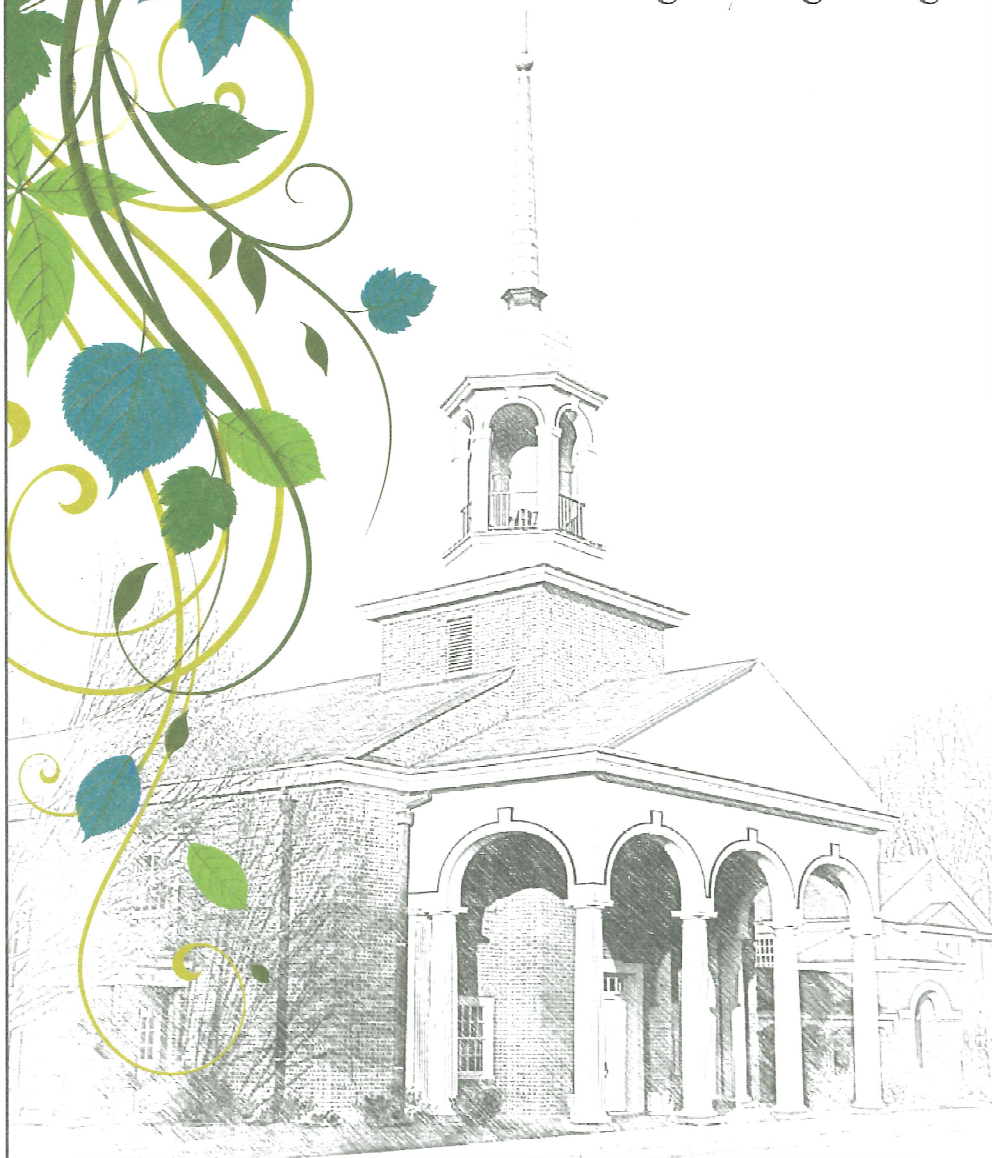


Mount Tabor

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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INTRODUCING...!

DECEMBER 10, 2023

Advent

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Traditional Order of Worship
Sunday, December 10, 2023 • 11:00am

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

- Prelude** *Veni, Emmanuel* 13th Century Plainsong arr. R. Ellsasserl
- Welcome** Charli Mills
- Introit** *O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine* arr. Mills
- * **Call to Worship (adapted from Isaiah 60)** James Campbell
Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Let us celebrate the Light of the world,
for upon us has the Light shined.
- * **Hymn # 223** *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light (all verses)* ERMUNTRE DICH
- Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Joe Serrano and James Campbell
- Choral Response** *Come, Lord Jesus* Anna Laura Page
- * **Time of Greeting** Charli Mills
*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.*
- Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** Bobby Sharp
- Anthem** *Christus Lux Mea (Christ Is My Light)* Heather Sorensen
- Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings** Bobby Sharp
- Offertory** *London Trio No. 1 Andante* Joseph Haydn
- * **Doxology #95** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100th
- Hymn #230** *O Little Town of Bethlehem (all verses)* ST. LOUIS
- 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** John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NRSV) Dr. Preston Davis
- Message** "INTRODUCING...!" Dr. Preston Davis
- * **Hymn #206** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON
- * **Benediction** Dr. Preston Davis
- * **Response** *Bless Us, Father* Anna Laura Page
- * **Chiming of the Trinity**
- * **Postlude** *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* English Carol
**Please stand in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael B. Brown
Guest Minister: Dr. Preston Davis from High Point University
Liturgists: James Campbell and Bobby Sharpe
Traditional Worship Arts Director: Charli Mills Organist/Accompanist: Mike Hendrix
Guest musicians: Ruth Kelly, violin; Robin Driscoll, oboe;
Kassandra Ormsby-Hutchison, bassoon

