December 2020

Tabor Talk

Mount Tabor UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

gather joyfully • grow spiritually • go faithfully

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

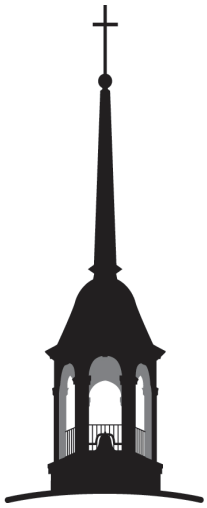
SATURDAYS

Traditional - 6 p.m.
a worship service incorporating the traditional hymns of faith and the historic creeds of the church. Available online at ***www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming***

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/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming***

Ignite In-Person - 11 a.m.
a contemporary service with emphasis on participatory worship, prayer, community and transformation in the Alspaugh Worshp Center following CDC guidelines with physical distancing and masks required. Service is also streamed live online ***www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming***



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

ADVENT

We are now in the season of Advent. It is a time of expectant waiting as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. This year our worship series for Advent is "The Real Meaning of Christmas". Each week we will light a candle on the Advent wreath for hope, joy, love, and peace; things we all yearn for—this year in particular. Travel plans and family gatherings may not happen the same as in previous years, some activities won't take place; there will be challenges; things may be simpler. Advent may not be quite what we planned and hoped for or expected but let's remember how it all began. The birth of Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah that people longed for, did not happen in the way people expected either. The King of Kings did not ride in on a horse as a warrior. He did not arrive wearing a crown or yielding a sword. He arrived as a humble baby born in a simple manger to parents who were in a different place, on a journey. Yet Jesus was what the world needed.

To help us prepare for the coming of His birth, we have Advent To Go Kits. You may pick one up outside the Church Offices entrance. In them you will find a candle to help you create an Advent wreath, an Advent devotional written by church members, a decoration to remind us of the real meaning of Christmas and a note from your pastors.

Online worship will continue for the Traditional and Higher Ground services along with the Ignite service also meeting in person. The Advent(urous) Family Christmas Worship Experience at Camp Merriwood will be Dec. 13 at 5 p.m.

We will observe Christmas Eve in a different way this year. Instead of our usual Christmas Eve services, we will offer two services on Wednesday, Dec. 23. The 4 p.m. service is specifically for older and at-risk worshipers and will be a smaller gathering. There will be another service at 5:30 pm. On Christmas Eve, we will offer services at 3, 4:30 and 6 p.m. All services, both days, will be the same, lasting about 30-40 minutes and will take place in our beautifully decorated Sanctuary and will consist of some carols, the reading of the Christmas story and a short message or homily. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Please visit our website for more information and to register. Safety protocols will be in place, wearing masks and physically distancing. If you are high risk, you are encouraged to worship at home. The 4 p.m. service on Dec. 23 will be livestreamed and then available to watch online later.

I hope that during this Advent Season you will take advantage of this quieter, simpler time, to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas and why we celebrate this season. It will be a different Christmas, but a good Christmas.

We are people of hope and light and John's Gospel reminds us that though there is darkness in these difficult times, the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. Let's celebrate Advent together.

Pastor Mark †

Tabor kids

Marcey Davis, *Director of Children's Ministries*
marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org • 336-765-5561 ext. 1007

Colleen Carr, *Associate Director of Children's Ministries*
colleen.carr@mttaborumc.org • 336-765-5561 ext. 1020

There is always a lot going on for TaborKIDS!
To stay up to date at **mttaborumc.org/mtumctaborkids**

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

Tabor kids junior

Children's Ministries of Mount Tabor UMC

(for children in Preschool—Kindergarten)

Christmas Cookies

Merry Christmas! We are going to have an incredibly sweet month as we combine the Christmas story with Christmas cookies! It is going to be so much fun! While cookie cutters, decorations, and excitement will fill this entire month, the focus will be Jesus— specifically, Jesus is God's Son. We want every child to know that what we are celebrating this time of year is the wonderful truth that God loved the world so much that He gave us His only Son, Jesus. We pray that we will all enter this month with the same wonder the shepherds had as they heard the good news for the very first time—a wonder that will inspire us all to go and tell everyone, everywhere that Jesus is God's Son.

