

Tabor Talk

February 2023

the monthly newsletter of

Mount Tabor United Methodist Church
3543 Robinhood Road • Winston-Salem, NC 27106 • 336-765-5561

located in the Yadkin Valley District of the
Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church

gather joyfully • grow spiritually • go faithfully

Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

— SUNDAYS @ 9 a.m. —

Higher Ground (Feb. 5 only)

a multi-sensory contemporary service celebrates and shares God's love in the Alspaugh Worship Center's relaxed setting.

Children's Worship (Feb. 12 only)

a special opportunity for "kids of all ages" to worship in BIG church with high energy in the Alspaugh Worship Center.

Modern Worship (Feb. 19 & 26)

a new modern, contemporary service in-person and online in the Alspaugh Worship Center.

— SUNDAYS @ 11 a.m. —

Ignite! (Feb. 5 only)

a contemporary service with emphasis on participatory worship, prayer, community and transformation, in-person and online from the Alspaugh Worship Center.

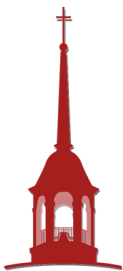
Traditional

a worship service incorporating the traditional hymns of faith and the historic creeds of the church, in-person and online stream from the light-filled Sanctuary.

Nursery care and a Mother's Room are available in the Children's Building.

Wheelchairs are available for use while on church property and hearing enhancement devices, as well as large print bulletins, are available. See one of the ushers for details.

Livestream of the 11 a.m. services and, beginning Feb. 19 the 9 a.m. service, is available at www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming and on Facebook Live at **Mount Tabor United Methodist Church**



SPIRITUAL SPRING CLEANING

Toward the end of this month, we will begin the season of Lent. This is one of my favorite times of the year. The season of Lent is a time of reflection, and a time of returning to our roots. It is a journey to the cross and then ultimately to the empty tomb. As we journey towards the cross, we're reminded that it's all about God's overwhelming and everlasting love. It's about Christ's love for us that then inspires our love for him and for others. To go down this path we must, once again, embrace the idea of reflection.

The word "Lent" comes from an Old English word that means "Lengthen". Lent is associated with spring because during the spring the days get longer. When I think about Lent, one of the things that comes to my mind, therefore, is the idea of spring cleaning. Yes, I said spring cleaning (I can almost hear the groans from my typing now 😊). However, in this case, I am talking about a cleansing of the soul. Meaning, during the season of Lent we have the opportunity to engage in a "spiritual spring cleaning." A time to reflect and then a time to let go.

What does a spiritual spring cleaning actually involve? Well, the first part is realizing that we are completely dependent upon God. This realization is rooted in the idea that we cannot save ourselves. We need God's love and grace. This also then requires a true self-examination deep inside that offers our sins, our fears, our sorrows, our behaviors, etc., over to God, asking for God's forgiveness. Then, after that forgiveness is showered upon us by God's amazing grace, we commit to change. We commit to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. We commit to become more like Christ!

While some may think all of this is a downer to a life lived in faith, the truth is that self-examination is not something that leads to a burdensome life. On the contrary, it frees us from the burdens that weigh us down. It leads to letting go of the things that hold us back and letting in the very things that bring us life. It leads to the cross where we see our sins forgiven by God through Jesus Christ, and then to the empty tomb where we find a new life in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!

Reflectively,
Pastor Lonnie †

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE

Hey **TaborKIDS Junior!** Have you noticed any heart-shaped candy boxes or giant teddy bears in stores yet? It's that time of year when we do extra special things to show people how much we love them. One sweet way to do that has always been with candy hearts. Candy hearts are such a fun way to show someone you love them, which goes perfectly with what we are teaching children this month. After all, everything Jesus did while He was on earth was to show us how much He loves us. And if there's one thing we really want children to know, it's that Jesus loves them.

As **Club 252** and **TaborTWEENS** continue their journey through God's Big Story, we'll focus on exploring the scripture Luke 6:31 "Do to others as you want them to do to you" through the words and actions of Jesus. We'll learn to include people who are left out, to show respect even when you don't get along, to take time to show others they are important, and to remember God is most important.

