



TABOR HERALD

Honoring God * Making Disciples * Serving Others

Celebrating the work of God at Tabor United Methodist Church

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From the **PASTOR**—

Hello!

How was your summer? I hope it was great but I also know that summer doesn't always take a break from the rollercoaster of life. Forever I have been promising myself that I want "this summer" to be different. I have always looked to summer for the opportunity to slow down the crazy pace of my life and have more time with God. Well, after many years I think I have done better this summer and I wanted to share some insights with you.

While I am still grieving the passing of my mother, I can hear her in my mind, "would you sit still"! Ha ha, I have heard those words probably a thousand times growing up. Whether it was my mom cutting my hair or sitting in the pew at church. I was a kid with ADHD before we had letters to describe the way some of us are wired differently. Back then all we knew was that "Eddie is hyper – don't give him sugar or red Kool-Aid"!

I'm not sure if it is linked to being "hyper" or coincidence but ever since I can remember I have been a "doer". I think I am a busy guy doing stuff that needs to get done. For me, I feel satisfied when I am productive which is good (or bad?) because there is a lot that needs to get done at church (it can be exhausting at times).

So, as I began earlier – perhaps summer is a great opportunity to grow a deeper relationship with God. And although I had the best intentions to make the most of this past summer – I still found my days cluttered with an overwhelmingly long "to do" list. I decided I actually wanted to **DO** something about this. I wanted to listen to God. And as I became aware that I was "**DOING**" again, I could feel the words of scripture rise up in my mind, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). But what does being still actually do to help us know God?

Perhaps "physical stillness" is one key place to start when wanting to hear from God. I've done some studying and "being still" creates what is called a "posture of receptivity" and space in our souls to hear from God. Being still is like replenishing the store shelves after hours at Landis Supermarket. It allows us time and space to renew. Our bodies get to reboot and be restored. Just like sleeping restores us – **cultivating stillness in our lives reenergizes us.**

Many people claim that taking a few minutes of silence and stillness a day makes many tasks easier, more enjoyable and they are less tired. It can also steady our heartbeat and lower blood pressure. Yes, we can become "still" when we stop moving our bodies – but as we often experience – our minds can still be full of noise.

Just like physical stillness – "silence in our thoughts" can also be difficult. Maybe we might be afraid of what God will say to us. What will He ask of me? Will I have a say in what God asks of me? Do I really even want to hear from God? But maybe there is something to an "inner stillness" that creates a "heart posture" and "receptivity" to the Spirit of God. What if God speaks all the time and we miss Him?

Maybe that fear of what God might say – maybe that kept me from discovering that **His voice is far gentler than my own inner critic.** What I experienced was that the requests that God makes are not the heavy burdens I imagined – but **they are actually invitations into more life – not less.** Still, getting there required me to actually be quiet long enough to find out!

In 1 Kings 19:11-13, Elijah is hiding in a cave from people who want to kill him. God reveals Himself to Elijah after two very intense experiences of wind and an earthquake. This time it was not in a dramatic demonstration of fire or a booming cloud that God spoke – but in a gentle whisper (1 Kings 19:12). I can imagine as the dust settled from the wind and as

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Elijah's body was stunned from the earthquake – Elijah was in awe – still and silent – making Elijah very attentive to the voice of God. Stillness is a physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual posture that Elijah took to be able to hear the gentle whisper of God.

Can you handle more of my “research”? Okay, well according to 16th century Spanish mystic John of the Cross, “silence is God's first language”. I think John of the Cross was on to something profound and ground breaking. Because when God created the world – everything was still and silent. In the beginning there was not any chatter. There was just God in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – hovering over the waters (Genesis 1:2). Within stillness and silence – God created out of the abundance within Himself – speaking and bringing life into existence. If this is what God did to create the world – how much more could God use silence and stillness to bring life to us, to talk to us, and commune with us! When we are still and silent – we are present to ourselves and to God! It is in stillness that we can feel our emotions, listen to our thoughts, and create an inner space to hear from God. Whew – let's take a breath and a pause to process all of that!

Okay, let's continue now. Maybe you are like me and “stillness” is not easy – it's actually very difficult! Maybe it seems like swimming upstream with 30-pound weights tied to your arms! Can anyone say Amen? Because we know what happens if we are still – the “internal noise” starts rising and hits us with “you should be doing something else” and other protests and sincere objections to what we are doing. Maybe when you are silent you have negative thoughts like, “you have plenty of other things you need to be doing”. Internal noise can disrupt our simplest desire to present ourselves to God. If that happens – simply (well it's actually not so simple but I think you know what I mean) acknowledge the thoughts and return to your intention of wanting to hear from God. **Being “kind” to the thoughts that come up usually disarms them.** It is hard to be silent and also move at the same time – so keep stillness and silence hand in hand in the beginning.