Sunday Morning @ 9 a.m. Zoom Gathering (*Not Dec. 27*)
Check out ***TaborKIDS Junior New Virtual*** *Kids Worship:*
mttaborumc.org/taborkidsjr

Tabor kids 252

Children's Ministries of Mount Tabor UMC

(for children in 1st —4th grades)

This month, 252 celebrates Jesus, God's greatest gift with

Simply Christmas : No Assembly Required

Christmas can be filled with all sorts of emotions. Some people easily experience the joy of the season. Some rest in the hope that God is making all things new. But others struggle to find peace due to life's circumstances. With all that's going on this time of year, we thought it'd be great to go back to the basics and simply celebrate Christmas. The truth is Jesus is best gift God ever gave. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known and rediscover, joy and hope and peace as we rest in the unconditional love of God.

Sunday Morning @ 9:30 a.m. Zoom Gathering (*Not Dec. 27*)
Check out ***Club 252's New Virtual*** *Kids Worship:*
mttaborumc.org/club252

THE GAP

a Mount Tabor ministry for 5th & 6th graders

The GAP

(for tweens in 5th-6th grades)

Keep up with GAP activities by checking out:

Website: **mttaborumc.org/thegap**
Social Media: **@thegapmtumc**
Remind texts: text **@gaptr** to **81010**
Emails: contact **marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org**

This month, we are celebrating
Jesus, God's greatest gift!

- Week 1: What are you hoping for? We can have hope because God keeps His promises.
- Week 2: What are your plans for Christmas? You can have joy because God has a plan for you.
- Week 3: What are you giving this Christmas? God loved us so much that He gave us a Savior.
- Week 4: What does it mean to have peace? God's peace is for everyone.

GAP Gatherings for December

Sunday Mornings @ **10 a.m.** Zoom Gathering (*Not Dec. 27*)

Sunday Nights
December 6 5 p.m. Nativity Escape Room on Zoom
December 13 5 p.m. Advent(urous) @ Camp Merriwood
December 20 5 p.m. Surprise Main Event on Zoom

FUSION
student ministries of mount tabor umc

Andy Tuttle, *Director of Student Ministries*
andy.tuttle@mttaborumc.org
336-765-5561 ext. 1008

(for youth in 7th-12th grades)

Emmanuel, God with us! Thankfully we can celebrate the birth of Jesus this month. Maybe the celebration will be a little different this year but it will *still* be very special. Please welcome back **Hannah Boone** as our **Winter Intern** and please see some special in-person events below

Ways to Connect in December

Sunday Mornings @ **10 a.m.** Zoom Gathering (*Not Dec. 27*)
Main Event for **Dec. 6 & 20** @ **7-8 p.m.** on Zoom
(Email andy.tuttle@mttaborumc.org for Zoom links)
Main Event for **Dec. 13** @ **5 p.m.** at Camp Merriwood for *ADVENT(UROUS): Christmas Family Worship Experience*

Confirmation 2021

Attention: Eighth Grader Parents!
Please register your students for Confirmation 2021 at **https://bit.ly/FusionConfirmation2021** by **Dec. 13**

Ways to Stay Informed

Weekly Email: **https://tinyurl.com/fusionmail**
Website: **mttaborumc.org/fusion**
Social Media: **@mttaborfusion**

JOIN
United Methodist Women

YEAR END MEETING

Sunday Dec. 6 at 7pm

VIA ZOOM

https://tinyurl.com/MountTaborUMW2020YearEnd

RE-CONNECT

Please send in your pledges!

