

# TABOR HERALD

Honoring God \* Making Disciples \* Serving Others

*Celebrating the work of God at Tabor United Methodist Church*

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## *From the* **PASTOR**

### Happy April!

Perhaps you are reading this between Palm Sunday and Easter since Easter is the first Sunday in April this year. I thought it might be interesting to discuss what went on each day in that week for Jesus and His disciples as we go through the Gospel of Matthew.

If you would like to read about Palm Sunday then check out Matthew 21:1-11. On Palm Sunday Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey while crowds welcome Him with palm branches and shout "Hosanna", recognizing Him as the promised Messiah. Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, as we celebrate Your triumphant entry into Jerusalem - we welcome You into our hearts today! Reign over us as our King of Kings and fill us with Your peace. Hosanna in the highest! We ask this in Your name Jesus, Amen!

On the Monday following Palm Sunday Jesus clears the temple courts by driving out money changers and merchants who were exploiting worshippers. Jesus' actions challenge the corrupt religious practices of the leaders and demonstrates Jesus' authority. You can read about this in Matthew 21:12-13. Perhaps here is a prayer for Monday:

Lord Jesus, just as you came with zeal to cleanse the Temple in Jerusalem - I invite you to enter the temple of my heart today. Overturn my "tables" of any selfishness and greed that may have taken up residence within me. I ask you to drive out all distractions that prevent me from worshiping you in spirit and truth. Cleanse me from unhealthy thoughts and attitudes and restore my heart to be a holy, quiet place of prayer. Make me a house of prayer dedicated to Your glory. In Your holy name, Amen.

Tuesday is a busy day in Matthew's Gospel. It goes for several chapters from Matthew 21:23 to Matthew 23:39. It is a remarkable scene - the Jewish leaders'

question and challenge Jesus' authority and Jesus proves that He is from our Heavenly Father in His amazing answers! Jesus gives many parables and harsh words directed at the Jewish leaders. Also, Jesus' famous Olivet Discourse takes place on Tuesday in the Gospel of Matthew. You will be blessed to read that at Matthew 24:1 to Matthew 25:46. Here is a suggested prayer for Tuesday:

Dear Lord, I come before You, acknowledging that I am capable of becoming a hypocrite like the Jewish leaders. I confess that I may be guilty at looking at the faults of others while ignoring the massive log in my own eye. Lord, please wash me from the inside out. Remove any desire to impress people that leads to sin. Please help me to be humble - to see how far from perfect I am and how desperately I need Your grace. Please help me not to just study Your Word - but to follow it. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Guard my tongue and my actions, that they may be sincere and bring glory to You rather than to myself. I surrender my self-centeredness, my judgments and my need to be "right" (and accepting that I am not always "right"). Thank You for Your blessed grace that restores me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Did you know that this Wednesday is sometimes referred to as "Spy Wednesday"? This is because it was on Wednesday that Judas was "spying" out an opportunity to betray Jesus. We read this in Matthew 26:3-5 and Matthew 26:14-16. Interestingly in between those verses is Jesus being anointed by a woman in Bethany. I made sure to include it because Jesus said in Matthew 26:13 "Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her". So, I would prefer this day be called "Worship Wednesday" as the example given by her. Let's use her act of devotion as our prayer for Wednesday:

Lord Jesus, like the woman with the alabaster jar, I  
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desire to pour out my love and worship on you without reservation. Thank you for your unconditional acceptance and forgiveness. Teach me her wonderful devotion, that I might offer you my best, ignoring critics as I worship you wholeheartedly. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Now perhaps the days will seem more familiar as we move onto "Maundy Thursday". It is named after the Latin word "mandatum" (meaning "commandment" or "mandate") which is referring to the new commandment Jesus gave His disciples at the Last Supper: "Love one another as I have loved you". It commemorates Jesus washing His disciples' feet and instituting the sacrament of Communion. Many also refer to Thursday as "The Last Supper". Jesus' last "Passover" takes place in Matthew 26:20-35. Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, on this holy night, You washed Your disciples' feet and gave us a new commandment to love one another as You have loved us. As we recall the Last Supper - help us to serve others with a humble heart and to share in the broken bread and Passover cup - trusting in Your sacrifice. Lord, we remember your agony at Gethsemane and Your obedience to our Heavenly Father's will - even unto death. Give us strength to follow You in obedience and to love others - regardless of the cost. Lord, have mercy on us, forgive our sins and draw us closer to You. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

