Curiouser"

\* **Hymn # 340** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* RESTORATION

\* **Benediction** Pastor David Beam

\* **Chiming of the Trinity**

\* **Benediction Response** *Lead Me, Lord* LEAD ME, LORD

**Postlude** *Chaconne* Louis Couperin, trans. Joseph Bonnet  
**\*Please stand in body or in spirit**

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam  
Liturgist: Bobby Sharp  
Acolyte: Hunter Newman

Dir. of Traditional Worship Arts: Lauren Harris  
Organist: Jessica Beitel  
Guest Choir Director: Kelly Turner

**Modern Worship**  
Sunday, March 16, 2025  
9:00am

**Gathering Song**  
*Your Love Never Fails* — Jesus Culture

**Welcome, Announcements,  
and Call to Worship**

**Praise & Worship**  
*Desert Song* — Brooke Ligertwood  
*Man Of Sorrows* — Hillsong

**Tabor KIDS Dismissal**

**Congregational & Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**  
*All My Hope* — Crowder

**Special Announcement**  
Bill Huffman, SPRC Chairperson

**Scripture**  
Luke 13:31-35 (The Message)

**Today's Message**  
**"Curiouser and Curiouser"**

**Closing Song**  
*I Will Exalt You* — Brooke Ligertwood

**Sending Forth**

**Today's Worship Leaders**  
Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam  
Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas  
Worship Host: Rebecca Binford  
Prayer Leader: Billie Mason

## 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](http://www.mttaborumc.org/prayer) or by contacting Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation Kim Harvey (336-765-5561 or [kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org](mailto: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](http://www.mttaborumc.org) for more info.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit announcement info at least two weeks in advance to [charity.goff@mttaborumc.org](mailto: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, March 19 from 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 \$10 for adult (age 13 and up), \$7 for child (age 3-12), free for children under 3. For those living in same home, family max is \$30. The menu is: Chicken Pie with or without Veggies, Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, and Green Beans, Salad Bar, Desserts, and Drinks. Children’s option is: Pancakes.
- \* **Easter Plant Orders are now being accepted** on the church website, [www.mttaborumc.org/event/2024-easter-plant-order](http://www.mttaborumc.org/event/2024-easter-plant-order) . For \$12 each, you may buy your choice of a white Easter lily, 6-inch yellow mum or 6-inch salmon geranium plant in memory or honor of a loved one to help decorate the Mount Tabor UMC Sanctuary or Alspaugh Worship Center on Easter Sunday, April 20. Please remember to memo EASTER PLANT on all payments. If paying online, also select “Special Contribution” in the FUND drop-down menu. **Order deadline is Sunday, March 23, 2025.**
- \* **Ryan Shoaf Memorial Summer Grant Applications** are due by 5:00pm on Sunday, March 16, 2025. Please turn your application into the church office today or email them to [charity.goff@mttaborumc.org](mailto:charity.goff@mttaborumc.org).
- \* **Tabor Troupers (Seniors 60+) will meet on Monday, March 17, at 11:00am starting in the Alspaugh Worship Center** and enjoying a meal in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be celebrating St. Patrick’s Day with a presentation by Carroll Academy of Irish Dance. The menu will be Shepherd’s Pie, Fruit Salad, Rolls, drinks, and dessert. Please

register in the Connect Corner in the welcome center or in your Sunday School Class.

