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—

Happy November!

First and foremost - I am very grateful for the many people at Tabor who have "open hands" and "open hearts" and "open minds"!

Having said that - as we come into the month of Thanksgiving - it's often a time to reflect on how "thankful" we are and how "giving" we are. What are you holding onto so tightly right now that you would struggle to release it **if God asked you to?** Can a "closed hand" be a sin? Symbolically this can show up in many ways: In a person who has been hurt so many times that they have stopped giving others access to their heart. Perhaps it is in the person who prays with clenched fists - instead of open hands demanding a specific outcome - rather than surrendering "their will and their demands" to a trustworthy and loving God. Maybe it's the person who holds tightly their "gifts", their time, their talent and abilities, their resources - just a little tighter than they should - because they have rationalized that **generosity and serving is for other people and not for them**. Maybe it is in the person who gives financially at church only when their finances are "comfortable" and stops giving when their finances tighten - because what if God does not come through? **The "closed hand" (and closed heart) feels safe - but it is not safe. A "closed hand" (and a closed heart) is one of the costliest things you can have and do!**

Perhaps you are familiar with Luke 21 where Jesus sat down across from the temple treasury and watched people make their offerings. The rich came and put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins worth less than a penny. And Jesus said, "This poor widow has put in more than all the others". More? Yes - not more coins but more importantly - **more sacrifice! More surrender! More trust! More faith** - more of what actually counts in the economy of God. The rich gave from their surplus. Their "hand" (and heart) never had to open all the way. They gave what was comfortable - what was easy - with little sacrifice. The widow gave from her poverty. She opened her "hand" (and heart) completely! She had nothing left after her offering and **Jesus called it the greatest gift in the room!** Proverbs 11:24 says the person who gives freely gains more and the person who withholds comes to poverty. **And let me be perfectly clear - this is not a "prosperity gospel" formula**. It is a spiritual law about what happens to a person on the inside when they live with "open hands" rather than "closed hands".

A person with "closed hands" (and a closed heart) might be operating from a mindset and faith of scarcity. Always calculating what they can afford to give with their time, energy, talents and finances - **trusting in themselves to provide for themselves**. **Always just a little too afraid to give fully** because what if there is not enough? In trying to be "safe" in trusting in themselves - according to Proverbs 11:24 then they risk ending up in "a poverty of the soul" for not trusting what God can do with their gift and God's blessing of their faithfulness and trust.

In contrast, a person with an "open hand" (and an open heart) is working with our God of abundance - not because they have plenty - but because they trust in the One who does! They give freely and generously of their time, energy, talents and finances because they believe - what passes through an open hand (and open heart) in God's name is never wasted. God sees every act of genuine generosity. God's "kingdom economy" runs on a math that a "closed hand mentality" never gets to experience.

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So, let's look at how a "closed hand mentality" might play out. A "closed hand" (and a closed heart) in relationships looks like the person who has been hurt and decided never to love that fully again. Maybe they give access on a surface level but they keep the real internal stuff locked away. Maybe they have decided that vulnerability is not worth the cost - because the cost was too high the last time.

A "closed hand" in faith looks like the prayer that controls more than it surrenders. The prayer tells God what God needs to do - rather than trusting what God will do. That kind of prayer holds the outcome so tightly there is no room for God to give something better than what was asked for.

A "closed hand" in "your purpose" looks like the spiritual gift or talent that you have been holding back - because you are not sure if it is good enough or the timing is not right or someone else could do it better. So, your song does not get written or sung - an important conversation does not get started - a need of service prompted by God does not happen - because you were not ready to be that "open". "Closed" always seems easier - but it is not God's plan. Jesus said "to go out into the world". Jesus also said "unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies it remains alone but if it dies it bears much fruit". We are "to die" to our self-centeredness. The seed has to leave the hand. It has to be released into the ground where you cannot see it or control it or take it back. And from that release - from that "open hand" - something grows that the closed hand never gets to see. Open your hand! Whatever you are holding onto - open it and give it to God!

