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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT MOUNT TABOR

NEWSLETTER—NOVEMBER 2017

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From the Pastor

Stewardship...Yes, I know we all hate the word (me included), but the fact remains that the church needs money to do ministry. We'll be talking about Stewardship in worship through November 19th, when we'll collect our Commitment Cards for 2018 (see page 14).

A few things I am asking of you…

First, COME TO WORSHIP. I promise this won't be just 'boring money talk'! There's a lot of good information that will be shared, and we'll be praising God while doing it!

Second, COMPLETE A COMMITMENT for financial gifts in 2018. My goal is to beat the past number of commitments received by a landslide! Prayerfully consider, with you household members, how much you are called to give. We want our church to THRIVE, not just survive!

Third, CELEBRATE YOUR COMMITMENT, and the commitments of others at our Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday, November 19th, at 10:30am. This is the day to hand in your Commitment sheet (if you cannot attend, please submit your commitment to the church office by November 30th).

Consider stepping out in faith and giving 10% of your income (a 'tithe'), 5%, or even 2.5%. What we give equals how much we can do for Christ!

I look forward to celebrating with you on November 19th, and to planning with you another year of ministry!

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Amanda

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

NOVEMBER'S FEATURED ITEM IS:

THANKSGIVING SIDES

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

New members are encouraged and welcome to attend!

WORSHIP INFORMATION

SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30am

Join us in November!

We'll be talking about Stewardship and gearing up for our Commitment Sunday and Thanksgiving Celebration, scheduled for November 19th.

November 5: All Saints' Day; 'Testing the Tithe'
November 12: 'For the Love of Money'
November 19: Thanksgiving Celebration; 'Blessed to be a Blessing'; Commitment Sunday
November 26: Christ the King Sunday; United Methodist Student Day; Introduction of 'Coins for College'; NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

November 5—Usher/Greeter, Nancy & Bob Gerardi; **Reader**, John Ryans; **Childcare**, Krysta Keller & Chrissy Weaver; **Sunday School**, Liz Zinckgraf & Janet Leonard; **Crop Share**, Volunteer Needed; **Coffee Hour**, Youth Class, The Ryans.

November 12—Usher/Greeter, Bruce Downing & Ned Stroh; **Reader,** Laura Lemanowicz; **Childcare,** Linda Hemenetz & Nicole Zinckgraf; **Sunday School,** Sue McCrostie & Mary Tirpak; **Crop Share,** Volunteer Needed; **Coffee Hour,** The Caravaglios.

November 19—Usher/Greeter, Larry Zeh & Mike Zinckgraf; **Reader,** Bob Newman; **Childcare,** George Hemenetz & Megan Schulze; **Sunday School,** Hilary Ververs & Janet Ryans; **Crop Share,** Krysta Keller & Jewel Burns; **Coffee Hour,** The Stroh Family and Kayla DeLaCruz-Lopez.

November 26—Usher/Greeter. Ruth Blazure & Kayla DeLaCruz-Lopez**; Reader,** Janey Ryans**; Childcare, NO CHILDCARE; Sunday School, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

Lord God Almighty, whose eyes keep watch over the whole world, we come before you with the evil from our surroundings still clinging to us. Grant that our lives may be in your hands. Give us your strength to find the way, even through suffering and distress. For we are yours, O Lord our God, and you have chosen your people to be strong and to be freed from all evils. Help us, we beseech you. May we know that you are with us and may your Word bring us blessing, to the glory of your name forever. Amen.

