

# Honoring God \* Making Disciples \* Serving Others

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# From the PASTOR\_

## Happy April!

Yes, Easter is coming! But it is not here yet - and sometimes that is where we can be in life. Often in our life things can seem to be overwhelming and at times everything is going wrong. That was the disciples before Easter. On Good Friday - from their perspective - everything went horribly wrong! The good news is that Easter is coming! Yes, I very well understand your problems probably won't go away on this Easter Sunday, April 20 but the principle and scripture (Romans 8:28) that God will work all things together for good - in God's timing - for those who love Him and are called to His purpose is our promise from God. I don't know how long this season of "Good Friday" will last for you - but I do know that the season and promise of Easter is coming - so hang in there - don't give up! Faith, trust, persistence, perseverance are all biblical practices that God rewards in his timing and faithfulness.

"God will never give you more than you can handle". We have all heard it, I'm sure. Probably dozens of times. And perhaps we have even said it ourselves more than once. We want to believe it because it sounds so good. It's so reassuring, isn't it? Yet, when it is said to us in the middle of our struggles that feel overwhelming - it actually can sound... well - condescending (and hurtful and not helpful).

In reality - yes - God will allow more than we can handle. In fact, we only need to look at the struggles of the Apostle Paul to understand:

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far

beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself (2 Corinthians 1:8-9a).

The idea that God will keep us from difficulties that are beyond our own human ability to handle is simply false at best and misleading at worst. But take note of what Paul wrote immediately following those words:

Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death.

But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead (2 Corinthians 1:9b - and don't miss that great reference to the promise of Easter). There was a reason God allowed these overwhelming events to happen to Paul - and good going Paul - Paul recognized it correctly!

Yes, God will allow more than we can handle in our own human strength. God will even do so with purpose and intention. Why? So that we learn to turn to him in our despair - that we learn to lean on him, and not on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Every one of us feels overwhelmed at times sometimes because of our own actions - other times as a result of events over which we have no control. Every day we face challenges from family responsibilities, jobs, finances, school, friends, temptations - or some combination of all the above!

These pressures can seem to pile up until they are overwhelming! Other challenges are not as common
to our everyday life but can be even more devastating
- the death of a loved one or a troubling call from the
doctor's office. Often, we find ourselves then
questioning God. Why me? Why this? How could
you do this to me? Perhaps we think about running
away from it all or isolating ourselves but we know

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that will make the problems worse. Maybe we then "try harder" and find we fall deeper into despair over the challenges we are facing.

Like the "good people" we are - we work more at solving whatever the challenges might be. We seek solutions. We burnout. We get less sleep and rest. We push ourselves more. We get more stressed. The list is endless.

Please know that Jesus never promised a life without problems when we came to him. In fact - his promise was quite the opposite - he promised we would have trouble!

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Thankfully the Bible speaks directly to our feelings of being overwhelmed. And in God's grace - additionally we are given some very good role models to follow! The Bible is full of the life stories of many who faced overwhelming challenges in their lives - and they all persevered - through their faith in God! Noah, Moses, Job and so many others. Let's talk about David.

David always seems to be a shining example to us of courage and bravery held together by his faith in God. I mean what a hero of our faith - he boldly fought the giant Goliath without a thought of fear! Yet - so many of David's psalms seem to speak of anxiety and distress. Yes - he handled a giant fine - but David panicked when King Saul was hunting him and trying to kill him! David was definitely a guy who was overwhelmed with what God was allowing! We can identify with his agony. Yet - each time - as he turns to God - those feelings of pain turn to praise:

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall. But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in Your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me (Psalm 13).

From the ends of the earth, I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe (Psalm 61: 2-3).

Yet - perhaps Jesus offers us our best example. Before his arrest, trial and crucifixion - Jesus described himself as feeling overwhelmed:

"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that, if possible, the hour might pass from him (Mark 14:33-35).