Have you ever "given something" that required you to totally trust God with the outcome? Not given in comfort - but given with complete faith and joy. Giving something that makes your "hands" shake when you let it go.

A friend told me that he does not have a great financial miracle story to tell. But he says that the day he truly "opened his hand" (and his heart) - was the day when he stopped being afraid about money and started living in the Spirit. Not because his money problems disappeared (because unfortunately they did not). But because something shifted in him. He had to let go of the thing that had been gripping him - and he finally realized - through faith in Jesus - that he was sanctified - safe and secure "in Christ". Indeed, God was faithful! Being "open handed" (and open hearted) did not cost him what he thought it would. It gave him love, grace, mercy, peace and freedom – what he could not have "purchased" - in any other way.

So enough of my friend - let me ask you - where are your hands closed right now in relationships, in giving, in faith, in releasing control? What are you most afraid would happen if you opened your hand (and heart) in that area? Is that fear based in truth or in past hurt? What is one specific act of open-handed generosity with your time, money, gifts, or heart that God might be asking of you this month? Perhaps, with God's grace - this could be your best Thanksgiving ever? **A Thanksgiving with God and others - with open hands - to give - and to receive!**

I get it - this is hard! So, we pray and ask God for help! Lord, I confess that my hands have been closed in places that I have rationalized. I have been holding onto things that I was never designed to control and calling it "being responsible". Today I want to open my hands (and my heart) - specifically in the areas where my grip has been the tightest. I now release what I have been holding onto too tight. I surrender and trust You Lord with the outcome. And I ask You to give me the "open-handed" faith of the widow - who had nothing left after her offering - and gave it anyway - because she trusted that what passed through her open hand was never wasted in Your Kingdom economy. Open my hands, Lord. I am willing. I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

With open hands - in God's grip,
Pastor Ed
(215-272-6099 / pastoredvanarsdale@gmail.com)

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From the Deacon's Desk...

THANKFULNESS

For the many years I have been writing an article for The Herald, I would think of the month I was writing for and think of what the theme of the month might be. For example, November is Thanksgiving and it is our reminder that we should be thankful for our blessings. So, I would write on that. For whatever reason, I think back and I can't remember when I last did this practice. So, as I was thinking ahead to the November Herald, I couldn't help but think of Thankfulness. So, here I am writing on it specifically for November and going back to the old practice of looking at the theme of the month for possibly one more time.

As I was thinking of the word "Thankfulness", I, of course, thought of how we should be thankful to God for what He has done in our lives. That will be my main focus. However, before we dive into that, there are many people and things that we are thankful for as well. Yes, we should thank God for them, but we can also show our appreciation to them (which is thankfulness) for something. For example, I can send a card or write a note to someone saying thank you for a specific thing they did for me. I can of course, go personally to someone and let them know how much I appreciate them. Once, someone in front of me in the Dunkin drive through, heard my order and how much it was going to cost and paid my bill. They told the cashier to tell me to pay it forward, and I did. In case you don't know what that means, it means that I should then in turn pay for someone else's bill. When this occurred, it was such a pleasant surprise and actually made my day! I was very thankful and surprised for what they had done.

My point is, that if we take the time to show others appreciation for what they are doing, or have done, you too can make someone's day. A kind word is always appreciated and is encouragement for us to continue being kind and doing for others. That leads to, how do we show our thankfulness? Not only to others, but to God.

In Exodus 34:8-9a it states "Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. 'Lord,' he said, 'If I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us...." Moses bowed down after God had made Himself known to Moses in a cloud and stood there with him. Would you be thankful to God if He showed Himself to You in that way? How would you show your thankfulness?