- \* **We love our leaders! TaborKIDS is so blessed by the many folks that give of their time and love to serve in the Children's Building.** All TaborKIDS leaders and volunteers are invited to a brunch in room 161 of the Children's Building on Sunday, March 23 9:30-11:30am. Drop by anytime so that we may say thank you for being a blessing!
- \* **Living on the Edge Experience on Sunday, March 23 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** The Church for All the People and the Youth Ministry invite the church to a presentation and discussion led by Sydney Angel, from Crisis Control. This 75-90 minute interactive experience will offer a better understanding of the causes of poverty with ample time for discussion of how poverty affects our community and how we can interact with people caught in the web of poverty as part of our Christian lives. If you have any questions or need additional information, please email Anne Wallen at [cawallen@gmail.com](mailto:cawallen@gmail.com).
- \* **Great Day of Service on Saturday, March 29 is our annual church-wide morning of serving community service organizations across Winston-Salem.** It's an opportunity for members to build relationships and serve community organizations that provide crucial services throughout the year. Sign-up today in the Welcome Center. Questions? Call Steve Mann at 336.926.1028.
- \* **Save the Date! Families are invited to an EGG-stravaganza on Sunday, April 6 from 12-2:00pm.** This EGG-stravaganza is going to be EGG-stravaganza amazing! We hope you will be as EGG-cited as we are! Contact Marcey Davis ([marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org](mailto:marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org)) with any questions.
- \* **On Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30pm you are welcome to join us for our quarterly Church Council & Charge Conference meeting in the Fellowship Hall.** Everyone is invited to join us but only current Church Council members will be able to vote on any action items that may be brought up for a vote.
- \* **Women's Day Away, "Finding and Practicing Peace Along the Path"** will be held on Saturday, April 12, 9:30 - 3:30 pm at Starrette Farm in Statesville with speaker, Ann Starrette. Cost is \$25 which includes materials and lunch. Registration forms can be found in the Welcome Center, Sanctuary Narthex, Church Office or online at [mttaborumc.org](http://mttaborumc.org).
- \* **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.
- \* **Our church-wide study for Lent is, "The Hardest Part"** by Kate Bowler. Everyone is invited to participate in individual or group study. Weds. Night gatherings are held from 6:00 -7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall and also via zoom, through April 16 led by Pastor David and Kim Harvey. Study guides are available at the Welcome Center Desk, in the Sanctuary Narthex, and the Church Office. Contact Kim Harvey at [kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org](mailto:kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org) for questions or the zoom link. Spiritual Disciplines for Lent packets are also available in the Sanctuary Narthex, Welcome Center Desk, and Church Office.
- \* **Pictorial Directory time is here!** It is time to practice your best family smiles, as we prepare to update our Mount Tabor UMC Pictorial Directory. Portrait appointments are available on April 23-26 and May 7-8. Every family is asked to make an appointment for a FREE photo session - and you will each receive a FREE 8x10 and a FREE printed pictorial directory! (Additional portrait prints will be available for purchase during portrait sessions.) You can sign up for a portrait session for your family on Sunday mornings in the Welcome Center and outside the children's building, on Wednesday nights during Tabor Table - or online at [bit.ly/MTUMCphotos](http://bit.ly/MTUMCphotos).

# Mount Tabor at a Glance — Church Calendar

Real-time calendar is available at [mttaborumc.org/calendar](http://mttaborumc.org/calendar)



## Sunday, March 16, 2025

- 9:00 AM Modern Worship Service — Alspaugh Worship Center
- 10:00 AM Child, Tween, Youth, & Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:15 AM Next Step New Member Meet & Greet — Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Beginning Handbells — Choir Room

## Monday, March 17, 2025

- 8:00 AM Bulletin & In The Know Email Submission Deadline
- 9:00 AM Church Business Admin Mtg — Rm 207
- 11:00 AM Tabor Troupers — Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 PM Nar-Anon Family Support Group — Rm 108
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 934 Meeting — Rm 113
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball — Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM Outreach Meeting — Fellowship Hall

## Tuesday, March 18, 2025

- 10:00 AM Worship Planning Meeting — Rm 207
- 6:00 PM A Church for All People Meeting — Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Circle 5 meeting — Rm 108
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout - Pack 934 Den Meetings — Rm 122
- 7:00 PM Modern Worship Band Rehearsal — Alspaugh

## Wednesday, March 19, 2025

- 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 Men's Chorus Practice — Choir Room
- 6:00 PM TaborKids — 263/265
- 6:00 PM TaborKids Junior Pray'n and Play'n — 166
- 6:00 PM The Hardest Part Lenten Study — Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM DivorceCare — Rm 108
- 6:45 PM Adult Volleyball Game — Family Life Center

## Thursday, March 20, 2025

- 7:30 AM Band of Brothers In-person and via Zoom — Rm 306
- 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal — Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal — Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Modern Worship Band Rehearsal — Alspaugh

## Friday, March 21, 2025

## Saturday, March 22, 2025

- 9:00 AM Pickle Ball — Family Life Center

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## Our Response to God's Grace...

