



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 December!

"Of all the months of the year there is not a month one half so welcome to the young, or so full of happy associations, as the last month of the year."

—Charles Dickens

Yes, it is a month – a time that is often welcomed with festivities and joy! When you were a kid – **what part of Christmas brought you the most joy?** Decorating the Christmas Tree, baking cookies, watching the holiday specials on TV? Or perhaps it was getting gifts! Sure, let's act mature and humble and we may try to deny or at least downplay it – but as kid – one of the best parts of Christmas for me was getting presents! Sure, you can call me materialistic and many other words – but I loved getting my Christmas gifts! I loved getting the Sears "Wishbook" catalog and looking at all the toys and gadgets! Sure, I knew that Christmas was about Jesus – and Jesus was the greatest gift of all – but I would be lying if I didn't admit that I loved getting Christmas gifts! For me – opening presents was one of the best things about Christmas!

Maybe you would sneak around the house – trying to find out where the presents were hidden? Maybe you gave that wrapped box a good shake on Christmas morning – trying to guess what was inside. Were you a kid who tore into the wrapping paper or the one who carefully unwrapped your gift?

Somewhere along the way – perhaps with maturity – Christmas becomes more fun to give presents. We know Jesus said "**It is more blessed to give than to receive**". [*Side fun fact – do you know where in the Bible Jesus said that? Which Gospel? It is an interesting instance of a partial scripture where Paul is speaking in Acts 20:35 and recalling what Jesus said – and Paul most likely was taught this amazing teaching of Jesus from someone else – but it was*

never recorded in any of the Gospels]. **Okay – now back to when we discovered the joy to give presents.** Maybe it was a sweet and special gift for a new boyfriend or girlfriend. Maybe it was the perfect gag gift for your brother. Maybe it was something to thank your parents. Maybe it was the toy your child had been dreaming of but didn't think was coming. That's the thing about gifts – there's joy in receiving and joy in giving.

Another part of the joy of Christmas is reflecting upon the first Christmas. Long ago, in a manger in Bethlehem, God gave His people the gift they had been waiting for thousands of years. It was the gift that had been prophesied about. It was the gift that had been hoped for. It was the gift that God promised Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. When our Heavenly Father gave us the gift of Jesus – there was indeed joy on Earth! That was the message of the angels. Luke 2:10 The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. **I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people**".

Rejoice – to feel or show great joy. The shepherds rejoiced. The Wise Men rejoiced. Mary and Joseph rejoiced. Simeon and Anna rejoiced. There was great joy! And the joy didn't stop there. As Jesus grew and began His ministry – He performed miracles – restoring joy to the lives of the crippled, the possessed, and the outcast.

After Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to Heaven – the disciples spread the good news of the Gospel joy in their city and around the world. Many years later – you and I have the same joy that the shepherds and the crippled and the disciples had!

But like a child who is excited about a toy on Christmas and bored with it by New Year's Day – **we do not always live in the joy that Jesus gives.** I grumble about how busy I am at this time of year. I gossip and talk negatively about people who are
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difficult to deal with. I envy others that have more time and less things to do than me. I over extend myself. I buy things "to feel better". I try to find a movie or TV show that will make me happy. **In a sense – I try to make my own joy and chase after the joy that this world promises rather than drawing on the endless supply of heavenly joy in Jesus.** I'm so glad that you are not like me – because that way of life is exhausting and not working for me!

But as we said earlier – joy is not just in the receiving – it's also in the giving. Here is possibly something different for you this Christmas. You probably have heard of this Bible verse before – maybe around Easter – but did you ever think of it as a "Christmas Bible verse"? Well let's give it a try – Hebrews 12:2 "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. **For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God**". Wow! **I have never thought of Jesus' rescue mission as one of joy** – but now I see it! According to Hebrews 12:2 **Jesus came to the earth and went to the cross "for the joy set before Him"**. That "joy" was you! That joy was me!

Did God "give" His one and only Son "joyfully" because it meant a restored relationship with His creation? **YES! It brought God joy to send his Son to a broken, fallen world – because of LOVE!** John 3:16 "For God so loved the world (you and me) that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life".

Jesus was joyfully Emmanuel – God with us. Jesus joyfully walked among His creation – healing, forgiving, and **bringing joy to those He touched.** And according to Hebrews 12:2 Jesus joyfully endured the horrors of the cross – because **He wanted you and me to have the eternal joy of being with God in glory forever.**

God took great joy in you – you are His creation and child. It is not just we who received Jesus – who are joyful. It is God Himself – who loves you and me so much that He joyfully sent Jesus to earth to bring the creation He joyfully made and called good – and returned us back to Himself. Think about your joy this way: **Your joy doesn't come from you. It comes from God, who first delighted in you.** The joy of Christmas is eternal because God is eternal. The joy of Christmas never dies because – in Christ – you have eternal life. The joy of Christmas never fades

away because every day we need God's forgiveness and every day we should rejoice that the forgiveness is ours and is real because of His Son, Jesus Christ!

