



TABOR HERALD

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Celebrating the work of God at Tabor United Methodist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR — Happy February!

Yes, it's the shortest month but there is a lot packed into it! St. Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, Super Bowl Sunday, Black History Month, Presidents' Day, Scout Sunday, (usually Ash Wednesday – but not this month – this year it's on March 5) and many more! And because it only has 28 days – it's the only month of the year that can pass without a single full moon. This last happened in 2018 and will next happen again in 2037. So, I guess to get everything done in this shorter month then we need to be more efficient, right?

Efficiency is great but it's not always the most important thing. A while back I was a school bus driver (think Otto from the Simpsons ha ha). One of the elementary school moms got laid off from her corporate job so she thought she would help us bus drivers because she was confused by the route that we went through her neighborhood and then to school. She would follow the bus for several days and make notes. Finally, she showed up at the school board meeting with a more efficient bus route that would save time and gas. It was then explained to her that the bus director was well aware that the bus routes were not the most efficient – but that was not the top criteria for the elementary school students – **the top criteria was the safety of the elementary school students.** Therefore, in general the route tried to pick up the young students on the same side of the road to where the school bus door was. Also, in general they tried to plan the bus route when we had to travel busy roads to avoid left turns as much as reasonably possible. Once given this explanation the mom totally understood the reason for the “safe” bus routes. The mom then proceeded to the cafeteria to help the lunch crew with their inefficiencies!

And I get it – I think we all want to be efficient, right? I mean isn't that what being a good steward is about? My efficiencies glorify God, right? So how do you feel about interruptions in your day? I'm guessing

most of us don't like interruptions because we want to get the things we wisely planned for done. But do you think our Heavenly Father ever allows some “interruptions” into our day for his plan and purpose? Was Jesus ever interrupted and if so, then how did he handle these situations? Perhaps – like the school bus routes – of course efficiency matters – but is it the most important thing? **Perhaps God is more interested in our faithfulness,** because “without faith it is impossible to please Him” (Hebrews 11:6).

Have you ever noticed just how often Jesus was interrupted? In Luke 12:13 Jesus is teaching and someone interrupts him with “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me”. Another time in Luke 7:36-38 Jesus' dinner is interrupted by a woman who washes his feet with her tears and hair and then kissed his feet and poured perfume on them. Jesus' response to this interruption? Jesus tells the Pharisee and others a parable about having a debt that could not be paid but was forgiven and then Jesus tells the woman who “interrupted” his dinner in verse 48 “Your sins are forgiven”. Can God use interruptions?

The Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37 speaks of a **priest and a Levite who would NOT be interrupted to help the Samaritan.** And Jesus perhaps lives out this principle in Mark 10:46-51...

As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me”! Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me”! Jesus stopped and said, “Call him”. So, they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.” Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see”.

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God help us to "see" that some interruptions of our perfectly planned day may be from you!

In Mark 5:21-43 Jesus is interrupted by Jairus to heal his daughter. On the way to heal Jairus' daughter, Jesus is again interrupted by a woman with a bleeding problem. In both cases Jesus heals them because of their faith. **So, this "faith" stuff seems to be very important to God – even more important than efficiency!**

So, as we consider how we might prepare for the "daily interruptions" that God sends our way – we would be wise to keep this thought in mind – **we should not receive every interruption as a holy interruption** – as a God-sent, sanctifying inefficiency. Not all interruptions are created equal ha ha! For many of us – interruptions and distractions are the air we breathe! We can barely go fifteen minutes without our phone buzzing, our email dinging, our calendar binging, our news app updating and our social media popping up. Sadly, some of us (not me but that guy in the mirror) have become too familiar with a mind "fragmented" by technology – ouch! If we were ever separated from our "screens" for an afternoon – we might freak out like someone in withdrawal.

Interruptions such as these might not be God's plan for us (unless of course they are from the Tabor Prayer emails or other similar type stuff but you know what I am talking about). Maybe they are **distractions** from what God's plan is for us. Typically, instead of moving us into the lives of people around us at that moment (Matthew 22:39 Love your neighbor as yourself), these **distractions** can trick us to give our attention somewhere else – instead of slowing us down to listen (James 1:19 Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry). Instead, these **distractions** train us in the art of "swiping and skimming". Instead of inviting us to cast our burdens on God (1 Peter 5:6-7) these **distractions** might be helping to feed our anxiety. Hey don't be offended – I am preaching to myself here – not you (unless it applies to you also).