Silence can keep us connected to reality. Especially the reality of God! Prayer is a two-way conversation and when we are silent and listening then we are passing the torch to God and giving Him time and space to speak to us. Have you ever been in a conversation and while the other person is talking – you are formulating a response to them or having

thoughts of your own? We don't really hear the other when our minds are full of our own agenda, emotions, and thoughts.

Becoming still creates an internal space. Think of it like clearing off the dining room table to invite guests over for dinner [anyone like me who uses the dining room table as a “catch all” for all the stuff – until company comes over? Just curious!]. Because of all of the misplaced “stuff” – there is no place to sit, no room to gather, how can you host anyone? The clutter – the bills, mail, yesterday's projects – all has to be moved aside first. Stillness and silence work the same way in our “inner lives”. Stillness and silence clear the clutter of our thoughts, worries, and endless mental “to do” lists – creating room for God to actually show up and be present with us.

In other words – **silence and stillness are “intentional practices” to empty ourselves and “make room for God” – to fill us with who He is. When we fail to make room in our hearts – we miss experiencing God's invitations, His tender and loving voice, His wise and guiding voice – and most of all we miss His divine presence.**

When we are silent – we are acknowledging that God is Almighty and that we are not. He is Lord! That God is worthy of our attention and we are actively trusting that God might have something for us in stillness – it implies that being with God is simply enough. Let's say that again and let that sink in – “God is enough”! Jesus told us (John 15:4–11) to “abide in Him” – “live in Him” – “dwell in Him” – because He is all that we need!

So, maybe you want to try to do some “stillness and silence” but the thought of being quiet for a few minutes seems impossible. I agree and I understand! Perhaps start with what you can do and try it a few times before giving up. Enter stillness to the degree in which you are able to – even if for only 1 minute or 5 minutes – that is great! That is 1 minute more than you did the week before! And it is progress! Life is full of “baby steps”!

If you feel that God is inviting you to practice some stillness – no matter what happens – then perhaps God is up to something! I believe your spiritual life would be greatly blessed whether you can sense the movement of God right away or not. Are you ready for a baby step? I took many baby steps this summer and I am very glad that I finally did!

And thank you for being a part of what God is doing at Tabor Pastor Ed,
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From the Deacon's Desk...

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Have you considered that the mind is a powerful tool? Where our mind leads, our bodies and actions will follow. This includes dwelling on temptations, or we can hold on to ideas that direct us in ways that are not holy. Unfortunately, the enemy can use our thoughts in our minds to get us off course.

In Paul's letter to the Philippians he tells us that we all have a problem controlling our minds. Unfortunately, our minds can get us into trouble in seconds. We get distracted. We see something exciting. We get bored with what we have and – poof – our mind has latched on to something it shouldn't have. The best way to steer a child away from what will harm them is to put something better in front of them. The best way to get our minds off something we shouldn't be focused on, is to change our focus to God and His Word.

The Philippian Church was facing opposition and Paul wanted to remind them that their lives were an expression of Jesus and so they needed to keep their minds focused on Christ. Didn't we just talk about that in Church several weeks back?

In Philippians 4:8-9 it says "Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, what is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." Paul thought this was important enough because he brought it up in other letters that he had written to the churches. "Set your minds on things above" (Col. 3:2); "take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ (2 Cor. 10:5); and one of my personal favorites, "be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2).

According to confidentwomenco.com they presented four truths that will help us to find breakthrough as we let our mind be renewed by Christ. The first is "Recognize the power of your thoughts and take authority over them". There does come a time in our life when we learn the power that our thoughts have over us. Rehearsing a thought

that is not true over and over holds us back from receiving all that God has for us. For example if we keep repeating to ourselves "I am not smart enough for God to use me" we will begin to believe it. But once we learn about God's grace, favor, and mercy, we can start to choose thoughts that align with God's Word. Think thoughts that align with what God says about you and you will see the promises of God come forth in your life.

