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NEWSLETTER—MARCH 2017





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## Pastor's Message

### A Perspective on Lent—Sacrifice

MARCH 2017

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I've heard many different views on a proper observance of the season of Lent—from preparing for Easter, to fasting and prayer, to adding something good in your life, to taking things away. All of these possibilities make sense and are rooted in scripture and in love. This year, however, I'm choosing to focus on one word—Sacrifice.

Will you join me in considering the concept of 'sacrifice', both Biblically and otherwise, this Lent?

Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Jesus did just that—He gave the ultimate sacrifice for us, His friends.

I do not believe we are necessarily called to sacrifice to the same extent. I firmly believe, in most situations, that Jesus was crucified so we don't have to be. But there are times in which a sacrifice on our part is warranted. And, perhaps, participating in a voluntary act of self-sacrifice during Lent may help us identify, even just in the smallest measure, with what our Savior did for us. I do believe that when we choose to participate in self-sacrifice, it must be for GOOD. Jesus went to the cross, not because He was a fan of self-harm, but for our GOOD. So our sacrifices, in honor of His sacrifice, must be ones that are done for our good, the good of others, and/or the good of God.

What little sacrifice might you choose this Lent to remind you of Jesus' sacrifice and to do good, for yourself, for others, for God?

Might sound silly to some, but I'm going to share mine. I'm going to sacrifice biting my nails. I've been biting my nails since I first got teeth. It's a stress reliever and an antidote to boredom, in addition to simply being a really bad habit. I bite them until they bleed, so obviously, giving that up would be a good thing. And if every time I go to bite my nails I stop myself and think of Christ for a moment, honoring his sacrifice, I'll think more about Jesus during Lent this year than I probably have overall in my lifetime!

A silly sacrifice? No, because it's a hurtful thing, and one I do very often, so letting it go, or at least attempting to, will be a sacrifice for GOOD.

In what way will you offer a sacrifice this Lent in honor of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice? A sacrifice for GOOD? Will you accept the challenge?

And if yes, how will you celebrate your sacrifice at the end of Lent? Jesus celebrated His sacrifice by rising again. On Easter Sunday, I hope to celebrate with nail polish!

In hopes of a blessed Lent,

Pastor Amanda

PLEASE SUPPORT  
THE INTERFAITH  
FOOD PANTRY  
WITH YOUR  
NON-PERISHABLE  
DONATION!

**MARCH'S  
FEATURED  
ITEM IS:  
PASTA AND  
SAUCES**



### CHOIR REHEARSAL



Rehearsals are  
Thursdays,  
7:30pm.

Join the Choir &  
sing joyously!

No Rehearsal 3/2



## WORSHIP INFORMATION SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30am



Join us in March as we celebrate  
the Lenten Season! We'll be  
looking at scriptures found only in  
the Gospel of Luke.

March 1st, Ash Wednesday.  
Worship in our Sanctuary at  
7:30pm.

There will be an Administrative  
Council Meeting on Monday,  
March 13th, at 7:00pm.

### PRAYER FOR MARCH

Father God, this month I am praying that the words that come out of my mouth will exalt Your Name, that my words will worship You in Thanksgiving and that others will hear my love for You. Father, I want all of my words to be of praise to You today, please help me remember that I represent You. I want others to know You as I do. (Psalm 9: 1&2). Jesus, You said that out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks (Matthew 12:34). Please work within my heart so that my mouth speaks only pleasant words that are honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones (Proverbs 16:24). When I am tempted to gossip, remind me that my words might pierce another like a sword because of their recklessness (Proverbs 12:18). Give me a wise tongue for healing instead. I pray that in every circumstance I will be quick to listen and slow to speak (James 1:19). Lord, help me to interject words that are glorifying to You. I ask You to mold me into a better listener. Father, I pray that You will teach me how to hold my tongue, and give me words that uplift others. Thank you for giving me opportunities to be a good listener and for grace to be slow to speak. God, please help me to be a building block to those around me. Please give me the gift of encouragement and help me to encourage those I love and with whom I interact every day. When my impulse is to belittle others or put them down (James 3:10), please remind me to see them the way You see them – and love them the way You love them (John 3:16).

