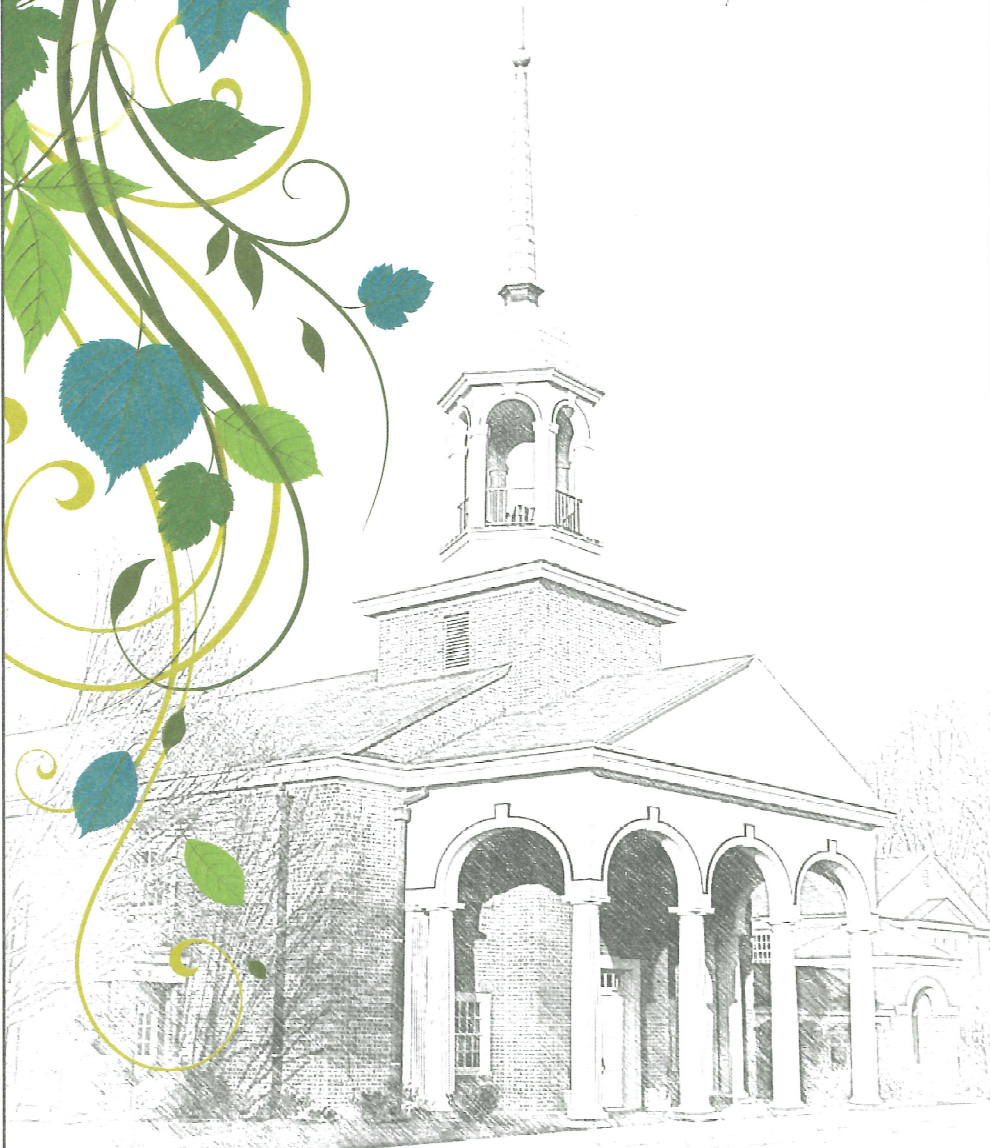




Mount Tabor

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A Mother, A Messiah,
AND A MANGER

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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WORSHIPING GOD AT MOUNT TABOR UMC
GATHER JOYFULLY • GROW SPIRITUALLY • GO FAITHFULLY

