



Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAYS

Higher Ground - 9 a.m.

a multi-sensory contemporary service that celebrates and shares God's love in a relaxed worship setting.

Available online at

[www.YouTube.com/](http://www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming)

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Ignite! - 11 a.m.

a contemporary service with emphasis on participatory worship, prayer, community and transformation. Experience God's presence in worship, through worship songs, community prayer and the proclamation of His word.

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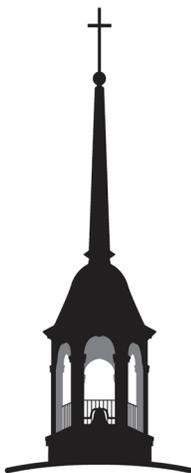
Traditional - 11 a.m.

a worship service incorporating the traditional hymns of faith, the historic creeds of the church, monthly celebration of communion, rich organ music and artistic offerings by the Worship Arts team of children, youth and adults, in vocal, instrumental and hand bell music, liturgical movement and visual arts.

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Go and make disciples
of all the nations, baptizing them ...
Teach these new disciples to obey
all the commands ...
And be sure of this:
I am with you always ...
~Matthew 28:18-20

Tabor Talk



gather joyfully • grow spiritually • go faithfully

FAITH AND HOPE

Martin Luther, the German theologian and leader of the Reformation movement had some very practical advice that he shared with a pastor/friend during a deadly outbreak of a plague in his hometown, Wittenberg in 1527:

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God."

The worldwide spread of the Coronavirus/Covid 19 is not nor will be as deadly as some of the vicious plagues that spread throughout Europe years ago, but Luther's words still ring true and applicable to us. They are words of practicality and faith. Though hopefully we will all do our part in stopping the spread of the virus and preventing its being shared with another through us, our faith is still in God who is bigger than all this. We are people of faith and our hope is in God who is with us and will protect us and bring good out of this.

Everything has changed for all of us. September 11, 2001 changed the world forever, and this has probably changed the world forever too. We will get through this and over this. But I hope that it will have many lasting positive impacts for everyone, including churches. I pray that the things we are experiencing and learning about ourselves and the importance of our connections will be always be remembered. I pray that the new and creative ways we are learning to be the church in a time when we can't gather publicly will continue and become part of our ongoing ministry. I pray that we will never lose sight of how important our gathering together is and how important being with people face to face is and how important our being able to shake or hold hands together or share hugs is.

God is with you and will be with you through this. God will give you what you need. Ask God and let God give you strength, peace, courage and patience. Acknowledge what you are feeling and share it with someone you trust. Let others be family to you. And reach out to someone else. Pray. And pray some more. Keep hope alive. Never give up. This too shall pass! And we will be stronger because of it!

Don't forget to join us for worship on Sundays through prerecorded services of our 9 a.m. Higher Ground contemporary, 11 a.m. Ignite contemporary or 11 a.m. Traditional worship. We also have daily devotions or prayers by our staff available each day at www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming.

Pastor Mark †



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There is always a lot going on for TaborKIDS!

To stay up to date, please check out:

Website: mttaborumc.org/mtumctaborkids

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MTUMCTaborKids

Instagram: @taborkidsmtumc

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2UggRCa>

TaborKIDS also sends out emails. If you are interested in receiving them, contact Marcey Davis at marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org



(ages infants—Kindergarten)

Everywhere we look in spring we see green starting to push through the soil and trees heavy with buds getting ready to bloom. Everything just feels so ALIVE! It's the perfect picture to help teach preschoolers that Jesus is alive! We are sharing with preschoolers the life changing truth that Jesus is alive and He wants to be their friend forever. We are planting seeds that we pray will grow and bloom into a faith that is as alive as Jesus. A love that will love like Jesus. A compassion that will care like Jesus. A life that will give like Jesus. Each time you see a flower bloom, let it be a sweet reminder of the tremendous privilege we have to GO and TELL preschoolers and their families that Jesus is alive.



(ages 1st—4th grades)

This month, 252 begins

Upside Down: Jesus Changes Everything

Humility isn't easy. If we're honest, WE want to be first in line. WE want that last slice of cookie cake.

When something good happens, WE want the credit. Let's face it; it's a "me first" kind of world. But when Jesus came, He turned that kind of thinking upside down ... especially when He died on the cross for us.

