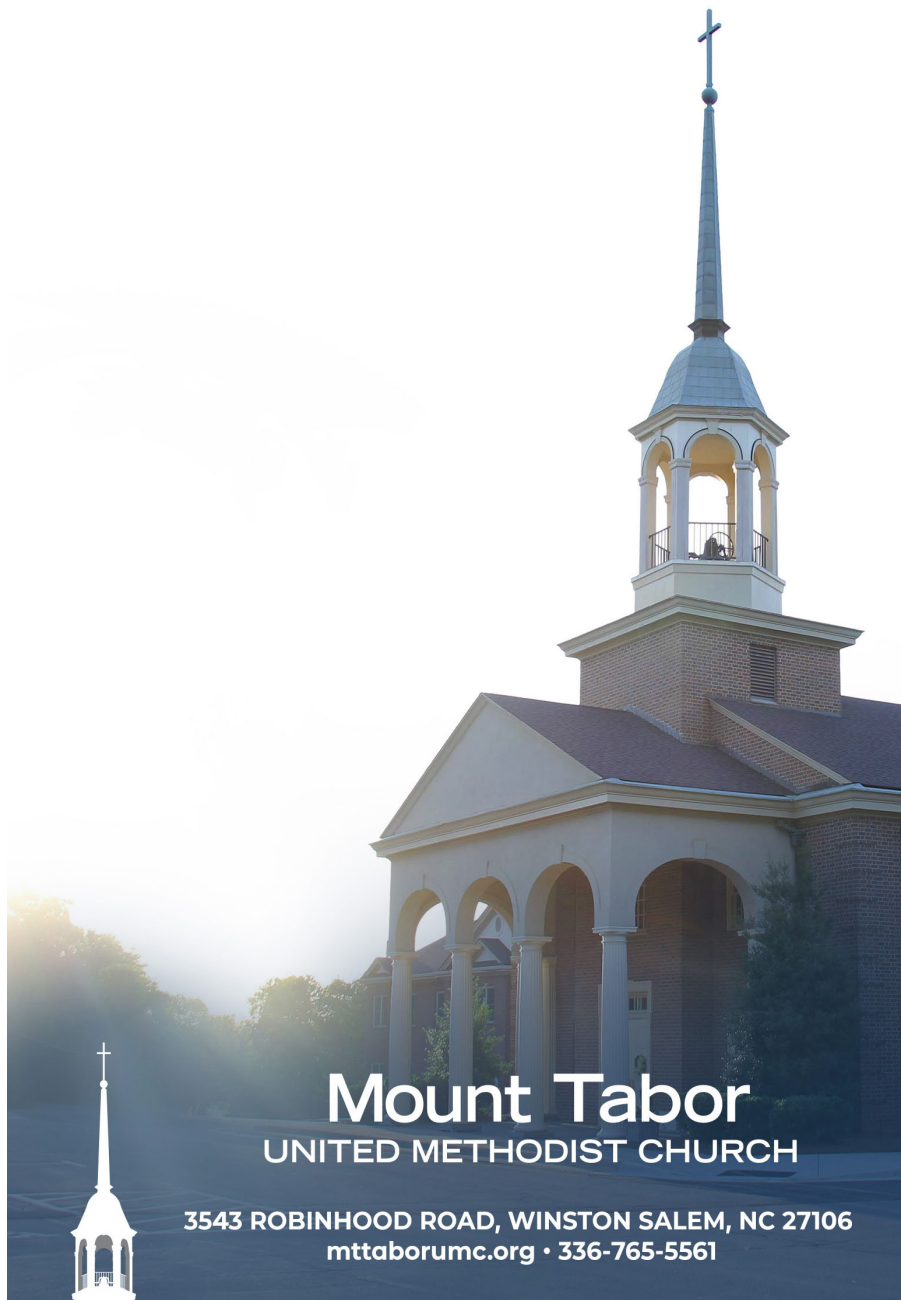


February 18, 2024

*The Wilderness
of Guilt*



Mount Tabor
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Traditional Order of Worship
First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 18, 2024 • 11:00am

Hearing enhancement devices, as well as large print bulletins, are available in the Narthex.