Order of Worship
Sunday, December 31, 2023 • 10:00am

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

Prelude	In the Bleak Midwinter	John Madison
Welcome		Charli Mills
* Call to Worship		Susan Miller
God’s light has come to reveal the way in this New Year. Arise! Shine! The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Arise! Shine! God’s light penetrates the darkness that covers the world. Arise! Shine! Nations shall come to God’s light, and kings to the brightness of God’s dawn. Arise! Shine! For the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.		
* Opening Songs	We Three Kings (#254) What Child Is This (#219)	KINGS OF ORIENT GREENSLEEVES
* Affirmation of Faith #881		Susan Miller
* Gloria	Gloria in excelsis Deo	GLORIA
* Time of Greeting		Charli Mills
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer		Michael Brown
Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings		Michael Brown
Offertory	The King in All His Beauty Emmanuel (#204)	Matt Papa McGEE
* Doxology #95	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	OLD 100th
Prayer of Illumination		Susan Miller
Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. Fill our minds with your peace and our hearts with your love. Amen.		
Scripture	Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-7	Michael Brown
Message	“A Mother, A Messiah, and a Manger”	Michael Brown
* Closing Song	All Glory Be to Christ	Kings Kaleidoscope
* Benediction		Michael Brown
* Chiming of the Trinity		
* Postlude	O Little Town of Bethlehem	John Madison
*Please stand in body or in spirit		

WORSHIP LEADERS
Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael B. Brown
Traditional Worship Arts Director: Charli Mills
Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas

Celebrate the Life & Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

THROUGH SONG AND SPOKEN WORD



**Monday, January 15
at 4 PM
in the Sanctuary**

FEATURING

Joy Singers of the Yadkin Valley District
The Voices of God's Children
Mount Tabor UMC Chancel Choir

GriefShare®

Meets weekly on Wednesdays

January 17 – April 10

3:30 – 5:15 PM in Room 101

GriefShare is a biblical and Christ-centered group that gathers to help each other heal and find encouragement following the death of a loved one.

Register at GriefShare.org or contact Beverly Burton at GriefShare@mttaborumc.org with questions.

DIVORCE *Care*®

Meets weekly on Wednesdays

January 17 – April 17 (except for February 14)

6:30-8:00 PM in The Parlor

Questions? Contact David Rigby
at Divorcecare@mttaborumc.org

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 18, 2023 we have 190 pledges totaling \$907,617.
- * **Offering Envelopes:** If you requested 2024 envelopes, they are now available in the Welcome Center. Please contact Holly Smith at holly.smith@mttaborumc.org if you have any questions.
- * 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.
- * **GriefShare** is a biblical and Christ-centered group that gathers to help each other heal and find encouragement following the death of a loved one. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. Our Spring GriefShare series will begin on Wednesday, January 17-April 10 in room 101 from 3:30-5:15pm. For more information or to register for GriefShare, please contact Beverly Burton at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/171523>
- * **DivorceCare** is a biblical and Christ-centered support group where people find healing, hope, and encouragement after separation or divorce. For you, or someone you know, no matter what the cause of separation or divorce, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck and learn valuable information about facing your “new normal” and renewing your hope for the future. Our DivorceCare group will gather on Wednesday nights, from January 17-April 17 in The Parlor (Rm. 108) from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information or to register for DivorceCare, please contact David Rigby at divorcecare@mttaborumc.org or visit the website at divorcecare.org.