Too often, I resent the interruptions that God may have sent because they are **distractioning** me from my news feed! Ouch again! I know you are smarter than me – so whatever it takes – create the kind of calm and focused mind and life that is ready to receive God's interruptions. I'm sure there is something in the Bible about how to do that (wink wink)!

So, as we might try to get rid of the above worldly **distractions** – let's consider another practical step toward welcoming the interruptions that God sends. How about we intentionally try to leave enough buffer or "margin" (not margarine ha ha) in our schedule for God's interruptions – for loving others (come on – it's February – the month of love)! Margin is that blank space on our calendars and our daily planners with to-do lists – the empty, unplanned parts of the day that are available for the unexpected – God's interruptions!

And maybe that is the friction point for all of this. Perhaps interruptions frustrate some of us because we simply have no "margin" or buffer or space. Too often I pack one task or appointment or meeting on top of another (Wednesdays for example) leaving me to run between responsibilities with little room to breathe in between – and no room for God's interruptions. Such planning (at least for me most of the time) reflects an almost laughable amount of my ego – as if I naively expect everything that day to go according to **MY PLAN**. Gee, what could go wrong with that plan?

Have you ever noticed how Jesus was never running frantic or rushed? When Jesus **walked** – he was perfect in patience. Perhaps because he was the Son of God – he had a healthy and sane mind and loving heart to expect interruptions and to leave enough room in his life to love his neighbors. How many times have I become irritated at interruptions because – unlike Jesus – I had no space in my schedule for them? In this case, perhaps repentance means more than pleading with God for patience – it also means planning more space in our schedules. Maybe those who trust deeply in the "sovereignty of God" learn to leave enough room in their days for "sovereign interruptions". Because faith not only relies on God when the interruptions come – **it also plans for interruptions before they come**. It leaves "buffers" in the day and "spaces" in the week blank – and over the rest of it we write on our heart and mind, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that" (James 4:15).

Well – leave it to me to make the longest "Pastor article" for the shortest month. The shame is I have more to share because this is an issue that I have been working on for too long – so I will continue next month, God willing!

Trying to love you and God in this busy world,
Pastor Ed
(215-272-6099 / pastoredvanarsdale@gmail.com)



From the Deacon's Desk...

TAKE BACK YOUR JOY

I was listening to a Christian radio station the other day, and they were talking about New Years Resolutions and how we feel if we break them. As we approach the month of February, which theme is love and is shared in different ways this month, I was thinking it was important for us to remember how much God loves us. I mean really, do you think He cares if we don't keep our resolutions? I would think He cares more about how we react to not keeping them. I ask you to stop beating yourself up because you failed to keep all those resolutions. And, to stop listening to the enemy as you hear his voice in your head saying things about you that are not true. Do as Jesus said to Peter "But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.'" (Matthew 16:23)

Where am I going with all of this? I believe there are many people who are very critical about themselves. They can beat themselves up internally while no one else knows what is going on. I believe with all my heart that these are the times that the enemy steps in to speak to us things that sound true but which only cause to aggravate us. His words allow things like guilt or shame to enter into our thoughts. Or they heap condemnation on to our heads and we walk around in a defeat mode. I don't believe that this is the thing that God wants us to do when we fail. Proverbs 24:16 says "For a righteous man falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in time of calamity." A righteous man, the one who desires to do right and please God falls not just once but according to Proverbs seven times but rises again. God will say "Get up! Rise again!" But the enemy will say "Give up! Throw in the towel and quit." Get the enemy's words out of your heart and head and put them under Jesus' blood. Keep looking to Jesus and slay the giants in your life and do it together with Jesus.