Interestingly - throughout his ministry - we often see Jesus get away from the large crowds - even retreating from his disciples - to spend time alone with the Heavenly Father. And after learning of the death of his cousin John the Baptist - Jesus left to be alone and was followed by a large crowd of people. And that night was the night that Jesus walked on water! Wow!

I am convinced that the Bible makes it clear that the life of a believer is going to be full of troubles. We will inevitably face conflict, tough times, anxiety, sorrow, sickness, and yes even death - our own and that of loved ones. At times it can seem that life is a battle. Chronic illness, physical pain, caring for a loved one who suffers physically or mentally, injustice, things done to us - or by us! Even past regrets and/or failures are a part of our life battle.

Let us use these moments to be closer to God and to mature and grow stronger in our faith - to recognize our absolute need for God! During these difficult times - let us lean not on our own understanding. Let us do as David - and as Jesus did! Let us turn to our Heavenly Father for his strength, his understanding, his peace!

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 (Isaiah 41:10).

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise - in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? (Psalm 13:3-4).

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Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6).

Just because we love the Lord does not mean we will be safe from the storms of life. Yes - God knows when we are overwhelmed and while he does not promise to keep us from those moments - he does promise to be there with us through them!

So let us look forward in faith - to the God who resurrects - to the God who gives life - to the God of Easter!

Please know that I am writing and preaching on this because my heart is breaking because of what many of you are dealing with. God cares about you. God loves you. God sent his son Jesus Christ for you! God has a great future for you! Claim the promise and good news of Easter in faith! Let us praise and worship God as we follow and put our faith and trust in Him!

Thank you God for Easter, Pastor Ed (215-272-6099 / pastoredvanarsdale@gmail.com)

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

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/

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#### TABOR'S GRIEF MINISTRY



"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

(John 13:34-35)

Tabor now has a Grief Committee to help people who are going through grief, caregiving, illness, and other life problems. This is a new group that has been formed in 2025. All is done through a Christian perspective.

These are things we do:

- Provide support by listening and understanding
- · Meet with people
- Provide books and brochures on grief, illness, and a variety of topics
- Provide special brochures at holiday time for this acute grief
- Provide support to your family and friends, church membership not required

We would appreciate being informed when there is a need.

#### Our committee:

Sharon Stover, Cathy Brown, Rev. Maryanne Ditter, Alice Hollingworth, Edna Simpkins, and Sarah Stillabower.

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Make someone smile – call a friend, a neighbor or a family member today!

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#### From the Deacon's Desk...

# A CHANGE IN PERSPECTIVE

Awhile ago, I received an email for a free download of a book. I can't remember who I received the email from, how long ago I received it but something in the email caught my eye. I am sure there was an explanation of the book which must have jumped up at me for me to go ahead and download it. So I did. I have had it sitting on my laptop main screen for some time and finally decided to run it off recently and begin to read it. I haven't actually completed it yet but have been caught up in just the "Forward" and the "Preface". That little bit has been working on me and I thought that maybe I should share it with you.

I know that this month we will be celebrating Easter. I wanted to try to include a reminder of what Easter is about, but wanted to also share what God is reminding me of. Eventually, I came to the conclusion that the two things do fit together.

First, let me share the name of the book. It is called "It's Never Too Late To Dance! Finding The Joy in Ministry (and in yourself)" by Donald H. Neidigk. Neidigk opens the book by telling the reader his story. He is a Pastor and began writing this book more as a note to himself, because of the unexpected death of his daughter-in-law. He shares in the Forward, that he felt despair and heartbreak like never before when his daughter-in-law died. After completing the book, his family learned that their grandson was diagnosed with leukemia when he was just two years old and after a three year long fight, was now in heaven. Two major deaths

Just so you know, even Pastors can struggle with wondering where God was in all of this. At one point he even asked if he should retire from the pulpit. But he comes to this conclusion "Regaining and maintaining joy in the midst of grief and emotional exhaustion is why I have put these thoughts down... It is my experience that the dance steps to joy in this book, when there is determination to practice them, actually helps one remain on the dance floor of life and ministry... Moreover, I find it supremely reassuring that despite my own bouts of unbelief, God still believed

in me. I'm still on the dance floor because His Son Jesus carried me there, and now holds my hand whether in the shadow of death or in the sunshine of life."