Our joy is in God – who first loved us and rejoiced in our redemption. **We don't have to chase after the world's joy – which fades away.** We can be joyful in our "work" – even when there is a lot of it and your boss may be a jerk – **because that work is from God.** We are joyful in our relationships – even when the other person is disagreeable, difficult and rude – **because it was God's pleasure to take sinful attitudes and hurtful words to the cross.** We are joyful in our financial situation – whatever it may be – **because we know that if our Heavenly Father did not even spare His own Son for our eternal good – He will certainly provide for our earthly needs!**

Even if we are stressed, suffering from anxiety, depression or busyness – because of our Heavenly Father – we can have joy this Christmas season. I believe that is the world that baby Jesus arrived to – and those who saw Him – rejoiced! **So let us rejoice!** We can rejoice that we have received forgiveness and salvation from God who joyfully gave up everything to be born a baby in a manger.

Some people say that "joyful" can also mean "merry" – so think about all the above when you hear or say "Merry Christmas"!

May Jesus be born in all hearts,

Pastor Ed

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DID YOU KNOW?

Sunday School for children 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 noon each Sunday.

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



From the Deacon's Desk...

OUR HOPE AND ASSURANCE IS IN.....

I read a story which was attributed to author and poet Robert Louis Stevenson. The story says that he was traveling once on a ship that ended up in a severe storm and imminent danger of sinking. Many of the passengers began to whisper to one another, "Are we going down? Are we safe?" Eventually, one brave soul volunteered to travel up to the pilot house and see the captain.

The passenger made his way through the rain and wind and stepped in to the shelter to see that the pilot of the ship was standing calmly with his hands firmly on the wheel. The passenger, filled with fear, witnessed the captain slowly turn and make eye contact with him. Without saying a word, the captain simply smiled. That was it. No words, just a smile. Apparently, that was all that the passenger needed to see.

As the passenger traveled back down to the main cabin, the once-fearful passenger exclaimed, "We're going to be all right. I have seen the face of the captain and, good news: he smiled at me."

It is easy for us to run into turbulence in our world today. You don't have to look very far to see stories in the news of conflict, heartache or tragedy to find our hope and assurance amidst the uncertainties and storm we see raging in the world. In the midst of this, where is our hope and assurance coming from in the midst of uncertain times?

To people in captivity Isaiah reminded the Israelites of a light that was on the horizon. Isaiah said that the time of deep darkness was coming to an end and with it a promise "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6). Although this promise came through a tiny child, how could all of these big titles fit into such a small package? Let us take some time to reflect on these.

Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor. He is the wonder of God found in human form. Isaiah also said about this child "The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord." (Isaiah 11:2) He doesn't hold office hours and His counsel is available to all who ask for it.

Jesus is our Almighty God. He is not just the wonder of God found in human form but He is literally Almighty. He is the same Jesus who calmed the wind and waves, told the demons where to go, healed the broken and afflicted. We may not have it all together. But good news: He is not just all together; He is All Mighty.

Jesus is also our Everlasting Father. A picture of our Everlasting Father comes in the story of the Prodigal son. It is not a temporary love. It is not a contractual love. It does not depend on what we do. It is an everlasting love that the Father has for you. No matter how far we wander from the Father, He will always be there to welcome us back home.

And Jesus is also our Prince of Peace. Just as a Prince works to bring peace and unity to his kingdom, Jesus brings peace into the hearts of every believer. To His Disciples he said "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27). As we are also reminded in Scripture Jesus gives a peace that passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7) which is a gift ready to be unwrapped and claimed this very moment.

Just from this one verse we can be reminded of the promise that Isaiah spoke about. That we believe in a God who is a Wonderful Counselor, the Almighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. Of course, God's Word reminds us of even more that God can and will do for us, His children. I think that we sometimes worry more about the situation we are facing, more than the One who stands with us when we are uncertain and struggling. Hopefully, you have figured out that our hope and assurance comes from God, who loves us so much that He sent Jesus to come and be in relationship with us. He adopted us as His children. And as His children, we are entitled to all He has to offer.