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God by Susan and Mike Walker in gratitude for the Nativity.

WORSHIP SCRIPTURE

“INTRODUCING!”

John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NRSV)

John 1:6-8

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

John 1:19-28

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but he confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” ²¹ And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” ²² Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ ” as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, “Why, then, are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” ²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandal.” ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Notes:

Christmas

AT MOUNT TABOR



Angel Tree Gifts due
December 10th & 17th
in the Welcome Center
or view a virtual list at
mttaborumc.org/angel-tree

Advent Devotionals
for all ages are
available in the
Welcome Center



Christmas Eve Services

Modern Worship at 9 AM
in the Alspaugh Worship Center

Traditional at 11 AM and 4 PM
in the Sanctuary

Family Nativity at 2 PM
in the Alspaugh Worship Center

**All children 3 years old - 5th grade are
invited to help tell the story of Jesus birth
in the Family Nativity on Christmas Eve.**



Register now at
bit.ly/mtnativity2023



Learn More about Upcoming Events
at mttaborumc.org

Modern Worship
Sunday, December 10, 2023
9:00am

Second Sunday of Advent

“INTRODUCING!”

Scripture
John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NRSV)

—Opening Song—
Angels We Have Heard On High
(Chris Tomlin)

— Welcome and Call to Worship —

— Lighting of the Advent Wreath —
(The Rogers Family)

— Praise Songs —

Go Tell It On The Mountain
(Crowder)
Hope Was Born This Night

— TaborKIDS Dismissal —

— Congregational & Offertory Prayer —

— Offertory —
God With Us

— Message —

— Closing Song —
He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)

— Announcements & Sending Forth —

Worship Leaders
Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael Brown
Guest Minister: Dr. Preston Davis from High Point University
Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas
Worship Host: Will Busch
Prayer Leader: Venessa Irby

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

- * **2024 Pledge Campaign** – as of December 5, 2023 we have 174 pledges totaling \$845,317.
- * **Advent Devotionals** - Advent is the season of the church year when we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child. The prophet Isaiah writes of the promise of a peaceful kingdom initiated by the coming of the Messiah, the Prince of Peace. Peace is something we long for as we look at the world around us and though it may seem impossible sometimes, we must remember that with God nothing is impossible. This year's Advent Devotional, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them" is now available in the Trinity Welcome Center. A Family Advent Devotional Kit is also available for families.
- * **Crisis Control Ministry Holiday Honor Cards** are now available for purchase for a minimum donation of \$5/card. Each card purchase provides food, medication, housing, or utility assistance to a neighbor in need. Honor family members, friends, and colleagues by sending them one of three beautifully designed cards by local artists Barbara Campbell, Beth Jones, or William Mangum.
- * **Wednesday Women's Bible Study** will offer an Advent Study, "Journey to Bethlehem" on Dec. 13. This study will look at our Advent Journey and the people we meet on the way as we prepare for the birth of Christ. Both sessions will be on Wednesdays at 9:30 am, in person in the Fellowship Hall and also via Zoom. Please contact Kim Harvey (kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org) for questions or to receive the Zoom link. There is nothing to purchase, just bring a Bible.
- * **Angel Tree Update** - Twas days before Christmas and all through the tree, 70 angels hung expectantly. Mount Tabor, may the spirit move you to select an angel to shop for this Christmas. May you gift your time this season to shop for gifts for our angels not selected AND to help with check in of the gifts on December 10 and December 17. See MTUMC:

Angel Tree Helpers - 2023 (signupgenius.com) for more information on how you may brighten a child's (and yours) Christmas this year.