"Good Friday" - what a strange name for such a horrific day! Perhaps "Bloody Friday" would be more appropriate? But it is "Good Friday" because the only truly "Good (Holy) One" - Jesus - did a good (necessary and perfect) thing by dying a substitutionary death for the good (everlasting benefit) of His chosen ones. It was done by the most "Good One" of all and because of it we can now be "good" in our Heavenly Father's eyes because of what Jesus has done! Everyone should read this: Matthew 26:47 to Matthew 27:61. Let's pray together:

Lord Jesus Christ, You endured excruciating pain and suffering for me! You died for love of me! On this day, I pause in reverence and awe - remembering Your sacrifice. Thank you for bearing the weight of my sins, for suffering in my place and for opening the way for me to be reconciled with our Heavenly Father. I pray this in Your Holy Name, Amen!

And what about Saturday? Well for the Jewish people this would have been the Sabbath - so perhaps

we can call it "Sabbath Saturday". We can read about it in Matthew 27:62-66. Many scholars also call it "Silent Saturday" as it represents the time when Jesus' body was in the tomb and there is almost no mention of events in scripture in comparison to the day before. It is characterized by the despair, fear, and silence of the disciples - marking a period of waiting, deep sorrow, and hopelessness. Silence is the final and most pronounced expression of what the Bible calls "lament". Lament is grief and rage and doubt and bitterness all rolled together. Somewhat surprisingly, it is a form of prayer suggested in the Bible, particularly in the Psalms. Because eventually words fail, as do our voices, and then there is only silence.

So here we are in this uncomfortable waiting. And we don't like to wait! Jesus' resurrection does not happen immediately after Jesus' death. He dies - and for Saturday - Jesus stays dead. Death can often leave us silent - but in this silence - there is hope! This tomb that is filled with a body would soon be empty. The good news is that we experience this "Holy Saturday" (yet another name for today) knowing how the story ends - and knowing that death will lose its sting! Let us pray:

Lord of the silent tomb, on this day of stillness and waiting - we remember the quiet between sorrow and joy - between loss and the promise of new life. Please hold us in Your gentle care as we wait - trusting that even in silence - You are at work. Please strengthen our faith to believe in what we cannot yet see and prepare our hearts for the dawn of resurrection. May our waiting be filled with hope, our grief be met with Your comfort and our hearts be ready to rejoice when the stone is rolled away. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

So now we move to Easter Sunday (or Resurrection Day) and we all say "He is risen, He is risen indeed" which is a "Paschal" greeting based upon Luke 24:34. In the Gospel of Matthew we find the Easter story in Matthew 28:1-8. Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, on this glorious Easter, I come before You with a heart full of gratitude and praise. Thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who conquered death and rose again, bringing hope, salvation, and eternal life. Let the light of the Resurrection shine in my heart. We pray this is the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen!

May you have a blessed Easter, Pastor Ed  
(215-272-6099 / [pastoredvanarsdale@gmail.com](mailto:pastoredvanarsdale@gmail.com))



## From the Deacon's Desk...

### REFLECTIONS ON THE CROSS

Maybe you did not realize it, but have you taken advantage of others doing things that perhaps you could have done yourself? Maybe others have done something for so long, you don't even think that they might be thinking "I could use some help" or "I could use a break". Or maybe you think that because every Sunday there is food for you after the service, that you don't have to worry about it because "someone else will take care of it". Or do you think that since there is communion on a communion Sunday that you don't even have to worry about where it is coming from? Maybe you see the tables set up on a Sunday morning or for another event and don't even think how they were set up.

I recently learned a lesson myself about taking advantage of what someone had done that was good and helpful. As I reflected on what I had done, I realized that I might have hurt that someone. I also realized that I can sometimes do that with Jesus. And then I remembered what Scripture says "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45 NIV). Ouch!! Let me explain.

Have you taken advantage of God's grace, love and forgiveness? As we think about the journey of the Cross that we are reminded of during Holy Week, we remember over and over again about what Jesus did for us. It is more than just a nice story because that story involves every one of us, not just those alive when Jesus was on the earth.

I must admit that there was a time when I would do something that was wrong knowing it was wrong and think "No worries, I can ask God for forgiveness later and He will do that." I mean God is a God of grace and mercy isn't He?!! Haven't I taken advantage of that in thinking I can do this because God will forgive me when I ask Him? Have you ever heard of the story where every Saturday a man gets drunk to the point that he can't make it to Church on Sunday. And every Sunday he repents to God and says he will do better next week. But that never happens and he goes on

continuing to apologize to God and promising he will do better next week. Sure, God will forgive him but what kind of relationship does he then have with God?

