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### From the PASTOR\_

### Howdy!

With the busy Holiday season coming - have you ever wondered just how much you can handle? How much stress, anxiety and busyness? How many times you can bite your tongue - holding back responses to hurtful comments because those making them are themselves in pain? (Hurt people hurt people). Have you been tested? Have you shown your limits? Have you been humbled into realizing that there is very little you can do if you have to rely on your own strength?

I guess we all have been there at one time or another. I guess that is what we call "life". We fight against our own worldly desires and the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. We war against principalities and powers who don't fight fair. We are dropped into seemingly impossible situations just because impossible situations happen. But the good news is that God promises to be with us during all these battles. And He is.

I can remember many times like this. I should say -"way too many" but then I realize these were the times that God grew my faith. One time Karen and I were both laid off and unemployed. We had 2 kids in college which was already an impossible financial struggle. Despair came over me as a husband and a father who could not provide for his family. Surely, we would lose our house. Then I heard from my Heavenly Father to not worry but to continue to be faithful. I asked God, "But what about the house God". To which He replied, "Did I not give you this house and the 2 before it? Do you need this house to follow Me"? God was correct - God had always provided my family with housing - it was all God's Hand working in my life. I would love to tell you the story sometime.

So, I humbled myself and accepted that I would need to sell the house and that we could live in an apartment. I accepted that God loved me and that God would take care of me and my family and that did not necessarily include a 4-bedroom house with a garage and full attic, hot tub and a big air hockey table (which is what we had)! And to God's credit and my amazement - we somehow squeaked by (somehow? it was God at work showing me to **TOTALLY TRUST HIM**) and we never had to sell the house at that time. God in His grace allowed us to continue to live there until we came to Tabor (ha ha I suffered a little - I left the hot tub behind).

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Do you ever feel **broken**? In this world, **broken** things are despised and thrown out. Anything we no longer need - we throw away. Damaged goods are rejected - and that includes people. In marriage - when relationships break down - the tendency is to walk away and find someone new rather than work at reconciliation. The world is full of people with **broken** hearts, **broken** spirits and **broken** relationships.

But the Bible tells us "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). There is something about reaching a breaking point that causes us to seek the Lord more sincerely. King David was once a broken man, and he prayed, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me... The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise" (Psalm 51:10, 17). Yes, there are some things in our lives that need to be broken: our self-centered pride, our self-will, our stubbornness, and our sinful habits to name a few. When we feel our brokenness - God compensates: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit" (Isaiah 57:15). .... (Continued on next page)

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The Bible says that God **breaks** those who are selfish and rebellious. The mighty Pharaoh set himself against God - but God **broke** him and freed His people from bondage and shame. "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I **broke** the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high" (Leviticus 26:13). God punishes all those who proudly resist Him. "My servants will sing out of the joy of their hearts, but you will cry out from anguish of heart and wail in **brokenness** of spirit" (Isaiah 65:14).

To us, broken things are despised as worthless - but God can take what has been broken and remake it into something better - something that He can use for His glory! Brokenness and broken people are the result of sin. Yet God sent His Son, who was without sin, to be broken so that we might be healed. On the night before He died, Jesus broke the bread and said, "This is my body, which is broken for you." He went all the way to Calvary to die so that we can live. His death has made it possible for broken to be reconciled to God and be healed. Without the broken body of Jesus, we could not be made whole. "But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

Only when we surrender to Jesus can we be restored and transformed. Such surrender requires a brokenness on our part. "Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23). Romans 6:1-14 describes how believers become dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ. Claim the promise that cannot be broken: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John "A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all; He protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.... The Lord redeems His servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in Him" (Psalm 34:19-22).

Jesus viewed all things in the light of eternity - and so should we: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart" (Hebrews 12:2-3).

God calls us to Him. God longs for us to come to Him so He can heal us. Often, we are unable (or unwilling) to hear His call because we are so busy with other things - our lives, our families, our work, our own problems and our unhappiness. Sometimes we must be **broken** before we realize our need. And our deepest need is to be reconciled to God. Only then can we be made whole.