And that is where I think of Jesus and Easter. If it wasn't for Jesus giving up His life, we might not want to be in a relationship with Him. And if I wasn't in a relationship with Him, I would not come to the conclusion that I need Jesus not only for His promise of saving me a place with Him in heaven, but also the promise that He walks with me no matter what I am going through, "the shadow of death or in the sunshine of life".

Neidigk went on to say "...when you approach things that way, always on the bad side of things, you're not dancing. You can dance even with a walker, if you intentionally change the way you think and the way you approach life everyday."

Think about your life with Jesus in it. Have you seen Him doing unexpected things in your life? How have you seen Him working in your life? Have you received an unexpected financial gift just when you needed it? Have you felt a sense of unexpected peace in response to a difficult, anxious filled situation? Have you heard His encouraging voice when you need to make a difficult decision? Experiences like these deepen your relationship with Jesus. It helps you to know that He does care about every situation that we are going through.

And we haven't even talked about what the cross means for us and our relationship with Jesus. Jesus promised us that one would come after Him to be our counselor, give us wisdom and direction. Knowing that should be exciting, should help us to be more at peace when struggles come our way. We can rely on God to be with us and yet we don't live as if we really believe that. We don't always get excited about God being in our life or at least we don't act as if we are excited.

Neidigk continues in his writing with this "Whoever you are, and whatever you believe, I'm pretty sure you'd like to experience more joy in your life. You'd like to dance again or maybe even for the first time. And you can! That's the thesis here. It's never too late to dance! Wherever you are in your journey you can experience joy and dance with life."

One interesting comment he makes is instead of saying "Have a great day" say to someone "Make it a great day!" It will remind them and you that it is our choice to make. Are you willing to give it a try? Maryanne B. Ditter

Minister of Spiritual Formation

# LET'S MAKE THIS LENT AND EASTER "EGGSTRA" SPECIAL!

#### DINNER AND A SHOW

Every Sunday night during Lent we will be joining together at 5:30p.m. for a community pot luck covered dish dinner and then watching an episode of "The Chosen" at 6:15p.m. in the comfort of the youth room followed by a short discussion. This has been a blessing to many and we would like to encourage you to attend as we get ourselves prepared for Easter!



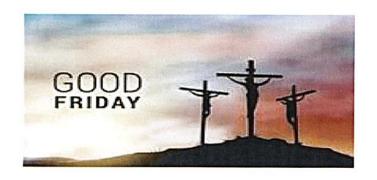
#### PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 13

Please join us as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem! Our special Palm Sunday worship experience will begin at 10:00a.m. followed by a special "brunch". Maybe you can bring something to share as we celebrate with "Hosanna in the highest"! Also, we will be doing palm folding that everyone can learn - you will be amazed at what you can make!

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 17

You are invited to the "Last Supper" as we reenact the first communion. Let's meet up in the chapel at 7:00p.m. as we do this "in memory of Him" and also find out why it is called "Maundy"!





#### GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18

On this most solemn of days - the church will be open from 12:00-3:00p.m. to visit, pray and meditate what our loving Savior did for us. If you choose there will be prayer stations set up for you to experience scripture and prayer in a deep and meaningful way. Or perhaps your choice is to just sit quietly and read the Bible passages surrounding that darkest of days. Whatever you choose - come anytime between 12:00p.m. and 3:00p.m. - stay as long or short as you decide.



### EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20

Perhaps you want to experience something different and join us for our Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00a.m. - outdoors at the prayer chapel in the woods. It will be a short inspiring service with some unique and creative worship and then we will enjoy some delicious breakfast and hot cross buns inside afterwards.