The second truth is "Replace the negative thought or lie with truth and Scripture". One of the most effective ways to combat negative thinking is to become familiar with Scripture. When you find yourself spiraling into a negative head space, find Scripture to help you see the light again. For example, you think your past disqualifies you from living out the great calling that Christ has on your life, read 2 Corinthians 5:17. It says "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here." Trust and believe that Scripture is your weapon in battling any discouraging thoughts you have.

The third truth is "Speak to your mountain". As believers, we have the authority and power to speak to the situation that is disturbing our peace of mind. Be sure to thank God for the victory that we have in Christ to speak to and ultimately overcome any mental strongholds.

The fourth truth is "Let Christ shift your mindset and expect the goodness of God to flow in your life". Romans 8:37 says "No, in all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." This speaks to the overcomers we are in Christ. Also keep remembering the goodness of God. God is our Redeemer, our restorer and our Heavenly Father who created us to live out His will for our lives and do so with Joy!!!

Jesus also knew that the power of our thoughts could either lead us toward Him or away from Him. Jesus is everything Paul listed in Philippians above. If we are to be altered by the Holy Spirit, we must surrender our thoughts and grasp hold of the truth of Jesus. When you begin to feel your mind wander, pull your focus back to Paul's encouragement and ask yourself if you mind is wondering over other matter.

The life God has for you is magnificent so expect nothing less. Memorize the Scriptures that are helpful to You to keep Your mind focused on Him and not what the enemy repeats in your thoughts over and over.

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

**SENIOR LUNCHEON
BACK IN SEPTEMBER
Wednesday, September 16, 2026**



I hope you have enjoyed your summer and are ready to come back to the fellowship of our Senior Luncheons. Because, the next one will be on Wednesday, September 16 at 12:00 noon. We will again have our Barbecue grill going with hamburgers, hotdogs and chicken. Rolls will also be provided.

If you are able to come, please sign the sign-up sheet outside the Sanctuary. We can always use sides for our Barbecue 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 FOR SALE**

We continue to have Applebees burger coupons for sale. They are available in the office or during our fellowship time after the Worship Service. We have sold half of the coupons and only have 30 left.

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

GOD IS LOVE!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Adult Sunday School will start back up on Sunday, September 27. We will continue our study of Elisha from II Kings.

I am sorry we are starting so late in September but I will be away the third Sunday of September and I didn't want to start one week and not be there the next.

I am looking forward to studying God's Word with you again.

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

DID YOU KNOW?

Sunday School for adults will begin meeting on September 27 and then 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/

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

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

TABOR RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 13, 2026 / 10:00AM

Let's get excited! Let's "pump it up"! Let's "turn up the volume"! **Let's Rally Together!** Well, if that is what you want then the good news is that **Sunday, September 13, 2026 is Rally Day!** And I am excited about the up-coming season because Jesus "rallied" His disciples to a new way of living and a new way "to be". He "rallied" them around our Heavenly Father's love for the world and for a wider understanding of who is welcome to His Father's house. In the Gospels Jesus calls the disciples - and us - to a life of costly discipleship. Yes, following Jesus can be seen as "free" but it will cost us to sacrifice our self-centered way of living for the much better way of living as the example that Jesus gives us in the Gospels. *Matthew 6:33 **Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.***

Jesus calls us to welcome the stranger and the poor, to love our neighbor and to faithfully use our God-given Holy Spirit gifts to serve His church. In Luke 14 Jesus is invited to a dinner with a "prominent Pharisee". Jesus tells them a parable about a wedding feast and not to take the seat of honor. In verse 10 and 11: But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, "Friend, move up to a better place." Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Then Jesus continues *"when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, **and you will be blessed.**"* That's what we have been doing at Tabor Church - there have been new people coming who aren't exactly like us - and God is pleased and glorified and has blessed us! And God continues to bless us as they have gone on to invite their friends! We are seeing new and different people regularly! Praise God!

The newness and excitement at the start of September provides an opportunity to "rally" our church to demonstrate our faith in ways that serve our community (one reason why God placed Tabor Church where it is) and deepen our connection to God. Yet in the busy-ness of our life - it doesn't take long before our individual church involvement slows down. A community meeting here, a soccer game there, homework and work demands can pull us away from our church commitment - or, at the least - take away our time and energy for serving at Tabor.