So, if you feel you have a storm raging in your life, take a moment and catch the eye of the one whose hands are firmly at the wheel, and then remind yourself of the following: "I am going to be all right. I have seen the face of the Captain and good news, He smiled at me. And He desires to walk with me revealing to me all He has to offer"

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

SENIOR LUNCHEON
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
Singing Carols @ 11:00A.M.
Lunch @ 12:00 Noon



JOIN US!

**TAKE NOTE OF THE
CHANGE OF WEDNESDAY**

Our December Senior Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 10. We will begin at 11:00a.m. with singing carols in the Sanctuary and then have lunch at noon. As you can see this date is the **SECOND** Wednesday, instead of the third. The Church will be providing ham and other main items. Just check out the sign-up sheet found outside of the Sanctuary.

Please let us know if you are able to come. We usually need help with sides and dessert. If you are interested in helping us out just sign up with what you are able to bring.

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU
THANK YOU**



Thank you once again for your support. I was able to deliver 258 Christmas cards to the Conference Office to be given to those who are in prison. This was 50 more than last year. I am sure that those incarcerated will be blessed by you taking the time to write an encouraging note to those who may be forgotten at Christmas.

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear"
(Elf from the movie "ELF")



CHRISTMAS CAROLING
Sunday, December 7 @ 1:00P.M.

Come join the fun and fellowship and bring joy to those in our Church family. Our annual time of Christmas Caroling will be on Sunday, December 7 at 1:00p.m. Come meet up at the Church and we will hand out our song books and bells and then plan who we will visit. No matter your singing talent, the people we visit are just always glad to see who has come to visit them at this special season of love and joy.

SAVE THE DATE
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WEEKEND
February 6-7, 2026



I continue to make plans and discern about our Spiritual Renewal Weekend. So far, it looks like the weekend will begin on Friday February 6, 2026 at 6:00p.m. for dinner and then there will be a time of Worship and teaching at 7:00p.m. I have spoken to someone who is considering helping me lead the weekend. I am waiting for a definite confirmation. It will then run all day on Saturday with lunch and dinner provided as well.

Taking time out of your busy schedules to be focused on spending intentional time with God is such a blessing. Talk to some of those who have been at the Church awhile and ask them if they have experienced a Spiritual Renewal Weekend at Tabor. I am sure they will confirm how they were blessed.

If you are interested in helping out in anyway, please talk to me. I know some of you have done this already and I appreciate your offers to help.

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

Tabor's
Christmas
festival

Thursday, December 4

7 PM - Art Workshop - Macrame Angels

Sunday, December 7

11:30 AM - Christmas Origami

11:30 AM - Art Workshop - String Stars

1 PM - Christmas Caroling - meet at Tabor

7:30 PM - Christmas Tree Lighting at Upper Salford Park

Monday, December 8

11 AM - Advent Bible Study

Wednesday, December 10

11 AM - Christmas Hymn Sing in Tabor's Sanctuary

12 PM - Senior Christmas Luncheon in Weller Hall

5:30 PM - Prayer Service in Chapel

Monday, December 15

11 AM - Advent Bible Study

7 PM - Art Workshop - Christmas Painting

Saturday December 20

1:15 PM - Fire Truck Santa Welcome Party at Tabor

1:30 PM Santa arrives so don't be late - Santa has a very busy schedule and other places to visit

Sunday, December 21

9 AM - Kid's Reindeer Games and Pancake Palooza

10 AM - Worship - Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:30 AM - Christmas Brunch Party

Monday, December 22

7 PM - Blue Christmas Service – maybe you are not feeling “joyful”. Maybe you are grieving someone who is not physically with you this Christmas. Maybe you are depressed or dealing with anxiety. This Christmas service is for you as we go to our Lord to celebrate in a different quieter and reflective way.

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

3 PM - Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service

7 PM - Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

FUND	STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2025	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE 10/31/2025
General Fund	\$68,619.06	\$190,252.39	-205,765.72	\$4,274.58	\$57,380.31
Mortgage Fund	-\$86,849.52	\$4,070.75	-\$58,805.00	\$0.00	-\$141,583.77
Missions Fund	11,912.28	\$7,492.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,404.28
Special Designated Funds	\$105,808.77	\$9,557.28	-\$3,657.15	-\$4,274.58	\$107,434.32
Total	\$99,490.59	\$211,372.42	-\$268,227.87	\$0.00	\$42,635.14

October's giving of nearly \$27,000 was up 32% over the August giving. Some of that is due to the normal uptick during the average Fall season but some is due to the increased support you have shown in response to the Finance Committee's request. We know this is a difficult time of year to increase giving and we appreciate your continued support.

REMEMBER THIS!

IF YOU'RE PRAYING,

YOU'RE HELPING!