The solution can never come from our own efforts or striving - but comes only from God. Only when we recognize our need for God are we able to take our eyes off ourselves and focus them on God. Only when we stop thinking about ourselves and start thinking about what Jesus did for us can we begin to heal. Only when we admit our need and ask God into our life - can God begin to make us whole. Only when we confess that we are broken can God make us into what He wants us to be. Once we let go of our "self-centeredness" and place God at the center of our lives - everything else falls into place. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).

During the final week of Jesus' life - He was eating a meal - and "a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head" (Mark 14:3). The woman's action of breaking the alabaster jar was symbolic of a couple of things: Jesus would soon be "broken" on the cross - and all who follow Him must be willing to be "broken" as well. But the result of such costly brokenness is priceless.

Surrender to God and allow Him to make you whole to give your life meaning, purpose and joy! Trust Him. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Broken in many ways - but most importantly - broken in the best way possible,
Pastor Ed

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



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

### GOD'S TIMELINE

Have you ever considered what God's timeline looks like? I am sure you have wondered this when you are waiting for an answer from God and it is taking way longer than you wanted. Or maybe you thought about it when God has asked you to do something way bigger than what you thought you could do. But your life is a bit crazy at that moment and you ask "Why now Lord"?

Can you trust that God's timing is perfect? Think about Moses who wasn't called to God's work until he was eighty. Or Abraham's prayer for a child wasn't answered until he was really old. Jesus didn't begin His ministry until He was thirty and He also didn't show up at the home of Lazarus until after Lazarus had died. Can you trust His Word that says "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1)?

God doesn't seem to work on our timetable. Sure, there have been times when we have seen our prayers answered immediately. But not always. There have been times in my life when God just showed up right on time. When I was sensing a call to ministry, God didn't push me or rush me. He knew that would have scared me off. It started out as a soft whisper and as I prayed and questioned, He provided me with people who encouraged me even though they did not know what I was struggling with. It was several months before His final test came, which was so powerful that I knew I couldn't say "No". For me, the waiting didn't seem long enough but as I look back, I see it was perfect. I just needed the reassurance that God was there walking with me through it all. Which is the struggle, isn't it? I have heard that spoken many times and read it in His Word that God is with me and never leaves me. But why do I still ask the question in my head "Are you there?" although I wasn't ready for the answer I had to my question of serving Him, He reminded me through others that He was watching over me.

I know I should encourage you all to trust God's timing. Maybe I am alone in this, but trusting God when I am anxious about something isn't always easy. I can look back and see how hard this was for me but I can see some improvement as I have gotten older and have seen His hand in past

situations. I have witnessed His faithfulness in my life, even when things have not gone the way I wanted.

Have you seen God blessing you? Has it always come when you needed it, or at just the right time? God not only prepares blessings for us, but He also prepares us for them. I believe that God is more concerned with the maturity of our hearts rather than the speed of what we want. When we focus less on the visible outcomes and more on the God who is faithful, we learn to rest in His sovereignty. Our job is not to understand the timing, but to trust the One who holds it, and reminding ourselves that He never fails.

On doing some research, I saw some helpful hints on how to walk through our times of waiting.

- \* Delay is Not Denial: Just because something hasn't happened yet, doesn't mean it won't. Sometimes God is doing His deepest work in the seasons that feel like nothing is happening. Remember Abraham who waited a very long time for a child? Our answers may come a long time after we pray about it as well.
- \* Trust God's timing grows in the Waiting: Did you know that we often want God to change our situation but that He is more interested in changing us? In those situations when we are anxious about God doing something, are we trusting God or simply tolerating delay? It is in these seasons that God invites us into deeper reliance on His promises rather than our fluctuating emotions. In the waiting we learn to walk in step with God, not ahead in anxious striving or behind in fearful hesitation, but beside Him in peaceful surrender.
- \* God is always working behind the scenes: Even when we can't see movement, God is orchestrating details for our good and for His glory. Think of it as God working out every detail and delay, aligning people, shaping circumstances, and opening or closing doors to protect and direct us. Sometimes He is waiting for the right moment and other times He is waiting for the right moment to unfold.