# ALTAR FLOWERS

The following flowers were graciously given in worship during the month of February:

**Feb 5th—The McCrostie Family**—In honor of Clare Ramadlia & Jeanette Taylor

**Feb 12th—Henry Henes**—In honor of all of the leaders of the Scouts

**Feb 19th—Henry Henes**—In memory of his wife, Hope Henes

**Feb 26th—Ruth Blazure**—In memory of her husband, C. Allan Blazure, Jr.; her parents, Fred and Myrta Lynch; Mary Lou and Sid Lynch; and C. Allan Sr. and Mildred Blazure.

There are still dates open for donating altar flowers in honor or memory of someone. The open dates are:

March 26

April 30

July 30

August 13

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers on any of these Sundays, please call the Church Office. Sponsorship is \$30.00 per week.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT 9:15AM!

The Sunday School is growing!  
Encourage the children you love to  
join this great group of children  
and youth!

Children (potty-trained) and  
Youth, pre-k through high school  
are all welcome to attend.

Come join the fun!

*Thanks  
to Our  
Sunday  
School  
Crew*



# MIKE ZINCKGRAF , DESIGNER OF MANSION IN MAY 2017



Michael Zinckgraf has been invited to design a garden at the Abbey, on Madison Avenue in Morristown, for the “Mansion in May 2017”. He will be doing the entrance to the mansion! Congratulations Mike!! We can’t wait to see it!

Z.O Landscaping & Supply, Inc.

Designer:

Michael Zinckgraf, Landscape Designer

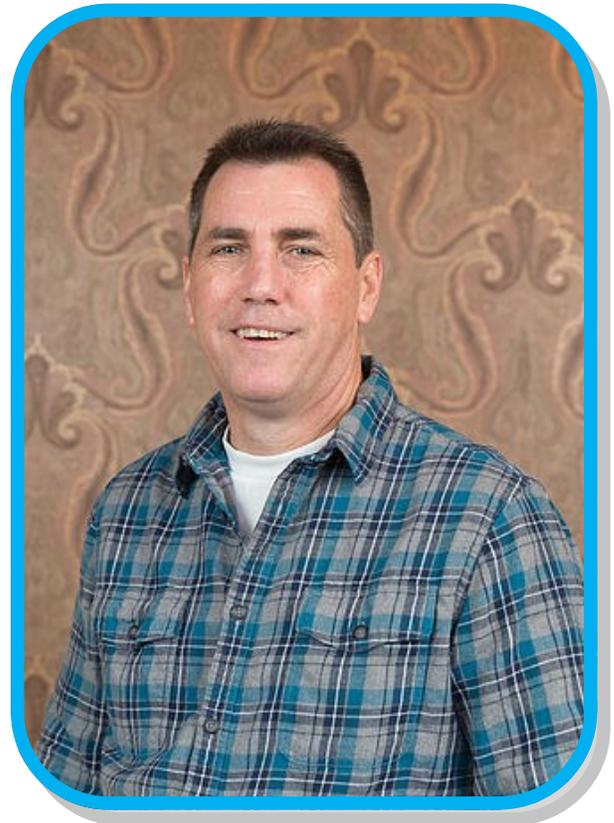
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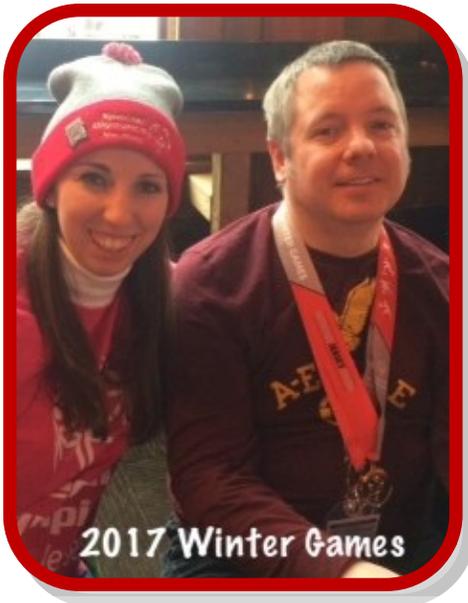


Garden 17—The Flow of Color

Founded in 1979, Z.O. Landscaping & Supply, Inc. has over 35 years of professional experience in landscape design and construction. Our nursery and supply yard sells only the highest quality of plants and materials from around the country. Attention to detail and customer service is the foundation for our business.