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2026 offering envelopes have arrived at Tabor. We are currently working on distribution of them. Beginning on December 7th, they will be available for pick up in the hallway mailboxes outside the Sanctuary. Please do not use the 2026 envelopes until January 2026.

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 2026 offering envelopes, please contact the church office at 215-234-4852.

Thank you, Tabor Finance Committee

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.

The Finance Committee understands the importance of simplifying your giving process. We do offer PayPal and Vanco options, but we would like to point out that if you are going to use PayPal, please designate **Tabor United Methodist Church** as a **"Friend."** By doing so, there is no charge to the Church. If you are currently enrolled in online banking, please also consider going directly to your personal banking portal and release checks directly to **Tabor United Methodist Church.** Just enter Tabor as you would any other **"vendor."** This is the easiest alternative and also relieves the church of any additional financial burden.

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 12/31/2025 will be applied to your 2026 giving.**
- All other contributions that you wish to be applied to your 2025 giving **must be dated 2025 and received by the church office no later than Tuesday, 1/6/2026.** All contributions received after that date, including Sunday, 1/11/2026 will be applied to your 2026 giving.

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



2025 Calendar

December 7, 2025 (Sunday) Christmas Caroling. Join us for Tabor's Christmas Caroling beginning @ 1:00p.m. when we meet up at Tabor Church. Support our Church family and our Community as we spread the joy of the Lord!

December 20, 2025 (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. Join us!

2026 Calendar

January 10, 2026 (Saturday) 10:00a.m. A Time of Fellowship. Cathy Sacks is graciously opening her home for a time of fellowship and putting a final polish on our 2026 events. Cathy's home is located at 1514 Harmon Road, Harleysville, PA.

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### "TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY"

"Tis the season to be jolly" and a good place to celebrate it is with the members of the DOH group who are filled with the joy of the Lord on Monday mornings at Tabor UMC in Room #9 from 11a.m.-12:30p.m. We, Disciples of Hope, always begin our meetings with delicious light refreshments provided by one of our DOH members. We always follow our time of fellowship with fruitful Bible studies led by Earl Simpkins. This month we will be starting a new Bible study during the first 3 Mondays of December (December 3, 10, 17) but will not be meeting December 24 (Christmas Eve) or December 31 (New Year's Eve).

Perhaps you might start the New Year off right by considering having one of your New Year's Resolutions to be that of joining the DOH group on Monday mornings. You will be warmly welcomed and blessed beyond measure.

~ Edna Simpkins

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### PRAYER MEETINGS

"Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek His face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!"

### PRAYER MEETINGS CONTINUED ....

This time of year when we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, we often picture the shepherds and wisemen kneeling before Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. Let us join the heavenly chorus and lift prayers and praises to God for the gift of His only begotten Son.

We believe that Tabor UMC is a praying church and not just at Christmas but throughout the year. A group of dedicated people who believe in the power of prayer gather on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30p.m. in the Chapel to lift prayers for our church members and families, communities and the world. We also always like to encourage anybody who would like to join us as we pray for others. God is always happy to hear from us and is a faithful and merciful God.

We also would like to invite anybody to the Chapel who has a need for prayer and would like our prayer group to pray for them or just have a private prayer with a prayer team member. Also, please remember that Tabor is also open to anyone who would like to meet with a prayer team member during the week. Just give Cindy a call Tuesday through Thursday from 10a.m.- 4p.m. and she will contact one of our prayer team members and we'll arrange a time to meet at the church.

~ Edna Simpkins

The "A Candymaker's Witness" Story is submitted by Robin Moyer and is dedicated in Memory of and in Honor of Loved Ones ...

## A CANDYMAKER'S WITNESS

A candymaker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would be a witness, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus; and hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Church, and firmness of the promises of God.

The candymaker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior. It could also represent the staff of the "Good Shepherd" with which He reaches down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who, like all sheep, have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candymaker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life.

Unfortunately, the candy became known as a candy cane – a meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time. But the meaning is still there for those who "have eyes to see and ears to hear." I pray that this symbol will again be used to witness TO THE WONDER OF JESUS AND HIS GREAT LOVE that came down at Christmas and remains the ultimate and dominate force in the universe today.

1992 Dicksons

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## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Orders Due By December 14, 2025

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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 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 taken by someone.

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## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY & CHURCH SECRETARY OFF

The church office will be closed December 23-31, 2025 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 – January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Wishing each of you a very Blessed Christmas!