Something you might like to try is: when you are going through a period of waiting write it down. Next to that, write one way that God may be growing your character during this wait. I think when you are focused on what He is doing to you in your circumstances while you are waiting, it will help you to not focus on the waiting but on God who is working everything out for good.

Maryanne B. Ditter Minister of Spiritual Formation



# Want to Have Some Fun Family Time? Want your Children to Learn More About the Bible? Need a Break During the Busy Holidays? Then Read on...

**November 1** - Tabor will be holding a book sale and family fun fall event. There will be food and fun activities for children and adults. See the Tabor Fall Event page for more details.





Keep a 100 k out for a free babysitting morning during the busy holiday season. Date and specific details still being worked out. Stay tuned for more information!





### Every Sunday from 9:00 - 9:45A.M. - Sunday School

We will start with some singing and activities all together, then split up into ages. School age children will have a Bible lesson and discussion. Preschoolers will have story time with a coloring page or simple craft.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

FUND	STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2025	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE 9/30/2025
General Fund	\$68,619.06	\$163,543.06	-181,394.86	\$4,274.58	\$55,041.84
Mortgage Fund	-\$86,849.52	\$3,805.00	-\$53,420.00	\$0.00	-\$136,464.52
Missions Fund	11,912.28	\$7,014.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,926.28
Special Designated Funds	\$105,808.77	\$9,322.28	-\$3,354.89	-\$4,274.58	\$107,501.58
Total	\$99,490.59	\$183,684.34	-\$238,169.75	\$0.00	\$45,005.18

The Finance Committee appreciates the support and enthusiasm shown in response to the financial update we shared with the congregation. It's too soon to see the impact but we expect great things! With God's blessings, Tabor thrives!



### 2025 Calendar

November 15 (Saturday) 10:30A.M.

NOTE: THIS IS NOT THE ORIGINAL DATE. Christmas Card making event with Sarah in Weller Hall. Everyone had a wonderful time with this project last year! We will be making Christmas Cards for Tabor shut-ins, college students and military. Maybe even make some to take home. Hope you join us! (Sarah leading) Lunch is provided. Also planning for next year (2026)!

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

### THREE LITTLE WORDS

Just three little words-But, oh how much they say. "I love you," "hold me tight," "Stay by me," "let us pray."

Learning words in childhood At my mother's knee Was, oh, so very simple As they were taught to me.

These words have never left me-I use them o'er and o'er: And as life is slipping by me I use them even more.

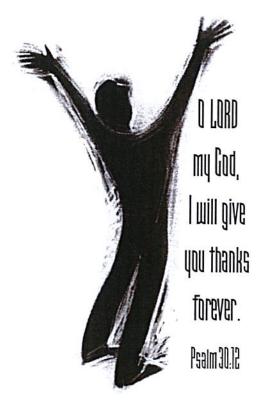
And there are many others I've learned along the way-"Take my hand," "I need you," And "never go away."

God hears these words-Each simple little line. Now I wait for Him to say, "Come...you're mine."

-Erma Fajen MacFarlane

I did it again today, I quess I'm in a rut: I missed an opportunity To keep my big mouth shut!

-Anonymous



### SENIOR LUNCHEON



### JOIN US Wednesday, November 12, 2025

# TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGE OF WEDNESDAYS

Our November Senior Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 12 at 12 noon. This is the **SECOND** Wednesday, instead of the third. The Church will be providing Turkey and Stuffing.

There will be a sign-up sheet outside the Sanctuary. Please let us know if you are able to come. We usually need help with sides and dessert. If you are interested in helping us out. Just sign up with what you are able to bring.