At ZO Landscaping, we are proud to offer the latest photo imaging design software which helps our customers visualize the completed project before it begins.

# NEWS AROUND THE CHURCH



Taylor Dickerson and Roger Neumann at the 2017 Special Olympics Winter Games. The games were held on February 6th, at Mountain Creek. The two day event was cut short due to rainy weather. The whole mountain was closed on day 2, but they got a full day of skiing in on the first day. Roger earned two medals...a gold and a bronze in downhill skiing. Congratulations Roger!



Welcome to new members Tricia and Adam Caravaglia!

We are very happy that you have joined the Church!

Please welcome them when you see them in services!

Congratulations to Ben and Liz Zinckgraf on the birth of their son, Matthew Christopher. Matthew was born on January 16, 2017. He weighed in at 7lbs, 11oz, and was 20 3/4 inches. Welcome to the world! All the best to you and your family!

Thanks Dawn Zinckgraf for the photo!



# Our Scouts in action!

A Scout tour of Foodtown. So much to learn, and so much to take away! Thank you Jeff Dickerson for always being there for the youth in the community!!



Our Tiger Scouts met with Jeff Dickerson at Foodtown for a tour of the store and a presentation on healthy eating. Thank you Jeff for taking the time to educate our Scouts!



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**JOIN US FOR AN EARLY PREMIER EVENT OF "THE SHACK"!**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2, AT ROCKAWAY AMC**

**MOVIE BEGINS AT 7:00PM**

IT IS SUGGESTED YOU ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES EARLY. EXTRA TICKETS MAY BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR THAT EVENING. LOOK FOR PASTOR AMANDA AT THE THEATER.

**TICKETS: \$11 PER PRSON**

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!! ORDER ASAP!.

**PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED FOR YOUR TICKETS TO BE SECURE**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# OF TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

YOU WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF RECEIVING TICKETS AHEAD OF TIME OR OUTSIDE THE THEATER THE EVENING OF THE MOVIE

**INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!!**

PLACE THIS FORM, WITH YOUR PAYMENT, IN AN ENVELOPE AND LEAVE IN THE OFFERING PLATE DURING WORSHIP (SUNDAYS 10:30AM), OR RETURN IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.



# 2017 Easter Flowers/Donation Order Form



Easter flowers and decorations add so much to the beauty of our sanctuary for Easter worship. There are two ways to honor or remember someone special:

**1) You may purchase plants for \$10.00 per plant**

\*Due to higher cost, hydrangea plant is \$15/ea. \*\*Smaller pot, tete-a-tete plant is \$5/ea.

Please order: \_\_\_ Lily \_\_\_ Hyacinth \_\_\_ \*\*Tete-a-tete \$5/ea \_\_\_ Tulip  
\_\_\_ \*Hydrangea \$15/ea \_\_\_ Daffodil

Total plant order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2) You may also donate. Contributions may be any amount.**

Please accept a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the order form and place it in the offering plate or mail it back to the church office along with your check by **April 3rd**.