There is a song that has always made me think how I will respond when I get to heaven. It is called "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me. The songs says "Surrounded by Your glory, What will my heart feel? Will I dance for You Jesus, Or in awe of You be still? Will I stand in Your presence Or to my knees, will I fall? Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine." I always try to imagine how will I respond being in the presence of God? When Moses was in the presence of God, he bowed to the ground and worshipped. Maybe you have not ever felt the presence of God. It doesn't have to be His physical presence. But have You felt His presence and peace during a time of being still with God? Have You felt His presence in a powerful way during the singing of a hymn or praise song. I remember at the end of the service singing a song where the words overtook me so strongly that I was in tears. I was experiencing the presence of God in my heart. I should have bowed down right then and there and thanked God for caring for me so much as to allow the words of a song to touch my heart with His presence.

Worship is a word that has so many connotations to it. Worship can mean going to Church to Worship. Just being present or attending a service that is called Worship. Or we can be in Worship of God when we sense His presence during our quiet time with Him. Or we can be in a huge auditorium full of people singing and God can speak to our hearts through the words of what we are singing. That is worship. My point is that God can reveal Himself to us in many ways and I want to know how should I respond? Sometimes when we are singing on a Sunday morning, I do want to show God how much I recognize the bigness of Him or return my love to Him, who has loved me.

I don't in any way mean to question your worship or your sincerity before God. I'm just asking you to consider it. Might it be true that God is as real to you as your worship is real to Him? We communicate through two primary languages. Our spoken words and our bodies. By a simple act of will, we can decide to say something to God with our bodies today, right now. Will you?

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

SENIOR LUNCHEON
Wednesday, November 11, 2026



Our November Senior Luncheon will be held on November 11 at 11:30 AM. We will again be putting together Christmas boxes for Samaritan's Purse who hands these boxes out to needy children. Come early to help put a box or two together.

This will be our Thanksgiving meal that we usually have in November. A sign-up sheet will go out in early November informing you what we will be providing.

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

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 only have 20 left. Maybe you want to consider some for your trash haulers for Christmas or others who you appreciate that are not part of your family and friends.

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

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

The Tabor Church Family wishes to extend their heartfelt sympathy to the Family and Friends of Annette Jacobs after her recent passing. We especially extend our sympathy to Alice Strawser, Welly Cressman, and Stacey & Darryl Knechel & their family. Annette will be greatly missed by her family and all those who knew and loved her.

Our prayers continue to be with 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



Join us as we prepare Tabor UM Church for the Christmas Season!

Let's "Deck The Halls"!

Sunday, November 29, 2026
After The Worship Service

A great church experience is preparing God's House for Christmas! For many this is the most beautiful time of year at church with evergreens, lights and pine trees filled with silver and gold! For many it reminds us of fond memories and excitement for the month ahead!

Would you please help us on Sunday, November 29 after the morning worship to decorate Tabor? There are many tasks for all different skills and comfort levels. Afterwards we will have some soup and sandwiches!

WE HOPE YOU WILL PLAN TO JOIN US!



2:00A.M. - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
1 (ONE) HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT
OCTOBER 31, 2026

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HOLIDAY MEALS

Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry. With your help we have been able to provide food and basic necessities to several appreciative families. It is hard to believe, but we are approaching the holidays, and with them come the holiday food baskets. We will be offering food baskets for Thanksgiving as well as Christmas again this year. If you are able to donate a Thanksgiving turkey, please let me know (Alice @ 610-389-0901). Watch for the sign up sheets listing the specific foods we will be asking for to complete these holiday food baskets. Along with turkeys for Thanksgiving and hams for Christmas, we will also need donations of frozen pies, stuffing mix, jellied cranberry sauce (not whole berry), frozen vegetables, rolls, potatoes, applesauce, etc., and grocery store gift cards to purchase additional fresh items. Thank you in advance for providing for those who need a little extra help!

Be Blessed as you Bless others,
Alice Hollingsworth

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

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GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

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UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY
Sunday, November 22, 2026

A Churchwide Special Sunday of
The United Methodist Church.
Changing the World! One Life at a Time!