Trying to live a life where we obey God's commandments and Word perfectly, is not easy. The important word there is "trying". In trying to be more like Jesus we can count on Him coaching us along the way as we take the time to listen to Him and ask Him to help us. Remember His Word promised His disciples His Holy Spirit for them and for those who came after them. God's Word says that the Holy Spirit will be sent as our helper, for guidance, will offer us comfort and will counsel us when we are unsure of things. It is one of the promises we need to stand on and sometimes it is a promise in God's Word that is overlooked or misunderstood. With God's Spirit we can appreciate and understand more how much easier it is to be obedient to God's Word and to be more like Jesus.

All of this could not have happened if Jesus did to go to the cross. He had to suffer a horrible death for us because it is part of our nature to do things that are selfish and which might lead to our being disobedient to God by, for example, hurting others unintentionally. And because Jesus knew that His disciples could not continue on without the Spirit, He gave them a promise that the Holy Spirit would walk with them after His death.

I bring this up because sometimes we only think of the Cross as only being about the love of God for us in sending His Son to die on a cross so that we had a way to go to Jesus, accept Him as our Lord and Savior and ask Him for forgiveness when we have sinned against Him. But really another benefit of the Cross is the promise Jesus made to send His Spirit because He knew it was difficult to live this life alone. It is the Spirit that will convict us when we have sinned but also the Spirit gives us what we need to be the best we can be for Jesus. We have much to be thankful because of the Cross. Don't be a person who looks at the Cross as being a way to do what you want and ask forgiveness later. Look at the Cross which shows how much God loves You, that He wants you to be in a relationship with Jesus so you can receive His love and mercy, you can receive His comfort, you can receive His Spirit who will convict you and guide you into truth. Receive the gift and be more appreciative of it. That is the story for Christians at this Easter time.

Maryanne Ditter  
Minister of Spiritual Formation



**JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT  
SENIOR LUNCHEON  
Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

Our April Senior Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 15. We will begin our luncheon at noon. The Church will be providing a ham. Just check out the sign-up sheet found outside of the Sanctuary for suggestions if you are willing to add to our meal. It is not necessary to bring something but we would love to know if you are coming so that we can have enough tables set up and enough food for all.

Maryanne Ditter  
Minister of Spiritual Formation

**APPLEBEES COUPONS  
AVAILABLE FOR SALE**

We continue to have Applebees burger coupons for sale. They are available in the office or during our fellowship time after the Worship Service.

All proceeds go to the General Fund of the Church and so a total of \$650 will go to the Church, when we sell all of the coupons. So if you are interested in purchasing any, call the office to make arrangements (215-234-4852) or see me after the Worship Service. I will try to have some available each Sunday for anyone interested.

Maryanne Ditter

**SAVE THE DATE  
Thursday, April, 30, 2026**

**Nic & Rachael Billman @ Tabor  
6PM-Pot Luck Dinner / 7PM-Program**

On Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>, Nic and Rachael Billman will be here to speak to us about their work in Brazil. We support this couple with our Missions Budget and look forward to hearing about their ministry there.

We will have a pot luck dinner for them at 6:00p.m. and if you can't make that, they will begin speaking about their ministry at 7:00p.m. Be sure to come and meet them and see how your money is being used for ministry in Brazil.

Maryanne Ditter  
Minister of Spiritual Formation

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

Did you know that we currently have only one person who volunteers regularly in the Nursery on a Sunday morning? Because some of the Moms have been in there with their children it didn't seem to be a problem. But is it fair to ask one person to be in there every Sunday and miss out on the Worship Service every week? Besides, the Conference safe sanctuary policy insists that there be two people present when working with children. We especially thank her for the responsibility she has taken in making the Nursery as nice as it is currently and for being a dedicated volunteer in there on Sundays. If more would volunteer in there on a Sunday, it would be very helpful.

A sign up for Nursery during our service is currently outside of the Sanctuary, with the other sign-ups. We are looking for two people to volunteer in the Nursery. We would appreciate it if you would consider signing up to help out with this Ministry.

All volunteers need their clearances up to date and if yours are expired, please see Maryanne Ditter and she will work with you to get them again.

When there is no one signed up for the Nursery, then the Moms themselves are welcome to go in there with their children. But we are certainly hoping that people will step up at least once a month to participate in caring for our babies.