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## JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

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

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

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## UPCOMING 2025/2026 DATES

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

December 4.....Art Workshop-Macrame Angels/7PM  
December 6.....Nativity Open House @ Grace UMC,  
295 S. Main St., Telford / 9AM-4PM  
December 7.....Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7.....Communion Sunday  
December 7.....11:30AM-Christmas Origami &  
Art Workshop - String Stars  
December 7.....Nativity Open House @ Grace UMC,  
295 S. Main St., Telford / 12-3PM  
December 7.....Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins, Etc. /  
Meet 1PM @ Tabor  
December 7.....Christmas Tree Lighting @ Upper  
Salford Park / 7:30PM  
December 10...January 2026 Tabor Herald Info Due  
December 10...Christmas Carol Sing, Etc./ 11:00AM  
Senior Christmas Luncheon/ 12 Noon  
December 14....Third Sunday of Advent  
December 14...Christmas Poinsettia Orders Are Due  
December 15....Art Workshop-Christmas Painting/7PM  
December 20...Fire Truck Santa Welcome Party  
Begins @1:15PM / Santa Arrives @ 1:30PM  
December 21....Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 21...9AM / Kid's Reindeer Games &  
Pancake Palooza Christmas Party  
December 21...Christmas Brunch @ Tabor following  
Worship Service (about 11:30AM)  
December 22...Blue Christmas Service / 7PM  
December 24...Tabor Christmas Eve Services  
~3PM-Family Friendly Christmas Eve  
~7PM-Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve  
December 25...Christmas Day-Happy Birthday Jesus  
December 31...Last Date to Submit 2025 Financial  
Donations Electronically

## COMING UP IN 2026....

January 3.....Weller Hall & Church Kitchen  
Reserved / 9AM-9PM  
January 6.....Any 2025 Financial Donations (Dated  
2025) Must Be Received in the Church Office  
January 7.....Red Cross Blood Drive @ Tabor / 2-7PM  
January 8.....Red Cross Blood Drive @ Tabor / 2-7PM  
January 10.....Circle of Hope Meets @ the Home of  
Cathy Sacks, 1514 Harmon Road, Harleysville,  
PA, for a Time of Fellowship & Putting Final  
Polish on Our 2026 Group Events. Join Us!  
February 6-7...."The Father's Love" Spiritual Renewal  
Weekend @ Tabor

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## HOLIDAY GRIEF BROCHURES AVAILABLE



If you know of someone who has lost a loved one this year, a selection of holiday grief brochures is available. These are displayed on the wall in the sanctuary hallway. Please help yourself and contact Sharon Stover to obtain additional brochures and books that are not displayed.

### Grief Brochures

- Grieving at Christmas: A Family Guide
- How Christmas Memories Can Bring Healing to Your Grief
- Christmas: A Time to Remember Those We've Loved & Lost
- Getting Through the Holidays When You've Lost a Loved One
- Six Tips for Coping with Grief at Christmas
- Facing the Holidays when a Family Member is Seriously Ill
- Feeling Depressed at Christmastime
- Overcoming the "Blues at Christmastime"

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## CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AT TABOR

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

**Following the 10:00A.M. Worship Service  
Our Christmas Brunch will begin about 11:30A.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

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

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## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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## ANNIVERSARIES

### Happy Birthday to You!!!

12/01 Emily Ding  
12/01 Jason Ricci  
12/05 Dana Fox  
12/05 Violet Schaffer  
12/07 Alice Mae Glover  
12/09 Becky Sniezewage  
12/10 Matt Young  
12/11 Isaiah Simmons  
12/12 Robin Moyer  
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 Rickley

~ If we missed your birthday please let us know ~

### Happy Anniversary to You!!!

12/02 Jim & Beth Rittenhouse  
12/05 Tim & Beth Carrigan  
12/08 Jay & Robin Moyer  
12/09 Evan & Jessica Greenawalt  
12/12 Mike & Karen Neal  
12/20 Scott & Debbie Kenworthy  
12/22 Tyler & Marylou Simmons

~ If we missed your anniversary please let us know ~

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**Serving Others \***

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## AVAILABLE

The free December 2025 through February 2026 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. The free 2025 Daily Bread Advent Devotional with 10 Christmas Reflections is also available at the Church.

