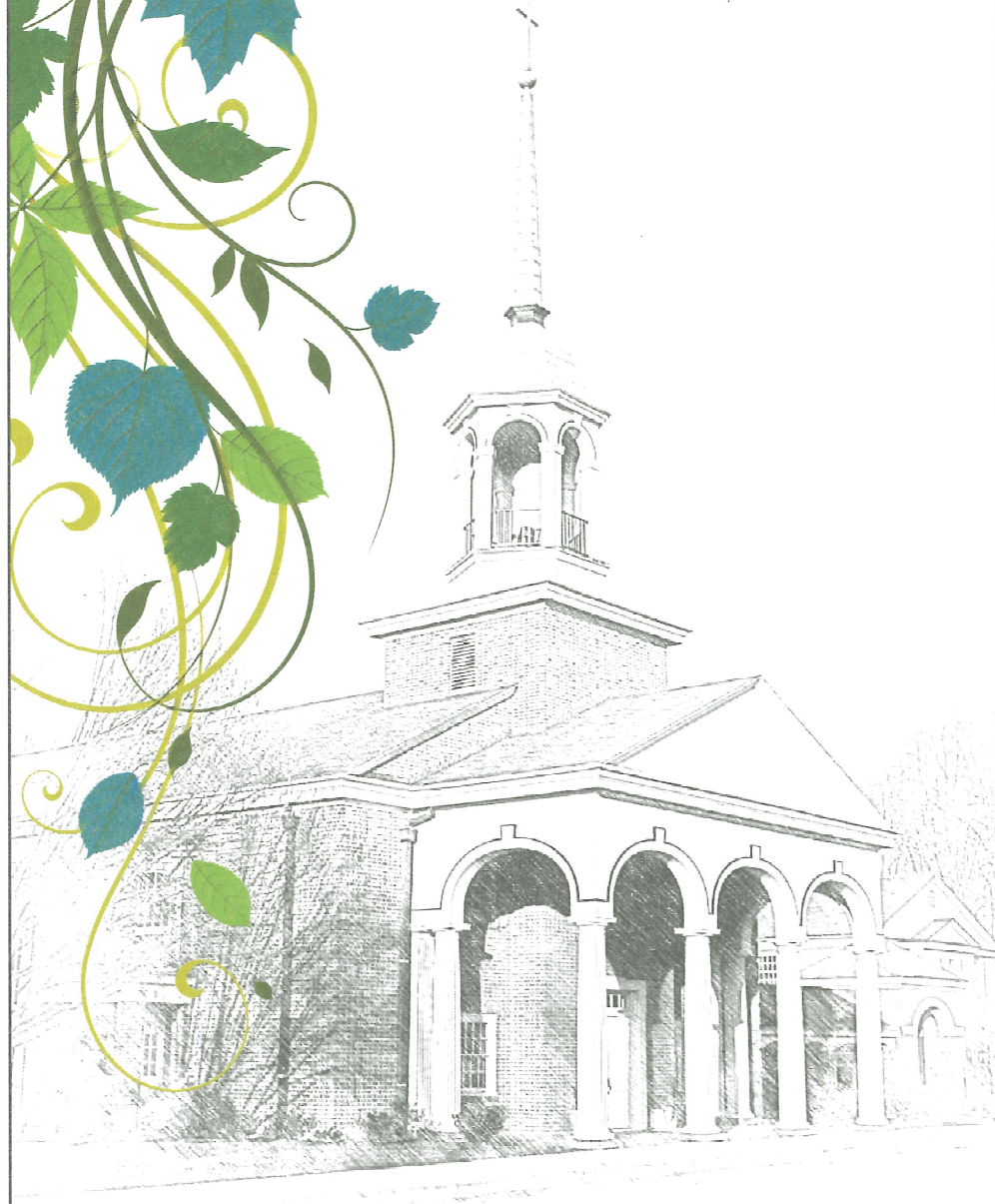


# Mount Tabor

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*gather grow go*



Be the  
Blessing

JANUARY 7, 2024

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

**Traditional Order of Worship**  
**Sunday, January 7, 2024 • 11:00am**

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

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Dialogue</i>	Mozart
<b>Welcome</b>		Charli Mills
<b>Introit</b>	<i>Alleluia</i>	ALLELUIA
<b>* Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 65)</b>		Beth Orrell
Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; <b>to you all people will come.</b> You crown the year with your goodness, <b>You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds.</b> You are the hope of all the ends of the earth; <b>The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders.</b> Where morning dawns, where evening fades, <b>You call forth songs of joy.</b>		
<b>* Hymn # 92</b>	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1, 2, 5, 6)</i>	DIX
<b>* Time of Greeting</b>		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>		
<b>Reception of New Members</b>		Michael Brown
	Michael & Michele Roberts	
<b>Pastoral Prayer &amp; The Lord's Prayer</b>		Michael Brown
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Celtic Communion</i>	arr. Mark Hayes
<b>Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings</b>		Beth Orrell
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	Akers
<b>* Doxology #95</b>	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100th
<b>Prayer of Illumination</b>		Beth Orrell
Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. Fill our minds with your peace and our hearts with your love. Amen.		
<b>Scripture</b>	Acts 1:6-7 RSV	Michael Brown
<b>Message</b>	"Be The Blessing"	Michael Brown
<b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>		Michael Brown
<b>* Hymn #451</b>	<i>Be Thou My Vision (all verses)</i>	SLANE
<b>* Benediction</b>		Michael Brown
<b>* Response</b>	<i>God Be with You till We Meet Again</i>	GOD BE WITH YOU
<b>* Chiming of the Trinity</b>		