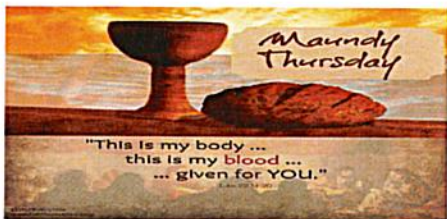
The Church wants to also thank those who have signed up for Junior Church. There was enough for each group to have volunteers miss the service only once a month. However, we have seen with personal health issues or family members' health issues, this too has only been covered by someone stepping up, who is already serving with this group. So, we could also use volunteers to fill in when needed for that as well. A sign up sheet for that is outside the Sanctuary as well.

Being part of a Church, just like being part of a family, means pitching in when there is a need. Won't you consider helping out at least once a month? Obviously, it can get down to every other month, if more people would just help out. We desire to continue to try and make our children's ministry the best we can. This can only be done with your help.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

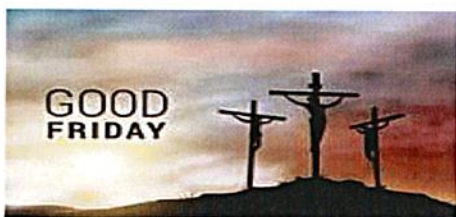
Maryanne Ditter  
Minister of Spiritual Formation

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



**MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 2**

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



**GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 3**

On this most solemn of days - the church will be open from 12-3p.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 and 3p.m. - stay as long or short as you decide.



**EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5**

Perhaps you want to experience something different and join us for our Easter Sunrise Service at 7a.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 hot cross buns inside afterwards.

You are also invited at 10a.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!

**LENT & EASTER SERVICES SCHEDULE**

+ April 2 @ 7p.m. - Maundy Thursday in the Chapel

+ April 3 - Good Friday in The Sanctuary  
12-3p.m. the Church will be open for you to visit, pray and meditate. Come anytime.

+ April 5 - Easter Sunday Services  
7a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service @ the Prayer Chapel in the woods in the upper parking lot.  
10a.m. - Traditional Easter Worship in the Sanctuary

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

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

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

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

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

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

Tabor Worship Services are available online anytime at [www.facebook.com/TaborUMC/](http://www.facebook.com/TaborUMC/)

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

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**GOD IS LOVE!**

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

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## TABOR CHURCH PLANT SALE

Orders Due by April 19, 2026

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 2026 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Plant sale orders will be available for pick up on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 10 to 11:00a.m. at Tabor Church.

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## NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

SUNDAY – April 19, 2026

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.

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic way.

Why do we celebrate Special Sundays? United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you can make a difference visit [UMC.org/yourimpact](http://UMC.org/yourimpact).

## PRAYER MEETINGS

Wednesday, 5:30-6:30PM / Chapel

As Bessie Staele (one of our many gifted facilitators for our Prayer meetings) shared with our group at a recent meeting, we are living in a time of *darkness* as many of us have witnessed BUT as Christians, "we know God made His *light* shine in our hearts to give us light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ".

I suppose that one of the many reasons I love and need to come to our Prayer meetings is to come away from the darkness of the world around me and enter our Chapel filled with the Holy Spirit and find guidance, inspiration, strength, and protection while we pray together and seek the face of Jesus. If the darkness of this world is unbearable for you, please join us and let His light shine out of the darkness into your heart and bring the peace you are seeking. ~ Edna Simpkins

2 Corinthians 4:6 "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," make His light shine in our hearts to give us light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

BREATH PRAYER:

INHALE: God, let Your light in my heart; to shine in the darkness.

EXHALE: Let it shine out in Your glory.

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## DOH (DISCIPLES OF HOPE)

Monday, 11:00AM-12:30PM

Spring has sprung and it is a time for new beginnings! With that in mind, our DOH group will be starting a new study and this is a perfect time for you to join our group. We meet on Monday mornings between 11a.m.-12:30p.m. in Room 9. As always, we enjoy our light refreshments prepared by group members and have a good time fellowshiping together. What we look forward to most of all are viewing and discussing the inspirational studies/videos by renowned leaders in the faith such as David Jeremiah, Ray Vander Laan, Max Lucado, John Ortberg and others. This is always a time of blessing as we journey together on our walks of faith with fellow supportive and loving Christians. Hope to see you soon!! ~ Edna Simpkins

"I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.  
The cross before me, the world behind me.  
No turning back, no turning back."