https://www.plough.com/en/subscriptions/daily-prayer/november

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Hours 10a-2p Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p Crop Share 3p-7p	**2** Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p & 4p-8p Choir 7:30p	**3** Office Hours 10a-2p	**4** Tabor's Treasures 9a-1p
5 Sunday School 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am Worship 10:30am Fundraising Meeting 11:45a	**6** Quilters 10am Office Hours 10a-2p **Ad Council 7pm**	**7** **Pastor Amanda off**	**8** Office Hours 10a-2p Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p & 4p-8p Crop Share 3p-7p **Pastor Amanda off**	**9** Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p & 4p-8p Choir 7:30p	**10** Office Hours 10-2p Scouts 6:30p MH	**11** Tabor's Treasures 9a-1p
12 Sunday School 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am Worship 10:30am	**13** Quilters 10am Office Hours 10a-2p;	**14** **Creators' Club 7p** Scouts 6:30p MH	**15** Office Hours 10a-2p Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p & 4p-8p Crop Share 3p-7p	**16** Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p & 4p-8p Choir 7:30pm	**17** Office Hours 10a-2p	**18** Tabor's Treasures 9a-1p
19 Sunday School 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am Worship 10:30a	**20** Quilters 10am Office Hours 10a-2p	**21** Scouts 6:30p MH Crop Share 3p-7p	**22** Office Hours 10a-2p Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	**23** **Thanksgiving**	**24** **Office Closed**	**25** Tabor's Treasures 9a-1p;
26 **No Sunday School** Adult Bible Study 9:15am Worship 10:30am	**27** Quilters 10am Office Hours 10a-2p **Pricing Party 6-9p**	**28** Scouts 6:30p MH Crop Share 3p-7p	**29** Office Hours 10a-2p Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	**30** Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p & 4p-8p Choir 7:30pm		

NEW OPPORTUNITY: JOIN THE "CREATORS' CLUB".

Enjoy arts and crafts? Painting? Sewing? Gift-making? The "Creators' Club" is a new group being formed to enjoy practicing our creative skills together, with the objective of gifting our finished products to those in need of a little cheer (shut-ins, those who are sick, in mourning, etc.). Participants can work independently or in groups. First meeting, Tuesday, November 14th, 7pm—9pm, in the Upper Room. Questions? See Pastor Amanda.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

October 1st—David Ober—In memory of Alison Ober

October 8th— Lucille & Tom Perrault—In memory of loved ones

October 15—John & Bill Harrison—In memory of our parents, Jack & Lee Harrison and grandmother Frances B. Tonking

John Henes—In honor of Henry Henes celebrating his 100th Birthday

October 22nd—The McCrostie Family—In memory of Emil "Biggy" Ramaglia & Robert Glenn McCrostie, Sr.

October 29—Kelli Smith—In memory of Hilda Smith. A loving wife, mother and friend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT 9:15AM

Consider having your children and youth join Sunday School this year! New faces always welcome!

Our classes are growing and the children and youth are learning!

See the registration form on page 6 . Please bring completed registration(s) to class.

ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

2017-2018

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH at MT. TABOR

Student last name: _____

Student first name:_____

Mailing address:_____

Phone Number(s): Student (if applicable)--_____ _____

Adult contact name, relationship, and #--_____

_____

*****Please circle phone numbers that can receive text messages*****

E-Mail(s) Student (if applicable)--_____

Adult contact email:_____

*****Please be advised, updates/events will be sent by email. Emergency closings/ other info will be sent by text and email.*****

Student grade:_____ Student age:_____ Student birthdate:_____

Allergies:_____

Other medical/behavior conditions we should be aware of:_____

_____

Anything else we should know about your child?:_____

_____

Would you like to volunteer to be on a rotating schedule of classroom helpers (no teaching/prep work)? _____Yes _____No

Do we have permission to use your child's picture on our website and newsletter? _____Yes _____No

NEWS AROUND THE CHURCH

Come see the new items that have been stocked in Tabor's Treasures Thrift Shop!

There will be Pricing Parties on the last Monday of each month, from 6pm—9pm.

If you can come, many hands make light work!!

Tabor's Treasures THRIFT SHOP

Located in the lower level of the United Methodist Church at Mount Tabor, 5 Simpson Avenue

Come and see the best bargains in Mount Tabor!

Clothing, Furniture, Housewares, Toys, Holiday Decorations, Baby Items and MUCH MORE!

New items added frequently!