Pledge cards in support of our 2021 missions still accepted at the in-person 11 am service or mailed to the church office during the week. Pledges may also be submitted via www.mttaborumc.org/pledge

"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

*As of Monday, November 30, **191 pledges totaling $880,382.54** towards the 2021 budget of $1,747,911.00 have been received.*

Prepare your heart for Christmas during Advent!

the real meaning of Christmas

NOV 29 - DEC 20

WORSHIP SERIES:

NOV 29	FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT What Christmas Meant to the Shepherds
DEC 6	SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT What Christmas Meant to the Wise Men
DEC 13	THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT What Christmas Meant to Mary
DEC 20	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT What Christmas Meant to Jesus

EVENTS:

NOV 22	Advent To Go Kit Pick-Up 2-4 PM
DEC 13	Advent(urous) Family Christmas Worship Service 5 PM Camp Merriwood

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES*

TWO DAYS	December 23	4 PM	5:30 PM	
	December 24	3 PM	4:30 PM	6 PM

Limited seating. Reservations required. Please visit **mttaborumc.org/christmas-eve for more information and to register.*

UNDERPRIVILEDGED ANGELS STILL NEED Y.O.U. TO HELP PROVIDE A MERRY CHRISTMAS IN THE AREA

The Mount Tabor UMC virtual Angel Tree for 2020 still has over 25 of the 307 underprivileged children to still be selected and provide with Christmas gifts. Please visit

https://www.mttaborumc.org/angel-tree

online, then:

FIRST: click on the one of the agency buttons:

*Bethlehem Center
*Little Red Schoolhouse
*Hispanic Ministry
*The Potter's House
*Waughtown Kids

SECOND: choose your child (ren) by clicking on the green SIGN UP button.

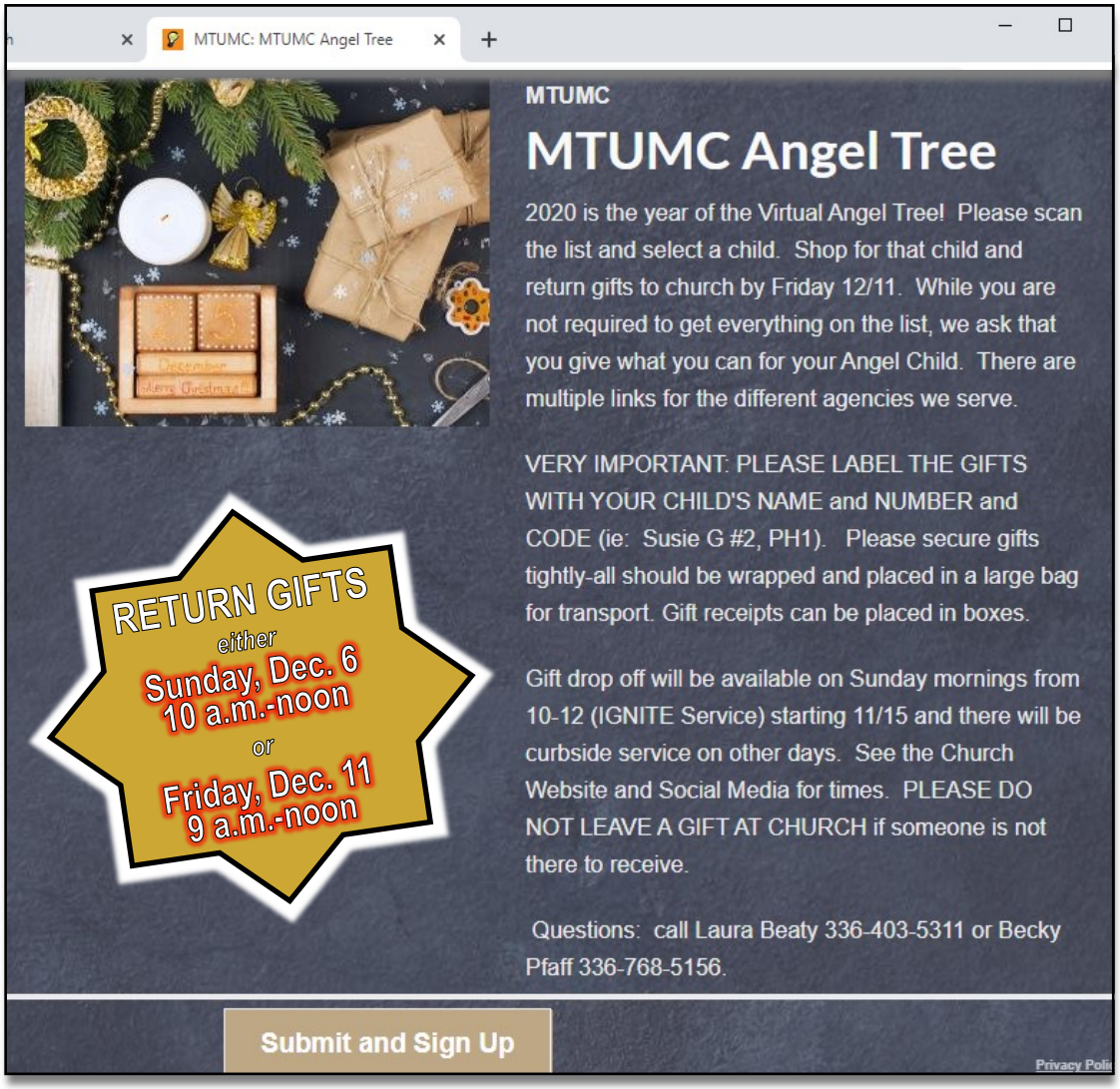
THIRD: click the SUBMIT AND SIGN UP button at the bottom of the page.