Also, as a group mission project, we will be filling some Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts at our luncheon. You can help by bringing items to be included. There are suggested gift ideas for filling these boxes. Please see the idea list that is included with the "Operation Christmas Child" article elsewhere in this newsletter. Please Note: there are also items that are NOT allowed to be included in the shoeboxes. Please see that list also. Maryanne Ditter

Minister of Spiritual Formation

### PRAYER MEETINGS

Our Tabor prayer intercessors and warriors continue to meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30p.m. in the Chapel. We are always open to meeting with anyone in need of prayer during our prayer meetings or during the week. We can meet either at the church or possibly your home, wherever you are most comfortable. Just call Cindy at the church office (215-234-4852) and she will contact someone from the prayer team who will then call you and set up a place to meet for prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ed, Earl or Edna Simpkins.

Have a little talk with Jesus; He loves hearing from you! 
∼ Edna Simpkins

### HOLIDAY MEALS

Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry. With your help we have been able to provide food and basic necessities to several appreciative families. It is hard to believe, but we are approaching the holidays, and with them come the holiday food baskets. We will be offering food baskets for Thanksgiving as well as Christmas again this year. If you are able to donate a Thanksgiving turkey, please let Diane Altlhouse (484-949-1426) know. We will also need donations of frozen pies, stuffing mix, jellied cranberry sauce (not whole berry), frozen vegetables, rolls, potatoes and grocery store gift cards to purchase additional fresh items. Thank you in advance for providing for those who need a little extra help!

Be Blessed as you Bless others, Alice Hollingsworth

### DISCIPLES OF HOPE (DOH) Mondays ~ 11:00A.M. to 12:30P.M.

How would you like to start the week off right? Members of Disciples of Hope (DOH) always look forward to spending their Monday mornings from 11a.m. - 12:30p.m. in room #9 beginning with delicious light refreshments provided by different members of the group and great fellowship. We follow this with an inspirational video by Ray Vander Laan called the Life and Ministry of the Messiah and will be viewing session 7, "Misguided Faith" filmed in Belvoir and session 8, "Living Water" filmed in En Gedi. Under Earl Simpkins' leadership, we have good discussions about what we viewed and learned from this study.

We heartily encourage you to begin your week with DOH, some good food, good fellowship and an inspiring walk with Jesus with fellow believers. You will be blessed! ~ Edna Simpkins

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

Sunday School: It's Truly for Life!



2:00A.M. - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 (ONE) HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT NOVEMBER 1, 2025



Join Us As We Prepare
Tabor Church
For The Christmas Season!

"HANGING OF THE GREENS"
Otherwise known as decorating the
Church for Christmas!

Sunday, November 23, 2025 3:00P.M.

A great church experience is preparing God's House for Christmas! For many this is the most beautiful time of year at church with evergreens, lights and pine trees filled with silver and gold! For many it reminds us of many fond memories and excitement for the month ahead!

We invite YOU to join us on Sunday, November 23 beginning at 3:00p.m. to decorate Tabor Church. Let's welcome in the Advent Season and decorate! There are many tasks for all ages and for different skill and comfort levels. Everyone is welcome, including the kids. So, we can use YOUR help! See you there! After decorating there will be a soup, sandwich, and salad supper provided! Please see or contact Joanne Spilman for additional information.

WE HOPE YOU WILL PLAN TO JOIN US!

### UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY Sunday, November 23, 2025

A Churchwide Special Sunday of The United Methodist Church. Changing the World! One Life at a Time!

"We are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." ~ Isaiah 64:8b, NRSV

United Methodists have been investing in our students for more than 100 years. United Methodist Student Day invites the church to support United Methodist students in achieving their educational goals. The funds received award United Methodist scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Your gifts help young people achieve their educational calling with more financial freedom.

### TABOR CHURCH RECOGNIZES OUR UNITED METHODIST STUDENTS Sunday, November 23, 2025

As part of Tabor Church's way of recognizing each of our United Methodist College / Higher Education / Military Students, we will be making our annual "Goodie Boxes" for these students. Tabor's Christian Education Group welcomes your donation of home baked goodies, candy, any snacks, gum, soup packs, hot cocoa, microwave popcorn, etc., that we will give to our (approx. 12) United Methodist Students on this special day of recognition. You can also purchase and provide individual gift cards if it is easier for you. Some gift card suggestions that the students enjoy are: WaWa, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Target & Walmart.