I was reading an article about how we can spend a lot of emotional energy feeling guilty even when we haven't done anything wrong. Have you ever felt that way? Guilt can show up in many ways. We will say to ourselves things like "I am

not enough", "I am not getting it right", "I should be doing more" and other words of self-criticism. Things like this make us feel guilty and affect the way we journey on. We even sometimes start to believe they are true. But when you know what God's Word says about You, things like "You are His child", "Nothing can separate you from the love of God", "I will never leave you or forsake you", and more. So again, take the enemy's words and put them under Jesus' blood.

Did you know that God wants us to live in His grace and can clean us up to live on the path of joy, peace and victory? So why don't we allow Him to do this rather than live with the self-criticism? I want to encourage you to think about the voices that you hear in your head. Are they negative about all the things you do wrong or are they positive hearing what God says about you in His Word?

If you feel that you have this under control, I also want to encourage you to find ways to be a person who encourages others with positive comments, encouraging words and reminders of what God's Word says about them. We should help others who are beating themselves up to start looking up. Remind them to open their eyes and see a Savior who loves them. A Savior who has a nail-scarred hand stretched out to them and will always say "Take my hand and walk with Me". I believe in order to find joy in our life, we should remind others, and hopefully people will remind us, that we know a God who has everything under control, even when things seem out of control.

That is the only way we can take back our joy when we are feeling discouraged or thinking thoughts that are not in line with God's Word. Until we except and embrace the unique life God created you for, you will feel guilty for not living the life you think others expect of you. You cannot accept and embrace God's unique life for you if you don't truly believe God created you for a purpose – a purpose that may look different from those around you. As we look at His Word we hear "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28). So, as you can see it is important to know what God's purpose for your life is. Once we know this, we can realize how much God loves us and wants to include us in His plans and purposes. Shouldn't knowing or realizing this, bring you joy? Give it a try!!!

Maryanne B. Ditter

Minister of Spiritual Formation

JOIN US FOR BOARD GAMES AT GREEN LANE PARK

Sunday, February 2, 2025
After Worship Until 6:00P.M.



We have once again rented out the stone lodge at Green Lane Park (the one with the big fireplace). We **WILL NOT** be having a fellowship time after the Worship Service on February 2 to give everyone an opportunity to go home and change, grab some games and some food to bring over to the lodge. We have the lodge booked from 10:00AM until 6:00PM so you can head over to the lodge right from church if you want to.

Come over for the whole time or for just for a visit. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and fun when we did this in 2023. Talk to Vicki Young if you have any questions.

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

MISSIONARY TO SHARE WITH US IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Be sure to come to Church on Sunday February 23 for Sunday School and Worship. One of the Missionaries that we support, Dale Nafziger, will be coming to Tabor to share with us during the Sunday School time and in Worship about the work he and his wife have been doing in Nepal.

Dale Nafziger and his wife Bethsaba have shared with us through email and newsletters what has been happening in Nepal. These are usually posted on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary.

After the Worship Service, we will share in a time of fellowship and meal, which will give everyone an opportunity to speak with Dale about his ministry in Nepal.

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 19, 2025



Our Senior Luncheon group will be meeting February 19 at noon.

We will be providing Baked Ziti, meatballs and rolls. Please be sure to check out the sign up sheet which will show you what others are providing. If you would like, you can help by bringing the sides. The sign-up sheet will be outside the Sanctuary. Let us know you are coming so we can have enough food. You can either bring a side dish or not. Don't let that be the reason you decide not to share in fellowship with others.

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

THANK YOU SO MUCH



Tabor has done it again. They were so generous with the monetary Christmas gift to me, and other wrapped presents handed to me or left on my desk. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the love and generosity extended to me by Tabor.

Thank you does not seem enough, but I do want to say THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. I also want you to know that I love the people of Tabor Church and the way you continue to show your love for me and the Church as well. Thank you again.

Maryanne Ditter
Minister of Spiritual Formation

SCOUTING MINISTRIES SUNDAY

February 9, 2025

Calling all Tabor boys and girls involved in Scouting Ministries to join us on February 9th for Scouting Ministry Sunday. We invite all Tabor Scouts to participate in the worship service that day. If you are involved in scouting and/or are interested in participating, please contact the church office NO LATER THAN February 6th @ 215-234-4852 or Pastor Ed @ 215-272-6099 so we can make plans to involve you in this special service. We look forward to hearing from you.