You are also invited at 10:00a.m. to join our Traditional Easter Worship service inside Tabor Church in the Sanctuary. We will have a drama, a special time for the kids, great music and a message that will bless you greatly! Bring everyone you know! Jesus is Risen!

# SENIOR LUNCHEON Wednesday, April 9, 2025



Our Senior Luncheon group will be meeting on April 9 at noon. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THIS CHANGE TO THE SECOND WEDNESDAY instead of third. Be sure to join us for this time of fellowship.

We will be serving ham, cheesy Au gratin potatoes and pineapple stuffing. 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 or dessert. 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 something or not. Don't let that be the reason you decide not to share in fellowship with others.

It is even okay to show up at the last minute because your plans changed. Don't hesitate because you have nothing to bring. Just come on over to church and enjoy our time together.

Maryanne Ditter Minister of Spiritual Formation

# FELLOWSHIP TIME SCHEDULE AFTER CHURCH ON PALM SUNDAY & EASTER

Instead of having our regular time of fellowship after our Worship Service on Easter morning, we will be having something special on Palm Sunday, April 13. There will be a sign-up sheet outside of the Sanctuary if you want to help out. The sign-up sheet will have suggestions as to what to bring.

On Easter Sunday, we will have hot cross buns after our Sunrise Service and just coffee and tea available after our 10:00 Worship Service on Easter.

# CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE April 10 & April 24, 2025 / 2-6P.M.

Cindy and I were talking about the cleaning schedule for the church the other day. We thought it was important to let everyone know when the cleaning company will be at church, since they are only here every other week. When others or groups come to stay and it is a cleaning day, it makes things difficult for the cleaners. And if they are wet mopping the floor and someone is in a classroom outside of where they are mopping, there could be an accident if the group leaves while the floor is still wet.

We will be putting the cleaner's schedule on the calendar that you receive with the Herald and on the calendar on the website. We ask if you could, please adjust your schedule for visiting the church, around when the cleaners are going to be there. For April, they will be cleaning April 10 and 24 between 2:00 and 6:00 pm.

Thank you for considering their schedule and making it easier for them to get their work done.

Maryanne Ditter

Minister of Spiritual Formation

# PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE YOUR: ~ REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPES ~ ~ INK AND TONER CARTRIDGES ~

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. Thanks again.

~~ Muriel Smith

Please keep recycling your Ink and Toner The collection box is located in the Cartridges! hallway outside the church office. Maybe you could mention our recycling project to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. Questions, please feel free Ginny to email vlschmid@mac.com ~~ Blessings, Ginny

