



TABOR HERALD

Honoring God * Making Disciples * Serving Others

Celebrating the work of God at Tabor United Methodist Church

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From the **PASTOR**

Hello!

Did you know that Christmas is less than 100 days away! Yikes, to me that is an overwhelming thought! I don't know about you - but I have noticed how quickly one of my thoughts can spiral into ten or more thoughts and I can get over stressed. Sometimes I'm cutting the grass, driving, or getting things done at church then suddenly my mind starts replaying an old hurt from my childhood. Maybe something similar happens to you? One thought led to another and then to another - and that process usually ends up in a negative feeling - not a positive one. It's a slippery slope downward and before long - we are in danger of becoming angry, discouraged, anxious, or feeling sorry about ourselves.

In the past for several years - one of my biggest struggles was not necessarily what I was doing - it was where my mind went when my mind was wandering. My mind would visit my past and relive what happened to me and make me feel like a victim because life was not fair. This led to reliving in my mind what happened and that would open up unhealed wounds. Before long - I would become angry and sometimes unfairly take that frustration out on the people around me. Eventually, I realized something - **my negative thoughts were controlling me.** And I needed to learn how to control my thoughts. Because our minds need discipline and focus and control.

The biblical truth is that our minds need "training". Paul gives us an insight of what happens when our thinking becomes disconnected from God's truth. In Ephesians 4, Paul talks about the "futility of the mind" - "stinking thinking" that is empty of truth - "stinking thinking" that is distorted and "stinking thinking" that is lacking spiritual understanding. That

made me think about how easily our minds can wander when we are not intentionally directing our mind. Interestingly, we do not sit down and decide, "today I'm going to think negatively". It can seem to happen almost automatically. A memory triggers a thought. That thought triggers an emotion. And that emotion reminds us of something else. And suddenly we are rehearsing conversations that happened ten years ago - or imagining everything that could go wrong or convincing ourselves that something we are feeling at this present moment must be true - even when it is not. If we do not intentionally train and discipline and control our minds then our minds will wander wherever our emotions, experiences, social media and our desires take them.

But God has given us another way! Paul says in Ephesians 4:23 "**and be renewed in the spirit of your mind**". Mind renewal is not about pretending negative thoughts do not exist. They obviously do! Ephesians 4:23 mind renewal is learning what to do with our negative thoughts. The Bible is very clear about what we should do with our thoughts! One of the passages we return to often is Philippians 4:8. Paul tells us to think about things that are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy. I love this because Paul does not tell us not to think. Paul teaches us instead to learn what to think about. So, when I notice that my thoughts are heading in the wrong direction - I can stop and ask: is this true? Is this just and pure? Is this lovely? Is there anything virtuous or praiseworthy about this thought? If the answer is "no" then I do not have to follow that thought wherever it wants to take me. I can bring it back under the truth of God's Word!

Over the years, I've learned some things that were very helpful to me such as make **God's Word THE standard!** Our feelings are not the standard. **God's Word is THE standard!** Our past is not the

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standard. Our culture is not the standard. Our friends and family are not the standard. **God's Word is THE standard.** When Scripture becomes the filter through which we evaluate our thoughts, opinions, decisions, relationships, and circumstances - then our entire worldview begins to change!

Another thing that might be helpful is **to capture our thoughts that contradict God's Truth.** Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 10:5 to "take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ". That means we do not have to accept every thought that enters our minds. We can momentarily pause our thinking. We can take some time to examine our thinking and ask whether it agrees with Scripture. And if it does not - then we can replace it with God's truth! For example, we might think: "if I can't control this situation then something terrible is going to happen". Instead of allowing that thought to get out of control - we can bring it back to Scripture: Psalm 56:3 "When I am afraid, I will trust in You". Repeat it as often as necessary! "When I am afraid, I will trust in You". The circumstances may not have changed but your response to those circumstances can change!

Another thing that might be helpful is to give God's Truth the final thought. Perhaps we are still struggling - and unfortunately in this present moment knowing what Scripture says is not stopping the negative thoughts. Then at this point - **we have to claim and establish and allow God's Word to fully govern our thinking and our behavior.** We have to proclaim to ourselves that **God is the Lord of our lives and the Lord of our thoughts!** God is our master and we are His servant - which follows then that **our thoughts are also a servant to our Lord!** **We surrender and sacrifice our thoughts to God!** **This is our obedient worship that our Heavenly Father desires!** Speak Scripture. Memorize it. Meditate on it. And then obey it. That is where Ephesians 4:23 mind renewal begins to move from information into **transformation!**

For many of us a helpful Bible passage that we often talk about is Romans 12:1-2 "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will".

