

Honoring God * Making Disciples * Serving Others

Celebrating the work of God at Tabor United Methodist Church 2209 Hendricks Station Road PO Box 38 Woxall, PA 18979-0038

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ISSUE: XI

From the **PASTOR**—

Happy Advent!

I would like to try something a little different and offer you a long "Christmas Blessing"! Of course we all would love to have a "perfect" Christmas but as we all know we live in an imperfect world - but we can hope right? Now please don't read the following too seriously - perhaps it is a little "tongue in cheek" - perhaps a little "joy" for Christmas. Always as I attempt some "levity" during a possibly stressful time - I want you to know I truly love you and care about you and recognize that some of this might be "triggering". If it is - let's talk privately - God cares about your hurts and so do I. So recognizing that we all might carry some Christmas "baggage" - I hope this can give you some "Christmas Cheer":

May your Christmas be filled with many big smiles and big hearts - but hopefully not big credit card bills! May you be surrounded by "jolly elves" - and not "nasty grinches"! May your digestive system handle the Christmas season like a cast iron stomach. May you receive the fruit of the Spirit along with fruit cake! May the calories of the Christmas season disappear by the New Year. May you have the right amount of "Jingle Bells" and a little more "Silent May you be able to participate in the activities of the Christmas season rather than the flu season! May the lines at the stores you shop at be short and may your patience be long! May all your children come home and may they get along with each other (is that too much to ask in the spirit of Christmas)?

May everyone wipe their shoes before tracking nativity mud on the newly "swiffered" floor. May your relatives all be healthy, well-behaved and making wise choices. May those who receive your gifts - be sincere and pleased. May those gifts all

arrive on time and with no return policy or receipts necessary. May the person hardest to buy for - truly appreciate your efforts. May your children pause over each gift and be thankful and create the perfect Hallmark movie that you saw on TV. May they somehow through some miracle - avoid a sugar high May they entertain themselves or melt down. wonderfully without smartphones, tablets or video games (but that does not apply to us). And after what seems like an eternity of Winter Vacation - may they be delighted to return to school!

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May my sermon be inspiring with no strange music references and be just the right length and tone (we can hope right)? May your schedule fit perfectly and beautifully with your extended family, stepchildren, friends, school and work. May you have just enough time alone and just enough time with the people you love. May no one talk too much and may everyone listen and respond with a warm heart. May your mother-in-law (yours - not mine - because she is perfect - and she is also reading this) be kind and compassionate. May your teenager throw their arms around you and thank you for all you do to continually invest in their life and allow them to live this long. May your toddler take a nap despite all the family noise and drama going on.

May your turkey or "tofu-rky" be properly thawed, unburned and perfectly done in the middle. May your mashed potatoes be perfectly smashed and creamy (and not "mashed cauliflower"). May your family say "thank you" before and after the meal by staying around to chat about something other than politics. May your spouse say nothing awkward or embarrassing (I am trying)! May your spouse read your mind about something important which you have yet to know how to ask for. May you not have a flat tire or have to travel in an ice storm. May no one argue in the car and not give mean looks to each

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other. May you have an opportunity to genuinely serve others that makes you feel wonderful inside and may you still have enough time for your own holiday happiness and obligations. And may I (Pastor Ed) not use a Christmas Bible reference to make you feel guilty!

May your child's Christmas program be just long enough that you can get great pictures without their finger in their nose and short enough to be enjoyable. May everyone you invited to a family event show up on time. May we be gracious and welcoming when they don't show up on time. May that string of Christmas lights suddenly turn on and remain on and never be tangled again! May no one lose an eyeball from a BB gun! May you sneak a nap on Christmas Day and may everyone help clean up the kitchen! May there be enough hot water for all of your overnight guests. May your wi-fi remain strong and uninterrupted so no one whines!

But if this doesn't happen:

May you welcome God's many gifts - some being patience, contentment, perspective, and enduring love. May you and those you love receive in faith the circumstances that God has allowed - knowing that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). May you be mentally and spiritually healthy enough to deal with all the mishaps that come from living on this messy planet and realize that God is in control and it was a lot more messy when Jesus chose to come 2000 years ago as a baby. May you be filled with the peace of God which at times we can't understand - but perhaps it helps to believe and trust in the baby Jesus who was hunted by a king and later forced into exile to another country with his parents. May God's perfect timing be a witness in your life and continue with you all the way to heaven.