Prelude	<i>Air from Overture in D</i>	J.S. Bach
Welcome		Charli Mills
Introit	<i>Kum Ba Yah (Come By Here)</i>	DESMOND
* Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 36)		James Campbell
Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep. All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings; They feast on the abundance of your house. You give them drink from the river of your delights, For with you is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!		
* Hymn # 301	<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (all verses)</i>	NEAR THE CROSS
* Time of Greeting		Charli Mills
<i>Children (3 years old–5th graders) may leave to participate in TaborKIDS Worship today. Parents will pick them up in the Children's Building immediately following the service.</i>		
Extinguishing the Lenten Wreath		Susan Miller
Choral Response	<i>Our Soul Waits for the Lord</i>	Erie Wyse
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer		Michael Brown
Anthem	<i>God So Loved the World</i>	Stainer
Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings		Michael Brown
Offertory	<i>O Sacred Head, Now Wounded</i>	J.S. Bach
* Doxology #95	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100th
Prayer of Illumination		James Campbell
Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. Fill our minds with your peace and our hearts with your love. Amen.		
Scripture	Mark 2:1-12 (RSV)	Michael Brown
Message	<i>"The Wilderness of Guilt"</i>	Michael Brown
* Hymn #474	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand (all verses)</i>	PRECIOUS LORD
* Benediction		Michael Brown
* Response	<i>Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	LENT
* Chiming of the Trinity		
* Postlude	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	F.C. Maker

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael B. Brown
Liturgist: James Campbell and Susan Miller
Traditional Worship Arts Director: Charli Mills
Organist/Accompanist: Mike Hendrix

Modern Worship

Sunday, February 18, 2024
9:00am

— Welcome and Call to Worship —

— Praise Songs —
This Is Amazing Grace
(Phil Wickham)

God Really Loves Us

— TaborKIDS Dismissal—

You Are My King (Amazing Love)
(News Boys)

— Congregational & Offertory Prayer —

— Offertory —

God I Look To You

— Message —

“The Wilderness of Guilt”

Scripture
Mark 2:1-12 (RSV)

— Announcements & Sending Forth —

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael Brown
Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas
Worship Host: Cheryl Vaughan
Prayer Leader: Dave Stith

WELCOME TO MOUNT TABOR UMC

Welcome to Mount Tabor and please feel at home! If you are a first-time guest, text the word "Hello" to 336-777-7990. Also stop by the Trinity Welcome Center desk or a Welcome Kiosk on your way out to receive a welcome gift. The mission of Mount Tabor UMC is to "Gather Joyfully, Grow Spiritually, Go Faithfully to spread the love of Christ." If you would like to explore ways to Gather, Grow, Go, text "Connect" to 336-777-7990. Prayer requests can be submitted at www.mttaborumc.org/prayer or by contacting Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation Kim Harvey (336-765-5561 ext. 1021 or kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Nursery care and Mother's Room are available for all services. Children interested in participating in TaborKIDS worship may leave the service at the appropriate time. Wheelchairs are available for use while on church property and the church offices are open Mon.-Fri., 9am-NOON and Mon.-Thurs., 1-4pm. See the church website at www.mttaborumc.org for more info.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit announcement info at least two weeks in advance to charity.goff@mttaborumc.org.

GATHER JOYFULLY

- * **You can worship at MTUMC** on Sundays at: Modern, 9:00am, in the Alspaugh Worship Center, or Traditional, 11:00am, in the Sanctuary. Both services are also available via Facebook Live and <https://www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming>.

GROW SPIRITUALLY & GO FAITHFULLY

- * **Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner** will meet Wednesday, February 21, 5:15-6:30pm in the Family Life Center with reservations made either at <https://www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table> or in the Trinity Welcome Center. Suggested donation is \$8 for adult (age 13 and up), \$5 for child (age 3-12), free for children under 3. For those living in same home, family max is \$25. **The menu is: Stuffed Shells, Pasta and Sauce, Rolls, Salad Bar, Desserts, and Drinks. Kids Option: Corndogs.**
- * **Mount Tabor's Weekday Preschool registration has begun!** We'd love to see more of our TaborKIDS during the week! For more information, call the Preschool (336-760-2326) or visit their website www.mttaborumcpreschool.org
- * **Wednesday Women's Bible Study** is participating in the church-wide study of "The Gospel of Mark" on Wednesdays at 9:30am, in person in the Fellowship Hall, and also via Zoom, from February 14 - March 27. There is nothing to purchase. Study booklets with a daily reading plan are provided and can also be found in the Welcome Center, Narthex of the Sanctuary, on the website, and in the church office. Please feel free to join at any time and invite a friend. For questions or to receive the Zoom link, please contact Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation, Kim Harvey at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org.
- * **Easter Plant Orders are now being accepted on the church website, www.mttaborumc.org/event/2024-easter-plant-order.** For \$12 each, you may buy your choice of a white Easter lily, 6-inch yellow mum or 6-inch salmon geranium plant in memory or honor of a loved one to help decorate the Mount Tabor UMC Sanctuary or Alspaugh Worship Center on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. Please remember to memo EASTER PLANT on all payments. If paying online, also select "Special Contribution" in the FUND drop-down menu. Order deadline is Sunday, February 25, 2024.