<b>* Postlude</b>	<i>Stand Up for Jesus</i>	Webb

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael B. Brown

Liturgist: Beth Orrell

Traditional Worship Arts Director: Charli Mills


Organist/Accompanist: Mike Hendrix

**WORSHIP SCRIPTURE**  
**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

## “Be The Blessing” Acts 1:6-7 (RSV)

<sup>6</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. <sup>7</sup>And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Notes:



**Tabor Table**  
A GREAT NIGHT OF FOOD & FELLOWSHIP  
WEDNESDAYS 5:15-6:30 PM  
[mttaborumc.org/tabor-table](http://mttaborumc.org/tabor-table)

**Menu**  
**JANUARY 10**  
Taco Salad (Beef or Chicken), Black Beans,  
Refried Beans, Rice and Queso  
**Kids option:** Quesadillas  
Salad Bar, Drinks and Desserts

**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

*"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."*  
— Martin Luther King Jr.



**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](mailto:Divorcecare@mttaborumc.org)



**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](http://GriefShare.org)** or contact Beverly Burton  
at [GriefShare@mttaborumc.org](mailto:GriefShare@mttaborumc.org) with questions.

**Modern Worship**  
**Sunday, January 7, 2024**  
**9:00am**

— Welcome and Call to Worship —

— Praise Songs —

*The River*  
(Jordan Feliz)

*Lift Your Head Weary Sinner*  
(Crowder)

— TaborKIDS Dismissal —

— Congregational & Offertory Prayer —

— Offertory —

*The Blessing*

— Message —

**“Be The Blessing”**

*Scripture*  
Acts 1:6-7 (RSV)

— Sacrament of Holy Communion —

— Closing Song —

*O Come To The Altar*

— Announcements & Sending Forth —

**Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael Brown  
Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas  
Worship Host: Wende Rogers  
Prayer Leader: John Giles

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.mttaborumc.org) for more info.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit announcement info at least two weeks in advance to [charity.goff@mttaborumc.org](mailto: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