May a deep sense of inner soulful joy abide in you as temporarily worldly happiness may come and go. May your service to others even as it might demand parts of your heart and body and time and resources - be a thank you gift to God. May you wisely seek Him as the Magi did - even over long distances and rough terrain. May "God with us" (Emmanuel - Matthew 1:23) overcome our loneliness and fear. May God continue to be "incarnate" - "the Word became flesh" (John 1:14) and show Himself in unexpected and impossible situations. May helping others' grief

allow you to walk a little closer to the One who bore our sorrows (Isaiah 53:4). May there be plenty of reminders that Jesus came not to offer us a picture-perfect holiday but to offer us His very presence amid our and all other imperfections.

In closing, I would not want my own children to be born in a manger - let alone the Son of God. But those things that we would consider less than perfect about Jesus' birth were divinely orchestrated by our And here we find a gift of Heavenly Father. Christmas: "God with us" - in the midst of our mess making the messy moments holy in His presence. God with us in our chronic illness. God with us in our family relationships. God with us in our financial difficulties. God with us in our employment situation or lack of one. God with us in our unknown futures. No matter what your Christmas season will look like whether it's exactly what you imagined or the exact opposite of your holiday dreams - bring it all to Jesus! He's with you in the mess. Because our Emmanuel God is with us and He will never leave us or forsake us.

Heavenly Father, thank You for inviting us to celebrate Jesus even when our "perfect" holiday plans fall apart. Please open our eyes to see Your goodness all around us and soften our hearts to receive the gift of Your presence with us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

Sunday School for children & youth meets each Sunday from 9:00-9:45a.m. in the Education Wing.

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 11:30a.m. each Sunday.

Tabor Worship Services are available online anytime at www.facebook.com/TaborUMC/



From the Deacon's Desk...

HOW DO YOU EXPRESS YOUR EXCITEMENT?

As I write this article I am in my last week of getting ready for a big trip (of course I will be home by the time this is printed). It is a time of great excitement and another time of stress to try and get everything done. Not only is there Church work to be completed but also things to be done around the house and of course, the packing. I wonder how people are seeing my excitement in the middle of all that needs to be done? Hmmm

Sound familiar? At Christmas time isn't there, or shouldn't there be great excitement? Sure, there is the stress of buying presents, decorating the house, setting up a tree, doing things at Church, and being present in Worship to be reminded of what Christmas is all about. Isn't that the exciting part? Or at least, shouldn't it be?

Sure, there is a lot of things that we feel need to be done. But can't we take time to celebrate those things with excitement as we prepare for the greatest gift of all? Think about Mary and Joseph and the traveling they did while she was very pregnant. No matter what you are going through, isn't their excitement around preparing to have a baby? And what about the wise men and all the traveling they had to do. Even in the midst of some things that looked like threats, they still traveled on excited to see this baby.

As I was questioning my excitement for things, I had to also question myself about the excitement of my relationship with Jesus. What happened to the excitement I had when I met Jesus in a life changing way? Why don't I have the same excitement I had then? It was in those times when I couldn't wait to spend time with Him in prayer, when I couldn't get enough of sitting at Jesus' feet, when I was overflowed with the good news of His Word or stood up to demonic confrontations?

Even Jacob had a great encounter with God but still had to instruct his family to put away their foreign gods. Why were such things in his house after having a radical, life-changing encounter with the living God? Why do we allow compromise to slip into our lives? Do you recognize that it slips in little by little? Do you also recognize that seeking and meeting with God on a regular basis in a quality way is a great way to avoid backsliding? (that's a lot of questions, isn't it?)

I used to be part of a team who would go into local Churches and teach about the Holy Spirit. Each of the team had to prepare at least 10 minutes of a talk on a particular aspect of the Holy Spirit. The thing that has always stood out for me was when one speaker would talk about how excited we get when we are cheering for a sports team or when a parent who has been at work all day sees their child and how excited that child is to see their parent. Or, if you ever had a dog, don't they give you a great greeting when you have been away from home awhile and then return? The team member would remind us of how we reacted in situations where we would see others getting excited and then asked us, "Do you still act that way when you come to Church on Sunday, or make the decision to be still before God"? I then got to thinking "I wonder how others see me".