We are currently only accepting donations of clothing, jewelry, and accessories. We cannot accept household items at this time. We will advise you when we have room for those donations to resume.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE.
All proceeds benefit the church. Thank you for your help!

HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesdays 10am-2pm; Thursdays 10am-2pm & 4pm-8pm; and Saturdays 9am-1pm

NEWS AROUND THE CHURCH

BAKE SALE SUCCESS

We held a bake sale on Saturday, September 30th, to coincide with the Mount Tabor Historical Society's House Tour.

It was held in front of the Church and donations of delicious baked goods came from so many in our congregation!

A very special thank you to Dawn Zinckgraf for organizing and running it, and to all who baked, bought and helped spread the word.

We raised $366.00 for the Church!!

NEWS AROUND THE CHURCH

Laity Sunday was held on October 15, 2017. "Laity Sunday" is a tradition in the UMC in which the 'ministry of all believers' is celebrated by members of the congregation leading worship instead of the pastor. We believe ALL are called to ministry, and celebrate the gifts each of us brings to the Church and to the World!

Joe Scala giving the Children's Message

Morgan Dickerson delivering the Sermon

The Choir singing beautifully.

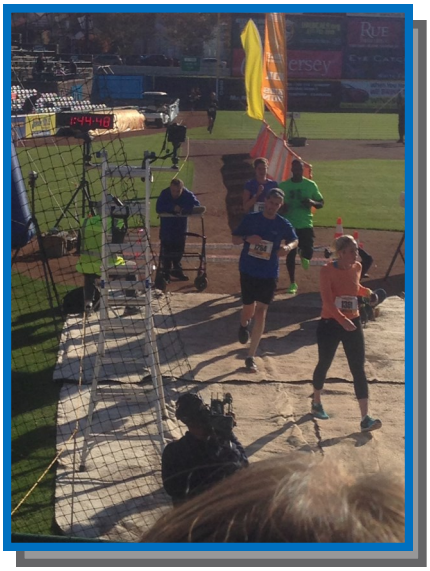
NEWS AROUND THE CHURCH

Happy 100th Birthday to Henry Henes!

This picture was sent by his nephew, John Henes.

Henry celebrated with family and friends in Virginia

Showing our support for Puerto Rico. We continue to pray for the recovery efforts and for the families who have lost loved ones. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send $800.00 to UMCOR for Hurricane relief!



Jeff & Carly Dickerson completed a 10K race in October in Trenton, but the true highlight for them of the day was this physically handicapped gentleman completing the race that was set before him.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Remembering Those Who Died

November 2016 – October 2017

All Saints' Day will be celebrated in worship on Sunday, November 5th.

CHURCH MEMBERS

Anne Taylor	Leroy 'Smitty' Smith
Kay Hutchinson	John Harrison

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Danny Keitel	Nephew of Mary Keitel Tirpak
Debra Lynn Campanile-Sheldon	Daughter-in-law of Bob & Nancy Gerardi
Marcella Hemenetz	Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother, Great Grand mother—The Hemenetz Family
Ralph Lowe	Father to Bryan Lowe and Taylor Dickerson
Reverend Donnie Barnett	Cousin of Sharon Dickerson
Mr. Schmitt	Friend of the Dickerson Family
Vicky Dumford	Sister-in-law of Sharon Dickerson
Don Estler	Friend of Joe Scala
Terry Intiso-Ober	Wife of Dave Ober and mother of Dominique Ober
Michael Smith	Uncle of Pastor Amanda
Bernice Caravaglia	Mother of Adam Caravaglia
Edward W. Stroh	Father & Grandfather of Ned, Rachel, Hannah, Isobel, Leanora, Simon,and Nicole Stroh

5 Encouraging Bible Versus About Money That Everyone Should Know.

Compiled by Bob Lotich for the Huffington Post. Bob Lotich is founder of SeedTime.com – a free website that approaches financial topics using timeless Biblical principles.

