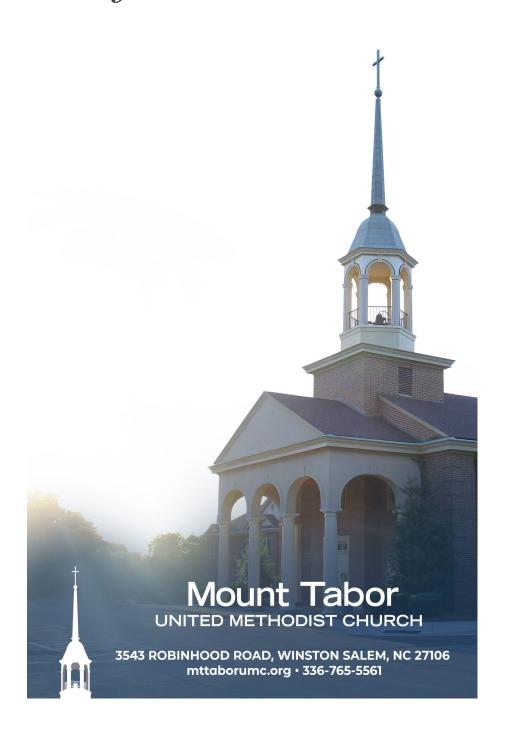
March 3, 2024 The Wilderness of Loneliness



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

Traditional Order of Worship Third Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 3, 2024 • 11:00am

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

Prelude Come, Sweet Rest J.S. Bach Welcome Charli Mills Introit Kum Ba Yah (Come By Here) **DESMOND**

* Call to Worship (adapted from Philippians 2)

Kim Harvey

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God has exalted him to the highest place and has given him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Come, let us worship Christ the Lord!

* Hymn # 298 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (all verses) HAMBURG

* 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.

Extinguishing the Lenten Wreath

Kim Harvey

Choral Response Our Soul Waits for the Lord Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Eric Wyse

Anthem Nearer, My God, to Thee Michael Brown arr. Forrest

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Michael Brown

Offertory Jesu, Priceless Treasure * Doxology #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

J.S. Bach OLD 100th

Prayer of Illumination

Bob McHone

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 14:32-41 (RSV) Bob McHone "The Wilderness of Loneliness" Michael Brown Message

Abide With Me (all verses)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Michael Brown

* Hymn #700 * Benediction

EVENTIDE Michael Brown

* Response Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days

LENT

* Chiming of the Trinity

* Postlude Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Welsh Melody

*Please stand in body or in spirit

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael B. Brown Liturgist: Bob McHone and Kim Harvey

The rosebud on the altar today is dedicated to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Kai Roy Hauser, son of Sandy and Devon Hauser.

Modern Worship Sunday, March 3, 2024 9:00am

— Welcome and Call to Worship —

— **Praise Songs** — No One Like You

Good Good Father (Casting Crowns)

- TaborKIDS Dismissal—
- Congregational & Offertory Prayer —

— Offertory —

In Christ Alone (Lauren Daigle)

— Message —
"The Wilderness of Loneliness"

Scripture Mark 14:32-41 (RSV)

- —Sacrament of Holy Communion—
- Announcements & Sending Forth —

—Closing Song— Lead Me To The Cross

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor: Dr. Michael Brown Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas Worship Host: Chad Marion 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 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.You Tube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming.

GROW SPIRITUALLY & GO FAITHFULLY

- * The March/April issue of The Upper Rooms are here. You can find copies in the Narthex, Welcome Center, and in the Church Office.
- * Wednesday Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner will meet Wednesday, March 6, 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, Desserts, and Drinks. Kids Option: Quesadillas.
- * Moms Fellowship meets the first Thursday of each month March 7 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 5:00pm the night before the meeting. Register here: https://bit.ly/mtumcmoms23 Questions? Contact Sandy Hauser SandyLHauser@gmail.com
- * All are invited to a free concert -- "Stretto and Soar" -- on March 10 at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. Cellist Grace Anderson and pianist Dmitri Shteinberg will present J.S. Bach's Cello Suite No. 6 in D major and Johannes Brahms' Sonata No. 1 for Cello and Piano in E minor.
- * Families are invited to an EGG-stravaganza on Sunday, March 17 from 12-2:00pm. This EGG-stravanganza is going to be EGG-stra amazing this year! Events include lunch for families, a fun courtyard Egg Hunt for TaborTOTS and TaborKIDS Junior, a GLOW in the Dark Egg Hunt and games for TaborKIDS, Inflatables, fun Easter games, special treats, and more! Families should register for lunch (\$5/person) and their Egg Hunt Times here: bit.ly/mtumcegghunt24. We hope you will be as EGG-cited as we are! Contact Marcey Davis (marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org) with any questions.