<b>BUDGET PLEDGES FOR 2025 as of Jan. 26, 2025</b>	<b>March 9, 2025 ATTENDANCE</b>	
	Online Worship	90
	In-person Worship	370
<b># Pledges: 252 for Pledge Total of \$1,318,613</b>	<b>March 9, 2025 GIVING</b>	
	Budget Needs Each Week	\$34,811.00
	Budget Gifts	\$24,731.81
	Event Payments	\$304.00
	Other	\$657.04
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,692.58</b>

**Lenten Series: "The Hardest Part"**

**"Curiouser and Curiouser"**

**The 2nd Sunday in Lent**

**March 16, 2025**

***Luke 13:31-35 (The Message)***

<sup>31</sup>Just then some Pharisees came up and said, "Run for your life! Herod's on the hunt. He's out to kill you!"

<sup>32-35</sup> Jesus said, "Tell that fox that I've no time for him right now. Today and tomorrow I'm busy clearing out the demons and healing the sick; the third day I'm wrapping things up. Besides, it's not proper for a prophet to come to a bad end outside Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killer of prophets, abuser of the messengers of God! How often I've longed to gather your children, gather your children like a hen, Her brood is safe under her wings— but you refused and turned away!

And now it's too late: You won't see me again until the day you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of God.'"

**How have we rejected and killed God's prophets for us?**

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**How are you resisting and refusing to accept Jesus' offer of God's forgiveness and salvation?**

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**Accept the love of Christ, repent of your sins, receive God's pardon, and receive the gift of salvation... it's not too late.**

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# Easter Flowers

For \$12 each, you may buy your choice of a white Easter Lily, 6-inch yellow mum, or 6-inch salmon geranium plant in memory or honor of a loved one to help decorate the Sanctuary or Alspaugh Worship Center on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.

**Deadline is Sunday, March 23, 2025**

Download order form at  
[MtTaborUMC.org/event/easter-flowers/2025](https://MtTaborUMC.org/event/easter-flowers/2025)

Email completed form to [Charity.Goff@MtTaborUMC.org](mailto:Charity.Goff@MtTaborUMC.org)  
 Payment can be made online at [MtTaborUMC.org/give](https://MtTaborUMC.org/give)




## Tabor Troupers

for senior adults 60+

**FEATURING**  
**A performance by Carroll Academy of Irish Dance**

**Monday, March 17**  
 Program in the Alspaugh starting at 11 AM  
 Lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall  
 Menu: Shepherd's Pie, Fruit Salad, Rolls, and Desserts

Please register in your Sunday School class or at the Connect Corner

# Great Day of Service

March 29, 2025

**Annual church-wide morning of serving local community service organizations.**

Projects:  
 Ronald McDonald House,  
 Crossnore Children's Home,  
 Crisis Control Ministries,  
 Open Arms,  
 Samaritan Ministries,  
 Sunnyside Ministries  
 and more.

**Signup boards will be in the Welcome Center soon.**

Questions? Call Steve Mann at 336-926-1028



## THE HARDEST PART

*hurt we carry, hope we find*  
 BY KATE BOWLER

**Church Wide Study for Lent**  
 March 5 - April 19

**Study Guides available starting March 2** in the Welcome Center, Sanctuary Narthex, and Church Office

**Wednesday Night Gatherings**  
 6-7 PM from March 12 – April 16 in the Fellowship Hall  
*led by Pastor David and Kim Harvey*

For questions or to connect with a class or small group study, contact Kim Harvey at [Kim.Harvey@MtTaborUMC.org](mailto:Kim.Harvey@MtTaborUMC.org)  
 Download the study guide online at [katebowler.com/len](https://katebowler.com/len)



# WOMEN'S DAY AWAY

**Saturday April 12**  
 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
 Starrette Farm  
 with Speaker, Ann Starrette

Register online:  
<https://forms.gle/2MZvBxFj5KJvMfM9>  
 or pick up a form in the welcome center, narthex of sanctuary, or church office

FIND PRACTICING  
 Peace Along the Path