TaborTWEENS are invited to participate in a special event **Friday, Feb. 3–Saturday, Feb. 4** called "Created by God." Created By God is a program designed to communicate to tweens that we are a fantastic creation made by God. The topics of human sexuality, values, and relationships are approached in a frank, honest, and Bible-based manner. For more info and to register, visit

bit.ly/mtcreatedbygod

Club 252 are invited to "Snow Much Fun Day" on **Feb. 5, 3-5 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Open to 1st–3rd graders and their friends! For more info and to register, visit **mttaborumc.churchcenter.com/registrations**

TaborKIDS Takeover Worship service is on **Feb. 12 at 9 a.m.** in the Alspaugh Worship Center! Come join TaborKIDS as they takeover and worship in BIG church. Kids of all ages are welcomed and invited.

TaborTWEENS will gather on **Feb. 26, 4-5:30 p.m.** at Alex's Grill in Lewisville. Bring money and a friend! RSVP to marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org

Mount Tabor's Preschool opens enrollment for the next school year in mid-February. We'd love to see our **TaborKIDS Junior** friends during the week. For more info, **mttaborumcpreschool.org**

Summer camps and **VBS** are now open for registration. For more information and to sign up, visit **mttaborumc.churchcenter.com/registrations**

We'd love to see you on **Sunday mornings** in **TaborKIDS Worship** offered **during all worship services** or at **Sunday School at 10 a.m.** We love our TaborKIDS!



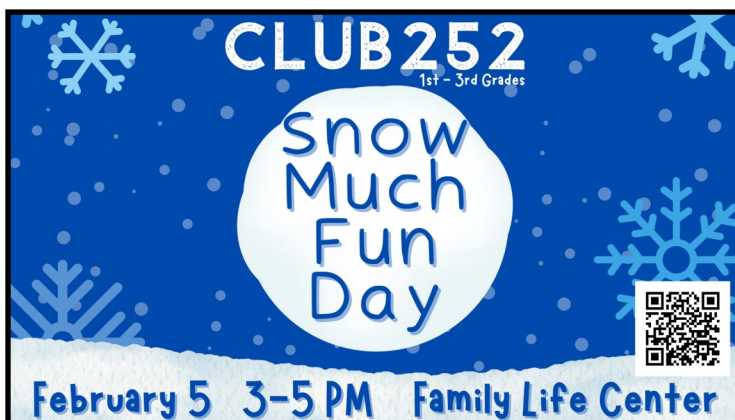
WE'RE HIRING Teachers

Mount Tabor's Afterschool Program needs teachers.

- ☒ Afternoons
- ☒ Part-time
- ☒ Flexible schedule

We would love to talk to interested individuals!
For more information, visit mttaborumc.org/employment-opportunities


Mount Tabor UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



CLUB 252
1st – 3rd Grades

Snow Much Fun Day

February 5 3-5 PM Family Life Center




February 12 at 9 AM
Alspaugh Worship Center

Taborkids TAKEOVER

Come join TaborKIDS as they worship in BIG church.
Kids of all ages are welcomed and invited.

For more information on any of these activities or Children's Ministries in general, check your TaborKIDS Weekly email or please contact Marcey Davis (marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org) †

VIEW THE **CHURCH CALENDAR** ONLINE AT
<https://tinyurl.com/MTUMC-calendar>
click the  symbol on right side of event for more info

(for youth in 6th-12th grades)

2023 STARTS WITH A BANG

With the first month of the new year under wraps, we exit the joys (and somewhat stressful moments) of the holiday season and enter the season of busy schedules, start of a new classes, the stress of school. Amidst the darkness of the world, we're reminded of the bright light that keeps us in line (in life and spiritually), and that is this community.