"We are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." ~~ Isaiah 64:8b, NRSV

United Methodists have been investing in our students for more than 100 years. United Methodist Student Day invites the church to support United Methodist students in achieving their educational goals. The funds received award United Methodist scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Your gifts help young people achieve their educational calling with more financial freedom.

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TABOR CHURCH RECOGNIZES OUR UNITED METHODIST STUDENTS
Sunday, November 22, 2026

As part of Tabor Church's way of recognizing each of our United Methodist College / Higher Education / Military Students, we will be making our annual "Goodie Boxes" for these students. Tabor's Christian Education Group welcomes your donation of home baked goodies, candy, any snacks, gum, soup packs, hot cocoa, microwave popcorn, etc., that we will give to our (approx. 10) United Methodist Students on this special day of recognition. You can also purchase and provide individual gift cards if it is easier for you. Some gift card suggestions that the students enjoy are: WaWa, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Target & Walmart.

We will be packing the boxes early in the week so that they are ready for the 10:00a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 22nd. **We are requesting that you bring your contributions to church by Sunday, November 15th and place them on the cart in the hallway outside the Sanctuary**. ***NOTE:*** **fresh baked items can be brought on the 22nd.** The cart will be marked "College Student Goodies." You can also bring donations to the church office by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 17th. If you have questions about this United Methodist Student Day project, please contact Cindy Frick during the week in the church office at 215-234-4852 or anytime at 215-692-3489.
***** ***STUDENTS*****:** If you are a student in the above categories, PLEASE make sure the Church office has been contacted with your name & school information so that we can recognize you.

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

&

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to You!!!

11/02 John Hartzell
11/02 Amy Kriebel
11/04 Mason Asbury
11/07 Kathy Ditter
11/07 Pamela Rivera
11/07 Kelly Stackhouse
11/07 Gail Wertz
11/08 Zach Hangey
11/09 Emmett Jefferson
11/10 Rick Sacks
11/11 LJ Rogers
11/13 Tammy Steinmetz
11/13 Melissa Weller
11/13 Mike Weller
11/14 Bill Wardwell
11/17 Bessie Staehle
11/19 Taylor Mundondo
11/19 Kyle Speck
11/22 Dylan Van Arsdale
11/23 Jonathan Wenner
11/25 Tom Yurik
11/27 Laura Gamble
11/30 Boyd Davenport, Jr.
11/30 Vickie Halteman

~ If we missed your birthday please let us know ~

Happy Anniversary to You!!!

11/02 Jason & Aimee Ricci
11/04 Evan & Amanda Althouse
11/05 Wayne & Diane Campman
11/10 John & Bev Hartzell
11/14 Andrew & Lisa Toombs
11/18 Allen & Emily Ding
11/24 Butch & Sandi Hoffman
11/27 Bryan & Carol Mitterer
11/27 Tom & Kaye Yurik
11/28 Alan & Gail Wertz
11/29 George & Maryanne Ditter

~ If we missed your anniversary please let us know ~

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
November 1.....Daylight Savings Time Ends @ 2AM
November 1.....International Day of Prayer
November 3.....Election Day
November 5.....Tabor Church Being Cleaned/2-6PM
November 7.....Circle of Hope @ 5:30PM in Weller Hall. "Christmas Card Making" for Tabor Shut-ins, Seniors, College Students, Military, Etc. Dinner of Chili, Cornbread, Salad & Dessert. We Hope You Join Us!
November 8.....Blessing of Sleeping Bags for the Homeless Sunday
November 10...December Tabor Herald Articles Due
November 11...Veterans Day
November 11...Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon/Noon Also bring Christmas Shoebox Items to Fill Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.
November 15.....UM Student Sunday Donations 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....United Methodist College Student & Military Sunday
November 22....Shoebox Christmas Gifts Due @ Tabor
November 26.....Thanksgiving Day
November 26.....Church Kitchen & Weller Hall Reserved / 8AM-9PM / Private Event
November 29.....First Sunday of Advent
November 29.....Church Christmas Decorating Party Beginning after the Morning Worship Service
November 29.....Winter Coats, Etc. Donations Due
December 6.....Second Sunday of Advent
December 10.....January 2027 Tabor Herald Info Due
December 13.....Third Sunday of Advent
December 20.....Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24.....Christmas Eve
December 25.....Christmas Day

COMING UP IN 2027....

