

*Worship*  
OPPORTUNITIES



**Devotion and Communion—7:30 a.m.**

This is a time for a short devotion with prayer and communion. These early risers currently meet in the Conference Room.

**Praise & Worship—8:45 a.m.**

a contemporary service which integrates praise and worship music and styles with traditional elements. Praise and Worship service meets in the Sanctuary.

**Higher Ground—9:00 a.m.**

a multi-sensory contemporary service that celebrates and shares God's love in a relaxed worship setting. Higher Ground meets in the Family Life Center.

**G3 Church—10:30 a.m.**

an off-campus service with contemporary music and teaching that relates to daily life. G3 meets at Meadowlark Elementary School.

**Traditional—11:00 a.m.**

a service with traditional setting and elements. This service meets in the Sanctuary.

*Nursery provided at each service.*

# TABOR TALK

Mount  
TABOR  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*gather grow go*

## *Connections*

**February, 2012**

January 28, 2012

Mount Tabor United Methodist Church  
3543 Robinhood Road  
Winston-Salem, NC 27601

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I invite you to join Doris and me in celebrating a significant milestone in our lives. This past October, I received a letter from our United Methodist Board of Pensions informing me that I am eligible to retire at this year's Annual Conference in June. After a great deal of prayer, thought and dialogue, we have decided to transition from active ministerial service to retirement at Annual Conference this year.

After almost 40 years of service, this was a particularly difficult decision for me because I love the Church and I have spent most of my life as a servant of our Lord in the Church. Over the past nine years at Mt. Tabor, we have been blessed with the joy of friendships and bonds that we will cherish for a life time.

Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee will work with our District Superintendent, Dr. Bill Medlin, in the process of the appointment of a new Senior Pastor, who will be appointed at this year's Annual Conference.

I invite you to join me in praying for our church as we prepare for the wonderful future God has prepared for us. May God bless each of you as you continue to "Gather, Grow, and Go" in the name of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Earl Wilson, Jr.



*gather grow go*



Our Response to God's Grace

  
**Pledges for 2012 as of January 23: Pledges-323**  
**Amount of Pledges: \$952,860**  
**Our weekly budget need is \$28,636.88.**  
 Thank you for your generosity. Every gift is important.

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| <b>Sunday, January 15, 2012</b>            |             |
| Sunday School                              | 270         |
| Worship (7:30-8, P&W-76,HG- G3-103, T-196) | 637         |
| Budget                                     | \$24,741.51 |
| Other                                      | \$3,274.00  |

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| <b>Sunday, January 22, 2012</b>                |             |
| Sunday School                                  | 294         |
| Worship (7:30-8, P&W-62, HG-254, G3-117;T-184) | 625         |
| Budget   | \$16,689.66 |
| Other  | \$5,970.55  |

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| <b>Total (2 weeks)</b> | <b>\$50,675.72</b> |
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Please submit **Tabor Talk** contributions to the appropriate ministry leader for approval **by the 20th of the month**

We welcome **Kendall Grace Beach** who received the sacrament of Christian Baptism during the 11:00 worship service on January 22, 2012, and is enrolled as a Baptized member. Kendall's parents are **Scott and Shannon Wilson**.

We welcome our newest members who joined Mt. Tabor at the g3 Service on January 8, 2012, **Steve and Shannon Ford** of 171 Scottsdale Drive, Advance, NC 27006 by Profession of Faith. Their son, **Luke Ford** has been added as a constituent.



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM THANK YOU!