We will be packing the boxes early in the week so that they are ready for the 10:00a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are requesting that you bring your contributions to church by Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and place them on the cart in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. NOTE: fresh baked items can be brought on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cart will be marked "College Student Goodies." You can also bring donations to the church office by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions about this United Methodist Student Day project, please contact Cindy Frick during the week in the church office at 215-234-4852 or anytime at 215-692-3489.

\*\*\*\*\* STUDENTS: If you are a student in the above categories, PLEASE make sure the Church office has been contacted with your name & school information so that we can recognize you.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Boxes Are Due By Sunday, November 23, 2025

It's time to start packing those shoe boxes again! Look for the display in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. Tabor Church will once again be participating with Samaritan's Purse in the Operation Christmas Child program. We will be collecting filled boxes through the morning of Sunday, November 23rd. This is a wonderful activity to do as a family, and many of you have participated in this program before. Please pick up a brochure at the display which has guidelines and some great ideas to help you shop. Boxes are available for filling. Labels to indicate if the box is for a boy or a girl and age are available for the shoe boxes. You can help by bringing a filled shoe box or two or more for a boy or a girl to the Operation Christmas Child display. Please include your shipping donation of \$10 per box. Thank you to all who support this ministry.

New at Tabor this year! We are also collecting items to fill shoe boxes. Look for the bin marked "Shoe Box Items." On November 12th at our Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon our group will be filling Christmas shoe boxes. Suggested items that you can include are: soccer ball with pump, dolls, small stuffed animals, shoes, socks, toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, coloring books, solar calculators, sunglasses, hair accessories, flashlights (with extra batteries). DO NOT include: soap, candy, toothpaste, gum, used / damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, food, liquids, lotion, medications. vitamins. breakable items. glass containers, aerosol cans.

Learn more about this wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ at Christmas by checking out Samaritan's Purse at <u>samaritanspurse.org/tgj</u> ?'s please see or contact Diane Althouse @ 484-949-1426.

### INK AND TONER CARTRIDGES

Thank you to all who have been recycling your Ink and Toner Cartridges. Please use the drop off box outside the church office. Please keep recycling your Ink and Toner Cartridges! Maybe you could mention our recycling project to others including family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, the office/business where you work, etc. ?'s, please feel free to email me at vlschmid@mac.com ~ Blessings, Ginny

### WINTER COAT, ETC., COLLECTION

Donations Are Due By Sunday, November 30, 2025

Tabor Church is once again collecting winter coats, etc., to be distributed free of charge to local people in need. The coats, etc., will be donated to "Grace's Closet" a clothing closet ministry of Grace United Methodist Church in Telford for free distribution. We are accepting clean winter coats, etc., in very good condition, in all sizes. Please inspect the coats, etc., to be certain that zippers and buttons are in good working condition and that all the pockets are empty. Other clothing can be donated as long as the items are clean and in very good condition. Look for the collection boxes in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. Or if it is easier for you, contact the church office to schedule a time to drop your donations off at the church sometime during the week. We will be collecting warm winter coats, etc. thru Sunday, November 30th. Thank you for helping to make the winter months warmer for those in need. Please see or contact Cindy in the Tabor Church office @ 215-234-4852 or 215-692-3489 with any ?'s.

### 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** include:

- ~ 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.
- $\sim$  all receipts must be dated within three years prior to the date of submission.
  - ~ do not use a highlighter on your receipt.
- $\sim {\rm receipts}$  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. Any ?'s please contact Muriel at 215-679-3858.