We need Jesus' words to "rally" us in our faith. To volunteer at church and to reach out to our neighbors. Let the example from the widow in Jesus'

parable in Luke 18 who **persistently** and **faithfully** kept returning to the unfaithful judge with her plea be our inspiration. **Consider what persistence looks like to you in this season.** Perhaps it's simply worshiping regularly or opening up our Bibles daily. Maybe it's praying with our kids or our spouse before bedtime. **Maybe it's stepping up and serving in one of our great church ministries which needs your help.** And please, trust me - I know it doesn't make sense - but the way God works is that as you sacrifice your precious time and volunteer - **God blesses you for it!** So, in a sense - I have no problem in lovingly saying this from your Heavenly Father, "You need to serve at church" (**not as an obligation but as one way that God wants to bless to you**). God wants to bless you in a special way but some people are missing out on that because they are not being faithful in using their spiritual gift at church. Yes, God has given you a spiritual gift - not to be used for yourself - but to be used at serving God's church. Please consider 1 Peter 4:10-11.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Also please consider that Jesus was not above serving us. Jesus found time to serve the disciples. Jesus washed the disciple's feet as an example of serving others - and then Jesus asked the disciples (and us) to wash each other's feet. Now I am not asking you to wash my feet - but if you could help to serve in one of our ministries then I sure would appreciate it!

Wherever we find ourselves this season - and whatever the days bring - let us enter in with joy and persistence - listening for Jesus calling. And remember that **God will always rally for us - in love, grace, forgiveness and new life.** Over and over again.

So, in the same way that God "rallies for us" - **let us rally for one another!** Could the women's group use some more people to help? Let's rally around them and help them! Could the Children's Ministry use some more volunteers? Let's rally around them and volunteer! Could Tabor use more servers? Let's rally around Tabor and serve in the name of God! Let me leave you with the words of Paul to the Church of Galatia: Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Let's Rally Together, Pastor Ed

DISCIPLES OF HOPE (DOH)

We love beginnings and DOH will begin meeting again on Monday, September 14th, 2026 from 11a.m-12:30p.m. in Room 9. And yes, we would LOVE to have you join our group. Being good Methodists, we begin each meeting with light refreshments, cheerfully provided by a member of our group and followed by a wonderful time of fellowship and laughter.

Our main focus is to continue growing together in our faith through Biblical teachings by learned and inspirational Christian leaders viewed on our DVD. We follow this with challenging discussions guided by the Holy Spirit.

Our first meeting on September 14th will be an organizational one where we'll discuss the various studies available to us. The group will then decide which topic and presenter we would like to follow.

Please consider being a part of this inspirational ministry. DOH loves God and you. We think it's a great way to start your week! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ed, Maryanne, or Edna/Earl Simpkins. ~ Edna Simpkins

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23:

"God's mercies do not fail. They are new each morning".

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

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SAVE THE DATE!

**June Russell Memorial
American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Donate Blood at Tabor Church
on Thursday, October 22, 2026
1:00P.M. to 6:00P.M.**

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**PRAY "THE LORD'S PRAYER"
AT NOON & BE BLESSED!**

PRAYER MEETINGS Wednesdays 5:30-6:30PM

Occasionally, Pastor Ed has mentioned to the church that one of the highlights of his week is being with our prayer intercessors and warriors on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:30p.m. in Room 9. I think that all those attending the Prayer Meetings would agree with him.

We have the blessing of beginning our prayer time together with one of our prayer intercessors sharing with us what the Holy Spirit has placed on their hearts and minds. They choose inspirational music for us to sing together and we always spend precious time in prayer. Truly blessing upon blessing.

And speaking of prayer, the school year has already started and I found this lovely, short prayer which I think we should lift in prayer:

"Dear God, as we begin the 2026 school year, we place every student, teacher, and staff member into Your hands. Grant our children peace, sharp minds and kind friends. Fill our educators with boundless patience, wisdom and strength. Protect them all in every classroom and hallway, and guide their steps each day. Amen." ~ Edna Simpkins

ISAIAH 41:10:

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand".

UPCOMING DATE

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

Please save this date!

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

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

I hope to see you there,
Pastor Ed

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

&

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to You!!!

9/02 Drew Campman
9/03 Ben Campman
9/04 Carol Mitterer
9/05 Sabrina Cassel
9/07 George Ditter
9/07 Joey Rogers
9/07 Sunny Rogers
9/08 Elliott Robinson
9/10 Kathy Speck
9/15 Kevin Lewis
9/17 Sawyer Frick
9/18 Butch Hoffman
9/18 Brian Kriebel
9/19 Roger McGill
9/19 Nancy Thimm
9/19 Kaye Yurik
9/20 Carol Becker
9/22 Steve Jefferson
9/27 Jason Wertz

~ If we missed your birthday please let us know ~

Happy Anniversary to You!!!