FOURTH: fill in your information in click the SIGN UP NOW button.

FIFTH: shop for your angel(s)

A few housekeeping notes regarding gifts:

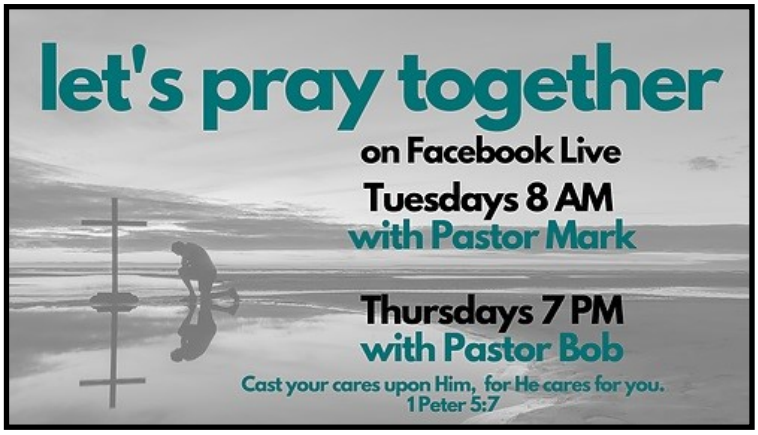
*If you purchase a bicycle, please also purchase a helmet.
*No food or candy
*No "to/from" tags (the parents will give these gifts to the kids like they are coming from Santa)
*Gift receipts are great and can be taped to box lid
*Wrap all gifts individually, then secure in large gift bag or trash bag.
*Don't forget to put the child's name, code #, and agency code on a 3x5 index card securely attached to large gift bag or trash bag. **Example:** Suzy G #24 PH1

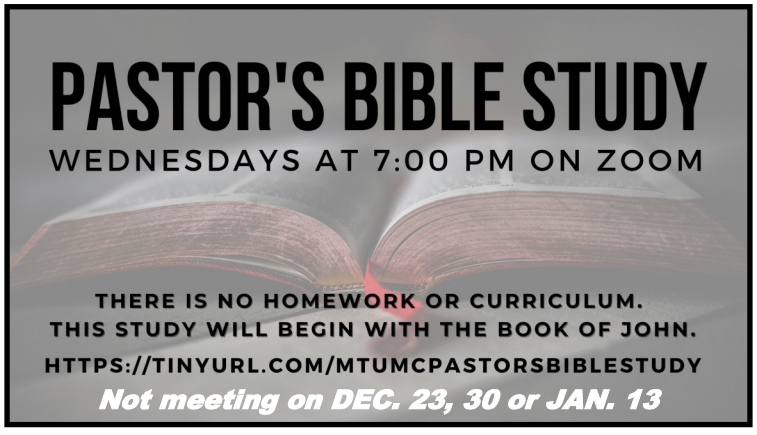


This is a sample of what you see when you click on the "Bethlehem Center" button at **https://www.mttaborumc.org/angel-tree**

SIXTH: return gifts to church on **Sunday morning, Dec. 6 between 10 a.m. and NOON** or **Friday morning, Dec. 11 between 9 a.m. and NOON.** Do not leave packages unattended at the church. Call Laura Beaty (336-403-5311) or Becky Pfaff (336-768-5156).