### **UPCOMING 2025 DATES**

Pray "The Lord's Prayer" at Noon & Be Blessed!DOH Bible Study / Mondays / 11AM-12:30PMWednesday "Prayer Meetings" / 5:30-6:30PM
November 1Tabor Church Harvest of Fun: Autumn Family Day Including: Kids Play Zone & Story
Time, Fall Book, DVD & CD Sale, Arts & Crafts, Art Workshops @ 10AM & 1PM, Live
Children's Music Sing Along with Mr. Robbie
@ 11AM & 12:30PM, Coffee, Free Food,
Apple Dipping Bar. Autumn Fun for the Whole
Family! Join Us!
November 2Daylight Savings Time Ends @ 2AM
November 2International Day of Prayer November 4Election Day
November 6Tabor Church Being Cleaned/2-6PM
November 9Blessing of Sleeping Bags for the
Homeless Sunday
November 10December Tabor Herald Articles Due
November 11Veterans Day
November 12Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon/Noon
Also bring Christmas Shoebox Items to Fill
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.  November 15* (NOTE THIS IS A NEW DATE)
Circle of Hope "Christmas Card Making" with
Sarah @ 10:30AM in Weller Hall. Making
Christmas Cards for Tabor Shut-ins, Seniors,
College Students, Military, Etc. Maybe Even
Some to Take Home. Also Planning for 2026!
Lunch Provided. We Hope You Join Us!
November 16UM Student Sunday Donations Due
November 17-24Samaritan's Purse Operation
Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts National Collection Week
November 20Tabor Church Being Cleaned/2-6PM
November 23United Methodist Student Sunday
November 23"Hanging of the Greens" Church
Christmas Decorating Beginning @ 3:00PM
November 23Shoebox Christmas Gifts Due @ Tabor
November 27Thanksgiving Day
November 27Church Kitchen & Weller Hall
Reserved / 8AM-9PM / Private Event
November 30First Sunday of Advent
November 30Winter Coats, Etc. Donations Due December 7Second Sunday of Advent
December 10January 2026 Tabor Herald Info Due
December 14Third Sunday of Advent
December 21Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24Christmas Eve
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December 25.....Christmas Day

### COMING UP IN 2026....

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January 3Weller Hall & Church Kitchen
Reserved 8AM-9PM / Private Event
January 7June Russell Memorial Red Cross
Blood Drive in Weller Hall / 2-7PM
January 8June Russell Memorial Red Cross
Blood Drive in Weller Hall / 2-7PM
February 7 "The Father's Love" Spiritual
Renewal Weekend@Tabor
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Sunday School for children meets each Sunday from 9:00-9:45a.m.

in the Education Wing.

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

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

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

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

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

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Honoring God \*

Making Disciples \*

**Serving Others \*** 

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

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GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

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### **NOVEMBER**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

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### **ANNIVERSARIES**

### Happy Birthday to You!!!

- 11/02 John Hartzell
- 11/02 Megan Kulp
- 11/02 Rob Ostertag
- 11/02 Rich Saurman
- 11/03 Kate Saurman
- 11/04 David Speck
- 11/05 Sunny Dhoble
- 11/06 Vikki Robinson
- 11/06 Justin Walters
- 11/07 Kathy Ditter
- 11/07 Pam Rivera
- 11/07 Kelly Stackhouse
- 11/07 Gail Wertz
- 11/08 Zach Hangey
- 11/09 Emmett Jefferson
- 11/10 Rick Sacks
- 11/11 LJ Rogers
- 11/13 Tammy Steinmetz
- 11/13 Melissa Weller
- 11/13 Mike Weller
- 11/14 Bill Wardwell
- 11/15 Dan Fetzer
- 11/16 Karen Faulkner
- 11/16 Debbie Kenworthy
- 11/17 Bessie Staehle
- 11/19 Taylor Mundondo
- 11/19 Kyle Speck
- 11/21 Jessica Dougherty
- 11/22 Frank Robinson
- 11/22 Dylan Van Arsdale
- 11/23 Allison Kulp
- 11/23 Jonathan Wenner
- 11/25 Chris Hill
- 11/25 Nicole Stowman
- 11/25 Tom Yurik
- 11/27 Laura Gamble
- 11/29 Erin Faulkner
- 11/30 Boyd Davenport, Jr.
- 11/30 Vickie Halteman
- 11/30 Joe Rogers, IV