## UPCOMING 2026 DATES

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

April 2.....Maundy Thursday Service / 7PM  
April 3.....Good Friday / Church Open 12-3PM  
April 5.....Easter Sunday / Communion Sunday  
7:00AM-Sunrise Service  
10:00AM-Traditional Service

April 5.....Church Kitchen & Weller Hall  
Reserved for Private Event / 1-6PM

April 9.....Tabor Church Being Cleaned / 2-6PM  
April 10.....May 2026 Tabor Herald Info Due  
April 12.....Church Kitchen & Weller Hall  
Reserved for Private Event / 1:30-8PM  
Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet

April 13.....Meat Canning Project @ MCC  
Material Resource Center / 6:30AM-6PM

April 14.....Meat Canning Project @ MCC  
Material Resource Center / 6:30AM-6PM

April 15.....Meat Canning Project @ MCC  
Material Resource Center / 6:30AM-6PM

April 15.....Senior Luncheon @ Tabor / Noon  
April 18.....Circle of Hope Meet / 10AM @ Tabor  
We will be Assembling & Delivering  
Snack Boxes to Local First Responders

April 19.....Native American Ministries Sunday  
April 19.....Plant Sale Orders Are Due Today  
April 23.....Tabor Church Being Cleaned / 2-6PM  
April 30.....Missionaries Nic & Rachael Billman  
@ Tabor-We Hope You Join Us  
6PM-Pot Luck Dinner  
7PM-Program

May 7.....Plant Sale Pick-up / 10-11AM  
May 7.....Tabor Church Being Cleaned / 2-6PM  
May 10.....June 2026 Tabor Herald Info Due  
May 10.....Mother's Day  
May 16.....Spring Yard Sale @ Tabor / 9AM-1PM  
Sponsored by Circle of Hope  
Proceeds Benefit Family Ministries

May 19-21.....Eastern PA Annual Conference @ the  
Wildwood Convention Center,  
Wildwood, NJ

May 21.....Tabor Church Being Cleaned / 2-6PM  
June 2.....Circle of Hope "Prayer Walk @ Green  
Lane Park" Meet @ Stone Pavilion /  
10AM, 2115 Snyder Road, Green Lane /  
Bessie Leading (Rain Date June 16)

June 21.....Father's Day  
June 22.....Upper Salford Historical Society @  
Tabor / 7PM / Program TBA

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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## ANNIVERSARIES

### Happy Birthday to You!!!

4/02 Jonah Mininger  
4/03 Lori Smith  
4/05 Guinevere Greenawalt  
4/06 Eva Davenport  
4/06 Karl Quirk  
4/06 Ginny Schmid  
4/07 Jessica Brumbaugh  
4/07 Paula Spilman  
4/09 James Mundondo  
4/10 Amber Cassel  
4/13 Taylor Van Arsdale  
4/14 Samantha Godshall  
4/20 Leo Buzzard  
4/21 Twyla Pineda  
4/23 Lydia Landis  
4/25 Matt Hartman  
4/26 Emmanuel Garcia-Mininger  
4/27 Chris Hartzell

If we missed your Birthday please let us know!

### Happy Anniversary to You!!!

4/12 Pastor Ed & Karen Van Arsdale  
4/27 Roger & Kathie McGill

If we missed your Anniversary please let us know!

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

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE & TURN IN  
INK AND TONER CARTRIDGES

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REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPES.

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~ WORSHIP WITH US ~

APRIL 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>10:00AM-In-Person Worship Service</p> <p>10:00AM-Live Streaming of Worship Service on Tabor UMC Facebook</p> <p>~The Worship Service is Followed by a Short Time of Fellowship in Weller Hall- Reserved for Private Event</p>	<p>6</p> <p>~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~</p> <p>11AM-DOH (Disciples of Hope) Bible Study in Classroom #9</p> <p>7PM-Finance Committee (Online)</p> <p>7:30PM-AA Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>~ PASTOR ED'S DAY OFF ~</p> <p>10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours</p> <p>7:30PM-AA Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>~Rev. Ditter in Office~</p> <p>9AM-Craft Circle</p> <p>10AM-3PM-Pastor Ed's Scheduled Office Hours</p> <p>10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours</p> <p>11AM-Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30-6:30PM-Prayer Service (Chapel)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>~Pastor Ed's School Day~</p> <p>10AM-4:30PM-Cindy's Church Office Hours</p> <p>2-6PM-Tabor Church Being Cleaned</p> <p>7:30PM-Basketball in Weller Hall</p>	<p>10</p> <p>~Pastor Ed's School Day~</p> <p>~NO Scheduled Church Office Hours Today~</p> <p>~May 2026 Tabor Herald Articles Are Due~</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7AM Sharp-8AM-Men's Group in Weller Hall</p> <p>7PM-AA Group</p>
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**BEHOLD,  
CHRIST HAS RISEN!**