- \* **Offering Envelopes: TODAY is the last day** to pick up your 2024 Offering Envelopes in the Welcome Center. Please contact Holly Smith at [holly.smith@mttaborumc.org](mailto:holly.smith@mttaborumc.org) if you have any questions.
- \* **Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner** will meet Wednesday, January 10, 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: Taco Salad (Beef or Chicken), Black Beans, Refried Beans, Rice, Queso, Salad Bar, Drinks, and Desserts. Kids Option: Quesadillas**
- \* **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.
- \* **Wednesday Women's Bible Study** meets on Wednesdays at 9:30am, in person in the fellowship hall and also via Zoom. Please contact our Director of Congregational Care and Spiritual Formation, Kim Harvey at [kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org](mailto:kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org) or questions or to receive a Zoom link.
- \* **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](mailto:divorcecare@mttaborumc.org) or visit the website at [divorcecare.org](http://divorcecare.org).
- \* **Training for acolytes will be January 21 12:15-2:00pm.** 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](mailto:marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org) to sign up for the training.
- \* **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](mailto:marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org).
- \* **TaborTWEENS (4th & 5th Graders)** will gather on January 21 3:30-5:00pm at Alex’s Grill in Lewisville. RSVP to [marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org](mailto:marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org).
- \* **January/February Upper Room Devotionals** are here! Pickup your copy today!
- \* **Pastor Mark Key** has postponed his trip to the Holy Land to November 12-22, 2024 due to the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza. Pray for a speedy end to the war and peace and reconciliation between Israel and Palestinians.
- \* **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/](http://www.mttaborumc.org/) give selecting “Bethesda Benefit” (or make checks payable to MTUMC designating “Bethesda Benefit” and bring to the church).
- \* **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](mailto:charli.mills@mttaborumc.org) if you have any questions.
- \* **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](mailto: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 Care and Spiritual Formation, is available for a visit in her office, Room 203, or you may contact her at [kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org](mailto: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.
- \* Please be aware of ongoing and unknown persons are trying to **scam Mount Tabor UMC staff and congregants**. These attempts are impersonating our staff asking to speak with you to ask for gift cards and/or money. Please know that these requests **are not** coming from our Senior Minister or church staff. Our church clergy and/or staff would never send cryptic messages asking for any kind of money or gift cards. 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.

### Sunday, January 7, 2024

- 7:30 AM United Methodist Men's Breakfast — Fellowship Hall
- 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
- 4:00 PM Disciple I Bible Study — Rm 207
- 4:00 PM Liturgical Dance Practice — Alspaugh Worship Center
- 5:00 PM Fusion Youth Main Event — Rm 113-Youth Commons

### Monday, January 8, 2024

- 8:00 AM Bulletin and In The Know Submission Deadline
- 9:00 AM Church Business Admin Meeting — Rm 207
- 9:00 AM TABOR TALK Newsletter Submission Deadline
- 10:00 AM Quilting Ministry — Room 107
- 12:00 PM Nar-Anon Family Support Group — Rm 108
- 6:00 PM A Church for All People Ministry Meeting — Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Voices of God's Children Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball — Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous — Rm 102

### Tuesday, January 9, 2024

- 10:00 AM Worship Planning Meeting — Rm 207
- 4:00 PM TaborWomen Circle 8 — Rm 108
- 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting — Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Pack 934 Committee Meeting — Rm 122-Youth Area
- 6:30 PM Pack 934 Den Meetings — Family Life Center

### Wednesday, January 10, 2024

- 6:50 AM Fusion Youth Prayer Breakfast — Bagel Station
- 9:30 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study — Fellowship Hall
- 5:15 PM Tabor Table Fellowship Meal — Family Life Center
- 6:45 PM Adult Volleyball Game — Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM MTUMC Delivers to Bethesda Center

### Thursday, January 11, 2024

- 7:30 AM Band of Brothers In-person and via 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 Worship Center
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal — Music/Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting — Rm 207

### Friday, January 12, 2024

### Saturday, January 13, 2024

#### Mount Tabor at a Glance — Church Calendar

Real-time calendar is available at [TinyUrl.com/MTUMC-calendar](https://TinyUrl.com/MTUMC-calendar)



## Our Response to God's Grace...

### BUDGET PLEDGES FOR 2024

as of January 2, 2024

# Pledges: 194  
for Pledge Total of  
\$938,557

### December 31, 2023 ATTENDANCE

Online Worship 182  
In-person Worship 240

### December 31, 2023 GIVING

BudgetNeedsEachWeek	\$30,244.10
Budget Gifts	\$42,359.47
Christmas Offering	\$150.00
Children's Ministry	\$2,000.00
Building Fund	\$5,450.00
Memorials	\$200.00
Playground Preservation	\$100.00
Goodchild Scholarship	\$200.00
Angel Tree	\$100.00
Other	\$2,379.25
Total	\$52,938.72

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LOAN PRINCIPAL

January 1, 2018 Balance  
\$2,440,522.29  
Year-To-Date Loan Balance  
\$186,066.38  
as of January 2, 2024