9/02 Geordie & Alicia Ditter
9/03 Scott & Kristina Jones
9/13 Chad & Melody Hoffman
9/15 Elliott & Sarah Robinson
9/20 Rick & Ginny Schmid
9/21 Justin & Amy Wertz
9/22 Don & Christine Gouldey
9/23 Doug & Lydia Landis
9/23 Brian & Bessie Staehle
9/24 Paul & Joanne Spilman
9/26 Jim & Michele Geller
9/30 Jim & Kelly Stackhouse

~ If we missed your anniversary please let us know ~

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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 vlschmid@mac.com ~ Blessings, Ginny

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

AVAILABLE

The free September / October / November 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 mail it to you or schedule a time when you can pick it up.



Sunday, September 13 @ 10 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church secretary's office hours for most weeks continue to be Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00a.m. to 4:30p.m. These hours will not be in effect when a holiday falls during the week, a previously scheduled time off, or if an emergency arises. It is always a good idea to contact the church office before driving to the church. On days when I am not physically in the church office, I am/can be doing church work at home. I may also be in the office some Mondays & Fridays as needed. YOU are important, so if the scheduled office hours do not meet your needs, please feel free to contact me at 215-234-4852 (church) or 215-692-3489 (cell) to make other arrangements with reasonable requests. Please remember to allow three (3) office days when you need work to be done for you by the church office. God Bless!!

~ Cindy Frick

COLLEGE MINISTRY UPDATE

Attention all post high school undergrad/grad/technical students: Tabor Church wants to be supportive of you during your undergrad/grad schooling and would like to have your contact information to do so. Information forms are available outside the Sanctuary or by contacting the church office. Once you have obtained a form, please provide the information requested and return it to the church office ASAP so that we have your undergrad/grad info. If you have any questions about this ministry, to provide your info or to have a form sent to you, please see or contact Cindy in the church office at 215-234-4852 or by emailing her at adminassistant@taborumc.org We look forward to hearing from YOU!!

Please Note: we are looking for cookie bakers to help with providing goodies to our college students. If you can help, please use the info above to contact Cindy.

UPCOMING 2026 DATES

.....Pray "The Lord's Prayer" at Noon & Be Blessed!
.....Wednesday "Prayer Meetings" / 5:30-6:30PM
September 6.....Communion Sunday
September 7.....Labor Day Holiday
September 10...October Tabor Herald Articles Due
September 10...Tabor Church Being Cleaned / 2-6PM
September 13....**10AM**-Tabor Rally Day 2026
September 13....Grandparents' Day
September 14....DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meets 11AM-12:30PM in Classroom #9
September 16...Senior Lunch Picnic @ 12:00 Noon
September 18, 19 & 20...Sweatshirt of Hope 2026 Event Located @ 741 North County Line Road, Souderton, PA, 18964. Free Community Event! Includes Food, Kids Events, Resources, Recovery Walk, Live Concerts, Former NY Giants David Tyree, Horses & Horse-Power, Worship, Car Show & More.
Friday, 6:30PM; Saturday, 9AM-8PM; Sunday, 9AM-2PM. Full Schedule at Sweatshirtofhope.org
September 21...Sanctuary, Church Kitchen & Weller Hall Reserved/6-10PM for 7PM Upper Salford Historical Society Event about Lilliput Farm
September 22...First Day of Autumn
September 24...Tabor Church Being Cleaned / 2-6PM
September 25...Circle of Hope Will Be Volunteering with Feed My Starving Children Event Held at Berean Bible Church, 2675 East High Street, Pottstown, PA, 19464 from 9-11:30AM. Volunteers Need to Register Online at www.fmssc.org and Search for Tabor UMC Group to Sign Up. Contact Cathy Sacks at 484-880-0393 with any ?'s-Cathy is Leading
September 27....Adult Sunday School Class Begins @ 9AM & Ends @ 9:45AM. We Will Meet in the Chapel or in Classroom #9
October 3.....Circle of Hope Will Be Volunteering @ Worthwhile Thrift Located at 305 Second Avenue, Collegeville, PA from 10AM-12PM. Watch for more Details. Diane C. Leading
October 4.....World Communion Sunday
October 22.....June Russell Memorial Red Cross Blood Drive @ Tabor / 1-6PM
November 7.....Circle of Hope "Christmas Card Making & Lunch in Weller Hall. Time TBD
November 9.....Tabor Church Charge Conference / 7:00PM @ Tabor U.M.C. We will be Meeting with our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Andrew Foster through ZOOM. Tabor SPRC Committee will be Meeting with the DS @ 6:30PM