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SYMPATHY EXTENDED

The Tabor Church Family wishes to extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Jane Davis. Jane recently passed away and will be greatly missed by her friends and loved ones. Our sympathy especially goes out to Jane's family members Deb, Brian, Robin, Mark, Owen, Laura, Sabrina, Amber, Abigail and Twyla.

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

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DID YOU KNOW?

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

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

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

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

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

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

TABOR SMALL GROUPS

What's a small group? Yes, just what you thought... a group of maybe 3 to 10 people who gather together. What is so great about the ones we have at Tabor is they give you a great opportunity to be with some of the people you see on Sunday and wish you could spend more time with them beyond Weller Hall. We have some groups who have Bible studies, one plays basketball together, one sews sleeping bags for the homeless, and one who prays together. All include time for fellowship some even have light refreshments!

I have heard some people say that a small church group is the small church that supports the big church. I have found that to be true. Through the years I attended several small church groups which helped me get to know people better in the church and we walked on our faith journeys together. Some of the best advice I got from one of the leaders was that "there are no stupid questions" ... so freeing for me!

Listed below is a list of our current small groups at Tabor but please know we're always open to forming new groups too. Feel free to contact Pastor Ed, Rev. Maryanne or Edna Simpkins if you have an interest in joining a group, want to know more about them or would like to form a new group.

- **Men's Group** meets on Saturday from 7:00-8:00 AM in Weller Hall.
- **Circle of Hope**, a women's group, meets at different times and days, depending upon what is planned for each month. Check out their 2025 Calendar of events!
- **Disciples of Hope (DOH)**, a Bible study group, meets on Monday from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM in Classroom #9.
- **Prayer Meetings** meet on Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Chapel.
- **AA Meetings** meet on Monday & Tuesday at 7:30 PM and on Saturday at 7:00 PM in Classroom #9.
- **Craft Circle** meets in the Education Wing on Wednesday at 9:00 AM.
- **Senior Lunch**, a multi-age group, usually meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon in Weller Hall. All are welcome!
- **Basketball Group** meets on Thursday at 7:30 PM in Weller Hall.

"We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord ... We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand."

~ Submitted by Edna Simpkins

FEBRUARY "BIRTHDAYS" & "ANNIVERSARIES"

Happy Birthday to You!!!

2/01 Rick Schmid
2/01 Quin Gabriel
2/01 Michael Walters
2/01 David Gardner
2/02 Delanie Davis
2/03 Vicki Young
2/03 Missy Frick
2/03 Asher Nice
2/04 Andrew Toombs
2/05 Amy Payne
2/05 Mitchell Henry
2/06 Mary Beth Steel
2/07 Tim Walters
2/09 John Kanavel
2/09 Nancy Haentze
2/10 Jim Stackhouse
2/10 Nicole Henry
2/12 Nancy Henry
2/13 Gloria Schadler
2/13 Lisa Toombs
2/13 Amy McMaugh
2/13 Rob Gerhart
2/13 Tyler Fox
2/14 Evan Greenawalt
2/14 Lauren Trotta
2/14 Collin Montgomery
2/14 AJ Sniezevage
2/17 Michael Smith
2/18 Jacob Staehle
2/18 Ashleigh Kenworthy
2/19 Jacob Rittenhouse
2/22 Rebecca Ditter
2/22 Sarah Miner
2/23 Sandra Todorow
2/25 Justin Wertz
2/26 Jessica Greenawalt
2/27 Bette Martin
2/28 Jim Hildesheim

~ If we missed your birthday please let us know ~

Happy Anniversary to You!!!

2/12 Joe & Gail Rogers
2/19 Mike & Kristine Davis

~ If we missed your anniversary please let us know ~

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Sunday School: It's Truly for Life!