1. Philippians 4:19 "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."
2. Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."
3. 1 Timothy 6:10 "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."
4. Acts 20:35 "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
5. Proverbs 22:7 "The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender."

How is giving an act of worship for you?

Giving practices reflect the believer's heart!

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

IS

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Consider becoming a 'Tither', 'Half-Tither', or member of the '2.5% club'. (Based on % of annual income given to the church. A 'tithe' = 10%).

What we give = how much we can do for Christ!

My Tithe/Offering for 2018

Name:_____

Address (Street & Mailing):_____

_____

Email:_____

Phone:_____

After prayerful consideration, and with the grace of God, I commit to the following for the year 2018 (complete one or more options):

$_____ Weekly $_____Monthly $_____Yearly

With this amount, I am becoming a (check one, if applicable):

"Tither" (10% of annual income) _____

"Half-Tither" (5% of annual income) _____

"Member of the 2.5% Club" (2.5% of annual income) _____

You will receive a quarterly giving statement so you can see how you are doing in reference to your commitment. Do you prefer mail or email? (check one) Mail _____ Email _____

THANK YOU! What we give = how much we can do for Christ!

REPORT OF THE PASTOR

Church Conference 2017

What a crazy year here at The UMC at Mount Tabor! Financial difficulties, but SO MUCH GOOD!

Our finances have been the biggest concern over the past year, but what amazing members we have! Giving is UP for the first time in a long time; and we are VERY HOPEFUL about our future. So many individuals and families have stepped up in their giving, and the creation of our new Fundraising Team is an incredible asset. We're going to be more than just 'ok;' we're going to thrive!

We saw an amazing increase in our Sunday School over the past year, with 25 young people learning about God here on Sunday mornings. Our Youth had a great year in class and activities. Our Adult Class is going strong in discussion and study.

Worship continues to be a highlight at The UMC at Mount Tabor. We enjoyed various sermon series throughout the year, such as our "Arts in Ministry" series in the spring (tap dancers, painting in worship, a Native American carver, soloists, and more), and our "Lessons from Looney Tunes' cartoon-based series over the summer. Our Children's Choir sang multiple times during the year, and our Chancel Choir is GROWING!! We miss our Handbell Choir and hope to have them back soon.

We held and participated in a number of community events this year. Our own premier showing of the movie 'The Shack' was a fantastic experience. We again participated in the Mount Tabor House Tour and in the events of Children's Day Weekend, adding our Children's Choir to the Children's Day Worship Service in the Tabernacle. We opened up the sanctuary for a community Arts Auction, held our first Christmas Boutique, and hosted a 2nd Night with Spirit fundraiser with spiritual medium Gina Marie DeLuca, where 160 church and community members attended.

New members have been welcomed this year, 6 full members and 1 affiliate, including 4 newly Confirmed youth. We continue to receive visitors on a regular basis and hope to attract more in the future.

Though we chose to scale back on our Shared Ministry giving due to our financial concerns, we have participated in mission in other ways. We ventured on a Bridges Run to Newark, created hands-on mission projects in worship, collected towels and put together over 500 bags of hygiene items for those helping with Hurricane Relief, and gave financially to UMCOR, The Make a Wish Foundation, The First Tee, RMN, our local fire department, and a community family with a child with cancer.

Our Thrift Shop is regaining some ground after sales were down for a while, but going strong on volunteers. We have helped a number of local families experiencing hardship with free clothing and household items.

We are being the hands and feet of Christ, and we look forward to where God will take us in the coming year!

Peace & love,

Reverend Amanda Hemenetz

HOLIDAY SHOP

Our Christmas Boutique will be held on December 3rd!. It is not too early to start thinking about (or working on) your creative donations! This is a great fundraiser and a way to show off your talents!!! It was very successful last year and we hope this year will be even better.

Are you a quilter, a painter, a jewelry maker? Show off you skills and help raise money for the church at the same time!

Questions? Speak with Dawn Zinckgraf or Pastor Amanda .