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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** 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

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## 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, co-workers, the office/business where you work, etc. Questions, please feel free to email me at [vlshmid@mac.com](mailto:vlshmid@mac.com)

~ Blessings, Ginny

# ~ WORSHIP WITH US ~

## DECEMBER 2025

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| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <p><i>Praise Him</i></p>  <p>7 ~SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT~<br/>~COMMUNION SUNDAY~<br/>~Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day~<br/>9-9:45AM-Sunday School for ALL Ages<br/>Meet in the Ed. Wing<br/>Adults Meet in the Chapel<br/>10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service<br/>10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship<br/>Service on Tabor UMC Facebook<br/>~The Worship Service is Followed by a Time of Fellowship in Weller Hall until Noon~<br/>11:30AM-Christmas Origi<br/>1:00PM-Christmas Caroling-Meet @ Tabor<br/>7:30PM-Christmas Tree Lighting/Up Sal Park</p>                                                                                                        | <p>1 ~Rev. Ditter Off~<br/>~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~<br/>11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Advent Bible Study in Classroom #9<br/>7:30PM-AA Group</p> <p>8 ~Rev. Ditter Off~<br/>~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~<br/>11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Advent Bible Study in Classroom #9<br/>7PM-Finance Committee (Online)<br/>7:30PM-AA Group</p> | <p>2 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~<br/>~PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF~<br/>10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours<br/>7:30PM-AA Group</p> <p>9 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~<br/>~PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF~<br/>10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours<br/>7:30PM-AA Group</p> | <p>3 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~<br/>10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours<br/>10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours<br/>11AM-Staff Meeting<br/>5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service (Chapel)</p> <p>10 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~<br/>10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours<br/>10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours<br/>11AM-Christmas Carol Sing Followed By<br/>12:00 Noon-Senior Lunch<br/>2PM-Staff Meeting<br/>5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service (Chapel)</p> | <p>4 ~Rev. Ditter Off~<br/>~Pastor Ed's School Day~<br/>10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours<br/>2-6PM-Tabor Church Being Cleaned<br/>7PM-Art Workshop - Macrame Angels<br/>7:30PM-Basketball in Weller Hall</p> <p>11 ~Rev. Ditter Off~<br/>~Pastor Ed's School Day~<br/>10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours<br/>~January 2026 Tabor Herald Articles Are Due~<br/>7:30PM-Basketball in Weller Hall</p> | <p>5 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~<br/>~REV. DITTER'S DAY OFF~<br/>~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~</p> <p>12 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~<br/>~REV. DITTER'S DAY OFF~<br/>~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~</p>           | <p>6 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall<br/>9AM-4PM-Nativity Open House @ Grace UMC in Telford. It will also be held on Sunday 12/7/25 from 12-3PM<br/>7PM-AA Group</p> <p>13 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall<br/>7PM-AA Group</p> |
| <p>14 ~THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT~<br/>~Christmas Poinsettia Orders Due By Today~<br/>9-9:45AM-Sunday School for ALL Ages<br/>Meet in the Ed. Wing<br/>Adults Meet in the Chapel<br/>10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship Service on Tabor UMC Facebook<br/>~The Worship Service is Followed by a Time of Fellowship in Weller Hall until Noon~<br/>21 ~FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT~<br/>~First Day of Winter~<br/>9-9:45AM-Kid's Reindeer Games &amp; Pancake Ploozza in the Ed. Wing<br/>Adults Meet in the Chapel<br/>10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service<br/>10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship Service on Tabor UMC Facebook<br/>~The Worship Service is Followed by a Christmas Brunch &amp; Time of Fellowship in Weller Hall (About 11:30AM)~</p> | <p>15 ~Rev. Ditter Off~<br/>~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~<br/>11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Advent Bible Study in Classroom #9<br/>7PM-Art Workshop - Christmas Painting<br/>7:30PM-AA Group</p> <p>22 ~Rev. Ditter Off~<br/>~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~<br/>7PM-Blue Christmas Service @ Tabor<br/>7:30PM-AA Group</p>                     | <p>16 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~<br/>~PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF~<br/>10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours<br/>7:30PM-AA Group</p> <p>23 ~PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF~<br/>~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~<br/>7:30PM-AA Group</p>                          | <p>17 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~<br/>10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours<br/>10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours<br/>5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Time Open to Those Needing Prayer (Chapel)</p> <p>24 ~Christmas Eve Day~<br/>~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~<br/>3PM-Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service<br/>7PM-Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service<br/>~Pray Where You Are~</p>                                                       | <p>18 ~Rev. Ditter Off~<br/>~Pastor Ed's School Day~<br/>10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours<br/>2-6PM-Tabor Church Being Cleaned<br/>7:30PM-Basketball in Weller Hall</p> <p>25 ~CHRISTMAS DAY~<br/>~Church Office Closed for Holiday~<br/>~Please Leave a Message If You Need Us~<br/>~JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON~</p>                                                                           | <p>19 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~<br/>~REV. DITTER'S DAY OFF~<br/>~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~</p> <p>26 ~REV. DITTER'S DAY OFF~<br/>~Church Office Closed for Holiday~<br/>~Please Leave a Message If You Need Us~</p> | <p>20 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall<br/>1:15PM-Fire Truck Santa Welcome Party<br/>1:30PM-Santa Arrives! (At Tabor Until 1:50PM)<br/>7PM-AA Group</p> <p>27 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall<br/>7PM-AA Group</p>               |
| <p>28 9-9:45AM-Sunday School for ALL Ages<br/>Meet in the Ed. Wing<br/>Adults Meet in the Chapel<br/>10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service<br/>10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship Service on Tabor UMC Facebook<br/>~The Worship Service is Followed by a Time of Fellowship in Weller Hall until Noon~</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>29 ~Rev. Ditter Off~<br/>~Church Office Closed for Holiday~<br/>~Please Leave a Message If You Need Us~<br/>7:30PM-AA Group</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>30 ~PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF~<br/>~Church Office Closed for Holiday~<br/>~Please Leave a Message If You Need Us~<br/>7:30PM-AA Group</p>                                                                                                                | <p>31 ~New Year's Eve~<br/>~Church Office Closed for Holiday~<br/>~Please Leave a Message If You Need Us~<br/>~Last Date to Submit 2025 Financial Donations Electronically~<br/>~Pray Where You Are~</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE @ 215-234-4852 WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING TABOR SCHEDULING. LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NO ONE ANSWERS.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