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UPCOMING 2025 DATES

.....Pray "The Lord's Prayer" at Noon & Be Blessed!
.....DOH Bible Study / Mondays / 11AM-12:30PM
.....Wednesday "Prayer Meetings" / 5:30-6:30PM
February 2.....Communion Sunday
February 2.....Board Games Fun, Fellowship &
Refreshments @ Green Lane Park Stone
Lodge after Worship until 6PM
February 7.....Weller Hall & Kitchen Reserved for
Private Event Set-up/7-9PM
February 8.....Weller Hall & Kitchen Reserved for
Private Event/1-5PM
February 8.....Circle of Hope @ 10:30AM. Join us in
the Education Wing for the assembly of a
"Love" Gift to make for friends, family, co-
workers, neighbors and ladies of the Church.
February 9.....Scouting Ministries Sunday @ Tabor
February 10...March 2025 Tabor Herald Info Due
February 19....Senior Luncheon @ Noon
February 23...Missionary, Dale Nafziger, at Tabor
Church during Sunday School,
Worship & Fellowship time
March 5.....Ash Wednesday
March 8.....Circle of Hope Meet. Time TBA.
Assembling Cookie & Treat Trays for
First Responders & Police in our Area.
March 9.....Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 26.....Red Cross Blood Drive @ Tabor/2-7PM
March 30.....UMCOR Sunday
April 5.....Circle of Hope Hosts Tabor Church
"Kitchen Shower". Time TBA.
April 13.....Palm Sunday
April 17.....Holy Thursday
April 18.....Good Friday
April 20.....Easter Sunday

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Sign up TODAY to donate blood
www.redcrossblood.org
or 1-800-REDCROSS
on Wednesday, March 26, 2025
2:00-7:00PM at Tabor Church!

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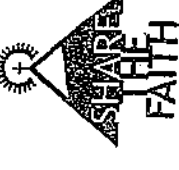

AVAILABLE FOR YOU
"Our Daily Bread" Devotional

The free March/April/May 2025 edition of "Our Daily Bread" devotional is available to pick up at church on a Sunday or by contacting the church office at 214-234-4852. We can also mail it to you.

~ WORSHIP WITH US ~

FEBRUARY 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>~ WORSHIP WITH US ~</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>				<p>7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall</p> <p>7PM- AA Group</p>
<p>2 ~COMMUNION SUNDAY~ ~Game Day @ Green Lane Park Stone Lodge~ 9-9:45AM-Sunday School for ALL-Ages Children Meet in the Ed. Wing Adults Meet in the Chapel 10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service 10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship ~The Worship Service is Followed by a Time of Fellowship at Green Lane Park in the Stone Lodge until 6PM~JOIN US for Board Games, Food, Fun & Fellowship!~</p>	<p>3 ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9</p>	<p>4 ~PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF~ ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours</p>	<p>5 ~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</p>	<p>6 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours</p>	<p>7 ~REV. DITTER'S DAY OFF~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~</p>	<p>8 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall 10:30AM-Circle of Hope Meet in Education Wing for assembly of a "Love" Gift ~ Join Us!</p>
<p>9 ~Scouting Ministries Sunday~ 9-9:45AM-Sunday School for ALL-Ages Children Meet in the Ed. Wing Adults Meet in the Chapel 10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service 10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship ~The Worship Service is Followed by a Time of Fellowship in Weller Hall until Noon~</p>	<p>10 ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9</p>	<p>11 ~PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF~ ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours ~March 2025 Tabor Herald Articles Due~</p>	<p>12 ~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</p>	<p>13 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours</p>	<p>14 ~Valentine's Day~ ~REV. DITTER'S DAY OFF~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~</p>	<p>15 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall</p>
<p>16 9-9:45AM-Sunday School for ALL-Ages Children Meet in the Ed. Wing Adults Meet in the Chapel 10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service 10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship ~The Worship Service is Followed by a Time of Fellowship in Weller Hall until Noon~</p>	<p>17 ~Presidents' Day~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9</p>	<p>18 ~PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF~ ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours</p>	<p>19 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 12:00 Noon-Senior Lunch 2PM-Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Time Open to Those Needing Prayer (Chapel)</p>	<p>20 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours</p>	<p>21 ~REV. DITTER'S DAY OFF~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~</p>	<p>22 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall</p>
<p>23 ~Missionary, Dale Nasfziger, Joins Us @ Tabor for Sunday School, Worship, & Fellowship & Meal after Worship~ 9-9:45AM-Sunday School for ALL-Ages Children Meet in the Ed. Wing Adults Meet in the Chapel 10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service 10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship ~The Worship Service is Followed by a Time of Fellowship & Meal with Missionary, Dale Nasfziger, in Weller Hall~</p>	<p>24 ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9</p>	<p>25 ~PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF~ ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours</p>	<p>26 ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ 9AM-Craft Circle 10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 11AM-Staff Meeting 5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service (Chapel) 7:30PM-Ad Council (ZOOM)</p>	<p>27 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours</p>	<p>28 ~REV. DITTER'S DAY OFF~ ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~</p>	<p>7PM- AA Group</p> 