Do you want to participate but don't want to shop? Volunteers will shop for you! Make donations to MTUMC by mailing to the church designating "Angel Tree" or make online at **https://www.mttaborumc.org/give** choosing "Angel Tree Fund". Contact Laura Beaty or Becky Pfaff with questions. Gift return deadline is **Friday, Dec. 11 at NOON.** †





PRESCHOOL DEWEY'S BAKERY SALE FUNDRAISER

You can avoid the stores and long lines when you pre-order your Dewey's Bakery items for the holidays from the Mount Tabor UMC Weekday Preschool Ministry. And the best part is your order will be brought to your car. Everyone loves Dewey's Moravian sugar cake, cheddar cheese straws and the many types of Moravian cookies so why don't you let your purchases benefit the preschool ministry also! Place and pay for your pre-orders **Nov. 24-Dec. 10** at **https://bit.ly/mtpsdeweys** to be picked-up by drive-thru on **Saturday, Dec. 19, 9–11 a.m.** in the church parking lot. †

Shop with amazonsmile at
You shop. Amazon gives.
https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-4072222

HOLIDAY CARDS BENEFIT CRISIS CONTROL

Two designs (above) are available

You can send holiday cards that mean more than Season's Greetings at **https://www.crisiscontrol.org/ways-to-give/2020-holiday-honor-cards.html** online. This year Crisis Control Ministry (CCM) Holiday Honor Cards are available at area businesses such as Robinhood Family Pharmacy, Frame It, Hummingbird Design, Lewisville Pharmacy and other retail partners listed online but not at the church due to limited in-person access. If you are on CCM's mailing list, you should have received a convenient order form in the mail. Want to be added to the CCM mailing list? Contact Abbey McCall at CCM (336-770-1621 or amccall@crisiscontrol.org). †

JAN 10 - FEB 7 5-WEEK WORSHIP SERIES & CHURCH-WIDE STUDY

ON THE BOOK OF **JAMES**

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

JAN 10	FAITH AND ENDURANCE
JAN 17	FAITH AND WORKS
JAN 24	TRUE AND FALSE WISDOM
JAN 31	DRAWING CLOSE TO GOD
FEB 7	THE POWER OF PRAYER

Many of our Growth Groups, including weekday and evening small groups, as well as Sunday School classes, will be participating in this Church-Wide Study.

If you are interested in joining in a Growth Group during the Church-Wide Study, please text the keyword "CONNECT" to 336-777-7990, or email gray.handwerk@mttaborumc.org.

TEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PACK LUNCHES FOR LAST TIME IN 2020

Ten (10) volunteers are needed to pack lunches and produce H.O.P.E. (Help Our People Eat) of Winston-Salem on **Saturday, Dec. 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m.** As a great opportunity for individuals, families and groups to volunteer, everyone participating wears masks and gloves while physically distancing during the event. Contact Mount Tabor UMC member Anne Wallen (336-972-9422) to sign up and receive more details. †

MTUMC CROP HUNGER WALKERS RAISE FUNDS, AWARENESS

Thank you, MTUMC, for supporting this year's CROP Hunger Walk. The church's team *(pictured above, masked and physically distanced at Leinbach Park)* raised a final total of **$4,560.50** which was the church's highest amount since 2016 and $1,000 more than last year. Nationwide this year's CROP Hunger Walks are down about 25 percent but the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County walk was only down approximately 13 percent with 52 teams as compared to the usual 75 or more teams walking. Thanks to the MTUMC walkers and donors the church continues to receive the "10+ Consecutive Years" recognition for participating. The church's team captains (John Giles, Judy Miller and Denise Peterson) appreciate your dedication for helping the community neighbors near and far get the meals they need. †