Jesus changed everything, and He still does today!

He gave us the perfect example of humility—*putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.*



a Mount Tabor ministry for 5th & 6th graders

The GAP

(ages 5th graders through 6th graders)

Keep up with GAP activities on:

Website: mttaborumc.org/thegap

Facebook: facebook.com/theGAPMTUMC

Instagram: @thegapmtumc

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2wEeLCV>

Sign up for Remind texts by texting @gaptr to 81010 and emails by contacting marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org

The GAP is currently working through a four-week series called "Worth Repeating" on the Parables of Jesus.

- Week 1: God loves you even when you're lost.
- Week 2: At God's party, the invitation is for us all.
- Week 3: When it comes to prayer, don't quit because it's quiet.
- Week 4: Putting others first changes us and our relationships for the better.



student ministries of mount tabor umc

In these ever changing times, the Student and Families Ministries Team is dedicated to constantly putting out accurate information and trying to connect with the students of Mount Tabor UMC. We are rapidly attempting to digitize our meeting and connection times and will continue to update information as it becomes available. See ways to stay up to date on information regarding Student Ministries listed below. Please know that the students of this church are continuing to be covered in our prayers, and that we give thanks for them daily.

For devotions, messages, games, and more, visit and subscribe to the Mount Tabor Fusion **YouTube** page:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKke8SV_3kGShz4MXT6ZoiA

For info on how to stay connected to **Zoom** digital

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Follow us on **Instagram:** @mttaborumcfusion

Like Fusion Youth Ministries on **Facebook:**
@mttaborumcfusion

Andy Burton Memorial Golf Tournament

The Andy Burton Memorial Golf Tournament Planning Committee, along with the Student Ministries Team has prayerfully made the difficult decision to postpone the Andy Burton Memorial Golf Tournament. The rescheduled date is still to be determined and will be in the next issue of Tabor Talk. To register once the new date is announced Visit <https://mttaborumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/356020>. †

Guest and New Member Ministries



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I have been praying that God would keep you healthy during this chaotic time, and praying that God would contain this virus so that we can gather together again. I've also been praying that God would use us—the church—in some way, since I know that He is doing something new even in the midst of the chaos. God is moving, and I pray we are attuned to His movement, and obedient to His call and His will.

Our ministry continues, even when we cannot be together. According to the Bible (Romans 12:13), we are called to practice hospitality, wherever we are. So let's continue to be faithful and obedient in answering that call.

Imagine yourself walking through our building on a normal, bustling Sunday morning. Who would you see? Who would you say hello to as you walk in the building? Who would you chat with while you fill your coffee cup or grab a bagel? Who would you greet as you enter your worship space? Who would you offer a smile to as you wait for worship to begin?

Whoever came to your mind, write their name down. Make a list. **Pray for those people.**

Then consider: is the Holy Spirit calling you to contact them? You can write a note, send a text, make a phone call. And if you need help with a phone number or an address, let me know. I can connect you with someone who needs to receive your generous spirit of hospitality in this time.

Think of your neighbors, friends and family. Who is God putting on your heart? Extend your hospitality to those around you. Stay connected. Offer assistance if you can. Spread the love of Jesus just by being present with folks. Knowing that we are truly all in this together and that God is in control is what will carry us through.

Aren't we glad we live in a time when quarantine doesn't have to mean total isolation? But that's only true if we are faithful in reaching out. I believe God is calling each of us to do that in some way. Let's be obedient to His call to be His hands and feet, as God is moving—and doing a new thing—in our midst. †



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The Power of Prayer

Mount Tabor believes in the power of prayer. As people of faith, we are called to pray for one another, and for the world around us, which is suffering right now. As we go through this difficult and challenging time, we are reminded that God hears all our prayers.

If you have a prayer request you can go to our website at www.mttaborumc.org/prayer-requests and leave it there, or contact one of our pastors, or myself. Unless you wish for your request to remain private, it will be shared with our prayer chains, a dedicated group who faithfully pray over requests each week. Our pastors and staff also pray for every prayer request by name.

If you would like to serve on the prayer chain, I'll be happy to add you to our volunteer list.

Take care and let us know how we can pray for you.

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.*

~ Romans 12:12

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Please help in this time of crisis!