I think that if I were excited about who God is in my life, I would find ways to spend time with Him. Some encourage us to do this by taking one weekend a month just to stop and be with Him, go back and review previous words or chew on the things He has spoken. And if that seems too much, take one day a week to be focused on Him and His Word. I believe that as we spend time with Him we will want to make it more regular and sooner than once a month or once a week.

There are many ways we can find time to spend with Him. It can be as simple as turning off the radio in your car and just talking with Him about your day, about your family, about what is troubling you. I used to do this on my long ride out to Ephrata. We can just pull away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Prioritize your first love. Get into His presence in the intimacy of your secret place. Do less in order to be with God more. Make a commitment to return to your first love, Jesus Christ.

As we anticipate the Christmas season coming upon us, let us try not to allow the preparation of our homes, the buying presents, the stress of getting things done, overshadow what the true meaning of Christmas is all about. Yes, it is a time for family but it is also about a baby who came to show His great love for us.

Maryanne B. Ditter Minister of Spiritual Formation

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 11:00A.M. - Christmas Carol Singing 12:00 Noon - Christmas Lunch



Our Senior Luncheon group will be meeting December 11th at 11:00 AM. That is the **second Wednesday** instead of the third. We will begin our time together singing Christmas carols in the Sanctuary. Then we will move to Weller Hall for our lunch.

We will be providing ham, pineapple stuffing and sweet potatoes. Please be sure to check out the sign up sheet which will show you what others are providing. If you would like, you can help by bringing the sides. The sign-up sheet will be outside the Sanctuary. Let us know you are coming so we can have enough food and you can either bring a side dish or not. If you miss signing up, come anyway, don't let that be the reason to miss sharing in fellowship this Christmas season.

Maryanne Ditter Minister of Spiritual Formation

DISCIPLES OF HOPE (DOH)

As usual, our DOH group will be gathering in Classroom 9 on Monday mornings from 11:00A.M. - 12:30P.M. We heartily invite you to join us!

Starting on November 18th, we began our new study by Dr. David Jeremiah, "The Great Disappearance, How to Be Rapture Ready".

"If you aren't ready, get ready. If you are ready to meet the Lord, then share His love with the world around you. One day He will return and the Great Disappearance will occur!"

If you have any questions, please contact Earl or Edna Simpkins, Maryanne Ditter or Pastor Ed. We look forward to seeing you; you will be blessed! I Thessalonians 4:13-18 "Discover the promise we have about that Great Day – the disappearance of the saints in the Rapture."

~~Edna Simpkins

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 15, 2024 @ 1:30P.M.



Our traditional time of caroling has been set for Sunday, December 15 at 1:30PM. Please join us for this time of visiting those home bound and to enjoy seeing some of our Seniors. This is always a time of appreciation on behalf of those we visit and they are encouraged that people from the Church still care about them. So help us bring them good cheer.

Maryanne Ditter

Minister of Spiritual Formation

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AT TABOR

Sunday, December 22, 2024 ~Following the 10:00A.M. Worship Service~ Our Christmas Brunch will begin about 11:15A.M.

We hope you will join us as we fellowship together at our Christmas Brunch. Look for the Christmas Brunch Sign-up Sheet outside the Sanctuary. Please see or contact Joanne Spilman @ 484-363-3761 with any questions.

Merry Christmas!

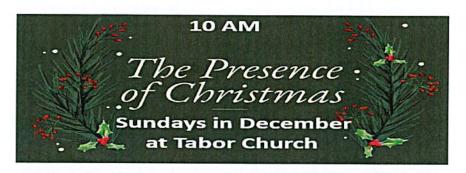
~~ Joanne Spilman

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Thank You so much for being a part of writing a message for those who are in prison during the Christmas holidays. I was able to take 208 completed cards to the United Methodist Conference office. They then will distribute to local prisons for handing out to those incarcerated.

Please continue to pray for those incarcerated that they may find God's peace and love in the midst of their circumstances.