January 14.....June Russell Memorial Red Cross Blood Drive in Weller Hall / 1-6PM
February 27 .....Weller Hall & Church Kitchen Reserved 8AM-9PM / Private Event

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

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~ WORSHIP WITH US ~ NOVEMBER 2026 ~ WORSHIP WITH US ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ~Daylight Savings Time Ends~ ~COMMUNION SUNDAY~ ~International Day of Prayer~ 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~	2 ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today- 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9 7:30PM-AA Group	3 ~Election Day~ ~ PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF ~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 7:30PM-AA Group	4 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours 10AM-2PM*-Cindy's Church Office Hours 11AM-Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service (Chapel)	5 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ ~Cindy Off Today~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today- 2-6PM-Tabor Church Being Cleaned 7:30PM-Basketball in Weller Hall	6 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today-	7 7-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall 5:30PM-Circle of Hope Group Meet in Weller Hall to Make Christmas Cards & Share Dinner 7PM-AA Group
8 ~Blessing of Sleeping Bags 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~	9 ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today- 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9 6:30PM-SPRC Meets with D.S. (ZOOM) 7PM-Charge Conference with D.S. @ Tabor (ZOOM) 7:30PM-AA Group	10 ~ PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF ~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours ~December 2026 Tabor Herald Info Due~ 7PM-Finance Committee (Teams) 7:30PM-AA Group	11 ~Veterans Day~ ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 11:30AM-Pack Christmas Shoeboxes-Join Us! 12:00 Noon-Senior Lunch 2PM-Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service (Chapel) (TBD) 7PM-Trustees	12 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 7:30PM-Basketball in Weller Hall	13 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~	14 7-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall 7PM-AA Group
15 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~ ~U.M. Student Sunday Donations Due Today~	16 ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9 7:30PM-AA Group	17 ~ PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF ~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 7:30PM-AA Group	18 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 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)	19 ~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	20 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~	21 7-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall 7PM-AA Group
22 ~United Methodist Student Sunday~ ~Christmas Shoeboxes Due Today~ 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~	23 ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9 7PM-Upper Salford Historical Society @ Tabor-Peter Wentz Farmstead 7:30PM-AA Group	24 ~ PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF ~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 7:30PM-AA Group	25 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours 10AM-1PM*-Cindy's Church Office Hours 11AM-Staff Meeting NO 5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service-Pray @ Home	26 ~Thanksgiving Day~ ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ 8AM-9PM- Weller Hall & Church Kitchen Reserved-Private Event ~Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday~ ~THANK HIM EACH DAY FOR YOUR MANY BLESSINGS~	27 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~	28 7-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall 7PM-AA Group
29 ~FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT~ ~Winter Coats, Etc, Donations Due Today~ 9-9:45AM-Adult Sunday School (Chapel) 10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service 10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship Service on Tabor UMC Facebook ~Christmas Decorating of the Church Will Begin Following the Worship Service Today. We Hope You Will Join Us! We Will Have a Soup & Sandwich Lunch & Time of Fellowship After Decorating~	30 ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9 7:30PM-AA Group		**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE @ 215-234-4852 WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDS TABOR SCHEDULING. LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NO ONE ANSWERS.**			