- * **Mount Tabor UMC is hiring a Coordinator of Family Ministries Worship Arts.**
The role of the Coordinator is to provide vision, direction, organization and promotion of Worship Arts for children and youth. The position will be working with and coordinating all forms of Worship Arts such as choral music, handbells/chimes, liturgical dance, orchestra and spoken word. The Coordinator will lead some ensembles and recruit volunteers to lead others. This position will offer opportunities for children and youth to take a leadership role in contemporary and traditional worship settings. This is a part time 15 hour per week salaried position and reports to the Director of Children and Family Ministries. **APPLICATION PROCESS AND PROCEDURES -** Full job description, details for posting and a Mount Tabor Job Application are located at: <https://www.mttaborumc.org/employment-opportunities> . The job application can be downloaded, completed, and saved as an attachment for email. A copy of your resume is also required. Email attachments should include first and last name in any file name you create. Email Application Package (completed application and resume) to: jobs@mttaborumc.org Application Packages are now being accepted and the posting period will end on **February 29, 2024.**
- * **All women are invited to attend a Women's Retreat** on April 26-28 at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. The theme will be, "Lean In, Lighten Up, and Let Go" with speaker, Rev. Dianne Lawhorn. Don't miss the Early Bird Special!! Register and pay by February 25 for a \$25 per person discount! (\$216/person, includes 5 meals, double occupancy room for 2 nights, and all materials) Registration Feb. 26-April 12 is \$241/ person, and includes 5 meals, double occupancy room for 2 nights, and all materials. Spaces are limited so register early! (payment due with registration) Registration forms can be found in the Connect Corner of the Welcome Center, in the church office, and on the website. Questions? Contact Kim Harvey, Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org or 336-765-5561 ext 1021
- * **A Message from the Cemetery Committee** - A limited number of graves are now available in our cemetery. If you joined Mt. Tabor between January 1, 1991 and December 31, 1992 AND you are an ACTIVE MEMBER of the church, you are eligible to request a grave. Request will be honored based on the date of membership and available space. Request must be emailed to cemetery@mttaborumc.org by Thursday, February 29, 2024.
- * **The Ryan Shoaf Memorial Summer Grant** which was established to celebrate Ryan's life and encourage MTUMC youth to participate in summer activities that brought him joy. Presented annually, the grant is open to all 6th-12th grade youth who plan to participate in a summer opportunity such as a music or art school, scouting camp, or foreign travel experience. Applications are available on the church website at <https://www.mttaborumc.org/event/ryan-shoaf-memorial-summer-grant>. Please complete the application online, save it, and email the application to charity.goff@mttaborumc.org or print and place the completed application in the designated box in the church office by 5:00pm on Sun., March 3, 2024.
- * **The Scouting For Food Drive on Sunday, February 25** is a community service project for our Scouts & MTUMC congregation that meets a critical need of providing food for the food pantry at Maple Springs UMC. **Our Scout Troop 934 will distribute empty food bags following the worship services TODAY and ask you to return them full of nonperishable items on Sunday, February 25.** A collection bin will be placed at the Outreach Table in the Trinity Welcome Center. The most critical priority needs are: *cereal, cereal bars, Pop-Tarts, all types of crackers (saltines, Ritz, Nabs, and cheese crackers), ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salad dressing, & BBQ sauces.* All non-perishable food items are needed and welcome including: *brownie, cookie, and cake mixes, shelf ready-to-serve juices, canned vegetables, toilet paper & paper towels, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent, and manual can openers.* Contact Shannon Settlemire (336-692-4519) or Steve Kelley (336-399-4040) with questions.