Maryanne Ditter Minister of Spiritual Formation

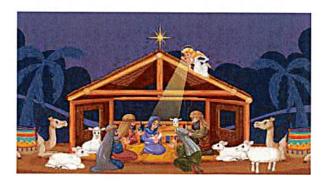


You are invited to join us for Advent when we will explore "The Presence of Christmas" on each Sunday of December at 10:00A.M. Please come and be blessed with the wonderful songs and music and inspired by the holy scriptures and lessons about the Christ of Christmas!



TABOR'S BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 7:00P.M.

Depression, anxiety, grief and the pains of life do not have to be left at the church door at Christmas while there is "Joy To The World". All of our emotions and experiences can sit alongside the hope and light at the heart of the Christmas message. All emotions are a part of the Christmas story. Let's honestly recognize how we are feeling and what we are dealing with and go to the One who also experienced these same emotions. Please join us for this "different" Christmas Service - but a very real and important Christmas Service - as we celebrate "God with us" in our messy, complicated, unfair and imperfect life. Please note that normally our Blue Christmas Service in the past has been on the Winter Solstice which this year would be on Saturday, December 21 - but due to the close proximity of that date to the following Sunday - we decided to move our Blue Christmas Service to Thursday, December 19 to give a healthy space between our Blue Christmas Service and Sunday Worship Service.



TABOR'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ~ Tuesday, December 24, 2024

3:00P.M. - Our Family Friendly Christmas Eve - A Christmas Eve Service especially focused on kids!

7:00P.M. - Our Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

FUND	STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2024	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE 10/31/2024
General Fund	\$12,837.36	\$197,313.46	-212,078.59	21,922.04	\$19,994.27
Mortgage Fund	-\$48,557.00	\$16,972.38	-\$49,551.92	\$0.00	-\$81,136.54
Missions Fund	\$16,520.00	\$5,798.00	-\$17,877.00	\$5,375.28	\$9,816.28
Special Designated Funds	\$132,332.56	\$36,205.38	-\$29,462.59	-\$27,297.32	\$111,778.03
Total	\$113,132.92	\$256,289.22	-\$308,970.10	\$0.00	\$60,452.04

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDING END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS!

The end of the year is closing in and the Finance Committee thanks you for your continued faithful giving. It is because of you that Tabor can continue to do God's work in our community and beyond.

We would like to make you aware of some deadlines for any end-of-year contributions. All contributions submitted electronically (i.e. PayPal, Vanco mobile, Vanco online) after 12/31/2024 will be applied to your 2025 giving. All other contributions that you wish to be applied to your 2024 giving must be dated 2024 and received by the church office no later than Tuesday, 1/7/2025. Any and all contributions received after that date, including on Sunday, 1/12/2025 will be applied to your 2025 giving.

If you have any questions and/or concerns about any of the above information, please contact Vicki Young @ 267-471-3245. ~ Thank you, Vicki Young

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Orders Due By December 8, 2024

Order your Christmas Poinsettias today! Poinsettias are \$7.50 each. An order form is included in this newsletter and they are also available in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. You can also place an order by contacting the church office at 215-234-4852. All orders, with payment please, are due by Sunday, December 8th, 2024. Please remember to select your poinsettia(s) color choice and if you will be taking yours or leaving it to be taken to a shut-in or someone.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2025 offering envelopes have arrived at Tabor. We are currently working on distribution of them. Beginning December 1st they will be available to pick up in the hallway mailboxes outside the Sanctuary. Please do not use the 2025 envelopes until January 2025. If you would like offering envelopes and do not currently have offering envelopes please contact the church office. If you have any questions about getting your 2025 offering envelopes please contact the church office at 215-234-4852.

~~ Thank you, Tabor Finance Committee

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY & CHURCH SECRETARY OFF

The church office will be closed December 23-31, 2024 for the Christmas Holiday. If you need assistance during this time, please leave a message on the church answering machine at 215-234-4852. Answering machine messages will be retrieved on a regular basis. The church secretary will be off December 23rd, 2024 – January 2nd, 2025. As always, Cindy can be reached at anytime by calling/texting her at 215-692-3489. If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Cindy plans to be available again in the church office on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025. Wishing each of you a very Blessed Christmas!