And maybe all of this in itself is also very overwhelming and you are thinking "gosh this sounds like a lot of work"! And to be honest with you - it can be! But the good news is that you do not have to fix your entire thought life today! We start to walk with "baby steps" - so let's start with one thought. The next time you notice yourself escalating into fear, resentment, shame, or negativity - then stop. Write down the thought. Ask whether it's true. Find what Scripture says. Then choose God's truth. And do that again tomorrow! Ephesians 4:23 mind renewal is not something we master once and then graduate. Ephesians 4:23 mind renewal is something we practice every day - every time we choose God's truth over our own default way of thinking.

And lastly - and very importantly - remember: God is not asking you to fix yourself! God is inviting you to surrender your thinking to Him and allow His Word to reshape you. **One thought at a time.**

I'm working on it - let's do this together,
Pastor Ed
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UPCOMING DATE

~ T.U.M.C. Charge Conference 2026 ~

Please save this date!

Monday, November 7, 2026 / 7:00P.M.

You are invited to come to Tabor Church on **Monday, November 9 at 7:00p.m.** which will be our annual church meeting where we formally vote to approve our budget and other necessary church business and give reports about what is happening at Tabor Church. We will be meeting with our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster through zoom. The SPRC committee will be meeting with the DS at 6:30p.m. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I hope to see you there,
Pastor Ed



From the Deacon's Desk...

WE ARE ALL CRACKED POTS



Okay, look at the title more carefully. I am not calling you crack pots but am reminding you that we are all cracked pots trying our best to patch up those cracks so that we can be presented to God as holy and pleasing. I don't think that any of us like the idea of thinking that we are a cracked vessel. I know I don't. I prefer to think I am a beautiful vessel that God uses because my vessel is in good condition and He desires that this vessel be used to show others who He is. But really think of the disciples. Were they perfect? No, they definitely had faults and yet God called them to be His hands and feet in the world that He left. And so He calls us too, cracks and all.

I read this story how a cracked pot could be useful. It went like this: "There was a boy who carried water in two clay pots hanging on either end of a long pole. Each day he filled up the pots and carried them down the path to his master's house. One pot was perfect. But the other pot was broken with several cracks, so water leaked out and it was never able to deliver the full amount of water. At the end of the year, the broken pot felt defeated and apologized to the boy about its imperfections. Yet the boy would not accept the apologies. He told the broken pot that he knew all about his brokenness, so he scattered seed on that side of the path. Because the water leaked out, the seeds were watered and bloomed to be a blessing to others. The boy saw that new life could come from imperfect places."

If we were to measure our life according to the Old Testament law, we would find ourselves much like the pot who was defeated when he looked at his imperfections. But thanks be to God who sent His Son Jesus, as a blood sacrifice to make our imperfections perfect. It is Jesus who takes our brokenness and uses it for His glory to create a new witness of His transforming power.

Unfortunately, sometimes we use being a cracked pot as an excuse to be used by God. We go around saying that God could never use me, I am too flawed. But again, like I said previously, the Disciples were definitely flawed. They doubted. They denied. They deceived. But the positives were that they could be loyal to Jesus and were desperate to hear His message and believe. Isn't that like us too? We can sometimes make excuses that we are not good enough and seem to forget that Jesus came to transform us and to use us imperfections and all.

Another thing we might do is compare ourselves to others, especially leaders. We need to look at others carefully. No one is perfect. All of us have flaws or cracks in our vessels. But again, remember we can go to Jesus and see how He looks at us.

We are all effective for Christ only as we allow Him to live His life through us. We have nothing to offer in and of ourselves. God may have blessed us with various talents and gifts, but they are still just that: His gifts to us. The light within that we are called to let shine in a dark and needy worlds is His light. The power we have to make a difference is His power. The love and grace we are called to show to others are His. We have nothing that we have not first received from Him.