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 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~	7 ~COMMUNION SUNDAY~ ~Rev. Ditter Unavailable~ ~Labor Day~ ~Rev. Ditter Unavailable~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 7:30PM-AA Group	1 ~ PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF ~ ~Rev. Ditter Unavailable~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 7:30PM-AA Group	2 ~Rev. Ditter Unavailable~ 9AM-Craft Circle 10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 11AM-Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service (Room #9)	3 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ ~Rev. Ditter Unavailable~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 7:30PM-Basketball in Weller Hall	4 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ ~Rev. Ditter Unavailable~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~	5 ~Rev. Ditter Unavailable~ 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall 7PM-AA Group
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27 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~	28 ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9 7:30PM-AA Group	29 ~ PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF ~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 7:30PM-AA Group	30 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 9AM-Craft Circle 10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 11AM-Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service (Room #9)	PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE @ 215-234-4852 WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDS TABOR SCHEDULING. LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NO ONE ANSWERS.		



Praise Him

~ PRAYER CALENDAR ~

SEPTEMBER 2026

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And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for the saints. ~~Ephesians 6:18	THE U.S.A. ALL COUNTRIES FIRST RESPONDERS DISASTER VICTIMS THE HOMELESS ALL STUDENTS ALL TEACHERS MILITARY FAMILY: KARYN CAUDELL STEVEN JEFFERSON JULIAN SCHMIDT JOSHUA TAYLOR KARL YURIK	1 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Jane Kulp / Bob Schaffer Edna & Earl Simpkins Oliver Jefferson / Katie Jay & Robin Moyer Jack & Diane Althouse Kaye & Tom Yurik Jill & Ches & Baby / Zoe B Kim Tilly / Josh Mulligan Ron & Cathy Hartman John Groff / Keith Groff Jim & Emma Seltzer	2 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Jim & Beth Rittenhouse Brian & Bev Wasser Boyd & Eva Davenport Don & Christine Gouldie Jim & Mary Anne Hartnett Annette Jacobs / Welly C Alice Strawser / Judy R Samantha Hemmerle Mike Weller / Bob & Lou S Brother Mike / Steven Clark Bruce & Sharon Stover	3 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	4 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Jessica & Baby Greenawalt Alicia & Baby Ditter Payton & Baby Strickland Butch & Sandi Hoffman Linda Renick / Bob Ditter Kimberly Yurik Gery Richard & Gloria Schladler Alice Mae Glover / Carol M Lester & Karen Kintz Gary & Rosemarie Rippert Carol Becker	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 7/31/2026
General Fund	\$120,205.27	\$146,495.56	-137,125.79	-\$140.00	\$129,435.04
Mortgage Fund	-\$149,744.92	\$6,343.50	-\$37,695.00	\$0.00	-\$181,096.42
Missions Fund	21,604.95	\$3,475.50	-\$12,000.90	\$0.00	\$13,079.55
Special Designated Funds	\$107,313.08	\$18,674.15	-\$5,165.78	\$140.00	\$120,961.45
Total	\$99,378.38	\$174,988.71	-\$191,987.47	\$0.00	\$82,379.62

The figures reflect a downward trend which is very much the norm for summer months. Looking forward to seeing improvement in the fall. Thank you for your continued support of Tabor UMC and the work God is performing here!

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER MINISTRY

Tabor Church continues the "My Brother's Keeper" sleeping bag ministry for the many homeless people in communities all around us. We struggle to replenish the items necessary to continue on with our mission. There are many men, women and sometimes even children struggling against the deprivation of a warm bed, change of clothes and personal toiletries to freshen up.

We collect items year round, anything that God has blessed you with that you can now pass on to others. Items can be new, used or handmade. Items must be in good condition ... please no clothing with holes, fraying or stains. Remember ... God's Love is sufficient for all of us! What a better way to thank Him than by providing His sheep with warmth, kindness, love and prayers wrapped together in every bag bed?

Below is God's Wish List to help His people ... it begins with you!