Well, the holidays are over, and things are now returning to normal. I realize it has been a couple of months now since Journey to Bethlehem took place, but I wanted to thank everyone who acted in, set-up, took down, baked, cleaned up, sang, played an instrument, and took part in Journey to Bethlehem. Thank you to: Kim Harvey, Jim Sarfert, Eric Royer, David Rigby, Jim Annas, Matthew Stockburger, Sam Doughton, Beverly Burton, John Millican, Jonathan Cooke, Suzanne Cooke, Cameron Ponder, Courtney Montgomery, Sam Jensen, Sam Smith, Will Snyder, Carter Jennings, Virginia Burcham, Dillon Davis, Charlotte Ririe, Sydney Tickle, Sarah Cooke, Lydia Odom, Katherine Leak, Kari Argabright, Madison Whitesides, Becca Royer, Evan Millican, Michael Nebinger, Michael Hines, Emma Sims, Rob Hines, Tyler Keaton, Blaine Burton, Dan Michaels, Kyle Baker, Aidan Baker, Seth Odom, David Skinner, Bob McHone, Judy Miller, Riley Burgiss, Craig Miller, Carl Crothers, Gene Overby, Tatum Jennings, Grant Eller, Nicholas Eller, Tim Snyder, Harold Beaty, Bond Craver, Andy Nebinger, Hannah Craver, Eric Burt, Shannon Heck, Randy Royer, Priscilla Grubbs, Holly McPherson, Todd Engels, Craig Engels, Thor Jensen, Erick Jensen, Ben McIntosh, Riley McIntosh, Bill Marvin, Denise Peterson, Ashley Marvin, Ashlyn Tickle, Lauren Tickle, John Elliott, Ginger Elliott, Mary Liz Elliott, John Robert Elliott, Anna Elliott, Ashley Elliott, Neal Callahan, Kevin Noyes, Greg Owens, Ginger Owens, Kate Sarfert, Thomas Beaty, Emily Beaty, David Craver, Zach Owens, Tori Owens, Kent Griffith, Craig Miller, Richard Shoaf, Robert Graham, Grace Carter, Luke Hale, Logan Hale, Lauren Hale, Alex Lee, Camdyn Davis, Ian McPherson, Marcey Davis, Carson Keaton, Avery Keaton, Maddie Burt, Emma Howell, Eloise Joubert, Maddie Landers, Ken Nicholls, David Long, Ben Rowe, John Burgiss, Katie Nicholls, Kendall Beach, Laura Doughton, Elizabeth Rowe, Maddie Burgiss, Libby Burt, James Doughton, Joshua Sarfert, Seth Harvey, Neil Raymer, Aaron Raymer, Jordan Raymer, Caroline Bullard, Amelia Ruth Bullard, Olivia Richardson, Hope Burton, Don Davis, Randy Morris, Steve Causey, Avery Kraft, John Hines, Alan Proctor, Anna McPherson, McKenna Davis, Keeghan Davis, Addison Causey, Koen Kraft, Tristan Kraft, Howard Kraft, Philip Proctor, Carolyn Ponder, Carly Ponder, Cheryl Smith, Ashley McIntosh, Janette Kelley, Rachelle Duffey, Ellen Morris, Candy Marvin, Christie Kraft, Karen Causey, Cindy Argabright, Greg Argabright, Teresa Jackson, Cheryl Smith, Stuart Smith, Nathan Smith, Rick Lowe, Marty Lowe, Kathy Shoaf, Ed Beason, Cherie Ratcliffe, Beth Eller, Dawn Engels, Don Guilbault, Martha Guilbault, Nicholas Guilbault, Christopher Guilbault, Deanna Hines, Susan Baker, Bob Reddick, Ron Keaton, The Higher Ground Team, Chris Frantz, Donna Cooke, Andrew LeJeune, Debby Huffman, Paula Page, Fleeta Hall, Deb Keaton, Charlie Smith, Ron Garner, David Long, Beth Orrell, Steve Keaton, Ryan Frazier, Gary Mahathey, Earl Wilson, the Praise & Worship Band, the Youth Handbells, the B.E.L.L.S. Quartet, the Chancel Choir, and the Youth Choir.

*Honorariums* & MEMORIALS 

**Memorials**

- In Memory of Kathryn Jarrett**  
By: Jean B. Winters  
Michael and Lola Tuttle  
Joyce N. Wilson  
Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Grant, III  
Don and Esther Procknow  
Bryant Family, Nina, Linda,  
Marshall Jr. and Mark
- In Memory of Evelyn Williamson**  
By: The Werkman Family
- In Memory of Robert and Mary Wishon, Sr.**  
By: Robert and Rachel Wishon, Jr.
- In Memory of Robert Miller**  
By: Rose Miller
- In Memory of John Entinghe**  
By: Janice Jones Entinghe
- In Memory of Bill and Phyllis Jones**  
By: Janice Jones Entinghe
- In Memory of Tom and Ollie Jones**  
By: Janice Jones Entinghe
- In Memory of Tommy and Jackie Jones**  
By: Janice Jones Entinghe
- In Memory of Nancy Petree**  
By: Iris Brown
- In Memory of Ola Brown**  
By: Iris Brown
- In Memory of Jessie Farmer**  
By: Iris Brown
- In Memory of Ethel Brewer**  
By: Iris Brown
- In Memory of George C. Petree**  
By: George and Judith Petree Jr.
- In Honor of Gray, Nikki and Robert Gray Cartwright**  
By: Bob and Jean Burris