Blood Drive **Mount Tabor UMC**

Family Life Center
3543 Robinhood Rd
Winston Salem, NC 27106

Tuesday, April 14, 2020
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and key sponsor code: Mount Tabor UMC or call the church at 336-765-5561.

Read about the COVID-19 protocol for donations at
redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/coronavirus--covid-19--and-blood-donation.html

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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The life you save might be your own.

SAVE THE DATE
Shredding for Donations
in church parking lot
JUNE 20, 9AM-12PM
sponsored by United Methodist Women Circle 5



Mount Tabor

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3543 Robinhood
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Rev. Dianne Lawhorn

March 25, 2020

TO: Mount Tabor Church Family
FROM: Jim Graham,
chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

This past year has been a difficult year financially for Mount Tabor and as SPRC began preparing the staffing budget for 2020 it realized that to achieve the expense reduction required to meet the anticipated revenue staffing adjustments would need to be made. After much agonizing discussion, SPRC decided that the position of Minister of Spiritual Growth would be changed to a lay position rather than a clergy position. That unfortunately will necessitate a reappointment of Pastor Dianne to another church in July by Bishop Leeland and the Cabinet.

Dianne has served Mount Tabor in a most outstanding manner during the five years she has been with us. Her support of our Senior Pastor, Mark Key, has been greatly appreciated. Included in this support is her focus on Spiritual Development which has been a significant contribution. The Church has seen an unprecedented growth in small group development, church wide studies with preaching series, and opportunities for spiritual retreats. Also, to her credit is the creation of an active Spiritual Growth Committee where she has provided mentoring, resources, and encouragement for participating lay members as they lead small groups, contribute to programming, and support her work. Mount Tabor is a large congregation with multiple services and it is through her work where the Church has been able to come together in a common study and worship experience along with individual opportunities for personal spiritual growth. Also, Dianne was an active participant in our strategic initiative to identify Mount Tabor's strengths, weakness, and interests. The result was an affirmation of her work in spiritual development and its significance for discipleship which is foundational in the desire of the Church to be more engaged in our community's institutional and individual needs. Dianne leaves us a great foundation on which to continue building our Spiritual Development ministry with lay leadership.

I realize this is a significant change to our pastoral leadership and should you have any questions about this matter please contact me at jimgraham11@hotmail.com.

gather grow go

Dr. Mark J. Key
Senior Pastor

Rev. Bob Richardson
Assistant Pastor

Rev. Dianne Lawhorn
Minister of Spiritual Growth

CONGREGATIONAL *Life*

Offer prayers, support & resurrection faith to:

Mike & Carol Petree on the March 6 death of Carol's sister Hazel Dotson Pitts Willard.

Phil & Karen Everhart on the March 10 death of Phil's mother Iris Everhart.

Jim & Lynn Stedman on the March 21 death of Jim's sister Joan.

Congratulations to:

Patrick Rhyne and Amberly Herring on their March 7 wedding.

Welcome new Mount Tabor members:

Matt & Sara Schrader by transfer from United Baptist Church, Winston-Salem and profession of faith respectively on March 8.

Edward Wolfe by profession of faith on March 8. †

Now Finish the Task

to build and enhance the ministries of Mount Tabor UMC

'NOW FINISH THE TASK' PLEDGE UPDATE

"Now Finish the Task" 2-year debt reduction campaign pledges are still being accepted via USPS mail. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to reduce the debt on the almost four-year-old facilities by using the card mailed to you in February or requesting a new card be mailed to you (336-765-5561 or office@mttaborumc.org). As of March 27, **49 pledges** totaling \$525,950 have been submitted. The loan balance is \$1,559,471.69. †

CHURCH CALENDAR

Even though the church facility is closed during the North Carolina stay home order, meetings, small groups, Sunday school and other classes are still meeting via the Internet. Visit the church website

www.MtTaborUMC.org

and click on the **EVENTS** tab to see the church calendar. If you have a class to add, contact 336-765-5561 or office@mttaborumc.org. †

MEMORIALS & Honorariums

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In Memory of Sara Annas
by Martha Agnew,
Connie, Michael & Treva Bradshaw,
Tom & Nancy Yount

**In Memory of
Shannon Meadows Moran**
by Gary & Suzie Haley

In Memory of Jane Murrell
by Jennifer Ratcliff

**In Memory of
Henry Winfield Robertson**
by David Winfield Roberston

In Memory of Ruby L. Robertson
by David Winfield Roberston

In Memory of Anna Walker
by Virginia & Paul Thombs

In Memory of Mark Werkman II
by Gary & Suzie Haley

In Memory of Hazel Willard
by Jean Burris,
MTUMC Pioneers for Christ SS Class,
Gene & Peggy Dillard

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Dr. Mark Key
by David Winfield Roberston

In Honor of Robbie Powers
by George E. Stubbins Sr.