<b>UPCOMING 2025 DATES</b>	APRIL BIRTHDAYS					
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~ PRAYER CALENDAR	Friday	A PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Emma & Jim Seltzer Virginia / Megan Cathey Hannah & Baby Cisar Ron & Cathy Hartman Gary & Rosemarie Rippert Missy / Bubba Frick Bob Ditter / John Werner Tedd & Kathy Speck LJ Rogers / Keith Groff John & Abbie Wright	REV. DITTER Sandi & Butch Hoffman Ernna & Jim Seltzer Virginia / Megan Cathey Muriel Smith Jane Hedrick Dave Parish / Bob Ditter Alan & Gail Wertz Cliff Brunken / Anne Dyer Rick & Ginny Schmid	18 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Gary & Rosemarie Rippert Virginia / Megan Cathey Jane Hedrick / Anne Dyer Bubba / Missy Frick Bob & Lou Shaw Samantha Hemmerle Jim & Mary Anne Hartnett Jim & Emma Seltzer	25 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Emma & Jim Seltzer Gary & Rosemarie Rippert Sandi & Butch Hoffman Dave Ditter/ Dave Parish Gimny & Rick Schmid Danielle / Alama Mundondo Russell & Arlene Cressman Alan & Gail Wertz	PRAY FOR UKRAINE & FOR THE MIDDLE EAST
	Thursday	REV. DITTER The United Methodist Ch. Bishop Moore-Koiboi D.S. Rev. Andrew Foster The Van Arsdale Family The Ditter Family Disaster Victims The Homeless All Missionaries Tabor S.P.R. Committee	10 PASTOR ED REV, DITTER The United Methodist Ch. Bishop Moore-Koiboi D.S. Rev. Andrew Foster The Van Arsdale Family The Ditter Family The Ditter Family The Homeless Tabor Finance Committee Tabor Church	17 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER The United Methodist Ch. Bishop Moore-Koiboi D.S. Rev. Andrew Foster The Van Arsdale Family The Ditter Family Tabor Youth Group Tabor Trustees Tabor Trustees	24 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER The United Methodist Ch. Bishop Moore-Koiboi D.S. Rev. Andrew Foster The Van Arsdale Family The Ditter Family Tabor Youth Group Tabor Council Tabor Council	PRAY WITHOUT CEASING
<b>APRIL 2025</b>	Wednesday	REV. DITTER Jack & Diane Althouse Dave Parish / Dave Ditter Annette Jacobs Alice Strawser Welly Cressman Tricia O'Hara Eloise Tatro Regina McHugh Nora & Frank McClarren Roger & Kathie McGill	9 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Annette Jacobs Tricia O'Hara/Eloise Tatro Welly Cressman Lorretta Schirmer Dale & Tina Gerhart Tinuny Cressman Dale Shisler / Peter Zucca Alice Strawser	16 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Tricia O'Hara/Eloise Tatro Brian Staehle/ Mark Davis Cathy Brown / Flossie Lee Nancy Thimm /Bridget G, Carol Becker / Denise J, Welly Cressman Helen Adamson Muriel Smith	23 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Kevin & Lis Kohler Biynne S. / John Wemer Dick&AliceHollingsworth Bruce & Sharon Stover Jessica Burke/Baby Henry Jeannie Astheimer Gladys Eshelman Annette Jacobs	30 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Muriel Smith/Carol Becker Bob & Lou Shaw Beth & Jim Rittenhouse Samantha Hernmerle Matt & Sarah Filizzi Carol Morgan / Anne Dyer Bob Schaffer / Dave Parish Alice Mae Glover
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	Monday	DISASTER VICTIMS THE HOMELESS ALL MISSIONARIES ALL STUDENTS ALL TEACHERS MILITARY FAMILY; KARYN CAUDELL STEVEN JEFFERSON NATE LEATHERMAN JULIAN SCHMIDT JOSHUA TAYLOR KARL YURK	7 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	14 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Cancer & Hospice Patients Paul & Joanne Spilman Bobbi Moyer / Kim Tilly Jack & Vicki Young Pam Rivera / Lin Villano Susan Donavon/Ed Arnold Lester & Karen Kintz Janc Kulp	21 PASTOR ED REV. DITTER Cancer & Hospice Patients Paul & Joanne Spilman Bobbi Moyer Mark Smith Jack & Vicki Young David Hollingsworth Mary & Bill Jacobs Len & Jan Simpkins Jane Hedrick	REV. DITTER Cancer & Hospice Patients Paul & Joanne Spilman Bobbi Moyer / Flossie Lee Susan Donavon/Ed Arnold Lester & Karen Kintz Paul Gilson /Brother Mike Marylou Nice /Sue Nelson Jack & Vicki Young
~ PRAYER CALENDAR	Sunday	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	6 PASTOR ED Reverend Ditter Youth Leaders The Worship Service Sunday School Youth Fellowship	Reverend Ditter Youth Leaders The Worship Service Sunday School Youth Fellowship	20 PASTOR ED Reverend Ditter Youth Leaders The Easter Services Sunday School Youth Fellowship	PASTOR ED Reverend Ditter Youth Leaders The Worship Service Sunday School Youth Fellowship

# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

FUND	STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2025	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE 2/28/2025
General Fund	\$68,456.56	\$32,738.96	-47,010.10	\$0.00	\$54,185.42
Mortgage Fund	-\$86,849.52	\$800.00	-\$15,725.00	\$0.00	-\$101,774.52
Missions Fund	11,912.28	\$1,220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,132.28
Special Designated Funds	\$105,971.27	\$673.50	-\$146.85	\$0.00	\$106,497.92
Total	\$99,490.59	\$35,432.46	-\$62,881.95	\$0.00	\$72,041.10

# TABOR CHURCH PLANT SALE Orders Due by April 20, 2025

A nice variety of flowers and vegetables are offered, including hanging baskets. If you have any questions about the plant sale please see or contact Kathy Ditter @ 610-304-9248.

Order forms with prices are included in this April 2025 Tabor Herald newsletter. Extra order forms are available outside the Sanctuary. You can pay when placing your order or when picking your plants up. Please return completed order forms to Kathy Ditter or put them in the designated plant sale box outside the Sanctuary on or before Sunday, April 20th, 2025. Plant sale orders will be available for pick up on Thursday, May 8th, 2025 from 10 to 11:00A.M. at Tabor Church.

# NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY – April 27, 2025

A Churchwide Special Sunday of The United Methodist Church

Together Our Reach Is Beyond Measure

~ "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Him." - Act 2:39, NRSV ~

This Sunday recognizes and supports the contributions of Native Americans to the church and society. Part of the fund collected allow us to collaborate with existing native ministries, create programs and support seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans. Fifty percent of the offering remains in your annual conference to develop local ministries. The conference committee on Native American ministry (CONAM) administers these funds.

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Dear Tabor,

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

If you are able and feel led to help, we are almost always in need of the following items: child friendly cereals, plain cheerios, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, creamy peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, apple sauce, coffee, frozen pizza, hot dogs, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish soap, kitchen sized trash bags, gallon and sandwich baggies.

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

This Fall we offered food baskets to 7 families at Thanksgiving and to 9 families at Christmas. We will be providing Easter baskets to 9 families so please be on the lookout for information about that from either Diane Althouse or myself. We will need 2 turkeys, several hams, 5# bags of potatoes and all the other trimmings that go along with the Easter meal.

Please know that the food pantry is open to anyone who is in need - no questions asked. If you could benefit, or know someone who could, please contact Cindy at the church office (215) 234-4852.

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



## 2025 Calendar

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

April 5 (Saturday) We invite you to join us at 9:30a.m. for our 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) A Wish List is on Amazon. Use the link below to view the wish list. You may be saying: I have never been to a Circle of Hope event. Maybe I should not go or I don't have an

Amazon account. I can't order anything or view the link or maybe money is tight and you can't afford to give anything so I won't go. I will feel out of place. Well whatever your situation or thoughts are, know that you are loved, welcomed, and not judged for anything. These are not just words, this is the truth. Please consider joining us for a time of fellowship and friendship.

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May 2-4 (Friday-Sunday) Women's Retreat at Pocono Plateau. Look for the flyer on the Circle of Hope bulletin board outside of Weller Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

More details to come. (Bessie leading)