Surrendering ourselves to Him is not easy. I have mentioned this prayer before and I still stand on it and will repeat it often. It is Wesley's Covenant prayer. It is a true example of surrendering every-thing to God and goes like this: "I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

So don't worry if you have cracks in your pot. Just remember the One who loves You so much that He desires you to surrender everything to Him so that He can work through You to do His work and show His love to a hurting world. Not because He needs others to do His bidding, but because He loves You so much.

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

SENIOR LUNCHEON Wednesday, October 21, 2026



Our October Senior Luncheon will be held on October 21 at 12:00 noon. What we will be having has not yet been decided since some of our kitchen help was not there at the September luncheon. But, a sign-up sheet will go out in early October informing you what we will be having.

If you are able to come, please sign the sign-up sheet outside the Sanctuary. We can always use sides for our meal so let us know if you can bring something. If you can't bring anything, at least let us know you are coming. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

**Will You Invite Someone To Church To
Learn About GOD'S LOVE?**

**Make Someone Smile – Call A Friend,
A Neighbor Or A Family Member Today!!**

Sunday School: It's Truly for Life!!!

**APPLEBEES COUPONS AVAILABLE
STILL FOR SALE**

We continue to have Applebees burger coupons for sale. They are available in the office or during our fellowship time after the Worship Service. We have sold half of the coupons and only have 30 left. Maybe you want to consider some for your trash haulers for Christmas.

All proceeds go to the General Fund of the Church and so a total of \$650 will go to the Church, when we sell all of the coupons. So if you are interested in purchasing any, call the office to make arrangements (215-234-4852) or see me after the Worship Service. I will try to have some available each Sunday for anyone interested.

Maryanne Ditter

CHRISTMAS CARD MINISTRY



Cindy and I couldn't believe that there was already an email coming out from the Conference about the Christmas Card Ministry. We have been doing this ministry for several years. I made the decision to do this again for another year. So, in the month of October, you will find outside the Sanctuary a table with Christmas cards that you can sign with a brief message and then placed in a box on the table. These then will be returned to the Conference so that they can be distributed to prisoners in our Conference area. The Conference needs them back no later than November 2. So they will be available every Sunday in October.

Last year we donated 258 completed cards. Let's try and beat that number and turn in even more. Thanks for thinking of others during a time when we can be thankful for what we have received.

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU!!!

GOD IS LOVE!

DID YOU KNOW?

Sunday School for adults meets each Sunday from
9:00-9:45a.m. in the Chapel.

Tabor offers an in-person worship service
each Sunday morning at 10:00a.m.

Tabor continues to live stream the worship service
each Sunday morning at 10:00a.m. on
Tabor United Methodist Church Facebook.

A Family Fellowship Time with snacks and beverages
is offered in Weller Hall following worship until
noon each Sunday.

Tabor Worship Services are available online anytime
at

www.facebook.com/TaborUMC/

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4, 2026

**A Churchwide Special Sunday of
The United Methodist Church.**

**Changing the World, One Life at a Time.
Together Our Reach Is Beyond Measure.**

"Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."

~ Philippians 3:13b-14, NRSV

We are called to reach out to all people and model the diversity of all God's children. Your gifts support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds In-Service Training Programs for racial and ethnic persons.

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## **COLLEGE MINISTRY UPDATE**

**"Adopt" A College Student  
Sunday, October 11, 2026**

On Sunday, October 11 you will have an opportunity to "adopt" and support one of our college students. You will be invited to select a card with a student's name on it so that you can pray for the student and encourage him/her during the current college year. If you would like to "adopt" a college student but are not currently attending worship, please contact the church office to let us know that you would like to "adopt" a college student.

Please pray about this opportunity! Many of our Tabor students have appreciated your support over the years. This is an important ministry for our college students so your help with making this ministry a success is greatly appreciated.

Also, calling all Tabor bakers, please contact the Tabor Church office @ 215-234-4852 to volunteer to bake cookies for our college students. Homemade treats are requested. We try to mail cookie packages during the school year with one going out in October and in the spring. These cookie mailings are in addition to the annual United Methodist Student Sunday Goodie Boxes that are assembled toward the end of November. Thank you for your support of our college students!

## **UPPER SALFORD TOWNSHIP**

**AMERICA250 CELEBRATION**

**Saturday, October 10, 2026 / 11AM-4PM  
Upper Salford Park**

Upper Salford Township invites you to the America250 Celebration on October 10, 2026, from 11a.m. to 4p.m. (rain or shine) at Upper Salford Park, 559 Salford Station Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

The celebration will feature crafters, vendors, food, music, a Community Art Project, children's activities, helicopter displays, historic trolley tours, and an evening fireworks display. Trolley tours cost \$5.00 per person, payable in exact cash. Signing up for a time slot on the day of the event is highly recommended.