These can be new or used items:

- ~ warm hats/caps;
- ~ warm scarves;
- ~ warm mittens/gloves;
- ~ boxer shorts/underwear briefs;
- ~ long underwear/shirts;
- ~ socks-ankle, calf or knee length;
- ~ men's/ladies large sizes pants or jeans;
- ~ men's/ladies large sizes tee shirts;
- ~ men's/ladies large sizes long sleeve shirts;
- ~ men's neck ties;
- ~ bath towels/wash clothes;
- ~ large blankets or throws;
- ~ sheets/quilts/comforters.

These must be new items:

- ~ new toothbrushes;
- ~ new small tubes of toothpaste;
- ~ new bars of soap;
- ~ shampoo travel size or small.

Contact our Church office (215-234-4852) for dropping off your items at Tabor during the week as the office hours fluctuate. If you have any questions or comments please see or contact Bette Martin, Sandi Hoffman, Carol Morgan or Muriel Smith.

Please! We invite anyone, men or women, to join us for fun, conversation and fellowship as we tie knots. We meet most Wednesday mornings from 9:00a.m to noon in the Education Wing, unless a change has been made. We look forward to YOU joining US!

THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED

Dear Tabor Church,

I sincerely apologize for the delay in thanking you all for the wonderful Easter basket of goodies and the other essential items from your pantry that you have blessed us with during the year.

We had a couple of family illnesses and lost my mother-in-law and sister-in-law within the last 2 months or so ... it hit my husband hard and the rest of our family.

Anyway, we are so very grateful for all of your help and generosity. It has been a huge blessing. Many thanks again. God Bless You All!

~ A Food Pantry Client

I GO TO CHURCH ...

~Not because a sermon is preached, though it can be helpful;

~Not because good music is provided, though I obtain much benefit from the musical part of the service;

~Not because other people go, though following the crowd is all right when the crowd is going the right way;

~Not because I have the habit, though I consider the custom of church attendance valuable;

~Not because I am afraid God will punish me if I am absent, though neglect of church attendance brings moral and spiritual poverty;

~Not because at church I wear my best clothes, though, like most people, I enjoy being well-dressed;

~Not because there I am in the best society, though the company of Christian people is very attractive to me;

~Not because I agree with all the religious ideas and lifestyles of everyone who goes. I don't; it's impossible.

~I go because Jesus went even when he could not agree with the scribes and Pharisees, nor the congregation.

~I go because God is my Creator and Friend, the source of all that is worthwhile in my life and in my world.

~From the NewsletterNewsletter

GOD LOVES YOU!



2026 Calendar

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

September 25 (Friday) 9:00-11:30am. Feed My Starving Children food packing event held at Berean Bible Church, 2675 East High Street, Pottstown, PA 19464. Volunteers will need to register online at www.fmssc.org and search for Tabor UMC group to sign up. Donations are encouraged but not required to volunteer. See or

contact Cathy Sacks (484-880-0393) with any questions. Feed My Starving Children's (FMSC) mission: Feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. FMSC's approach: The process is simple. Donations given by people just like you fund the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved! Please join us at this food packing event. (Cathy S. Leading)

October 3 (Saturday) 10:00am-12:00pm. Volunteering at Worthwhile Thrift Collegeville, 305 2nd Avenue, Suite 201, Collegeville, PA 19426. (Diane C. Leading)

November 7 (Saturday) Time To Be Announced. At Tabor. Christmas Card Making with Lunch.

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

A Child Of God

A seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, TN. One morning, they were eating breakfast in a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." But sure enough, the man did come over to their table. "Where are you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice. "Oklahoma," they answered. "Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said. "What do you do for living?"

"I teach at seminary," replied the professor.

"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really good story for you." And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple. The professor groaned and thought to himself, "Great, just what I need; another preacher story! The man started, "See that mount over there?" (pointing out a restaurant window). "Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard

time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question. "Hey boy, who's your daddy?" Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question. "Who's your daddy?" He would hide at recess and lunchtime from other students. He would avoid going into stores because that question hurt him so much. When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, "Who's your daddy?" But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast, he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, "Son, who's your daddy?" The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, "Who's your daddy?" The new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using

discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to the scared little boy. "Wait a minute!" he said, "I know who your are. I see the family resemblance now. You are a child of God." With that, he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, "Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it." With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door of the church a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him, "Who's your Daddy?" he'd just tell them, "I'm a child of God." The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, "Isn't that a great story?" The professor responded that it really was a great story! As the man turned to leave, he said, "You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably would never have amounted to anything!" And he walked away. The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over and asked her, "Do you know that man who just left that was sitting at our table?" The waitress grinned and said, "Of course, everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper, the former governor of Tennessee!" Someone in your life today needs a reminder that they are one of God's children.