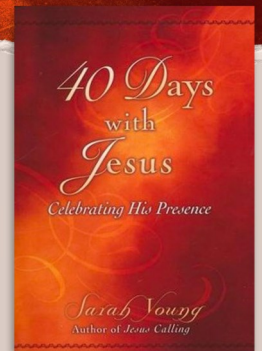

In the past month, FUSION has come together in service, gone on excursions, experienced first times, and so much more: serving at Haywood Street (including a 7a.m. arrival at the church), going to a Hornets game, Painting Pottery, watching a movie together followed by ice skating, and then going to Top Golf and eating at WillyB's parents' house. Many portions of our group engaged in fun-filled times in our smaller groups then we have come together as a bigger group, and even experienced our first Main Event Worship Service together. However the most breathtaking moments of this first month has been to see the passion for everyone coming together, encouraging each other, and serving the Lord and the community, including spending MLK Jr. remembrance day helping serve meals through Spark, and having members lead a powerful reading at Mount Tabor UMC's own MLK Jr. celebration in the Sanctuary.

All these moments have been beautiful, joyous, and filled with so much fun, here's to hoping the rest of 2023 is as amazing as this start has been. †

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Pick up at the Welcome Desk, Connect Corner or the Narthex

Available starting February 12

Ash Wednesday
FEBRUARY 22

6:30 PM in the Sanctuary
NURSERY AVAILABLE

New Worship Series

I Am
starting February 26

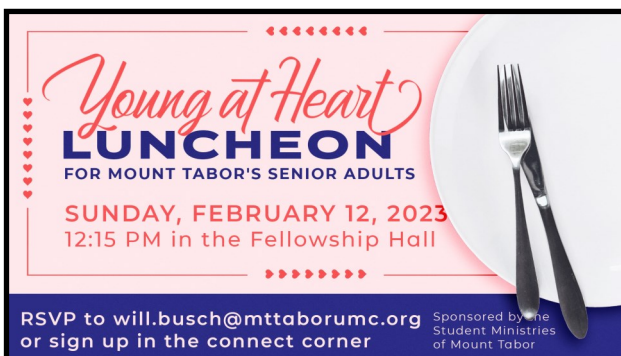
EXPERIENCING
THE GREAT **I Am**

LENTEN STUDY

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
March 1 to April 12 led by members of the Spiritual Growth Committee

Questions? contact Gray Handwerk, gray.handwerk@mttaborumc.org

SUBMIT **PRAYER REQUESTS** ONLINE AT
<https://www.MtTaborUMC.org/prayer>
you may choose who will see your request



Young at Heart LUNCHEON
FOR MOUNT TABOR'S SENIOR ADULTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023
12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall

RSVP to will.busch@mttaborumc.org or sign up in the connect corner

Sponsored by the Student Ministries of Mount Tabor



YOUTH SPRING RETREAT

CAMP THUNDERBIRD • MARCH 3-5
SIGN UP AT [BIT.LY/FUSIONS23](https://bit.ly/fusionsr23)

✂ cut out and keep handy

IMPORTANT INFO TO KNOW ABOUT MTUMC

church telephone number
336-765-5561

website
www.MtTaborUMC.org

MTUMC member login page to access your giving records,
church directory, church calendar, and more
www.tinyurl.com/MTUMCmemberLOGIN
*you can also download the mobile app at this link and
sign in using your same login information*

real-time church calendar
www.tinyurl.com/MTUMC-calendar
click the ✓ symbol on right side of event for more info

submit prayer requests
www.MtTaborUMC.org/prayer
you can chose who sees your requests

submit updates to your membership record
www.tinyurl.com/ycsom229
*make sure the church has your current address, email,
and phone number as well as your date of birth*

Facebook page
www.facebook.com/MountTaborUMCWS

Instagram account
www.instagram.com/MountTaborUMCWS

YouTube Channel
@MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming

weekday Preschool Ministry phone number
336-760-2326

weekday Afterschool Care Ministry phone number
336-760-0363



Wednesdays, 5:15-6:30 p.m. Family Life Center

*Suggested donations are Adult (age 13-older) \$8; Child (ages 3-12) \$5;
Family in same house \$25 cap. Make reservations at*

www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table

— **February 1** —
taco salad with choice of beef or chicken, refried beans,
black beans, rice, queso, dessert, drink
Kid's option—cheese quesadilla

— **February 8** —
meatloaf, mac & cheese, vegetable
roll, dessert, drink
Kid's option—chicken nuggets

— **February 15** —
choice of chicken & pasta or roasted chicken
roll, salad bar, dessert, drink
Kid's option—pizza quesadilla

— **February 22** —
pancakes, egg & hashbrown casserole, sausage,
grits, fruit, drink

ALL MEN ARE INVITED!