As a courtesy to residents near Upper Salford Park, please be advised that helicopters will land in the afternoon and the fireworks display will begin at 7p.m.

We'd love for you to bring the whole family, enjoy delicious food, support our local businesses and organizations, and join us in celebrating our community's past and present!

For vendor information or for more details on Upper Salford Township's Celebrate America250 contact the Historical Society at [usths1441@gmail.com](mailto:usths1441@gmail.com)

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SYMPATHY EXTENDED

The Tabor Church Family wishes to extend their heartfelt sympathy to Edna & Earl Simpkins, Karen & Mike Neal and Danielle, James, Taylor, Alanna & Siena Mundondo. Edna's sister recently passed away and will be missed by her loved ones.

The Tabor Church Family also wishes to extend their heartfelt sympathy to Muriel Smith and Pamela Rivera & Jack Egner. Muriel's sister-in-law recently passed away and will be missed by her loved ones.

Our prayers continue to be with each of you as you walk through these days without your Loved One. Please know that you will continue to be in our prayers. May you and your family always find strength and hope in His abiding love. Know that you are in His care and He is always watching over you. He hath said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."
~ Hebrews 13:5

PRAYER MEETINGS

Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30PM in Room 9

We would like to encourage you to join us for prayer on Wednesday evenings. We begin our time together with one of our group members sharing with us what the Holy Spirit has placed on his or her heart and mind. We are blessed beyond measure. Then we proceed to a time for individual and group prayers.

I would like to share with you this *Autumn Prayer* by Rev. Doug Leonhardt:

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you

- for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,
- for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,
- for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,
- for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,
- for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,
- for the fall harvest which brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,
- for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen.

Galatians 4:10

"You observe days, and months and times, and years."

~~ Edna Simpkins

PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING!

Pray "The Lord's Prayer"
at Noon & Be Blessed!

CAN YOU TOP THIS?

When my sister was about 3, my mom overheard her talking with a neighborhood friend.

"My dad works for an insurance agency!" proclaimed the other girl.

Clearly pleased with her status as a pastor's kid, my sister responded haughtily, "Well my dad works for God!"

~~ Heidi Mann

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

Thank you to ALL who continue to turn in Redner's receipts to myself or to the Tabor Church office. Please continue to turn in your receipts and ask your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc. to save them for us as well.

IMPORTANT - for us to be able to turn your Redner's receipts in, the receipt **MUST** have the following:

- ~ the entire receipt from top to bottom.
- ~ customers must use their Redner's Rewards 1% Save-A-Tape card for each shopping trip receipt. This will be noted on the bottom of the receipt.
- ~ the "Today's 1% Save-A-Tape Total" needs to be attached to the receipt.
- ~ all receipts must be dated within three years prior to the date of submission.
- ~ do not use a highlighter on your receipt.
- ~ receipts from purchases at Redner's Quick Shoppes are not considered.

Your Redner's Receipts can be brought to the church on Sunday morning and give them to Muriel Smith or put them in Muriel's mailbox in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. You can also drop them off at the church office during the week. Call (215-234-4852) to be sure someone is in the office for you to stop by. If you have any questions please contact Muriel at 215-679-3858.

~~ Thank you, Muriel

INK AND TONER CARTRIDGES

Thank you to all who have been recycling your Ink and Toner Cartridges. Remember, we can only recycle Ink and Toner Cartridges. No other material can be accepted. Please use the drop off box outside the church office.

Please keep recycling your Ink and Toner Cartridges! Maybe you could even mention our recycling project to others including family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, the office/business where you work, etc. Questions, please feel free to email me at vlshmid@mac.com

~~ Blessings, Ginny

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Dear Tabor,

Thank you to all those who have donated food, money and grocery store gift cards to the food pantry. Those who receive food and supplies are always very appreciative.

To those who donate to the pantry, please know that we currently do NOT need any kind of dry pasta, spaghetti sauce, baked beans, chicken noodle soup or bars of soap.

We are currently low on: cereal, tuna fish, spam, dinty moore beef stew, Raman noodles, canned ravioli, beefaroni & spaghetti, tissues, laundry detergent, and dish soap.