Given in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

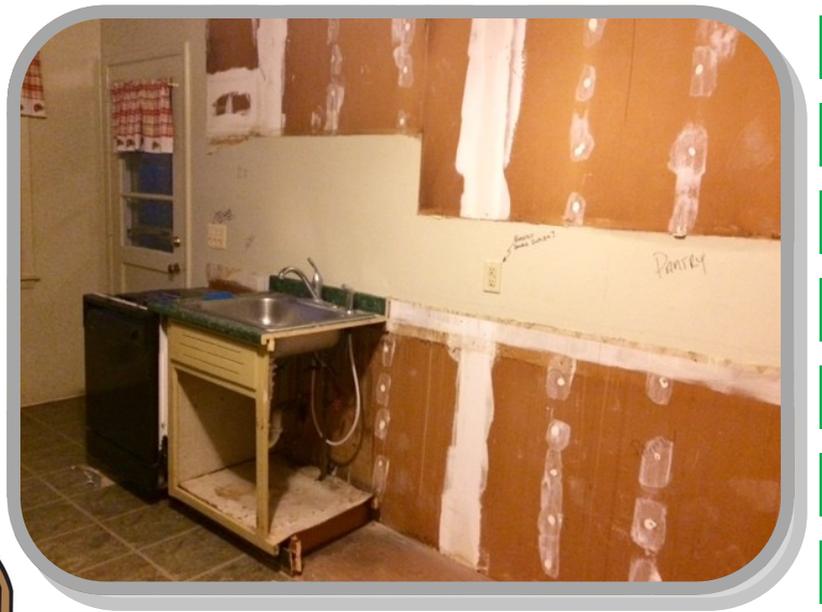
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Given in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

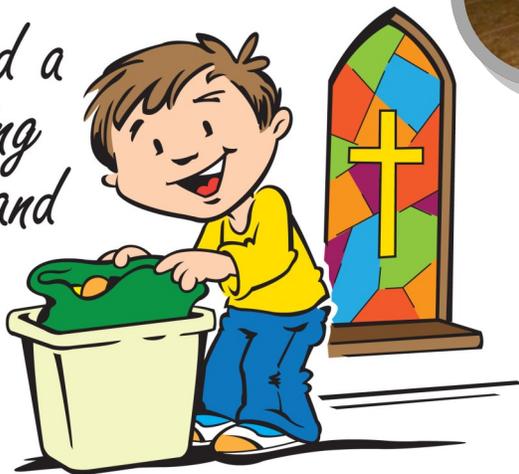
# TRUSTEES CORNER!



A parsonage kitchen “re-do” is in the works! Hopefully, next month we’ll bring you finished photos! A big thank you to our Trustees for assisting with this project, to Russ Tirpak for his leadership, and to Ben Zinckgraf for the electrical work.



*Lend a  
helping  
hand*



## FROM OUR MONDAY MORNING QUILTERS

Our Quilters' Ministry is being re-worked and new people are showing interest!! Thanks be to God!

We will be hosting a Monday evening introduction and planning session soon! No experience is needed.

If you are interested, please call the church office and let us know.



## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Join us at 9:15am on Sundays in The Upper Room.

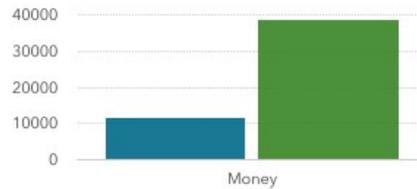
We are currently looking at the "I am" sayings of Jesus from the Gospel of John. This is a 'Drop In' class with a different focus each week.

All Always Welcome!

# Rebirth & Renewal



■ Received    ■ Goal



## Capital Improvement Campaign 2014-2017



### OUR GOALS

#### Completed:

- **Renovation of church exterior**
  - Repair rotten wood / new soffits
  - Repair crack and paint
  - 2 new doors (kitchen / thrift shop)
  - Enclose storage area for thrift shop
  - Total cost: \$19,315.00
- **New furnace at parsonage**
  - Total cost: \$2,500.00
- **Tree work at church/parsonage**
  - Total cost: \$2,700.00
- **Plumbing repairs**
  - New hot water heater / repair water main shutoff
  - Total cost: \$1,000.00

#### Projects to be Completed:

- **Parking lot repairs**
  - Repair holes and cracks/commercial grade seal coating and line painting
  - Total estimated cost: \$4,945.18
- **Fire Alarm Panel updated**
  - Estimated cost: \$5,500.00
- **New carpet for sanctuary**
  - Estimated cost: \$2,500.00

We need your help to reach our goal:

**\$38,460**

With the help of our church family, we can complete the projects of our capital campaign.