~ PRAYER CALENDAR ~

FEBRUARY 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>And pray in the spirit of 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</p>	<p>~~~~~ PRAY FOR UKRAINE & FOR THE MIDDLE EAST ~~~~~</p>	<p>DISASTER VICTIMS THE HOMELESS ALL MISSIONARIES ALL STUDENTS ALL TEACHERS</p> <p>MILITARY FAMILY: KARYN CAUDELL STEVEN JEFFERSON NATE LEATHERMAN JULIAN SCHMIDT JOSHUA TAYLOR KARL YURIK</p>	<p>~~~~~ PRAY WITHOUT CEASING ~~~~~</p>	<p>REMEMBER IN PRAYER</p>		<p>PASTOR ED Reverend Ditter Youth Leaders</p>
<p>2 PASTOR ED Reverend Ditter Youth Leaders The Worship Service Sunday School Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>3 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Cancer & Hospice Patients Paul & Joanne Spilman Bobbi Moyer / Mark Smith Jack & Vicki Young David Hollingsworth Len & Jan Simpkins Marylou Nice / Lisa Krause Bruce & Sharon Stover</p>	<p>4 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Family of Jane Davis Jack & Diane Althouse Boyd & Eva Davenport Edna & Earl Simpkins Gary & Rosemarie Rippert Dick & Alice Hollingsworth Alan & Gail Wertz Carol Becker</p>	<p>5 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Tricia O'Hara / Eloise Tatro Annette Jacobs Welly Cressman Loretta Schirmer Dale & Tina Gerhart Timmy Cressman Dale Shisler / Peter Zucca Alice Strawser</p>	<p>6 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER The United Methodist Ch. Bishop Moore-Koiboi D.S. Rev. Andrew Foster The Van Arsdale Family The Ditter Family The Homeless Tabor Finance Committee Tabor Church</p>	<p>7 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Hannah & Baby Cisar Virginia / Megan Cathey Sandi & Butch Hoffman Muriel Smith / Jane Hedrick Carol Morgan / Jane Kulp David Ditter / Bob Ditter Cliff Brunken / Baby Henry Rick & Ginny Schmid</p>	<p>8 PASTOR ED Reverend Ditter Youth Leaders</p>
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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

FUND	STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2024	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2024
General Fund	\$12,837.36	\$269,268.88	-230,641.44	21,932.04	\$73,396.84
Mortgage Fund	-\$48,557.00	\$21,172.38	-\$64,419.90	\$0.00	-\$91,804.52
Missions Fund	\$16,520.00	\$7,894.00	-\$18,077.00	\$5,375.28	\$11,712.28
Special Designated Funds	\$132,332.56	\$38,258.88	-\$35,810.58	-\$27,307.32	\$107,473.54
Total	\$113,132.92	\$336,594.14	-\$348,948.92	\$0.00	\$100,778.14

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

Thank you to my Tabor Church Family,

On behalf of myself and my family we would like to thank everyone who helped with Chuck's Memorial Service and the luncheon. Everything was perfect. We appreciated all that everyone did and we are very grateful.

God Bless,
Carol Morgan & Family

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Dear Tabor Church,

Thank you for the wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. I appreciate your help during the holidays and throughout the year.

The food and other items from the food pantry help and I am thankful to each of you for being a blessing to me and to my family.

A special thank you to those who put their time and energy into making the lovely holiday baskets and to those who organize the food pantry and keep it supplied with so many wonderful items. Each of you are a blessing from God.