# ~ PRAYER CALENDAR ~

## DECEMBER 2025

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| <p>And pray in the spirit of all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.<br/>With this in mind,<br/>be alert and always keep on praying for the saints.<br/>~~Ephesians 6:18</p> | <p>1 PASTOR ED<br/>REV. DITTER<br/>Cancer &amp; Hospice Patients<br/>Dick &amp; Alice Hollingsworth<br/>Paul &amp; Joanne Spilman<br/>Gary Schnable / Ed Arnold<br/>Jack &amp; Vicki Young<br/>Bruce &amp; Sharon Stover<br/>Ray Schmidt / Flossie Lee<br/>Bobbi Moyer / Lin Villano<br/>Corey Sandler / Donna Hile<br/>Kaye &amp; Tom Yurik</p> | <p>2 PASTOR ED<br/>REV. DITTER<br/>Earl &amp; Edna Simpkins<br/>Boyd &amp; Eva Davenport<br/>Jack &amp; Diane Althouse<br/>Muriel Smith / Lili Charlie<br/>Carol Morgan / Anne Dyer<br/>Brian Staehle / Mark Davis<br/>Len &amp; Jan Simpkins<br/>Eloise Tatro / Chase Adams<br/>Alice Mae Glover<br/>Bette Martin</p> | <p>3 PASTOR ED<br/>REV. DITTER<br/>Nancy Thimm / Bob Ditter<br/>Barb Kratz / Jamie Welby<br/>Zoey B / Marie Damiani<br/>Jane Kulp / Carol Becker<br/>Bob &amp; Lou Shaw / Judy R<br/>Richard &amp; Gloria Schadler<br/>Jane Hedrick / Jess Burke<br/>Janice &amp; Dan Cook<br/>Anthony Hile / Josh Mulligan<br/>Roger &amp; Kathie McGill</p> | <p>4 PASTOR ED<br/>REV. DITTER<br/>The United Methodist Ch.<br/>Bishop Moore-Koikoi<br/>D.S. Rev. Andrew Foster<br/>The Van Arsdale Family<br/>The Ditter Family<br/>The Homeless<br/>All Missionaries<br/>Tabor Children &amp; Youth<br/>Tabor S.P.R. Committee<br/>Tabor Church</p> | <p>5 PASTOR ED<br/>REV. DITTER<br/>Emma &amp; Jim Seltzer<br/>Hayley &amp; Baby Schaffer<br/>Alan &amp; Gail Wertz / Josh M<br/>Jay &amp; Robin Moyer<br/>Jim &amp; Mary Anne Hartnett<br/>Virginia / Megan Cathey<br/>Russell &amp; Arlene Cressman<br/>Samantha Himmerle<br/>Brother Mike / Steven Clark<br/>Teddi &amp; Kathy Speck</p> | <p>6 PASTOR ED<br/>Reverend Ditter<br/>Children &amp; Youth Leaders</p>              |
| <p>7 PASTOR ED<br/>Reverend Ditter<br/>Children &amp; Youth Leaders<br/>The Worship Service<br/>Sunday School<br/>Children &amp; Youth Fellowship</p>                                      | <p>8 PASTOR ED<br/>REV. DITTER<br/>Cancer &amp; Hospice Patients<br/>Paul &amp; Joanne Spilman<br/>Gary Schnable / Paul Gilson<br/>Kaye &amp; Tom Yurik<br/>Jack &amp; Vicki Young<br/>Ray Schmidt / Mark Smith<br/>Marylou Nice / Lisa Krause<br/>Bruce &amp; Sharon Stover</p>                                                                 | <p>9 PASTOR ED<br/>REV. DITTER<br/>Dick &amp; Alice Hollingsworth<br/>Earl &amp; Edna Simpkins<br/>Boyd &amp; Eva Davenport<br/>Jack &amp; Diane Althouse<br/>Muriel Smith / Jane Hedrick<br/>Denise Jakits / Anne Dyer<br/>Ron &amp; Cathy Hartman<br/>Carol Becker</p>                                               | <p>10 PASTOR ED<br/>REV. DITTER<br/>Nancy Thimm / Bob Ditter<br/>Barb Kratz / Marie Damiani<br/>Darryl Knechtel / Chase A<br/>Annette Jacobs / Anthony H<br/>Welly Cressman / Zoey B<br/>Dale &amp; Tina Gerhart<br/>Dale Shisler / Peter Zucca<br/>Alice Strawser</p>                                                                        | <p>11 PASTOR ED<br/>REV. DITTER<br/>The United Methodist Ch.<br/>Bishop Moore-Koikoi<br/>D.S. Rev. Andrew Foster<br/>The Van Arsdale Family<br/>The Ditter Family<br/>Tabor Children &amp; Youth<br/>Tabor Finance Committee<br/>Tabor Church</p>                                     | <p>12 PASTOR ED<br/>REV. DITTER<br/>Emma &amp; Jim Seltzer<br/>Jim &amp; Beth Rittenhouse<br/>Hayley &amp; Baby Schaffer<br/>Butch &amp; Sandi Hoffman<br/>Dick McMullen / Bob Shaw<br/>Jamie Welby / Addie Neyra<br/>Dave Parish / John Werner<br/>Rick &amp; Ginny Schmid</p>                                                            | <p>13 PASTOR ED<br/>Reverend Ditter<br/>Children &amp; Youth Leaders</p>             |
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## CHURCH LIBRARY CHRISTMAS TITLES