Parking Lot Repairs

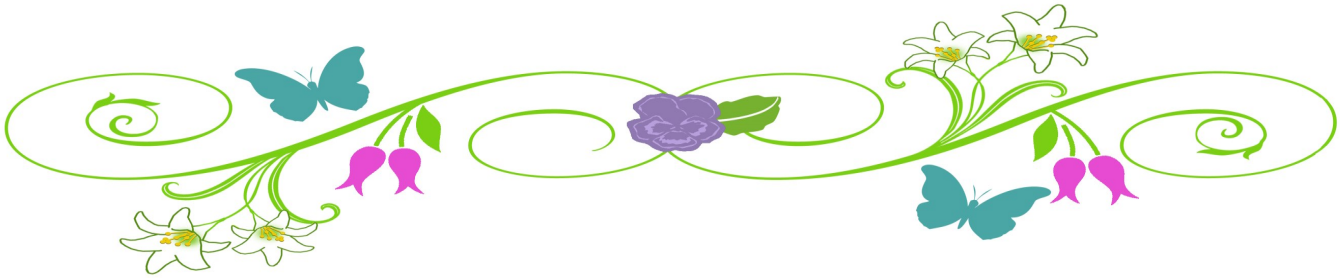
Our parking lot project is completed! Repairs were made and the lot was sealed. It is looking wonderful and is ready for winter!

This is a project of the Rebirth & Renewal Campaign. We want to thank everyone who has given so generously to the Campaign!

We regret to inform you of the passing of Leroy “Smitty” Smith, on October 12, 2017. Please keep his children Kelli and Roy in your thoughts and prayers.

We also must inform you of the passing of Teresa “Terry” Intiso-Ober, on October 24, 2017. Please keep her husband, David Ober, Jr., her daughter Dominque, and her stepson Michael Manna in your thoughts and prayers as well as her entire family.

And also, John Harrison passed away on October 28, 2017. We will up-date you when we receive information on services.



NOVEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 5th	Debra Duncan
Nov 7th	Alice Grant
Nov 9th	Ronald Anzalone, Sr.
Nov 10th	Paula Spille, Zaron Spector
Nov 15th	Eloise Margus, Bobbi Humphreys
Nov 17th	Sarah Scala, Cindy Scala
Nov 22nd	David Ober
Nov 25th	Jan Atkinson, Denise Rothman, Tori Rothman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov 1st	Chrissy & Jeff Weaver
Nov 5th	Wendy & Lester Dagner
Nov 7th	Bonnie & Larry Zeh

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. Currently accepting clothing & accessories ONLY!

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, Germany, friend of the Dickerson Family
Melissa Pier, US Marines
Danny Antolos, friend of Ruth Blazure

Tabor's Treasures
THRIFT SHOP

HOURS
Wednesdays 10am—2pm
Thursdays 10am—2pm & 4pm—8pm
Saturdays 9am—1pm
Volunteers are needed. Join the fun! To volunteer call Nancy Gerardi.

DONATIONS ARE CURRENTLY 'ON HOLD'.

Clothing, shoes, jewelry and accessories continue to be collected. NO HOUSE-HOLD ITEMS, please!
We'll let you know when we are ready to start accepting again.

Pricing Parties continue on the last Monday of the Month from 6p-9p.

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.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

David Ober, Jr
Barry McGinley
Dale Lennox
Pastor Amanda
Donna Wojcik
Ed Bilyk
Eloise Margus
Frank Giaquinto
The Family of LeRoy "Smitty" Smith
The Family of Terry Ober
The Family of John Harrison

Today's Chuckle

"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to our Crop Share hosts & hostesses who greet community residents picking up their Alstede orders here at the church each Wednesday!

You are appreciated!

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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Church Lay Leader	Bob Newman	973-627-2494
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Ministry of Art	Dawn Zinckgraf	973-538-5039
Mission Outreach	Sarah Lefsyk	973-234-5111
Music/Worship	Rachel Caldari-Stroh	973-876-9846
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