~ PRAYER CALENDAR ~ NOVEMBER 2026 ~ PRAYER CALENDAR ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PASTOR ED Reverend Ditter Children & Youth Leaders Worship Service Sunday School Children & Youth Fellowship	2 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Cancer & Hospice Patients Paul & Joanne Spilman Kaye & Tom Yurik/ Ray S Linda Renick/ Flossie Lee Jack & Vicki Young / Em Janet & Jim Ricci / Mark S Gary Schnable/ Ed Arnold Boyd & Eva Davenport Bobbi Moyer / Pam Rivera David Hollingsworth Butch & Sandi Hoffman	3 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Alicia & Baby Adelaide Alice Strawser / Judy R Muriel Smith/Mike Weller Jack & Diane Althouse Brian Wasser / Anne Dyer Emma & Jim Seltzer Helen Adamson / Zoe John Groff / Keith Groff Matt & Sarah Filizzi Tedd & Kathy Speck Jane Kulp	4 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Jessica & Baby Hugh Jay & Robin Moyer Jim & Beth Rittenhouse John & Abbie Wright Richard & Gloria Schadler Edna & Earl Simpkins Ginny & Rick Schmid Jim & Mary Anne Hartnett Jim & Michele Geller Bob & Lou Shaw/Welly C Jane Hedrick	5 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	6 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Family & Friends of Annette Jacobs Ron & Cathy Hartman Ramonita & Baby Aaliyah Jim & Michele Geller Alice Mae Glover / Erin B Arlene & Russell Cressman Don & Christine Gouldey Alan & Gail Wertz/Josh M Lester & Karen Kintz Carol Becker	7 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 9/30/2026
General Fund	$120,205.27	$185,139.80	-172,832.46	-$155.00	$132,357.61
Mortgage Fund	-$149,744.92	$7,313.50	-$48,465.00	$0.00	-$190,896.42
Missions Fund	21,604.95	$4,662.50	-$12,000.90	$0.00	$14,266.55
Special Designated Funds	$107,313.08	$19,054.15	-$5,735.37	$155.00	$120,786.86
Total	**$99,378.38**	**$216,169.95**	**-$239,033.73**	**$0.00**	**$76,514.60**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes Are Due By Sunday, November 22, 2026

It's time to start packing those shoe boxes again! Look for the display in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. Tabor Church will once again be participating with Samaritan's Purse in the Operation Christmas Child program. We will be collecting filled boxes through the morning of Sunday, November 22nd. This is a wonderful activity to do as a family, and many of you have participated in this program before. Please pick up a brochure at the display which has guidelines and some great ideas to help you shop. Boxes are available for filling. Labels to indicate if the box is for a boy or a girl and age are available for the shoe boxes. You can help by bringing a filled shoe box or two or more for a boy or a girl to the Operation Christmas Child display. Please include your shipping donation of $10 per box. Thank you to all who support this ministry.

Check this out! We are also collecting items to fill shoe boxes. Please bring items by November 11th. Look for the bin marked "Shoe Box Items." On November 11th at our Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon our group will be filling Christmas shoe boxes. Suggested items that you can include are: soccer ball with pump, dolls, small stuffed animals, socks, toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, coloring books, solar calculators, sunglasses, hair accessories, flashlights (with extra batteries). DO NOT include: soap, candy, toothpaste, gum, used / damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, food, liquids, lotion, medications, vitamins, breakable items, glass containers, aerosol cans.

Learn more about this wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ at Christmas by checking out Samaritan's Purse at **samaritanspurse.org/tgj** ?'s please see or contact Diane Althouse @ 484-949-1426.

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INK AND TONER CARTRIDGES

Thank you to all who have been recycling your Ink and Toner Cartridges. Please use the drop off box outside the church office. Please keep recycling your Ink and Toner Cartridges! Maybe you could mention our recycling project to others including family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, the office/business where you work, etc. ?'s, please feel free to email me at **vlschmid@mac.com** ~~ Blessings, Ginny

WINTER COAT, ETC., COLLECTION

Donations Are Due By Sunday, November 29, 2026

Tabor Church is once again collecting winter coats, etc., to be distributed free of charge to local people in need. The coats, etc., will be donated to "Grace's Closet" a clothing closet ministry of Grace United Methodist Church in Telford for free distribution. **We are accepting clean winter coats, etc., in very good condition, in all sizes.** Please inspect the coats, etc., to be certain that zippers and buttons are in good working condition and that all the pockets are empty. Other clothing can be donated as long as the items are clean and in very good condition. Look for the collection boxes in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. Or if it is easier for you, contact the church office to schedule a time to drop your donations off at the church sometime during the week. We will be collecting warm winter coats, etc. thru Sunday, November 29th. Thank you for helping to make the winter months warmer for those in need. Please see or contact Cindy in the Tabor Church office @ 215-234-4852 or 215-692-3489 with any ?'s.