2020 DONATIONS DEADLINE AT MTUMC

Please remember the IRS requires all 2020 donations of cash, checks or online transactions must be received to the **left-side lockbox** outside the church Offices Entrance **by 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020** or postmarked by **Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020**. You can also make 2020 IRA contributions but these must be received by the dates above. For stock gifts, shares must be in the Mount Tabor UMC brokerage account **by 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, 2020**. Please allow sufficient lead time for transactions to take place by the deadline. †

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES IN EARLY JANUARY

For those who wish to continue to use offering envelopes, or who requested them on the pledge card, the 2021 envelopes will be available for pickup by appointment through Cathy Culver outside the church Offices Entrance sometime in early January. For those who elected to stop using envelopes and either use the website or online banking, please note your assigned identification number (found on your giving statement) in the memo line of your checks or online. If you have any questions, contact the church Financial Administrator Cathy Culver (cathy.culver@mttaborumc.org). †

YOU CAN 'BE THE BRIDGE'

Are you looking for ways to learn or take action following the recent "Be the Bridge" (BTB) book study and sermon series? Even if you were not able to read the book or participate in a study group, are you interested in learning how God may be calling you to contribute to racial reconciliation and unity? If so, the Church for All People Ministry recommends you check out **bethebridge.com** for resources. If you are not sure where to start, one especially helpful option is to join the BTB online community (via Facebook), which offers a guided sequence of materials as well as a Christian community to support learning and action. If you are interested in joining a local "Be the Bridge" group in the near future, contact MTUMC member Christy Buchanan (christymbuch@gmail.com) for info. †

MTUMC SUPPORT GROUPS

Mount Tabor UMC offers several ways for community members to receive support during life crisis.

The **Midday Hope Family Nar-Anon Group** meets at Mount Tabor UMC on **Mondays, 12-1 p.m.** outside on the church lawn, following physical distancing procedures. Bring your own chair or a blanket to sit on during the meeting. Nar-Anon Family Groups provide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a 12-step program, the MTUMC group offers help by sharing experiences, strength and hope. If you have questions, call Maggie (336-413-1737).

DivorceCare, available for adults facing the challenges of divorce or separation move toward rebuilding his/her life, will meet **Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. Jan. 20-May 5** (except Feb. 17, March 31, April 14) via Zoom. You can register at anytime online at **Divorce Care.org** or contact facilitator David Rigby (ddalrigby@aol.com).

Alcoholics Anonymous meets via Zoom **Tuesdays** and **Saturdays at 8 p.m.** Go online at **https://aa-intergroup.org/** to find the group that meets your needs. †

CONGREGATIONAL Life

Offer prayers, support & resurrection faith to:

Andy & Jean Fuertes on the Oct. 29 death of Jean's sister Jessie Harvey of Jacksonville, Florida.

Billie & Lindsay Mason and family on the Oct. 31 death of Lindsay's father Mitchell Alexander of Winston-Salem.

The family of **Pratt Scroggs** on his Nov. 7 death.

Tim & Kim Synder and family on the Nov. 11 death of Tim's mother Margaret Snyder of Asheville.

Lloyd Eichorn on the recent death of his brother.

Congratulations to:

Gib & Mahlon Hobson on the Nov. 6 birth of their daughter Callie Mae Hobson. Proud grandparents are **Jim & Susan Annas** and **Gil & Brenda Hobson**.

Welcome new Mount Tabor members:

Hallie Charlotte DiSorbo by infant baptism on Nov. 22.

Lola Fe Hauser by infant baptism on Nov. 22. ✝

In Memoriam
B. Pratt Scroggs
Nov. 12, 1929—Nov. 7, 2020

Now Finish the Task

to build and enhance the ministries of Mount Tabor UMC

'NOW FINISH THE TASK'

"Now Finish the Task" 2-year debt reduction campaign pledges are still being accepted. Prayerfully consider making a pledge to reduce the debt on the four-year-old facilities. As of Nov. 30, **61 pledges** totaling $584,950 have been submitted. The loan balance is $1,214,847.45. ✝

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Sara Annas
by MTUMC Sunday Symposium Class