Rev. Gary Mahathey  
Associate Pastor  
gary.mahathey@mttaborumc.org

### **BULLETIN BOARD**

There is a new bulletin board in the lobby of the Family Life Center to be used for Outreach updates and information. We will be highlighting a particular Outreach Ministry each month. Please take the time to stop by and to learn about the many ways in which we, as a church, are involved in Outreach.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

It's not too early to save the date! Our Great Day of Service this year will be **Saturday, April 21**. Detailed information will be available as we get closer to the actual date.



### **UMCOR EXPLAINED**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is the chief agency we support for our continued worldwide mission involvement. UMCOR is one of the best ways for us to be involved in foreign mission. Historically UMCOR has received the highest rating by the philanthropic association that rates benevolent agencies. It is efficient, it is effective, and it is truly putting our dollars at work where we can't always be in person. We annually support UMCOR financially through Advance Specials, through responding to natural disasters where UMCOR is involved (such as we did last year for the Japanese earthquake and tsunami and the storm damage in eastern North Carolina), and through One Great Hour of Sharing (this year scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>; stay tuned for more information). The Outreach Committee also recently designated the funds, which had previously been earmarked for use in the Democratic Republic of Congo, to be funneled through UMCOR. These funds will help with education at The Diengenga Trade School and The Mama Tola (previously Lorena Kelly) Girl's School and the Kinshasa Orphanage in the DRC.

In addition to our financial support of UMCOR, we will be introducing Equal Exchange Fair Trade coffee at Higher Ground and at our fellowship time in the coming year. The UMCOR Coffee Project is an innovative way to reach out to small-scale farmers in the developing world while enjoying fellowship and an excellent cup of coffee. We're going to drink coffee anyway, right! Why not support small scale farmers through fair trade and through UMCOR? As Christians we can address a consumer dilemma by buying coffee that is fairly traded.

### **FEEDING THE HUNGRY**

As a church we have a responsibility to visit the sick and imprisoned, to give drink to the thirsty, and to feed the hungry (Matthew 25). Hunger is a particularly prevalent problem in our area. For instance, currently, according to statistics published by the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC, 24.1 percent of children in northwest NC, under the age of five, are food insecure, meaning that they are "unable to consistently access adequate amounts of nutritious food that is necessary for a healthy life." What a sobering statistic! Here at Mt. Tabor we reach out in many ways to minister to those who are hungry. We support, through both volunteer staffing and financing, many hunger-related agencies and initiatives in Winston-Salem, including Second Harvest Food Bank, Crisis Control Ministry, Samaritan Ministries, The Shalom Project, Meals on Wheels, and Food for Thought. In some cases, we also provide leadership for these agencies and initiatives. For instance, at Samaritan Ministries, Keith Rogers serves as Board Vice President, Al Jones serves as Board Assistant Treasurer, and Becky Pfaff serves as a board member. These are all members here at Mt. Tabor.

Another vital hunger-related ministry in which we participate is the CROP Hunger Walk. For over 30 years, the CROP Walk has brought people of different faith communities, cultures and ages together to show their support for the poor, victims of famine, war and disease. Since the first Winston-Salem CROP Walk in 1979, over \$1 million has been raised, locally, to fight hunger. In 2011 we had 28 walkers volunteer from Mt. Tabor and raised over \$4,000.00 in donations. CROP Walk donations are shared, with 75% going to Church World Service, one of the most effective and efficient international service agencies in the world, and 25% going to Crisis Control Ministry and Sunnyside Ministry to support their hunger alleviation programs in Forsyth County.

Finally, there are times when we offer food assistance for those persons who are in immediate need. Some months ago I received a call from a young mother seeking food assistance. In my conversation with her I asked how she came to call our church since she lives in a different part of the county. She said she had called another local church who directed her to us. They told her to call us because, "Mt. Tabor is the kind of church that helps people."