This Fall we will be providing Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to several families. Please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet to help out with this important ministry. We could not offer these baskets without you!

Please know that the food pantry is open to anyone who is in need – no questions asked. If you could benefit, or know someone who could, please contact Cindy at the church office (215) 234-4852.

Thank you again for helping others in the name of Jesus!
~ Alice Hollingsworth

DISCIPLES OF HOPE (DOH)

Mondays ~ 11:00A.M. to 12:30P.M.

*"The falling leaves drift by my window,
The autumn leaves of red and gold."*

Autumn is such a beautiful time of year and so is the special time when the DOH group gathers on Monday mornings. We always open our meetings with light refreshments provided by one of our members and enjoy good Christian fellowship too.

We would love to have you join us as we begin our new study series, "Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven" led by Dr. David Jeremiah via DVD. We always enjoy our discussions about the topic and what we learned that will help us grow in our faith walks together.

As always, we would encourage you to join our Disciples of Hope group to start your week on a high note. God is good all the time! If you have any questions about the DOH group, feel free to contact Pastor Ed, Rev. Maryanne, Earl or Edna Simpkins.

Hebrews 10:24-25

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

~ Edna Simpkins



2026 Calendar

Call Bessie with any questions at 267-615-7774.

October 3 (Saturday) 10:00am-12:00pm.

Volunteering at Worthwhile Thrift Collegeville,
305 2nd Avenue, Suite 201, Collegeville, PA
19426. For more information please see or
contact Diane Campman at 215-327-4242.
(Diane C. Leading)

November 7 (Saturday) 5:30pm. At Tabor. Christmas Card Making with Soup & Salad Dinner.

December 5 (Saturday) Time and Details To Be Announced. At Tabor.
Devotion, Christmas Craft and Lunch. (Karen and Cathy S. Leading)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

&

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to You!!!

10/02 Russ Wenner
10/03 Heidi Hartzell
10/03 Jacklyn Van Arsdale
10/06 Ken Jenison
10/07 Muriel Smith
10/08 Kristin Briscoe
10/09 Danielle Astheimer
10/12 Matt Hangey
10/12 Taylor Hangey
10/12 Pastor Ed Van Arsdale
10/16 Bob Brown
10/17 Scott Jones
10/21 Diane Althouse
10/21 Ralph Greenawalt
10/21 Bev Wasser
10/22 Audrey Bear
10/22 Alanna Mundondo
10/22 Leigh-Anne Spilman
10/23 Sofia Harley
10/24 Richard McMullen, Jr.
10/25 Connor Wardwell
10/26 Joanne Spilman
10/29 Doug Bowen
10/29 Sarah Robinson
10/30 George Henry
10/31 Alan Wertz

~ If we missed your birthday please let us know ~

Happy Anniversary to You!!!

10/27 Jim & Emma Seltzer

~ If we missed your anniversary please let us know ~

TRUE COMMUNION

The Holy Supper is kept indeed
In what we share with another's need;
Not what we give, but what we share:
For the gift without the giver is bare.
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three:
Himself, his hungering neighbor and Me.