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

Sunday School: It's Truly for Life!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

YOUR NAME		
COLOR CHOICE(S): # OF RED	# OF PINK	# OF WHITE
TOTAL \$ DUE FOR POINSETTIA(S)	ORDERED @ \$7.50 E	ACH
ALL ORDERS (with payment please - or TUMC) ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, D		o Tabor United Methodist Church
IN HONOR OF:		
IN MEMORY OF:		
Please place your contribution for the Place your order form in the designate Following the Christmas Eve Service, care to do so. If you would like your P please indicate that by placing a check in	ed box in the Narthex you may take your Poloinsettia(s) to be taken	or mail it to the Church office. insettia(s) along with you, if you

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to You!!!

- 12/01 Emily (Jenison) Ding
- 12/01 Jason Ricci
- 12/05 Dana Fox
- 12/05 Violet Schaffer
- 12/07 Alice Mae Glover
- 12/09 Becky Sniezevage
- 12/10 Matt Young
- 12/11 Isaiah Simmons
- 12/17 Michael O'Brien
- 12/17 Karen Van Arsdale
- 12/18 Colin Stackhouse
- 12/19 Matthew Landis
- 12/20 Robert Ditter
- 12/22 Ella Gerhart
- 12/23 Anna Ditter
- 12/25 Christine O'Brien
- 12/26 Cameron Roldan
- 12/27 Noah Connor
- 12/28 Jacob Hoffman
- 12/28 Owen Ricci
- 12/28 Syrus Steinmetz
- 12/29 Jason Jenison
- 12/30 Amanda Bloch
- 12/30 Anne Connor
- 12/30 Rev. Maryanne Ditter
- 12/30 Ronan Van Arsdale
- 12/31 Kerri (Hoffman) Rickley

~ If we missed your birthday please let us know ~

Happy Anniversary to You!!!

- 12/02 Jim & Beth Rittenhouse
- 12/05 Tim & Beth Carrigan
- 12/09 Evan & Jessica Greenawalt
- 12/12 Mike & Karen Neal
- 12/20 Scott & Debbie Kenworthy
- 12/21 Chuck & Carol Morgan
- 12/22 Tyler & Marylou Simmons

~ If we missed your anniversary please let us know ~

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AVAILABLE

The free December 2024 through February 2025 edition of "Our Daily Bread" devotional is available to pick up at church on a Sunday or by contacting the church office at 214-234-4852. We can also mail it to you or schedule a time when you can pick it up.

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** 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 a Sunday morning or dropped 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 me at 215-679-3858. Thanks again.

— Muriel Smith

RECYCLING 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, coworkers, the office/business where you work, etc. Questions, please feel free to email me at vlschmid@mac.com ~ Blessings, Ginny

UPCOMING 2024/2025 DATES

......Pray "The Lord's Prayer" at Noon & Be Blessed!
......DOH Bible Study / Mondays / 11AM-12:30PM
.......Wednesday "Prayer Meetings" / 5:30-6:30PM
December 8.....Christmas Poinsettia Orders Are Due

December 8.....Christmas Tree Lighting @ Upper Salford Park / 7:30PM

December 10...January 2025 Tabor Herald Info Due

December 11...Christmas Carol Sing, Etc./ 11:00AM Senior Christmas Luncheon/ 12 Noon

December 14...Fire Truck Santa Party / 1:30PM

December 15....Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins / Meet 1:30PM @ Tabor

December 19...Blue Christmas Service / 7PM

December 22...9AM / Tabor Kids' Christmas Party

December 22...Christmas Brunch @ Tabor following Worship Service (about 11:15AM)

December 24... Tabor Christmas Eve Services

~3PM-Family Friendly Christmas Eve

~7PM-Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight

December 25...Christmas Day-Happy Birthday Jesus

December 31...Last Date to Submit 2024 Financial Donations Electronically

COMING UP IN 2025....