- * Mount Tabor's Afterschool Program begins registration this month. We'd love to see more of our TaborKIDS during the week! On March 18, open enrollment begins. For more information, call the Afterschool (336-760-0363) or visit their website mttaborumcafterschool.org
- * TaborKIDS Junior are invited to experience The Last Supper and the events of Holy Week with Ms. Colleen on Wednesday, March 20 6:00-7:00pm in The Clubhouse. Register here: https://bit.ly/tkjrlastsupper24
- * TaborTWEENS (4th & 5th Graders) will gather on March 24 4:30-5:45 at Peace Haven La Caretta. RSVP to marcey.davis@mttaborumc.org.
- * Wednesday Women's Bible Study is participating in the church-wide study of "The Gospel of Mark" on Wednesdays at 9:30 am, in person in the Fellowship Hall, and also via Zoom, from Now through 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.
- * 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. Registration through April 8 is \$241/ person, and includes 5 meals, double occupancy room for 2 nights, and all materials. Only FIVE SPACES remain Register TODAY! Payment due with registration. Registration forms can be found in 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.
- * Start the Party: Celebrate the Good News at Vacation Bible School
 July 22-25! Open to children ages 4 as of August 31 through completed 5th
 grade as Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party. There is no cost
 and all are welcome. Snack Supper begins at 5:15 PM and the main program
 is from 6:00-8:00pm. Visit bit.ly/mtumcvbs24 for more information and to
 sign up!
- * Art Camp registration is now open! Camp is June 24-27 from 9:00am-12:00pm each morning. Registration is \$125. Children aged 2 through rising Kindergarten should be registered through the Preschool. Forms may be found in the Children's Building Lobby or be downloaded from the Preschool website: mttaborumcpreschool.org -- Children rising 1st grade through completed 5th grade should register here: bit.ly/mtumcart24 Space is limited so sign up now!
- 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 will remain open until the job is filled.

Mount Tabor at a Glance — Church Calendar

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



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Sunday, March 3, 2024

7:30 AM	United Methodist Men's Breakfast —Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM	Modern Worship Service —Alspaugh Worship Center
10:00 AM	TaborKids, TaborTweens, TaborYouth, Adult Sunday School Classe

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary

Disciple I Bible Study — Rm 207 4:00 PM

4:00 PM Liturgical Dance Practice — Alspaugh Worship Center

Fusion Youth Main Event — Rm 113 5:00 PM

Monday, March 4, 2024

Bulletin Submission Deadline 8:00 AM 8:00 AM IN THE KNOW submissions Deadline 9:00 AM ChurchBusinessAdmin Meeting — Rm 207

10:00 AM Quilting Ministry — Rm 107

12:00 PM Nar-Anon Family Support Group — Rm 108 Voices of God's Children Rehearsal — Sanctuary 6:00 PM

Trustee Meeting — Rm 207 6:30 PM

7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 934 Meeting — Rm 113 Men's Basketball — Family Life Center 7:00 PM 7:00 PM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous — Rm 102

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

10:00 AM Worship Planning Meeting — Rm 207 Staff Meeting — Fellowship Hall 11:00 AM 6:30 PM Pack 934 Den Meetings — Rm 121

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

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

6:50 AM Fusion Youth Prayer Breakfast — Bagel Station 9:30 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study — Fellowship Hall

11:30 AM Cemetery Committee Meeting — Rm 207

3:30 PM GriefShare — Rm 101

5:15 PM Tabor Table Fellowship Meal — Family Life Center TaborKids Programming — Rm 168-The Clubhouse 6:00 PM

DivorceCare — Rm 108 6:30 PM

Adult Volleyball Game — Family Life Center 6:45 PM MTUMC Delivers to Bethesda Center 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 7, 2024

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

9:15 AM Moms Fellowship — 268

12:00 PM Band of Brothers — Foothills @ 4th Street 6:00 PM B.E.L.L.S. Rehearsal — Music/Choir Room

6:30 PM Modern Worship Band Rehearsal Alspaugh Worship Center

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal — Music/Choir Room

Friday, March 8, 2024 Saturday, March 9, 2024

9:00 AM Pickle Ball — Family Life Center

Hiestand Eagle Scout Carwash Fundraiser—Lower Parking Lot 10:00 AM

Our Response to God's Grace...

Total

BUDGET PLEDGES FOR 2024

as of February 27, 2024

Pledges: 203 for Pledge Total of \$981,494.00

February 25, 2024 ATTENDANCE

Online Worship 195 In-person Worship 513

February 25, 2024 GIVING

Budget Needs Each Week \$31,382.00 **Budget Gifts** \$16,332.00 **Building Fund** \$295.00 Unrestricted Memorials \$170.00 FUSION-Mission Trips \$70.00 FUSION – Gifts \$50.00 Other

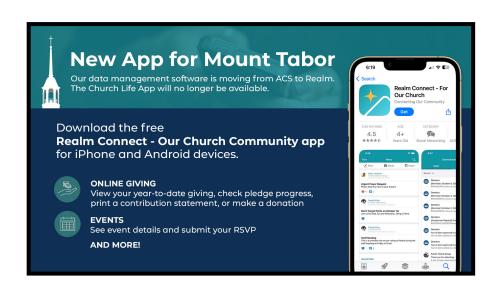
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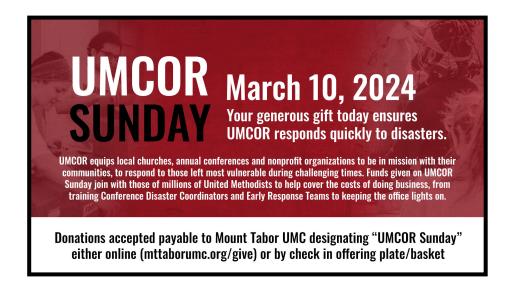
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LOAN PRINCIPAL

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

Year-To-Date Loan **Balance** \$141,711.22 as of February 12, 2024







WORSHIP SCRIPTURE Sunday, March 3, 2024

"The Wilderness of Loneliness" Mark 14:32-41 (RSV)

³² And they went to a place which was called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I pray." ³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch." 35 And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt." ³⁷ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? 38 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹ And he came the third time, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come; the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

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