UNITED METHODIST MEN BREAKFAST

Sunday, Feb. 5 • 7:30am • Fellowship Hall
HOT FOOD, FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

GRIEF SHARE
a support group for adults
who have lost a loved one

Meets weekly on Wednesdays Jan 11- April 15
3:30-5:30 PM in Foundation Classroom 101

group discussion led by Beverly Burton (beverly@bburton.net)

Register at **GriefShare.org**

Tabor kids
Mount Tabor UMC Preschool

2023-2024 Registration Schedule

- Feb 21- Currently Enrolled Church Members
- Feb 22- Currently Enrolled Students
- Feb 23- Non-Currently Enrolled Church Members
and MTUMCP Previously Enrolled Families
- Feb 24- Open to the Public

Visit **www.mttaborumcpreschool.org** for more details

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED?

Find support through Mount Tabor's **DIVORCE Care**

Wednesdays at 6:30pm
January 18 through April 19
Church Parlor

REGISTER ONLINE
divorcecare.org

FACILITATORS
David Rigby • Steve Mann
Libby Craven • Kerry Lanier
divorcecare.mttabor@gmail.com

CONGREGATIONAL *Life*

Prayers, support & resurrection faith to:

Maggie Werkman and daughter **Meghan Werkman** on the Jan. 4 death of husband and father **Mark Werkman**.

Bill & Lisa Meadows on the Jan. 8 death of Bill's mother Alma Meadows.

Paulette Jeffers on the Jan. 16 death of her husband **Bill Jeffers**.

Welcome newest members:

Cathy Griffith by transfer of membership from Bethia UMC, Chesterfield, Virginia on Jan. 8.

Carter & Kate Berry by transfer of membership from First Baptist Church, Kernersville and St. Luke's UMC, Houston, Texas respectively, along with their baptized sons, **Zeb** and **Zax**, on Jan. 29. †

In Memoriam

Mark Allen Werkman
Aug. 6, 1953—Jan. 4, 2023

In Memoriam

William "Bill" Howard Jeffers Jr.
Aug. 17, 1940—Jan. 16, 2023

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Lois Condrey
by Sandy Callison

In Memory of Bill Jeffers
by Pete & Diane Psihogias

In Memory of Rose Miller
by Mark & Sharon Coberly,
Denver Miller Family,
Willie J. Harkins,
Debbie A. Wolaver,

In Memory of Mark Werkman
by Miller & Janice Council,
Joe & Susan Miller,
Libby Craven

**In Memory of Mark Werkman
and Mark Werkman II**
by Perry & Denise Peterson



HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Mike Hendrix
by the Tabor Troupers

In Honor of Cathy Hurd
by Bobby Sharp

In Honor of John & Karen Kearns
by the Tabor Troupers

In Honor of Jean Lord
by the Agnew Family

In Honor of Sheri Nebinger & Team
by the Tabor Troupers

In Honor of Maggie Werkman
by Libby Craven



Memorials or Honorariums may be made online at
<https://www.MtTaborUMC.org/give> or by check payable to MTUMC.
Please remember to designate Memorial or Honorarium along with the person's name.

MOUNT TABOR UMC MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please keep these MTUMC service men and women in your prayers:

**Matthew Blue Matthew Burris Adam Clapp Audrey Clapp
Jason Clapp Christopher Fisher Robert Hines Jennifer Penley
Carmen Roberts Trey Wheeler William Wilson Edward Wolfe**

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

Now Finish the Task

to build and enhance the ministries of MTUMC

Debt reduction funds are still being collected. Prayerfully consider making a donation to reduce the debt at <https://www.mttaborumc.org/give> or by cash or a check made payable to MTUMC and returned to the church.