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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 use to be able to turn your Redner's receipts in, the receipt **MUST** include:

~ 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. Any ?'s please contact Muriel at 215-679-3858.

DISCIPLES OF HOPE (DOH)
Mondays ~ 11:00A.M.-12:30P.M. ~ Room 9

NOVEMBER is the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving which we really should celebrate thanking God every day of the year. Our DOH group is so grateful that we can spend every Monday morning in Room 9 from 11-12:30, enjoying our delicious light refreshments, viewing DVDs of inspirational Christian leaders teaching us Biblical truths, and great discussions on what we have learned plus prayer.

Dr. David Jeremiah is currently "Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven" to our group. "This study tries to answer and clarify the most important questions we have about our future eternal home. Dr. Jeremiah provides answers to questions about the nature of heaven, the kinds of bodies heaven's occupants will have, why heaven will never be boring, why infants and small children will go to heaven, and the dwelling place God is preparing for Christians in heaven. Answers to these questions and more - eleven critical issues in all - are covered in this study." If you are interested in this topic but can't come to our meetings due to work, school or other commitments, please contact Pastor Ed, Earl or Edna Simpkins.

Philippians 3:20-21 "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body." ~~ Edna Simpkins

PRAYER MEETINGS
Wednesdays ~ 5:30-6:30P.M. ~ The Chapel

Whenever we picture November, we think of Thanksgiving and gathering around the table with family and friends to enjoy a feast. Here is a Thanksgiving prayer you might like to share or pray before partaking in your meal:

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for Your goodness, Your mercy,
and Your love.
Thank You for the blessings we see and the blessings
we sometimes overlook.

Bless our family and our home.
Give us grateful hearts, peace in our lives,
and love for one another.

May we always remember that every good
gift comes from You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

James 1:17 (NIV) "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! ~~ Edna Simpkins

2026 Calendar

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

November 7th (Saturday) 5:30 pm. At Tabor. Christmas card making with chili, cornbread, salad and something sweet. Come and help us make beautiful, simple Christmas cards to send to our fellow Taborites who are not always with us in person. Help us to let them know that just because they are not with us physically inside the walls of Tabor that they are very much a part of who we are and who we serve.

December Time and Details To Be Announced. (Karen and Cathy S. Leading)

MIND – BODY CONNECTION WITH KRISTINA .....

Hello. My name is Kristina Jones, and I am a full-time wife and mother of four and a part-time Licensed Associate Professional Counselor. Some of you know me, but some of you may not. I have been a member of Tabor United Methodist Church since 2018.

Recently, it was placed upon my heart to do something more for our church body; to try to reach more people as they navigate their way through the many different and difficult trials that encompass our earthly lives. The fact of the matter is that life is hard. Everyone experiences hardship at one point or another in their life, and a lot of the time those hardships feel unbearably heavy, and it can be debilitating and isolating.

I have been practicing therapy for a few years now, and I have encountered individuals suffering from overwhelming anxiety, depression, grief, OCD, eating disorders, relational conflicts, and several other struggles. I am by no means an expert on you or anyone, but I am a human, and I have been blessed with a gift of helping, and that is why I wanted to reach out to all of you. For God's word says, "*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others" 1Peter 4:10.*

My intent in writing this article is to introduce myself, and the subsequent articles that follow is to provide some information and encouragement to you through talking about a variety of mental health topics that may support you and your personal walk of life. My words do not replace therapy but hopefully will facilitate introspection and compassion for one another and help each of you to feel understood and less alone.

~ Kristina Jones, LAPC

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