- * **Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner** will meet Wednesday, December 13, 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: Egg and Hashbrown Casserole, Sausage, Grits, Biscuits, Pancakes, and Fruit.
- * **Circle 2 Fundraising Wrapping Event** — If brown paper packages tied up with string aren't your thing, let Circle 2 help! The ladies of Circle 2 are hosting a gift wrapping fundraiser on Wednesday, December 13 from 5–7 PM, on Saturday, December 16 from 9 AM–3 PM and on Sunday, December 17 from 12–4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will benefit local women and children. Suggested donations begin at \$2 through \$6 per package. You did the shopping, let Circle 2 do your wrapping. Simply buy the presents, drop them off with us, and enjoy your afternoon while we wrap your gifts. We will text you when your packages are ready for pick up. Sample packages will be on display in the Trinity Welcome Center. See Jessica Campbell or Stephanie Griffith for more information.
- * **Dewey's Bakery Sale for Mount Tabor UMC Preschool:** If you placed an order for your Dewey's Bakery items to support our preschool your items will be available for pickup on December 13 and 17.
- * **Nativity Camp** - All children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to participate in the Nativity on Christmas Eve. Nativity Camp and rehearsals will be held December 20-22. Register here: <https://bit.ly/mtnativity2023> For more information, please contact Colleen Carr colleen.carr@mttaborumc.org
- * **Starting in January 2024, Adult volleyball** is back on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm after Tabor Table. Anyone 18 and over with even a little bit of experience is encouraged to play. Interested persons can contact Rachel Jensen (336) 314-6808 or Thor Jensen (336) 707-2975 for more information."
- * **Bottled Water for Bethesda** – Please help us support those in need in our area by donating bottled water for Bethesda Center. 100 bottles of water are needed each Wednesday for the homeless individuals served dinner by MTUMC at the Bethesda Center. You may bring water donations to the church and place on the labeled cart in the Fellowship Hall; or order bottled water to be delivered straight to the church through Amazon online; or give online at www.mttaborumc.org/give selecting "Bethesda Benefit" (or make checks payable to MTUMC designating "Bethesda Benefit" and bring to the church).
- * **Christmas Eve Offering** will benefit Crisis Control Ministry and Second Harvest Food Bank. Please use the special envelope in your bulletin or note "Christmas Offering" in the memo line of your check and place in the offering basket as it is passed to you. All other gifts on Christmas Eve will be credited to the general budget or other account as noted on the gift.

We Need Volunteers in the following areas of MTUMC Ministries:

- * **Help Needed!** We have babies to rock and hold in the Nursery during worship. If you are interested in showing love to our littlest disciples, please contact Marcey Davis marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org
- * The Traditional Service is looking for a few more volunteers to occasionally help run the online streaming graphics for the Sunday morning service. It's a position that anyone with basic computer familiarity can do, and training is available! The online live streams are an important part of the ministries here at Mount Tabor, as they allow those who cannot attend worship in person to participate. Please contact charli.mills@mttaborumc.org if you have any questions.



Sunday, December 10, 2023

- 8:00 AM Angel Tree — Trinity Welcome Center
- 9:00 AM Modern Worship Service — Alspaugh Worship Center
- 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School Classes — Admin/Education Building
- 10:00 AM TaborKIDS/TaborTWEENS Sunday School — Children's Building
- 10:00 AM Youth Sunday School — Rm 118-Youth Area
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Disciple I Bible Study — Rm 207
- 4:00 PM Fusion Christmas Party (Potluck Style Dinner) — Rm 113
- 4:00 PM Liturgical Dance Practice — Alspaugh Worship Center

Monday, December 11, 2023

- 8:00 AM Bulletin Submission Deadline
- 8:00 AM IN THE KNOW submissions deadline
- 9:00 AM ChurchBusinessAdmin Meeting — Rm 207
- 9:00 AM TABOR TALK newsletter submission deadline
- 10:00 AM Staff Prayer Time — Rm 303
- 12:00 PM Nar-Anon Family Support Group — Rm 108
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball — Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous — Rm 102

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

- 10:00 AM Traditional Worship Planning — Rm 207
- 4:00 PM TaborWomen Circle 8 — Rm 108
- 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting — Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous — Rm 102

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- 6:50 AM Fusion Youth Prayer Breakfast — Biscuitville
- 9:30 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study — Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 PM Circle #2 Fundraising Wrapping Event — Fellowship Hall
- 5:15 PM Tabor Table Fellowship Meal — Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM DivorceCare Support Group — Rm 108-Church Parlor
- 7:00 PM MTUMC Delivers to Bethesda Center

Thursday, December 14, 2023

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

Friday, December 15, 2023

Saturday, December 16, 2023

- 9:00 AM Circle #2 Fundraising Wrapping Event — Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Pickle Ball — Family Life Center
- 5:00 PM Choir Dinner — Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous — Rm 102

Our Response to God's Grace...

**BUDGET PLEDGES
FOR 2024**
as of December 3, 2024

Pledges: 174
for Pledge Total of
\$845,317.00

December 3, 2023 ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	185
In-person Worship	397

December 3, 2023 GIVING

BudgetNeedsEachWeek	\$30,244.10
Budget Gifts	\$30,239.69
Prepaid Pledge	\$1,468.00
Outreach	\$100.00
Memorials	\$120.00
Angel Tree	\$950.00
Bethesda	\$100.00
FUSION Gifts	\$200.00
Other	\$8,732.72
Total	\$40,442.41

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
LOAN PRINCIPAL**

January 1, 2018 Balance
\$2,440,522.29

Year-To-Date Loan Balance
\$211,796.69

as of November 15, 2023