We have a lot to celebrate in terms of our support. These agencies simply could not exist nor meet the needs of the poor and marginalized members of our society without our help. That help is financial and it is hands on. That help also comes in the form of prayer. As a church let's make a commitment to pray daily for guidance and direction as we seek to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community and world. Let us pray for the poor, the hungry, the sick, and imprisoned. Let us pray for ourselves and for our church as we continually look beyond the walls of our buildings and minister to those in need. John Wesley saw feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, and assisting strangers as acts of mercy. As Christians, as United Methodists and as a church we are called to these acts of mercy. And we can say, "We are the kind of church that helps people."

### **OUTREACH ON THE WEBSITE**

You can visit our website to find helpful links for many of the agencies mentioned above and to stay up to date about our involvement, as we reach out to the community and world around us.



**35 & Men's Basketball League**

It is time to start registering for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Legends Basketball League**. Legends is a league designed specifically for men 35 & older. It is open to all men from Mt. Tabor UMC and the community. You can register as an individual and be placed on a team or you can register your own team. The season lasts 6 weeks with all games being played on Sunday afternoons in the Family Life Center. Games consist of 2 20-minute halves (continuous clock). The season runs from Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

The cost is only \$17 and this is a *1-time fee* that covers reversible jersey that is yours to keep for future leagues where you will play at no cost.

Deadline to register as an individual is Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 5PM. Deadline to register as a team is Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. Individual and Team Registration Forms are available in the church office or on the Mt. Tabor UMC website at [www.mttaborumc.org](http://www.mttaborumc.org).

Questions? Please contact Steve Keaton at 765-5561 or email at [steve.keaton@mttaborumc.org](mailto:steve.keaton@mttaborumc.org).



**Winter 2012  
Team Registration**

**Due NO LATER Than  
Wed. February 15th, 2012 at 5PM**

*\$17 per player! This is a 1-time fee that covers each player's jersey that they keep for future leagues and enables them to play at NO COST in future leagues!*

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Captain** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Capt's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Roster (Including Capt) *MAXIMUM of 10 players per team!***

| First Name | Last Name | CellPhone | Email | Member? | Emergency Contact # |
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**Team Registration is due to Steve Keaton NO LATER than Wednesday, February 15th, 2012 at 5PM.**

If your team is NOT at the maximum of 10 players, individuals who have registered to play may be added to your roster. You will be informed of this. Form can be faxed to Steve at 768-4300, scanned and emailed to [steve.keaton@mttaborumc.org](mailto:steve.keaton@mttaborumc.org) or dropped by the church office.



# Our Response to God's Grace

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER LOVE IN ACTION**

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I want to thank each of you who participated in the 2012 Stewardship Campaign. We know that in these difficult financial times it is sometimes easier to put off financial commitments until the economic waters calm and we gain confidence in the future. So we are especially thankful that so many have pledged their support to Mt Tabor Church, its programs, services and outreach.

As many of you know, however, the number and total amount of pledges to date is far behind where we were this time last year. As of January 23rd we have received 323 pledges totaling \$952,860. The same time last year we had 340 pledges totaling \$1,037,149. This decrease in both pledge dollars and number of pledges represents a continuing trend that goes back 5 years when we had 410 pledges totaling \$1,168,761. Since 2008, pledges have decreased an average of 3% while expenses have grown less than 1%.

While our church leaders work to implement our "Simple Church" model that will refocus the church's energy and resources on our biblical mission to create disciples, the various committees will have to struggle with difficult decisions...decisions that will have to be made in order to significantly reduce the budget to levels that more closely match our pledged level of financial support. I would ask each of you to prayerfully consider your level of participation in the financial needs of our Church home. If each of the 323 families who submitted a pledge card added only \$200, or even \$100, to their 2012 pledge, we could make significant progress in helping to close this budget gap. And if only 30 more families would commit to some level of financial support, we could really make a difference.

If we are unable to provide the finance committee with additional pledge support, then the resulting budget cuts will certainly impact many of our programs and services. Our church has a long standing history of providing valuable services to not only our own members but to many worthy institutions throughout Winston Salem and indeed around the world. While we all are concerned about the future of our own financial health, let us not forget those who rely on assistance provided by the programs and outreach of Mt Tabor.