### Happy Anniversary to You!!!

- 11/02 Jason & Aimee Ricci
- 11/04 Evan & Amanda Althouse
- 11/05 Wayne & Diane Campman
- 11/10 John & Bev Hartzell
- 11/11 Shawn & Anne Connor
- 11/14 Andrew & Lisa Toombs
- 11/18 Allen & Emily Ding
- 11/24 Butch & Sandi Hoffman
- 11/27 Bryan & Carol Mitterer
- 11/27 Tom & Kave Yurik
- 11/28 Alan & Gail Wertz
- 11/29 George & Maryanne Ditter

~ If we missed your anniversary please let us know ~

### SYMPATHY EXTENDED

The Tabor Church Family wishes to extend their heartfelt sympathy to Ray Schmidt, Joanne, Paul, Olivia, Paula and Leigh-Anne Spilman & Jason Connelly. Ray's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife and Joanne's step-mom recently passed away and will be missed by her family.

Our prayers continue to be with 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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+ AMERICAN RED CROSS JUNE RUSSELL MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE + +

~ Save the dates ~

~ Wednesday, January 7, 2026 ~

~ Thursday, January 8, 2026 ~ ~ 2:00-7:00 P.M. ~

Tabor's January 2026 American Red Cross June Russell Memorial Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 from 2:00-7:00p.m. & on Thursday, January 8, 2026 from 2:00-7:00p.m. Note: to be eligible to donate blood at Tabor's January 2026 blood drive, please do not donate blood after mid November 2025 until our blood drive. For more info contact Cindy Frick @ 215-692-3489.

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2Daylight Savings Time Ends -COMMUNION SUNDAY -International Day of Prayer- 9-9:45AM-Sunday School for ALL Ages	3 ~Rey. Ditter Off- ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~	4 ~Election Day~ ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ ~ PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF ~	5 ~Rev. Ditter in Office- 9AM-Craft Circle 10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours	6Rev. Ditter OffPastor Ed's School Day- 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours	7 ~Pastor Ed's School Day~ ~REV. DITTER'S DAY OFF~	1 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall 10AM-2PM-Harvest of Fun: Autumn Fan. Dav/Book Sale
Meet in the Ed. Wing Adults Meet in the Chapel 10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service 10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship	11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study Meet in Classroom #9	10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours	10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours 11AM-Staff Meeting	2-6PM-Tabor Church Being Cleaned	~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~	7PM-AA Group ~Set Your Clocks Back 1 (One Hour Tonight~
Service on Tabor UMC Facebook ~The Worship Service is Followed by a Time of Fellowship in Weller Hall until Noon~	7:30PM-AA Group	7:30PM-AA Group	5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service (Chapel)	7:30PM-Basketball in Weller Hall		8 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall 7PM-AA Group
9 ~Blessing of Sleeping Bags Sunday 9-9:45AM-Sunday School for ALL Ages Meet in the Ed. Wing Adults Meet in the Chapel	10 ~Rev. Ditter Off- ~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~ 11AM-DOH (Disciples	11 ~Veterans Day~ ~Rev. Ditter in Office~ ~ PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF ~	12 ~Rev. Ditter in Office- 10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's	13 -Rev. Ditter Off- -Pestor Ed's School Day- 10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours	14 -Pastor Ed's School DayREV. DITTER'S DAY OFF-	15 7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Welter Hall 10:30AM-Circle of Hope
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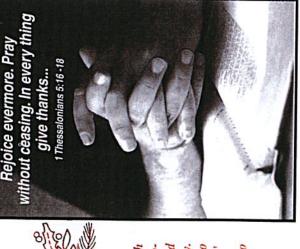
# GRUMBLING OR THANKSGIVING STREET