- * **Training for acolytes** will be January 21 12:15-2 PM. If your child is in 3rd grade or up and is interested in helping lead worship as an acolyte in the Traditional Worship Service, please email marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org to sign up for the training.
- * **TaborTWEENS** (4th & 5th Graders) will gather on January 21 3:30-5 PM at Alex's Grill in Lewisville. RSVP to marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org.
- * **January/February Upper Room Devotionals** are here! Pickup your copy today!
- * **Water Needed for Bethesda Homeless Center**– 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).
- * **All the men of Mount Tabor UMC** are invited to join us for breakfast on the first Sunday of each month (January 7) at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome and reservations are not needed.
- * **Moms Fellowship** meets the first Thursday of each month (Jan. 4) 9:15 - 10:30AM in Room 268. This is a time for mothers of young children to meet for a heartfelt prayer, a short devotion with discussion, and fellowship. Childcare will be provided with registration done by 5 PM the night before the meeting. Register here: <https://bit.ly/mtumcmoms23> Questions? Contact Sandy Hauser SandyLHauser@gmail.com
- * **If you are a church member and have given birth**, please let the church know so we can celebrate this joyous occasion with you. Contact Director of Congregational Care and Spiritual Formation, Kim Harvey at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org or 336-765-5561 (ext. 1021).
- * **If you or your family are dealing with chronic or other illness**, cancer, preparing for or recovering from surgery, caregiving, mourning, or experiencing a life transition, please let the church know how you can best be cared for and supported. Kim Harvey, Director of Congregational and Soul Care, is available for a visit in her office, Room 203, or you may contact her at kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org or 336-765-5561 (ext. 1021). She can also arrange a pastoral visit or call, and will pass along any prayer requests you may have.

We Need Volunteers in the following areas of MTUMC Ministries:

- * The **Traditional Service** is in urgent need of volunteers to help with both sound and online streaming graphics for the Sunday morning service. Training is available! The livestreams 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.
- * 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

Please be aware that unknown persons are trying to scam Mount Tabor UMC staff and congregants again. These attempts are impersonating Pastor Michael asking for gift cards, money, and some of the emails even request that you speak with him. These requests are not coming from our Senior Minister or members of our church staff. Please know the church clergy or staff would never send cryptic messages or ask for any kind of money or gift card donations through email. Please do not respond to their messages, and please reach out to the church office (336-765-5561) if you ever have concerns of a message's authenticity. We apologize for these inconveniences.

Mount Tabor at a Glance — Church Calendar

Real-time calendar is available at TinyUrl.com/MTUMC-calendar



Sunday, December 31, 2023

10:00 AM Combined Worship Service — Sanctuary

Monday, January 1, 2024

Church offices closed

8:00 AM Bulletin Submission Deadline

8:00 AM IN THE KNOW submissions deadline

10:00 AM Quilting Ministry — Rm 107

7:00 PM Men's Basketball Family Life Center

7:00 PM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous — Rm 102

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

10:00 AM Traditional Worship Planning — Rm 207

11:00 AM Church Staff Meeting — Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Pack 934 Den Meetings — Family Life Center

6:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting — Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

6:50 AM Fusion Youth Prayer Breakfast — Biscuitville

9:30 AM Wednesday Women’s Bible Study — Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM MTUMC Delivers to Bethesda Center

Thursday, December 21, 2023

7:30 AM Band of Brothers In-person and via Zoom — Rm 306

9:15 AM Moms Fellowship — Room 268

12:00 PM Band of BrothersFoothills @ 4th Street

6:00 PM Pickleball — Family Life Center

6:00 PM B.E.L.L.S. Rehearsal — Music/Choir Room

6:30 PM Modern Worship Rehearsal — Alspaugh Worship Center

7: 00 PM Choir Rehearsal — Music/Choir Room

Friday, December 22, 2023

5:00 PM Pack 934 Lock-in — Family Life Center

Saturday, December 23, 2023

9:00 AM Pickle Ball — Family Life Center

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous — Rm 102

Our Response to God’s Grace...

BUDGET PLEDGES FOR 2024 <i>as of December 11, 2024</i>	December 24, 2023 ATTENDANCE		CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LOAN PRINCIPAL
	Online Worship	147	
	In-person Worship	428	
# Pledges: 184 for Pledge Total of \$876,817. ⁰⁰	December 24, 2023 GIVING		January 1, 2018 Balance
	BudgetNeedsEachWeek	\$30,244.10	
	Budget Gifts	\$30,134.51	\$2,440,522.29
	Christmas Offering	\$7,155.00	Year-To-Date Loan Balance
	Memorials	\$695.00	
	Building Fund	\$250.00	\$196,066.38
	Bethesda Benefit	\$200.00	<i>as of December 11, 2023</i>
	Other	\$8,617.00	
	Total	\$48,051.51	