**In Honor of
Don, Janet & Kristin Rhyne**
by David Winfield Roberston

Memorials or Honorariums for a loved one may be made online at www.MtTaborUMC.org/give or by check through the USPS mail. Please make check payable to Mount Tabor UMC. Please designate Memorial or Honorarium along with the person's name. You may also choose an approved ministry area of the church for the money to benefit.



MOUNT TABOR UMC MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please keep these service men and women in your prayers:

**Matthew Blue Matthew Burris Adam Clapp Audrey Clapp Jason Clapp
Christopher Fisher Lee Gray Robert Hines Adam Johnson Sebastian Lambert
Jennifer Penley Josh Richardson Ryan Smith Jonathan Sullivan Brian Temas
Trey Wheeler William Wilson Matthew Young**

Have your active service loved one listed by emailing office@mttaborumc.org

YOUR CHURCH GIVING IS AS IMPORTANT NOW

—during this physical distancing period—than it ever has been.

Mount Tabor UMC is not closed as people are the church, not the building.
Individuals are still in need and the church is ministering to them.

You don't have to be in a pew to give! Here are 3 ways:

online at <https://www.mttaborumc.org/give> or

smart phone text donation amount to 336-777-7571 or

(First time, text-giving donors will be prompted to visit a secure URL to enter credit/debit card info or bank account routing info then follow directions on screen.)

USPS mail to MTUMC, 3543 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

**Help the church continue to be
the hands and feet of Jesus.**



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For everyone's health, please stay home as the church facilities are closed and staff members are working from their homes.

Please submit newsletter contributions to the appropriate ministry leader for approval or Senior Church Administrator Libby Craven by 4/15/20 for the MAY 2020 issue of *Tabor Talk*.

Worship

IN APRIL

All services are available online only at www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

"The Face of Jesus"

Scripture: *Matthew 21:1-11*

Thursday, April 8, 7pm Tenebrae

Friday, April 9, 7pm Good Friday

Sunday, April 12, 2020

EASTER

"I Have Seen the Lord"

Scripture: *John 20:1-18*

Sunday, April 19, 2020

"From Doubt to Faith"

Scripture: *John 20:19-31*

"Does Anybody Know? Does Anybody Care?"

4-week series begins

Sunday, April 26, 2020

"Suicide"

Scripture: *John 16:33*

A Mission Statement

for the Mount Tabor UMC Family in the Midst of COVID-19

Gather joyfully as we are dispersed to our homes.

Grow spiritually as we use extra time to slow down and pray more and seek God's presence more.

Go faithfully into the world to share God's love as we connect with others in safe ways.

~ Pastor Mark †

APRIL PREACHING SCHEDULE

Services are available at www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming

Date	Higher Ground (9am)	Ignite! (11am)	Traditional (11am)
April 5	Mark Key	Bob Richardson	Mark Key
Thursday, April 8, 7pm	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service		Mark Key
Friday, April 9, 7pm	Good Friday Service		Bob Richardson
April 12	Bob Richardson	Bob Richardson	Mark Key
April 19	Mark Key	Bob Richardson	Mark Key
April 26	Mark Key	Bob Richardson	Mark Key

BE A PART OF THE PRE-RECORDED IGNITE EASTER SERVICE!

Grab your cell phone (or other device) and record a short video of you (and whoever you are in quarantine with) saying, "He is risen! He is risen indeed!" Make sure you hold your phone **horizontally** and speak clearly and with enthusiasm. E-mail your video to gray.handwerk@mttaborumc.org by 5 p.m. Thursday, April 9. Submitted videos will be added to the pre-recorded 11 a.m. Ignite worship service, so all can proclaim the Good News to those watching on Easter! *NOTE: If you send a video, you are agreeing that the video and all participants in that video can be displayed to the public on the Internet via www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming or other means.*