# ~ PRAYER CALENDAR ~

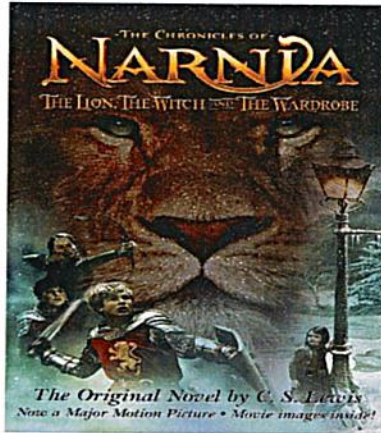
# APRIL 2026

# ~ PRAYER CALENDAR ~

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>~~~~~  <b>PRAY FOR UKRAINE, FOR THE MIDDLE EAST &amp; FOR THE WORLD</b>            ~~~~~</p>	<p>THE U.S.A.            ALL COUNTRIES            DISASTER VICTIMS            ALL STUDENTS            ALL TEACHERS            MILITARY FAMILY:            KARYN CAUDELL,            STEVEN JEFFERSON            NATE LEATHERMAN            JULIAN SCHMIDT            JOSHUA TAYLOR            KARL YURIK</p>	<p>1 PASTOR ED            REV. DITTER            Sarah &amp; Jerry Stillabower            Kaye &amp; Tom Yurik            Alice Strawser / Jane H            Boyd &amp; Eva Davenport            Murel Smith /Bette Martin            Bob &amp; Lou Shaw/Flossie L            Bobbi Moyer/Pam Rivera            Gary &amp; Rosemarie Rippert            Lester &amp; Karen Kintz            Regina McHugh / Judy R            Emma &amp; Jim Seltzer</p>	<p>2 PASTOR ED            REV. DITTER            The United Methodist Ch.            Bishop Moore-Koikoi            D.S. Rev. Andrew Foster            The Van Arsdale Family            The Ditter Family            Tabor Children &amp; Youth            All Missionaries            The Homeless            Disaster Victims            Tabor Finance Committee            Tabor Church</p>	<p>3 PASTOR ED            REV. DITTER            Carol Morgan / Anne Dyer            Butch &amp; Sandi Hoffman            Hayley &amp; Baby Schaffer            Gary Schnable/Lin Villano            Linda Renick /Mark Smith            Jessica &amp; Baby Greenawalt            Russell &amp; Arlene Cressman            David Hollingsworth            Brother Mike/Steven Clark            Ron &amp; Cathy Hartman            Carol Becker</p>	<p>4 PASTOR ED            REV. DITTER            Reverend Ditter            Children &amp; Youth Leaders</p>
<p>5 PASTOR ED            Reverend Ditter            Children &amp; Youth Leaders            Easter Worship Services            Sunday School            Children &amp; Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>7 PASTOR ED            REV. DITTER            Muriel Smith/Jane Hedrick            Earl &amp; Edna Simpkins            Boyd &amp; Eva Davenport            Diane &amp; Jack Althouse            Mike Weller / Flossie Lee            Denise Jakitas/Donna Hille            Bob &amp; Lou Shaw / Ray S            Roger &amp; Kathie McGill</p>	<p>8 PASTOR ED            REV. DITTER            Annette Jacobs/Anthony H            Welly Cressman / Mark D            Nancy Thimm/Bob Ditter            Barb Kratz/Marie Damiani            Jane H / Darryl Knechel            Dale &amp; Tina Gerhard/Zoe B            Dale Shisler / Peter Zucca            Alice Strawser</p>	<p>9 PASTOR ED            REV. DITTER            The United Methodist Ch.            Bishop Moore-Koikoi            D.S. Rev. Andrew Foster            The Van Arsdale Family            The Ditter Family            The Homeless            Tabor Trustees            Tabor Church</p>	<p>10 PASTOR ED            REV. DITTER            Hayley &amp; Baby Schaffer            Butch &amp; Sandi Hoffman            Linda Renick / Carol M            Jim &amp; Beth Rittenhouse            Alan &amp; Gail Wertz/Josh M            Dick McMullen/ Bob Shaw            Jim &amp; Mary Anne Hartnett            Rick &amp; Ginny Schmid</p>	<p>11 PASTOR ED            Reverend Ditter            Children &amp; Youth Leaders</p>
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## APRIL TABOR LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

Make sure you see the new bulletin board in the education wing highlighting The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. The author C. S. Lewis used Christian and Biblical Themes in his Chronicles of Narnia Series. These are great books for people of any age. We have several copies of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, the first and most famous of the series.