As of Jan. 11, current loan balance is
\$409,886.76

NOTICE OF SCAM ALERT CONCERNING MOUNT TABOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

Please remember Mount Tabor UMC clergy and staff members **will never ask you to buy gift cards via email or text messages**. These type of notices are **SCAM messages from corrupt individuals**. If you ever receive a message concerning money or purchasing anything, please immediately call the church (336-765-5561 ext. 1000) or the Winston-Salem police (336-773-7700).

According to the Federal Trade Commission ([ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov)) you can **report scam text** messages three ways:

- ♦ Copy the message and forward it to 7726 (SPAM). This helps your wireless provider spot and block similar messages in the future.
- ♦ Report it on the messaging app you use. Look for the option to report junk or spam.
- ♦ Report it to the FTC at **ReportFraud.ftc.gov** online.

Most recently, a fraud report has been filed by Mount Tabor UMC reporting the text messages from the number 346-574-1789 pretending to be Pastor Lonnie. **This is NOT his number**. Please forgive any inconvenience these messages may have caused. If you have been a victim and lost money, please call the police.

The FTC also recommends you can stop receiving text message spam by filtering or blocking messages before they reach you. You can find out how to do that on your phone, through your wireless provider, or with a call-blocking app.

If you think a scammer has your information, like your Social Security, credit card, or bank account number, go online to **identitytheft.gov** for steps you can take based on what kind of information was lost or exposed. †



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Office hours are Monday-Friday 9am-noon & Monday-Thursday 1-4pm

Worship

IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 5, 2023

COMMUNION SUNDAY

"Gratitude and Glory"

Ephesians 3:14-21

Sunday, February 12, 2023

9 a.m. service TaborKIDS Takeover!

11 a.m. service "Laugh"

Ecclesiastes 3:1,4; Psalm 16:11;

Philippians 4:4

Sunday, February 19, 2023

"A Firm Foundation"

Matthew 7:24-27; 1 Corinthians 3:5-11

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023

6:30 pm. in Sanctuary

— LENTEN SERMON SERIES —

"I Am" BEGINS

Sunday, February 26, 2023

"The Light of the World"

John 8:12; Matthew 5:14-16;

Ephesians 5:13-14

Nursery care available for these services

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

Ongoing Gift

JUICE

Gift for FEBRUARY

INSTANT POTATOES

Please place your donations in the
Crisis Control wooden bin in the
Trinity Welcome Center

RESPONSIBILITIES for FEBRUARY

Altar Guild

JoBeth Holliday

Sandy Callison

Kitchen Committee

Cynthia Williams

Crisis Control Delivery Jim Graham

RECYCLING VOLUNTEERS

Group 1

Group 2

Jan22-Feb4 GinnyCMartin RonHudnell

Feb5-18 SueSpiegelman CynthiaGrant

Feb19-Mar4 CarolynMiller RobCrenshaw

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FEBRUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE

Date	Higher Ground (9am)	Ignite (11am)	Traditional (11am)
February 5	Lonnie Pittman & Guests	Lonnie Pittman & Andy Lambert	Dr. Mark Key
	Modern (9am) in Alsbaugh Worship Center		Traditional (11am) in Sanctuary
February 12	TaborKIDS Takeover!		Lonnie Pittman
February 19	Lonnie Pittman		Lonnie Pittman

February 22, 6:30 pm • Ash Wednesday (Sanctuary) • Lonnie Pittman preaching

February 26

Lonnie Pittman

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and the **Mount Tabor United Methodist Church** Facebook page.

Worship Bulletins are available at <https://www.mttaborumc.org/bulletin>

Please submit newsletter contributions to the appropriate ministry leader for approval
or Senior Church Administrator Libby Craven (libby.craven@mttaborumc.org) by **Feb. 15, 2023** for the **March 2023 Tabor Talk**.