~~ James Russell Lowell, The Vision of Sir Launfal

UPCOMING 2026 DATES

.....Pray "The Lord's Prayer" at Noon & Be Blessed!
.....DOH Bible Study / Mondays / 11AM-12:30PM
.....Wednesday "Prayer Meetings" / 5:30-6:30PM
October 3.....Circle of Hope Will Be Volunteering
@ Worthwhile Thrift Located at
305 Second Avenue, Collegeville, PA
from 10AM-12PM. See/contact Diane
Campman (215-327-4242) for details.
Diane C. Leading
October 4.....World Communion Sunday
October 4.....Christmas Cards for Prison Inmates
Available @ Church for Writing a
Message until 10/25/26
October 8.....Tabor Church Being Cleaned/2-6PM
October 10.....November Tabor Herald Articles Due
October 10.....Upper Salford Township Celebrates
America250 Event @ Upper Salford
Park / 11AM-4PM. Rain or Shine
October 11....."Adopt" A College Student Sunday
October 17.....Weller Hall & Church Kitchen
Reserved for Private Event/11AM-8PM
October 21.....Senior Luncheon / Noon
October 22.....June Russell Memorial Red Cross
Blood Drive @ Tabor/1-6PM
October 23.....Tabor Church Being Cleaned/2-6PM
(Note: Friday Instead of Thursday)
October 25.....Christmas Cards for Prison Inmates
Due @ Tabor Church
November 1.....Daylight Savings Time Ends @ 2AM
November 1.....International Day of Prayer for
Persecuted Christians, and
Throughout the Month of November
November 5.....Tabor Church Being Cleaned/2-6PM
November 7.....Circle of Hope "Christmas Card
Making" @ 5:30PM in Weller Hall.
Soup & Salad Dinner
November 9.....Tabor Church Charge Conference /
7:00PM @ Tabor U.M.C. We will be
Meeting with our District Superintendent
Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster through ZOOM.
Tabor SPRC Committee will be Meeting
with the DS @ 6:30PM
November 10....December Tabor Herald Articles Due
November 16-23.....Samaritan's Purse Operation
Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts
National Collection Week
November 19...Tabor Church Being Cleaned/2-6PM
November 22....Samaritan's Purse Operation
Christmas Child Filled Shoebox
Gifts Due at Tabor Church
December 5.....Circle of Hope meet for Devotions,
Christmas Craft & Lunch. Time/Details TBA

~ WORSHIP WITH US ~

OCTOBER 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
~ WORSHIP WITH US ~ 	5 ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9 7PM-Finance Committee (Teams) 7:30PM-AA Group	6 ~ PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF ~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 7:30PM-AA Group	7 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 9AM-Craft Circle 10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 11AM-Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service (Chapel)	8 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 2-6PM-Tabor Church Being Cleaned 7:30PM-Basketball in Weller Hall	9 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~	10 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall ~November 2026 Tabor Herald Info Due~ 11AM-4PM-Upper Salford Township America250 Celebration @ Upper Salford Park 7PM-AA Group
4 ~WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY~ 9-9:45AM-Adult Sunday School (Chapel) 10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service 10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship Service on Tabor UMC Facebook ~The Worship Service is Followed by a Time of Fellowship in Weller Hall until Noon~ ~Sign Christmas Cards for Inmates Today~	12 ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9	13 ~ PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF ~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours	14 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 9AM-Craft Circle 10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 11AM-Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service (Chapel) 7PM-Trustees Meet	15 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 7:30PM-Basketball in Weller Hall	16 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~	17 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall 11AM-8PM-Weller Hall & Church Kitchen Reserved for Private Event
11 ~"ADOPT" A College Student Sunday~ 9-9:45AM-Adult Sunday School (Chapel) 10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service 10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship Service on Tabor UMC Facebook ~The Worship Service is Followed by a Time of Fellowship in Weller Hall until Noon~ ~Sign Christmas Cards for Inmates Today~	19 ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9	20 ~ PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF ~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours	21 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 12:00 Noon-Senior Lunch 2PM-Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service (Chapel)	22 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 1-6PM-June Russell Memorial Blood Drive / Weller Hall 7:30PM-Basketball in Weller Hall	23 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 2-6PM-Tabor Church Being Cleaned	24 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall
18 9-9:45AM-Adult Sunday School (Chapel) 10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service 10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship Service on Tabor UMC Facebook ~The Worship Service is Followed by a Time of Fellowship in Weller Hall until Noon~ ~Sign Christmas Cards for Inmates Today~	26 ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9	27 ~ PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF ~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours	28 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 9AM-Craft Circle 10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 11AM-Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service (Chapel)	29 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 7:30PM-Basketball in Weller Hall	30 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~	31 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall
25 ~Christmas Cards for Inmates Due~ 9-9:45AM-Adult Sunday School (Chapel) 10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service 10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship Service on Tabor UMC Facebook ~The Worship Service is Followed by a Time of Fellowship in Weller Hall until Noon~ ~Last Day to Sign Christmas Cards for Inmates & Leave Cards @ Display Outside Sanctuary~						7PM-AA Group