NE NIGHT, AT A PRAYER-AND-PRAISE MEETING a good brother related a long, complaining strain of experiences about the trials and difficulties that are encountered on the way to Heaven. At the end of his talk, another brother arose and said, "I see that our brother, who has just sat down, lives on Grumbling Street. I lived there myself for some time, but I never enjoyed good health. The air there is bad, the houses are bad, the water is bad; the birds never came and sang in the street, and I was gloomy and sad enough. But finally I moved. I moved to Thanksgiving Street, and ever since then I have had good health and so have my family. The air is pure, the water good, the sun shines all day, the birds are always singing, and I am happy as I can be. Now, I would suggest to our brother, that he too, move. There are plenty of houses 'to let' on Thanksgiving Street.

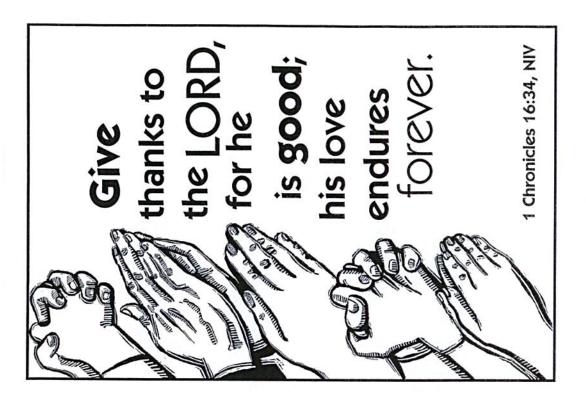
Which street are you living on: Grumbling Street, or on Thanksgiving Street, and your health would be better, and your heart happier if you would move there.



A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked the stock boy, 'Do these turkeys get any bigger?' The stock boy answered, 'No ma'am, they're dead.'



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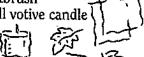
### MAKE A TABLE LANTERN

Make this candleholder to decorate your family's

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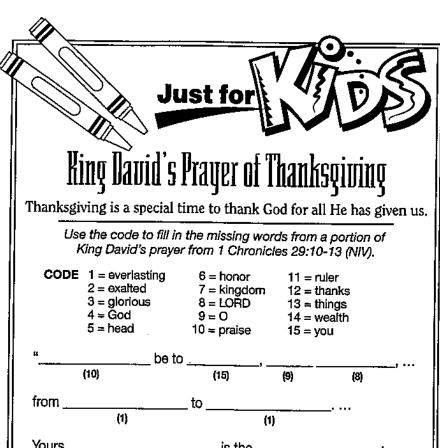
- Tiny leaves
- Glue
- Small glass jar with a wide mouth (salsa jars work great)
- Colored tissue paper (use fall colors if you can)
- Paintbrush
- Small votive candle



How to make it:

- 1. Collect tiny autumn leaves.
- 2. Glue the leaves to the outside of the jar.
- 3. Tear tissue paper into small pieces.
- 4. Use the paintbrush to cover the outside of the jar (including the leaves) with glue. Work on small parts of the jar at a time.
- 5. Lightly press the tissue paper pieces onto the glue until the entire outside of the jar is covered.
- 6. When the jar is completely dry, place the candle inside.
- 7. Ask an adult to light the candle during Thanksgiving dinner.





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thanks, and praise your glorious name." come from you; you are the ruler of all things. Now, our God, we give you LOKD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor "Praise be to you, O LORD, ... from everlasting to everlasting. ... Yours,





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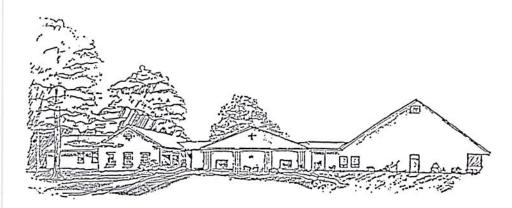
Attach paper strips together. Draw pictures on the strips. things on the paper strips. Write names of people or Hold the chain as your fami

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