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: Young Lucy leads her sister Susan and her brothers Peter and Edmund into the land of Narnia. Here it is forever winter under the curse of the Evil White Witch. Can the children fight the witch with the inhabitants of Narnia and can the spell be broken? A classic tale of adventure and fantasy.

Easter Reading:

Experiencing the Cross by Henry Blackaby. Christ's death was God's deed in your life, conquering sin. It beckons you each day with the power to transform you as you see Calvary from God's perspective.

No Wonder They Call Him The Savior: Chronicles of the Cross by Max Lucado

Six Hours One Friday by Max Lucado.

Through Christ's death, your life has purpose and meaning. You are forgiven and loved by a Savior who died for you. An empty tomb proclaims that death does not have the final word. You will find new hope and encouragement that lasts as you discover how Jesus brings you:

- Peace where there should be pain.
- Confidence in the midst of crisis.
- Hope that defies despair.



## 2026 Calendar

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

**April 18 (Saturday) 10:00am at Tabor.** Assembling and Delivering Snack Boxes for Local First Responders. Look for a sign up sheet in Weller Hall. (Bessie Leading)

**May 16 (Saturday) 9:00am-1:00pm.** Spring Yard Sale. Look for the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter or at Church for more information. (Karen and Cathy S. Leading)

**June 2 (Tuesday) 10:00am (Rain Date Tuesday, June 16).** Prayer Walk at Green Lane Park, Meeting by Stone Pavilion, 2115 Snyder Road, Green Lane, PA 18054. (Bessie Leading)

**July 7 (Tuesday) 7:00pm.** Ice Cream and Devotions. Diane Campman is Hosting 340 Old Morris Road, Harleysville, PA 19438. (Diane C. Leading)

**August 4 (Tuesday) 10:00am (Rain Date Tuesday, August 18).** "Beach" Trip to Mauch Chunk Park. Meet at Tabor. (Bessie Leading)

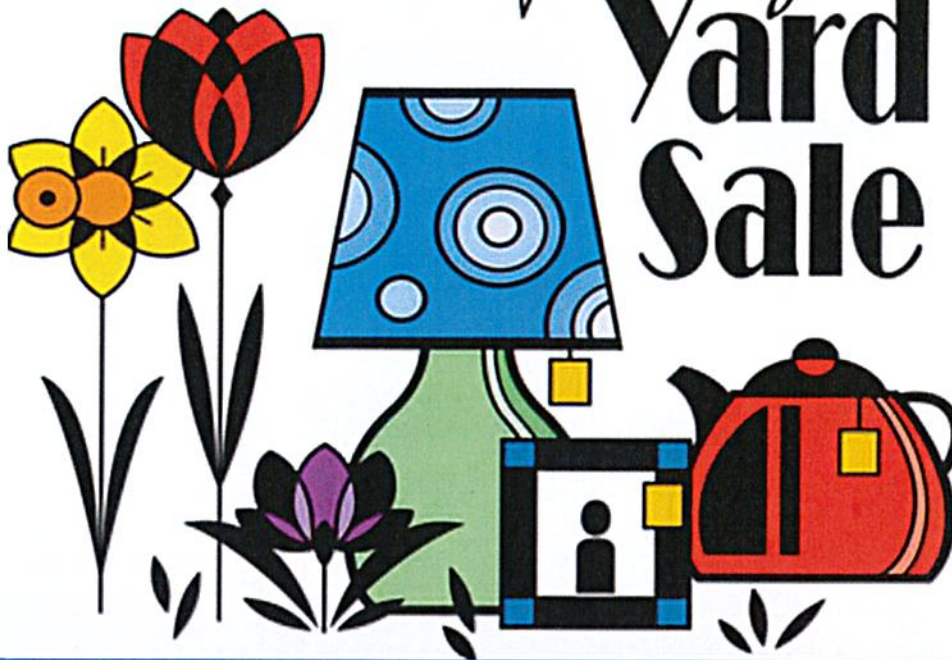
**September Feed My Starving Children. Date and Time To Be Determined.** (Cathy S. Leading)

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

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

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

# Spring Church Yard Sale



## Tabor United Methodist Church

2209 Hendrick's Station Road  
Harleysville, Pa 19438

*Saturday*  
*May 16<sup>th</sup>*  
9AM – 1PM

Starting Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>



Accepting Gently

Used Items in Room 12

(Please NO Electronics or Clothes)

*Donations Needed*

Outdoor space available for individual vendors - \$20 Rental  
BYOT (Bring Your Own Table)