~ PRAYER CALENDAR ~

OCTOBER 2026

~ PRAYER CALENDAR ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for the saints. ~Ephesians 6:18	~~~~~ PRAY WITHOUT CEASING ~~~~~	THE U.S.A. ALL COUNTRIES FIRST RESPONDERS DISASTER VICTIMS THE HOMELESS ALL STUDENTS ALL TEACHERS MILITARY FAMILY; KARYN CAUDELL STEVEN JEFFERSON JULIAN SCHMIDT JOSHUA TAYLOR KARL YURIK	~~~~~ PRAY FOR UKRAINE, FOR THE MIDDLE EAST & FOR THE WORLD ~~~~~	1 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER The United Methodist Ch. Bishop Moore-Koikoi D.S. Rev. Andrew Foster The Van Arsdale Family The Ditter Family All Missionaries First Responders The Homeless Tabor Children & Youth Tabor Finance Committee Tabor Church	2 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Jessica & Baby Greenwalt Alicia & Baby Ditter Butch & Sandy Hoffman Ron & Cathy Hartman Jim & Michele Geller Edna Simpkins & Family Muriel Smith & Family Alice S / Alice Mac Glover Arlene & Russell Cressman Lester & Karen Kintz Carol Becker	PASTOR ED Reverend Ditter Children & Youth Leaders
4 PASTOR ED Reverend Ditter Children & Youth Leaders Worship Service Sunday School Children & Youth Fellowship	5 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Cancer & Hospice Patients Kaye & Tom Yurik Linda Renick/ Flossie Lee Paul & Joanne Spilman Gary Schnable/Paul Gilson Jack & Vicki Young/Ray S Marylou Nice/Lisa Krause Bruce & Sharon Stover	6 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Edna & Earl Simpkins Jane Kulp / Brian Wasser Boyd & Eva Davenport Diane & Jack Althouse Janet & Jim Ricci/ Mike W Jay & Robin Moyer/Oliver Denise Jakinas/Donna Hile Roger & Kathie McGill	7 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Annette Jacobs/Anthony H Welly Cressman / Erin B Nancy Thimm/ Bob Ditter Barb Kratz/Marie Damiani Jane Hedrick/Bette Martin Emma & Jim Selizer/Katie Dale Shisler / Peter Zucca Alice Strawser	8 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER The United Methodist Ch. Bishop Moore-Koikoi D.S. Rev. Andrew Foster The Van Arsdale Family The Ditter Family All Missionaries Tabor Trustees Tabor Church	9 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Alicia & Baby Ditter Jessica & Baby Greenwalt Butch & Sandy Hoffman Jim & Beth Rittenhouse Jim & Michele Geller Jim & Mary Anne Hartnett Alan & Gail Wertz/Josh M Rick & Ginny Schmid	PASTOR ED Reverend Ditter Children & Youth Leaders
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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

FUND	STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2026	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE 8/31/2026
General Fund	\$120,205.27	\$163,379.27	-155,636.33	-\$140.00	\$127,808.21
Mortgage Fund	-\$149,744.92	\$6,713.50	-\$43,080.00	\$0.00	-\$186,111.42
Missions Fund	21,604.95	\$4,005.50	-\$12,000.90	\$0.00	\$13,609.55
Special Designated Funds	\$107,313.08	\$18,764.15	-\$5,304.39	\$140.00	\$120,912.84
Total	\$99,378.38	\$192,862.42	-\$216,021.62	\$0.00	\$76,219.18

So sorry to see the summer end but looking forward to getting back on track with our giving. We're moving into the final quarter and that's when Tabor family and friends shine brightest with their giving. As is the norm, the downward trend continued right through the summer months. We recently received notice that our oil program has increased 45%. This figure will impact our 2026 budget by an additional \$4,000. The Finance Committee knows and appreciates that your home and family budgets are taking hits also. Let's try to stay the course as best we can. May God bless each of you.



TABOR LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

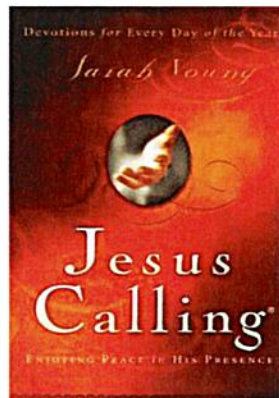
Sarah Young (1946 – 2023) was an American Christian missionary, counselor, and author known for her contributions to Christian literature, in particular for her book Jesus Calling. She was an advocate of contemplative prayer. Her books have sold over 45 million units worldwide, and she has been described as one of the most successful Christian authors in history. She has a way of drawing you into a reliance on God and faith. Her chronic health conditions often left her housebound. She practiced "listening prayers," writing down what she thought God was saying to her, rather than what she wanted to say to God. Bruce and I have been inspired by her devotional books and always have one going.