Thanks again for your love and kindness,
A Holiday Food Basket & Food Pantry Recipient

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Dear Tabor Family,

You are amazing! I can't thank you enough for your thoughtfulness and generosity with the Christmas gifts I received. I am so blessed by each of you and your kindness. It truly is an honor to serve in ministry at Tabor Church. God has blessed me with a wonderful and supportive church family. May God bless each of you as you have blessed me. ~ Cindy

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

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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.

Please give your Redner's Receipts to Muriel Smith or drop them off at the church office during the week. Call 215-234-4852 to be sure someone is in the office for you to stop by. Any ?'s please contact Muriel Smith at 215-679-3858.



2025 Calendar

February 8 (Saturday) at 10:30a.m.

Join us in the Education Wing for the assembly of a "Love" Gift to make for friends, family, co-workers, neighbors and the ladies of our Church.

Light snacks and fun in fellowship working together preparing reminders of God's love to share with others in the Valentine Season.

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

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

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

May 10 (Saturday) Time and place TBA. Potting flowers for Mother's Day. Women's Retreat at Pocono Plateau date TBA.

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

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

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

August 9 (Saturday) Time TBA. Lake beach trip to Mauch Chunk Lake. More details to come. (Bessie leading)

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

October Date and time TBA. Upper Salford Trunk or Treat community outreach. We can support our Fire Company and give the Light of the Lord out at the same time while "celebrating" a holiday that is traditionally dark.

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

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

TABOR CHURCH LIBRARY DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has donated books to the church library. When leaving donations, please put them in the cardboard box located on the floor next to the oak cabinets. Also, leave your name with the items. Thanks, Sharon S.



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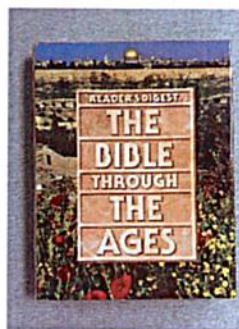
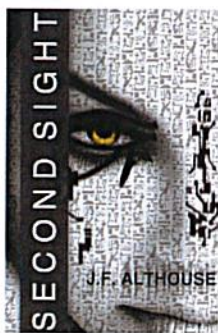
Second Sight by Jack Althouse. Joined by a team of archaeologists and funded by a mysterious benefactor, Jordan travels to Egypt, where he discovers more than he bargained for: a portal to a long forgotten time. A great adventure story by our own Jack Althouse.

Epic: the Story God is Telling by John Eldredge.

The Man in the Mirror: Solving the Problems that Men Face by Patrick M. Morley.

How God Makes Men: 10 Stories of the Bible's Most Talked About Men by Patrick Morley.

The Bible Through the Ages (Reader's Digest)



The Music of Angels: A Listener's Guide to Sacred Music from Chant to Christian Rock by Patrick Kavanaugh.

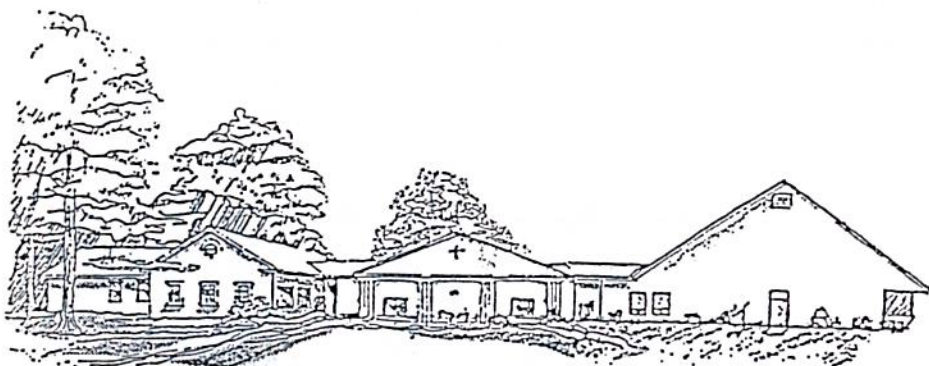
Complete Guide to Money by Dave Ramsey.

Favorite Stories of Jesus by Mary Alice Jones (Children's)

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