In Memory of Vicki Covington
by Jennifer & David Covington,
Gary & Cheryl Jester

In Memory of Alvin Livengood
by Jim & Susan Annas,
Bobby Sharp,
Jean Winters,
Betty & Loris Colclough,
Marty & Rick Lowe,
G.C. & Judy Petree,
Gene & Peggy Dillard,
Jerry & Gail Howell,
Ernest & Ellen Morris,
Dave Hendrick,
Ed & Barbara Beason,
MTUMC United Methodist Men,
David & Sonya Long,
Ron & Deb Keaton

In Memory of Pratt Scroggs
by Mike Pfaff,
Gary & Cheryl Jester,
Thomas & Madeline Griggs,
Joanna Bailey,
Jerry & Gail Howell

In Memory of Anna Walker
by Dewilla Walker,
Gene Walker,
R.M. & Anne Wilson

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Tom Boone & Family
by Martha Agnew

In Honor of Blaine Burton & Family
by Martha Agnew

In Honor of Sandy Callison
by Martha Agnew

In Honor of Ron & Chris Hudnell
by Bobby & Sharon Sharp

In Honor of Dianne Hyatt
by Martha Agnew

In Honor of Mike & Janie Livengood
by Martha Agnew

In Honor of Mike & Carol Petree
by Martha Agnew

In Honor of Cheryl Smith
by Martha Agnew

In Honor of Paula Tuttle
by Martha Agnew

Memorials or Honorariums for a loved one may be made online at ***https://www.MtTabor UMC.org/give*** *or by check through the USPS mail making check payable to Mount Tabor UMC and designate Memorial or Honorarium along with the person's name. You may also designate a church-approved ministry.*

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.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mount Tabor UMC has not stopped ministering.

Individuals are still in need and the church is meeting those needs.

You don't have to be in a pew to give!

Here are **3 WAYS to GIVE**

- **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**

Please help the church continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Mount Tabor
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3543 Robinhood Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
phone: 336-765-5561
website: www.mttaborumc.org
email: office@mttaborumc.org

gather joyfully • grow spiritually • go faithfully

Please submit newsletter contributions to the appropriate ministry leader for approval or Senior Church Administrator Libby Craven by **12/15/20 for the January 2021 issue of *Tabor Talk*.**

Worship IN DECEMBER

All services are available online at
www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming
Additionally Ignite has in-person worship at 11 a.m. Sundays in the Alspaugh Worship Center

"The Real Meaning of Christmas"
series continues

Sunday, December 6, 2020
Communion
"What Christmas Meant to the Wise Men"
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-11

Sunday, December 13, 2020
"What Christmas Meant to Mary"
Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 20, 2020
"What Christmas Meant to Jesus"
Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-12

Wednesday, December 23, 2020
Thursday, December 24, 2020
"What If There Were No Christmas"
Scripture: Luke 2:1-7
Seating is limited so you must register at
https://www.mttaborumc.org/christmas-eve

Sunday, December 27, 2020
A special worship broadcast will be available online

HELP WANTED — STREAMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Before resuming in-person worship for all services in the months to come, the Higher Ground and Traditional worship services are in **need of volunteers to learn to operate the equipment** to stream the services. Training will be provided. If you can help, contact Higher Ground Coordinator Kim Harvey (kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org) or for Traditional service, Senior Pastor Dr. Mark Key (mark.key@mttaborumc.org)

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 †

DECEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

*All services are available at **www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming***
Additionally Ignite has in-person worship at 11 a.m. on Sundays in the Alspaugh Worship Center

Date	Traditional *(Saturdays, 6pm)*	Higher Ground *(Sundays, 9am)*	Ignite In-Person *(Sundays, 11am)*
Dec. 6	Mark Key	Mark Key	Mark Key
Dec. 13	Bob Richardson	Bob Richardson	Bob Richardson
Dec. 20	Mark Key	Mark Key	Mark Key
December 23	**4pm** Bob Richardson	**5:30pm** Mark Key	
December 24	**3pm** Mark Key	**4:30pm** Mark Key	**6pm** Bob Richardson
Dec. 27	*A special worship broadcast will be available online*		

With limited seating, you must register at **https://www.mttaborumc.org/christmas-eve**

Worship Bulletins are available at **https://www.mttaborumc.org/bulletin** online.