Goal per Year: \$12,820.00

### **UPDATE**

Total Donations

**\$26,648.29**

Total Needed:

**\$11,811.71**

60 Families

\$450.00 per family

2 Year Plan:

\$225.00 per year

\$20.00 per month

\$5.00 per week

LESS THAN \$1.00 A DAY

*Make the commitment!*

# MARCH



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 1	Lawrence Zeh
March 2	Carolyn Wescott
March 4	Brandon Cho, Michael Douglas
March 9	Blake Davis
March 12	Keith Chaudruc, Roger Neumann
March 14	Susan McCrostie
March 16	Gina McCrostie
March 19	Wendy (Ober) Dagner
March 23	Mike Zinckgraf

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 26	Thomas & Lucille Perrault
March 28	Adrienne & Ronald Anzalone



*We apologize if you were not included on our list. If we have not listed your birthday, please contact the church office so we can include you in future editions.*

**Reminder**— Tabor's Treasures drop-off days for donations from church members are the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month in Memorial Hall.

## Members and Friends In The Military

**Erin Parker**, *US Air Force*, former church member and son of Kathy & Chris Parker

**Michael O'Neil**

**Drew Greenlees**, *US Navy, serving in Iraq*, Graduate of PHHS, grew up in Glacier Hills

**Mike Sgambati**, *US Air Force, living in New Mexico*, Husband of Melissa Meyers

**Alex Degrosky**, friend of the Scala Family

**Steven Masker**, *US Army, Kuwait*, friend of the Dickerson Family

**JJ Yososoegito**, *US Marines, Middle East*



# Tabor's Treasures

## THRIFT SHOP

THE SHOP WILL BE CLOSING AT 6PM ON

MARCH 2nd

HOURS

Wednesdays 10am—2pm

Thursdays 10am—2pm & 4pm—8pm

Saturdays 9am—1pm

Volunteers are needed. Join the fun! To volunteer call Nancy Gerardi.

**For church members bringing donations—please place them OUTSIDE the back closet in Memorial Hall.**

**Clothing can be left in the box on the stage. Thank you! Furniture must be scheduled for inspection through the church office prior to donation. We allow ONE BAG of donations during shopping hours. At this time, we are not accepting puzzles and board games. We no longer accept VHS Tapes. If you have more, please contact the church office at 973-627-4243 to make arrangements.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BITS & PIECES

Do you have something to announce? The deadline for the **weekly bulletin** is Wednesday at 9:00am. The deadline for the **monthly Tidings** newsletter will be the 20th of each month. Please feel free to contribute!!

### PRAYER CHAIN

Our church has an active prayer chain whose members regularly receive requests for prayers for specific needs. Although most often it concerns health, the need may be in other areas as well. To place a request for prayers, please call the church office at 973-627-4243 or email the office at [umcmounttabor@verizon.net](mailto:umcmounttabor@verizon.net).



### PRAYERS NEEDED

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

David Ober, Jr	Terry Ober
LeRoy "Smitty" Smith	John Harrison
Dawn Zinckgraf	Debbie Sheldon
Dale Lennox	Denise Parker
Our Nation at this time of transition	
The Family of Ed Gunderson	
Anne Newman	
Pastor Amanda	

## Today's Chuckle



"I made a New Year's resolution to eat broccoli. If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent."

There will be an  
Administrative Council  
meeting on Monday,  
March 13th, at 7:00pm

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Be a part of the "Tabor Tours" team, a joint mission with the Historical Society, to offer tours of Mount Tabor to other UM Churches. Speak with Pastor Amanda or contact the church office.

Be a part of our "Fundraising Team". If you have good ideas for fundraisers, speak with Pastor Amanda or call the church office.

## WELCOME

The United Methodist Church at Mount Tabor is a community of faith-filled friends who seek to grow closer to God through the ministry of Jesus Christ and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the history of Mount Tabor, and look with hope toward the future. Everyone is welcome here; everyone is cherished here; for everyone is a child of God. All are welcome to participate with us in our journey of faith, regardless of background, theological stance, or personal characteristics. We rejoice in God creating us to be a diverse family; and we strive to follow the Spirit's leading as one, while maintaining and upholding our individuality. Because of the current official stance of The United Methodist Church, we feel it is important to state a welcome to those of all sexual orientations and gender identities—You are welcome here.

God loves you just the way you are; and so do we.

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