Sunday, February 18, 2024

- 9:00 AM Modern Worship Service — Alspaugh Worship Center
- 10:00 AM Children, Youth, and Adult Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Young at Heart Lucheon — Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 PM Tabor Tweens Event — Children Building
- 4:00 PM Disciple I Bible Study — Rm 207-MainLevel Conference Rm
- 4:00 PM Liturgical Dance Practice — Alspaugh Worship Center
- 5:00 PM Fusion Youth Main Event — Rm 113-Youth Commons
- 6:00 PM TaborTweens — The Loft in Child.Bldg

Monday, February 19, 2024

- 8:00 AM Bulletin & In The Know Submission Deadline
- 9:00 AM ChurchBusinessAdmin Meeting — Rm 207
- 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry — Rm 107-Quilting Ministry
- 10:00 AM Staff Prayer Time — Rm 303-UpperLevelConferenceRm
- 12:00 PM Nar-Anon Family Support Group — Rm 108-Church Parlor
- 6:00 PM Voices of God's Children Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 934 Meeting — Rm 113-Youth Commons
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball — Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous — Rm 102

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

- 10:00 AM Worship Planning Meeting — Rm 207
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting — Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM A Church for All People Ministry Meeting — Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Afterschool Care Board Meeting — 263/265 The Loft in Child.Bldg
- 6:30 PM Circle #5 Meeting — Rm 108-Church Parlor
- 6:30 PM Pack 934 Den Meetings — Family Life Center
- 6:30 PM Pack 934 Den Meetings — Rm 121-Co-ed Cub Pack 934

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

- 6:50 AM Fusion Youth Prayer Breakfast — Bagel Station
- 8:45 AM Weekday Preschool — Children Building
- 8:45 AM Weekday Preschool Recreation — Family Life Center
- 9:30 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study — Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 PM GriefShare — Rm 101
- 5:15 PM Tabor Table Fellowship Meal — Trinity Welcome Center
- 6:30 PM DivorceCare — Rm 108-Church Parlor
- 6:45 PM Adult Volleyball Game — Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM MTUMC Delivers to Bethesda Center

Thursday, February 22, 2024

- 7:30 AM Band of Brothers In-person and via Zoom — Rm 306-Adult Rm
- 12:00 PM Band of Brothers — Foothills @ 4th Street
- 6:00 PM B.E.L.L.S. Rehearsal — Music/Choir Room
- 6:00 PM Blue and Gold Banquet Setup — Family Life Center
- 6:30 PM Modern Worship Band Rehearsal — Alspaugh Worship Center
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal — Music/Choir Room

Friday, February 23, 2024

Saturday, February 24, 2024

- 9:00 AM Pickle Ball — Family Life Center
- 2:00 PM Miller Council Funeral — Sanctuary

Our Response to God's Grace...

**BUDGET PLEDGES
FOR 2024**
as of February 7, 2024

Pledges: 200
for Pledge Total of
\$968,594.00

February 11, 2024 ATTENDANCE

Online Worship 165
In-person Worship 469

February 11, 2024 GIVING

Budget Needs Each Week **\$31,382.00**
Budget Gifts \$21,800.25
Building Fund \$549.72
Memorials \$250.00
Honorarium \$25.00
Children's Ministry \$100.00
Memory Garden \$100.00
Other \$19,050.24
Total \$41,875.21

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
LOAN PRINCIPAL**


**January 1, 2018
Balance**

\$2,440,522.29

**Year-To-Date Loan
Balance**

\$141,711.22

as of February 12, 2024



**Ryan Shoaf Memorial
Summer Grant**
DUE MARCH 3


The
GOSPEL of MARK
CHURCH WIDE STUDY

**Study Booklets with Reading Plans
Now Available**
in the Welcome Center, Sanctuary Narthex,
Church Office, and on online at
mttaborumc.org/gospel-of-mark

Young at Heart
**Luncheon for
Mount Tabor's Senior Adults**
Sponsored by the Student Ministries of Mount Tabor

You're Invited! **Sunday, February 18, 2024**
at 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall

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




Women's Retreat
"Lean In, Lighten Up, and Let Go"
with speaker, Rev. Dianne Lawhorn
April 26-28, 2024
Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro, NC

\$241/person, and includes 5 meals,
double occupancy room for 2 nights,
and all materials

Early Bird Special!
Register and pay by
February 25th for a
\$25/person discount!

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in the church office, and on the website.