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

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

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

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

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

## Tabor Church 2025 Plant Sale

Pick-up May 8th 10 - 11 AM	Name

Due to Tabor Church	April 20th	Phone Number:	
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			MATURE	PRICE	
SPECIES	QUAN	TYPE	SIZE	EACH	Total
ALYSSUM		WHITE	6"	3.00	
(4 per pack)			10.000		
BEGONIAS		DARK LEAF WHITE	8-10"	3.00	
(4 per pack)		DARK LEAF RED	8-10"	3.00	
		DARK LEAF PINK	8-10"	3.00	
		GREEN LEAF WHITE	8-10"	3.00	
		GREEN LEAF RED	8-10"	3.00	
		GREEN LEAF PINK	8-10"	3.00	
COLEUS		ASSORTED		3.00	
(4 per pack)					
DAHLIAS		MIX	14"	3.00	
(4 per pack)					
SNAPDRAGONS		DWARF	6-8"	3.00	
(4 per pack)			•		
IMPATIENS		PINK	8"-10"	3.00	
(4 per pack)		WHITE	8"-10"	3.00	
		RED	8"-10"	3.00	
LOBELIA		DARK BLUE	6"-8"	3.00	
(4 per pack)			•		
MARIGOLDS		YELLOW	8"	3.00	
(4 per pack)		ORANGE	8"	3.00	
		TWO TONE	8"	3.00	
PETUNIAS		WHITE	8" -12"	3.00	
(4 per pack)		RED	8" -12"	3.00	
		PINK	8" -12"	3.00	
PORTULACA		MIX	4-6"	3.00	
(4 per pack)					
VINCA ROSA		WHITE/RED EYE	8-10"	3.00	
(4 per pack)		PINK	8-10"	3.00	
ZINNIAS		MIX MEDIUM	18"	3.00	
(4 per pack)					
AGERATUM		BLUE	8-10"	3.00	
(4 per pack)			L	Service of State (	
SALVIA		RED	12"-14"	3.00	
(4 per pack)			10000000 0000000		
DIANTHUS		MIX	6" -8"	3.00	
(4 per pack)					

DUSTY MILLER		8"-24"	3.00			
(4 per pack)						
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MISC. INDIVIDUAL PLANTS	4.5" POTS- PRICE FOR EACH	4.5" POTS- PRICE FOR EACH				
REGULAR		_				
GERANIUM	PINK	4.5" Pot	6.00			
	WHITE	4.5" Pot	6.00			
	RED	4.5" Pot	6.00	-		
	LAVENDER	4.5" Pot	6.00			
NEW GUINEA						
IMPATIENS	PINK	4.5" Pot	6.00			
	WHITE	4.5" Pot	6.00			
	RED	4.5" Pot	6.00			
	SALMON	4.5" Pot	6.00			
SUPER PETUNIAS	PINK	4.5" Pot	6.00			
HANGING BASKETS	10" POT- PRICE FOR EACH	10" POT	<u> </u>			
NEW GUINEA						
IMPATIENS	PINK	10" POT	19.00			
	WHITE	10" POT	19.00			
	RED	10" POT	19.00			
IVY GERANIUMS	PINK	10" POT	19.00			
	RED	10" POT	19.00	<del></del> -		
	LAVENDER	10" POT	19.00			
PETUNIAS	PINK	10" POT	19.00			
	RED	10" POT	19.00			
	LAVENDER	10" POT	19.00			
SPECIAL MIXED						
BASKET		10"POT	19.00			
VEGETABLE PLANTS						
TOMATOES	BIG BOY	3" pot	2.75			
	CHERRY	3" pot	2.75			
	BEEF STEAK	3" pot	2.75			
PEPPERS	BETTER BELLE	3" pot	2.75			
	JALAPENO	3" pot	2.75			
	ITALIAN SWEET	3" pot	2.75			
CUCUMBER		3" pot	2.75			
HERBS	BASIL- Sweet large leaf	3.5"pot	4.75			
	PARSLEY	3.5"pot	4.75			
	OREGANO		†			
	JOREGANO	3.5" pot	4.75	<del>_</del>		

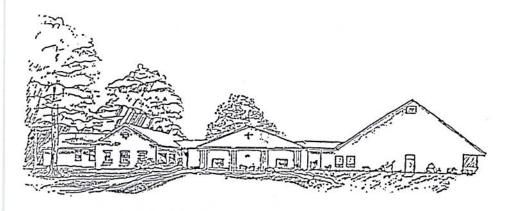
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