Contact Karen 267-663-8606



Sponsored by the Circle of Hope - Proceeds Benefit Family Ministries

Tabor Church 2026 Plant Sale

Make Checks Payable to: Tabor United Methodist Church  
Memo Line: Plant Sale

Pick-up May 7th 10 - 11 AM

Due to Tabor Church April 19th

Proceeds Benefits Church Ministries

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIES	QUAN	TYPE	MATURE SIZE	PRICE EACH	Amount Due
ALYSSUM (4 per pack)		WHITE	6"	\$3.25	
BEGONIAS (4 per pack)		DARK LEAF WHITE	8-10"	\$3.25	
		DARK LEAF RED	8-10"	\$3.25	
		DARK LEAF PINK	8-10"	\$3.25	
		GREEN LEAF WHITE	8-10"	\$3.25	
		GREEN LEAF RED	8-10"	\$3.25	
		GREEN LEAF PINK	8-10"	\$3.25	
COLEUS (4 per pack)		ASSORTED		\$3.25	
DAHLIAS (4 per pack)		MIX	14"	\$3.25	
SNAPDRAGONS (4 per pack)		DWARF	6-8"	\$3.25	
IMPATIENS (4 per pack)		PINK	8"-10"	\$3.25	
		WHITE	8"-10"	\$3.25	
		RED	8"-10"	\$3.25	
LOBELIA (4 per pack)		DARK BLUE	6"-8"	\$3.25	
MARIGOLDS (4 per pack)		YELLOW	8"	\$3.25	
		ORANGE	8"	\$3.25	
		TWO TONE	8"	\$3.25	
PETUNIAS (4 per pack)		WHITE	8" -12"	\$3.25	
		RED	8" -12"	\$3.25	
		PINK	8" -12"	\$3.25	
PORTULACA (4 per pack)		MIX	4-6"	\$3.25	
VINCA ROSA (4 per pack)		WHITE/RED EYE	8-10"	\$3.25	
		PINK	8-10"	\$3.25	
ZINNIAS (4 per pack)		MIX MEDIUM	18"	\$3.25	
AGERATUM (4 per pack)		BLUE	8-10"	\$3.25	
SALVIA (4 per pack)		RED	12"-14"	\$3.25	
DIANTHUS (4 per pack)		MIX	6" -8"	\$3.25	
DUSTY MILLER (4 per pack)			8"-24"	\$3.25	

SPECIES	QUAN	TYPE	MATURE SIZE	PRICE EACH	Amount Due
<b>MISC. INDIVIDUAL PLANTS</b>		<b>4.5" POTS- PRICE FOR EACH</b>			
REGULAR GERANIUM		PINK	4.5" Pot	\$6.25	
		WHITE	4.5" Pot	\$6.25	
		RED	4.5" Pot	\$6.25	
		LAVENDER	4.5" Pot	\$6.25	
NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS		PINK	4.5" Pot	\$6.25	
		WHITE	4.5" Pot	\$6.25	
		RED	4.5" Pot	\$6.25	
		SALMON	4.5" Pot	\$6.25	
SUPER PETUNIAS		PINK	4.5" Pot	\$6.25	

<b>HANGING BASKETS</b>		<b>10" POT- PRICE FOR EACH</b>	<b>10" POT</b>	
NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS		PINK	10" POT	\$19.50
		WHITE	10" POT	\$19.50
		RED	10" POT	\$19.50
IVY GERANIUMS		PINK	10" POT	\$19.50
		RED	10" POT	\$19.50
		LAVENDER	10" POT	\$19.50
PETUNIAS		PINK	10" POT	\$19.50
		RED	10" POT	\$19.50
		LAVENDER	10" POT	\$19.50
SPECIAL MIXED BASKET			10" POT	\$19.50
<b>VEGETABLE PLANTS</b>				
TOMATOES		BIG BOY	3" pot	\$3.00
		CHERRY	3" pot	\$3.00
		BEEF STEAK	3" pot	\$3.00
PEPPERS		BETTER BELLE	3" pot	\$3.00
		JALAPENO	3" pot	\$3.00
		ITALIAN SWEET	3" pot	\$3.00
CUCUMBER			3" pot	\$3.00
HERBS		BASIL- Sweet large leaf	4.5"pot	\$5.00
		PARSLEY	4.5"pot	\$5.00
		OREGANO	4.5"pot	\$5.00

Total Items \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**Tabor United Methodist Church**

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**For Tabor updates, please continue to check on the Tabor United Methodist Church face book page, our website @ [taborumc.org](http://taborumc.org) or contact the church office @ 215-234-4852.**