We recommend these library devotional books by Sarah Young:

Jesus Calling

Jesus Lives

Jesus Listens



Church Library Donations – thanks to all who have donated books to our library.

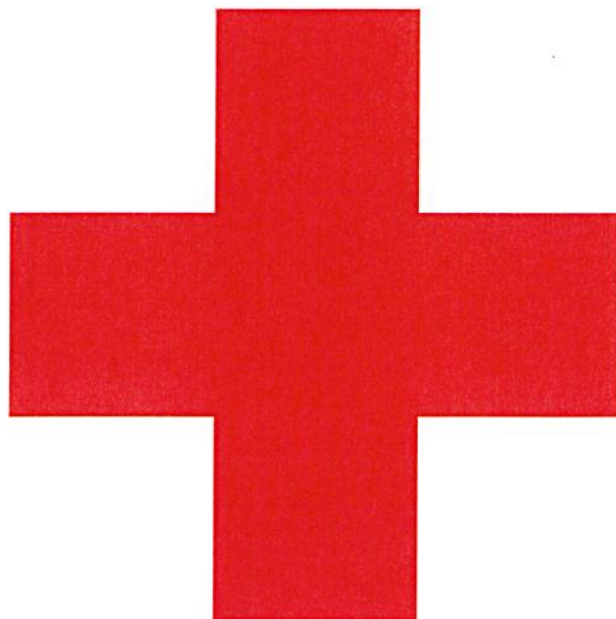
When you donate books, please leave them in a box or bag on the floor at the front of the Church Library. There is also a box labeled "Library Donations" in the library for your use. Feel free to speak with me about your donations.

~~ Thank you, Sharon Stover

American Red Cross

Every 2 seconds, someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

*Give blood.
Help save lives.*



June Russell Memorial Blood Drive Tabor United Methodist Church

Weller Hall
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Harleysville, PA 19438

**Thursday, October 22, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: TaborUMC to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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**Come to give blood Oct. 19-Nov. 22 for a \$10 Amazon
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OCTOBER 10, 2026

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Upper Salford Park

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Join us for a day of celebration
featuring vendors & crafts,
children's activities, historic
township tours, and a community
art project,
ending with Fireworks!

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ART PROJECT



CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

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For vendor information or for more details on Upper Salford
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Cookies for Friends

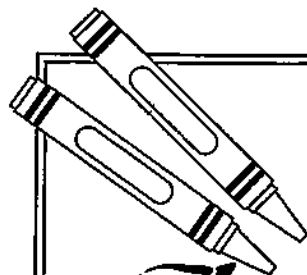
Autumn is the perfect time of the year to sow kindness and reap a "harvest" full of friendships. Make this special treat to share with someone.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups diced, roasted almonds
- 1 cup chocolate pieces
- Raffia or fall-colored ribbon (optional)

What you do:

1. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
2. Beat in egg, pumpkin and vanilla.
3. In separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon.
4. Add dry mix to creamed mixture.
5. Add almonds and chocolate pieces; mix thoroughly.
6. Drop by teaspoons onto well-greased cookie sheets.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.
8. Cool on racks. Makes about six dozen.
9. Stack two cookies on top of each other. Then tie them like a present with the raffia or ribbon. Give the cookies to friends and family to thank them for their friendship.



Just for

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A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

As Jesus tells us in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, all people are our neighbors. You can make a difference for others, beginning in your own neighborhood. Make and share this craft so people know you care and are thankful for your community.

What you need:

- Clear, disposable, non-powdered, non-latex gloves
- Craft paint
- Paintbrush
- Popped popcorn (about 3 cups per glove)
- Rubber bands
- Ribbon or raffia
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Markers or crayons
- Hole punch



What you do:

1. Paint one side of the glove's fingertips to look like fingernails.
2. Fill the fingertips, then the rest of the glove, with cooled popcorn.
3. Wrap a rubber band around the wrist of the glove.
4. Tie ribbon or raffia around the rubber band.
5. Make a card. Ideas include "Welcome to the neighborhood," "Thanks for being such nice neighbors," "Here's how we'd like to serve you," etc.
6. Punch a hole in the corner of your card and tie it to the glove.
7. With an adult, pass out your "neighborly" gifts.

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