January 1.......Weller Hall & Church Kitchen Reserved / 8AM-8PM

January 4......Weller Hall & Church Kitchen Reserved / 10AM-9PM

January 7......Any 2024 Financial Donations (Dated 2024) Must Be Received in the Church Office

January 11.....Circle of Hope Sponsored Movie Night with dinner @ 5:30PM in Weller Hall. All Are Welcome! Showing "God's Not Dead" rated PG

~ SAVE A LIFE ~ + AMERICAN RED CROSS JUNE RUSSELL MEMORIAL BLOOD D RIVE +

~ Save the dates ~

~ Wednesday, January 22, 2025 ~ ~ Thursday, January 23, 2025 ~

Thursday, January 23, 2025 ~ ~ 2:00-7:00 P.M. ~

Tabor's January 2025 American Red Cross June Russell Memorial Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 from 2:00-7:00p.m. & on Thursday, January 23, 2025 from 2:00-7:00p.m. Note: To be eligible to donate blood at Tabor's January 2025 blood drive, please do not donate blood after mid November 2024 until our blood drive. For more info contact Cindy Frick @ 215-692-3489.

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FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Dear Tabor.

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

If you are able and feel led to help, we are almost always in need of the following items: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, canned vegetables (not corn), frozen dinners, frozen pizza, hot dogs, child friendly cereals, spaghetti & sauce (no garlic), peanut butter & jelly, snack foods, canned fruit, applesauce, laundry detergent, dish soap, kitchen sized trash bags, gallon & sandwich size baggies.

At this time, we do NOT need: chicken noodle soup, tuna fish, spam, canned corn, or bars of soap. If you would like to help and prefer to make a monetary donation or provide grocery store cards that is always appreciated also!

This Fall we offered Thanksgiving baskets to 7 families. Many thanks to all those who contributed and to Diane Althouse for collecting the food and putting together the beautiful food baskets.

Stay tuned for Christmas basket needs and how you can help with providing for them.

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 in the church office at 215-234-4852.

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

THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED

Dear Tabor Family,

The third week of November 2024 marked one year of my joining your TaborUMC fellowship. I just want to thank EVERYONE for your love and support and welcoming me into the family. I felt at home from day one and would not be where I'm at in life without all of you being a part of my life. I love you all and can't thank you enough.

--- Sunny Dhoble

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

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TABOR LIBRARY CHRISTMAS TITLES



<u>Let's Keep Christmas</u> by Peter Marshall. A short book that is an expression of gratitude that the Christ child came, and a plea that we keep Christmas "in all the loveliness of its ancient tradition."

<u>In Search of the Real Spirit of Christmas</u> by Dan Schaeffer. This book helps you see Christmas in a new way – is it more than trees, carols, baking, gifts….?

<u>The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Birth</u> by Marcus J. Borg. Two Jesus scholars help us see the real Christmas story buried in the books of Matthew and Luke. An inspirational read of hope and peace.

<u>The Christmas Letters</u> by Bret Nicholaus. Four generations of Grandpa's family meet for Christmas Eve dinner. Grandpa calls for everyone's attention. He gives each person a letter along with a life-changing lesson.

Share a book with your children or grandchildren (and enjoy it yourself too):



Alabaster's Song by Max Lucado. Alabaster is a little angel high atop a Christmas tree. His song is heaven-sent and it is the thread that unites a little boy, his father, and a night long ago in Bethlehem.

<u>The Christmas Star</u> by Marcus Pfister. Unique illustrations using silver foil stamping help tell the story of the star that guided shepherds, kings, and animals to the stable.

Who Was Born This Special Day? by Eve Bunting. On this night, each manger animal in turn is asked this question – Who was born this special day, was it you? An easy book to share with young children on the true meaning of Christmas.

<u>The Story of Baby Jesus</u> by Alice Joyce Davidson. An Alice in Bibleland Storybook. Alice and the reader see the nativity story following the Bible chronicle.

CHRISTMAS IS A GREAT TIME TO MAKE A NEW START! JOIN US AT CHURCH WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!!

WILL YOU INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH TO LEARN THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS?

MAKE SOMEONE SMILE CALL A FRIEND, A NEIGHBOR OR A FAMILY MEMBER TODAY!