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8

You're one of God's children. I see the resemblance.



ME

You tell me that I'm getting old
I tell you that's not so!
The "house" that I live in is all worn out,
And that, of course, I know.

A few short years can't make me old,
I feel I'm in my youth.
Eternity lies just ahead
A life of joy and truth.

It's been in use a long, long time
And weathered many a gale,
I'm really not surprised to find
it's getting somewhat frail.

I'm going to live forever there,
And I think it will be grand.
You tell me I am getting old?
You just don't understand.

The color is changing on the roof
And the windows are getting dim,
The steps by now, are quite well worn
It's appearance no longer trim.

The dweller in my little "house"
Is bright and young and gay,
Just starting out on a life
That lasts a great eternal day.

The foundation is not as steady
As once it used to be.
Yes, my "house" is getting shaky,
But, my "house" isn't me!

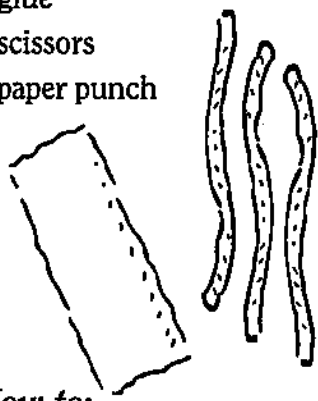
You only see the outside
Which is all that most folks see
You tell me I am getting old
You've mixed my "house" up with "me."

— Selected

Make a bookmark to mark your favorite Bible verse

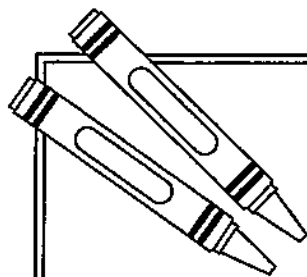
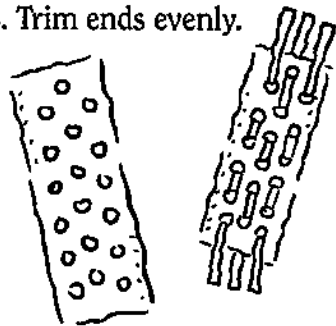
You will need:

- a 2" x 5" strip of construction paper
- 3 pieces of ribbon or rug yarn, each 8" long
- glue
- scissors
- paper punch



How to:

1. Punch 3 rows of 6 holes each as shown.
2. Weave a piece of yarn/ribbon through each. Let the ribbon hang over each end.
3. Put a bit of glue at each end to hold.
4. Trim ends evenly.



Just for KIDS

2 Timothy 3:16-17

The books and subjects that we study in school prepare us for our futures and our lives. Studying the Bible is important also. Find what Paul wrote to his young helper, Timothy.

First write a word to fit each definition. Then transfer the letters to the lines below.

Printed and bound sheets of paper

1 2 3 4

They form the alphabet

5 6 7 8 9 10 11

One who is learning

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

A small test

19 20 21 22

A group of relatives

23 24 25 26 27 28

To offer something

29 30 31 32

Glad

33 34 35 36 37

Group who works together

38 39 40 41

“ 24 5 27 11 38 10 26 35 7 14 10 6 21 11 29 2 15

1 10 9 24 18 33 6 15 24 17 15 21 12

20 11 40 23 14 27 23 3 10 13 16 24 38 33 21 17 29 ’

39 9 1 14 4 21 17 29 ’ 38 2 10 10 40 38 8 21 17 29

34 17 15 7 10 24 21 17 21 17 29 26 17

39 30 29 33 8 9 3 14 11 17 32 12 11 ”

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”



BIBLE Treasure Hunt

Let the search — and the fun — begin! Try one or both of the variations below, adjusting for age-appropriateness as needed.

What you need:

- Bibles
- Self-stick notes or pieces of paper
- Pencil
- Treats
- Boxes (treasure chests)

What you do:

Locations Treasure Hunt

1. Find Bible verses that mention a place inside or outside your house. The location for Matthew 7:8, for example, is a door.
2. Write each verse on a self-stick note and hide all but the first clue. Give the first clue to the player(s).
3. Leave the treats at the final clue destination.

Object Treasure Hunt

1. Find Bible verses that mention objects that can be found nearby. The object for Matthew 16:19, for example, is a key.
2. Give each player an empty box, a Bible and a list of verses as clues.
3. Have players return their collected items for a final prize.

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