Pledge cards will be available in the office and other areas of the church. You can "step up" your existing pledge by contacting Deborah Keaton, our Financial Administrator, in the church office or by email at [deborah.keaton@mttaborumc.org](mailto:deborah.keaton@mttaborumc.org).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Christ  
Phil Everhart  
Chair



## **EASY DINNERS!**

Need a great idea for dinner? Mt. Tabor Weekday Preschool will be selling frozen entree's from Mrs. Pumpkin's!

The menu items offered at \$12 each or 5 for \$50 (mix & match) are:

- Chicken Pie
- Chicken Pie with Veggies
- Ham Quiche
- Veggie Quiche
- Baked Spaghetti
- Chicken Parmesan

2 Quarts of Soup for \$12.00 (This is not mix and match)

They are:

- White Chicken Chili or
- Veggie Soup

Pre-orders will be taken before and after Sunday school on Sunday, February 12th, 19th, and 26th. Look for the table in the Lobby of the Family Life Center! Order forms are also available on the church's website. Just complete the form and return it to Mt. Tabor. Pick-up times will be Saturday March 3 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and Sunday, March 4 from 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. All proceeds from this sale will benefit Mt. Tabor Weekday Preschool.

## **LADIES... DO YOU HAVE A CIRCLE HOME?**

Circle VII invites all to visit on the 4th Monday morning of each month for a time of fellowship and an inspiring program. Contact Bonnie Culler, 336-659-9205, or Georgie Snapp, 336-768-0189.

# Mount TABOR

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## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

8:45—Praise & Worship/11:00—Traditional

**Sunday, February 5, 2012**  
"Faith Stretches Us"  
Dr. Earl Wilson

**Sunday, February 12, 2012**  
"The Race"  
Gary Mahathey

**Sunday, February 19, 2012**  
"Radical Hospitality"  
Dr. Earl Wilson

**Sunday, February 26, 2012**  
"Journey to Hope"  
Dr. Earl Wilson

*Nursery provided for all services.*



**February 5, 2012**  
"Facing Forward"  
Steve Keaton

**February 12, 2012**  
"Missing Person"  
Dr. Earl Wilson

**February 19, 2012**  
"Pruning Time"  
Gary Mahathey

**February 26, 2012**  
"Smile, God Loves You: Closer Than You Know"



Discovering God  
Discovering Life

### Sermon Series-

**February 5, 2012**  
"Redeeming My Relationships"

**February 12, 2012**  
"Redeeming My Life"

### CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRIES

*Gift for February Juice*



*Gift for the Year*

*Juice*



Please bring your donation to the entrance of the Fellowship Hall and place in the canvas bin.

### Responsibilities at Mt. Tabor for February

**Acolytes:**  
8:45 a.m. Austin Williams  
11:00 a.m. Ashleigh Kiger  
**Altar Guild:** JoBeth Holliday  
**Worship Packets:** Mary Lyons  
**Kitchen Committee Representative:** Linda Kearsley

### WELCOME TEAM

**February 5**  
**February 12** Ron & Cynthia Grant  
**February 19** Brent Bond  
**February 26** Ernest & Ellen Morris

### RECYCLING VOLUNTEERS

**Jan. 29-2/11** Mark Tickle  
**Feb. 12-25.....**Lynn Church  
**Feb. 26-3/10** John Eller

### SOUND TECHNICIANS

8:45 .m.  
**February 5** Robert Graham  
**February 12** Jeff Buchanan  
**February 19** Brady Buchanan  
**February 26** Matt Clark  
11:00 a.m. Mike Nebinger

### Nursery VOLUNTEERS

8:45 a.m.  
**February 5** Lindsay Heitman  
**February 12** Brad & Kelly Davis  
**February 19** Bill Huffman  
**February 26** Cathy Hurd  
11:00 a.m.  
**February 5** Eric & Wende Burt  
**February 12** Kent & Angela Powell  
**February 19** Katelen Nichols  
**February 26** Neil & Dani Raymer



**8:45 Praise & Worship**

**February 5**  
Sam Odom, Matt & Katherine Clark,  
Jeff Goldsmith, Laura Grace Goldsmith

**February 12**  
John & Riely Burgiss, Lounelle Selle,  
Laura & Emily Beaty

**February 19**  
Jeff Livengood, David & Marcia Baker, Susan Rudd, Jeff Goldsmith,  
Laura Grace Goldsmith

**February 26**  
Sam Odom, Lynn Simmons, Don & Judy Brewer, Susanne Mincey