Do you like to sing? Do you play an instrument? Then please join our praise band! Please let Pastor Ed know or if you have any questions! Thank you! (215-272-6099 / pastoredvanarsdale@gmail.com)



Iristmas Tree Lighting

UPPER SALFORD PARK 559 SALFORD STATION RD SCHWENKSVILLE, PA 19473

LIGHTING OF THE TREE AT 7:30PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS TO FOLLOW CHRISTMAS CAROLS LED BY SAINT MARY SCHOOL CHOIR CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES TO FOLI PLEASE BRING YOUR FLASHLIGHTS DIRECTED BY JANE WEIDEMOYER



December 14, 2024 (Saturday) Santa Run. Come out and support our Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company. They will arrive at Tabor Church @ 1:30p.m. We traditionally have lunch waiting for them. Look for details and sign up sheets to help. If it is possible, let's make this year better than before.

December 15, 2024 (Sunday) Christmas Caroling. Join us for Tabor's Christmas Caroling beginning @ 1:30p.m. Support our church family and our community as we spread the joy of the Lord!

2025 Calendar

January 11 (Saturday) MOVIE NIGHT with dinner at 5:30p.m. in Weller Hall.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Showing "God's Not Dead" rated PG.

February 8 (Saturday) at 10:30a.m. "Love" Gift Assembly with snacks. (Bessie leading)

March 8 (Saturday) Time to TBA. Assembling cookie and treat trays for First Responders and Police in our area. (Sarah leading)

April 5 (Saturday) Time TBA. Tabor Church "Kitchen Shower". Let's keep our tradition of great food and love that comes from our kitchen going into the future. (Diane A. leading)

May 10 (Saturday) Time and place TBA. Potting flowers for Mother's Day.

June 12 (Thursday) 7:00p.m. Ice Cream and Devotions. Held at the Campman's home. (Diane C. leading)

June 15 (Sunday) Circle Of Hope takes over Tabor's kitchen for a Father's Day Brunch that will not soon be forgotten.

July 12 (Saturday) Time and place TBA. Book Club meeting. (Sharon leading)

August 9 (Saturday) Time TBA. Lake beach trip to Mauch Chunk Lake.

More details to come. (Bessie leading)

September Date and time TBA. Community service to be determined. (Sarah leading)

October Date and time TBA. Upper Salford Trunk or Treat community outreach.

We can support our Fire Company and give the Light of the
Lord out at the same time while "celebrating" a holiday that
is traditionally dark.

November 8 (Saturday) 10:30a.m. Christmas Card making with Sarah. Making cards for Tabor shut-ins, college students and military. Maybe even some to take home. Lunch provided. (Sarah leading)

December Dates and time TBA. Christmas Caroling and Santa Run.



Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company

is bringing Santa to your neighborhood

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Visit Santa at one of these locations:

Landis Supermarket	<i>11:15 11:50</i>
Fallowfield Lane	11:55 - 12:05
Salford Station Road & Winter Ln	12:10 - 12:20
Galen Lane & Clemmers Mill Rd	12:25 – 12:30
Clemmers Mill Rd & Barnbridge	<i>12:30 – 12:40</i>
Salford Post Office (Salford St)	12:45 – 12:5 5
Old Goshenhoppen Church	1:00 - 1:10
Josie Lane & Mary Lane	1:15 - 1:25
Tabor Church	1:30 - 1:50
Sumneytown Road/Stone Hill Rd	1:55 - 2:05
Burton /Briar Ridge	2:10 - 2:20
Hickory Dr & Bittersweet Dr	2:25 – 2:35
Hickory Dr & Old Sumneytown Pk	2:40 - 2:50
Shady Lane	2:55 - 3:05
Country View Ln & Potato Rd	3:10 - 3:20
Woodspring Ln & Old Sumneytown	3:25 - 3:35
Diminjan & Bergey Road	<i>3:40 – 3:50</i>
Upper Salford Firehouse	3:55



Annual Food Drive Santa is collecting non-perishable

food to be distributed to needy families. If you would like to make a donation, bring it with you when you visit Santa

To assist us with keeping on schedule, please meet us at one of the designated stops, rather than at individual driveways.

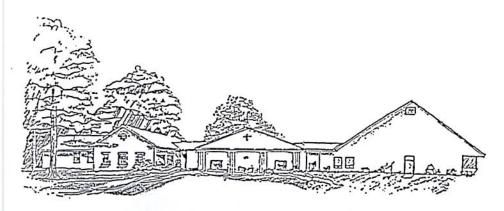


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