Jesus Listens for Advent & Christmas by Sarah Young. Fill your season with peace and joy with these prayers and reflections.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Wonder of Christmas. 101 magical stories.

In Search of the Real Spirit of Christmas by Dan Schaeffer. Christmas seasons come and go and can sometimes leave us with pangs of regret. What is the real Christmas spirit?

Kneeling in Bethlehem by Ann Weems. Includes reflections and poems on advent, the birth, angels, faith, and the message of Christmas.

The Bridge by Karen Kingsbury. (fiction) Set in Tennessee, this is a heart warming story of the return of lost love, a flood, friendship, and a struggling bookstore.

DVD – “The Nativity Story.” An inspirational family film telling the story of Mary and Joseph and their journey.

Share a book with your children or grandchildren:

Bright Star, Bright Star, What Do You See?

The Legend of the Christmas Tree - The Johnson Family discovers the story of how the evergreen tree became a symbol of Christmas and a way to tell people about God.

The Legend of the Candy Cane by Lori Walburg.

The Fruitcake Christmas (Max Lucado) - The ladybug twins show Iggy and Ziggy Cockroach the true meaning of Christmas.



## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR CHOICE(S): # OF RED \_\_\_\_\_ # OF PINK \_\_\_\_\_ # OF WHITE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ DUE FOR POINSETTIA(S) ORDERED @ \$7.50 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

ALL ORDERS (with payment please - make checks payable to Tabor United Methodist Church or TUMC) ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025.

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

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IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please place your contribution for the Poinsettia(s) in an envelope and label it "Poinsettia." Place your order form in the designated box in the Narthex or mail it to the Church office. Following the Christmas Eve Service, you may take your Poinsettia(s) along with you, if you care to do so. If you would like your Poinsettia(s) to be taken to a shut-in or given to someone, please indicate that by placing a check mark here \_\_\_\_\_.



***Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company***

*is bringing* ***Santa*** *to your neighborhood*

***Saturday, December 20, 2025***

***Visit Santa at one of these locations:***

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

Food Drive



***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.\****



# American Red Cross

The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.™

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS

## June Russell Memorial Blood Drive

### Tabor United Methodist Church

2209 Hendricks Station Road, Woxall, PA 18979

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

2:00 – 7:00 P.M.

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Thursday, January 8, 2026

2:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or  
call 1800-REDCROSS to schedule your  
appointment today.

**Tabor United Methodist Church**  
2209 Hendricks Station Road  
P.O. Box 38  
Woxall, Pennsylvania 18979

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MAILED - NOVEMBER 24, 2025

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