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NEWSLETTER—JANUARY 2017





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JANUARY 2017

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The New Year— by Martha Snell Nicholson

Dear Lord, as this New Year is born

I give it to Thy hand,

Content to walk by faith what paths

I cannot understand.

Whatever coming days may bring

Of bitter loss, or gain,

Or every crown of happiness;

Should sorrow come, or pain,

Or, Lord, if all unknown to me

Thine angel hovers near

To bear me to that farther shore

Before another year,

It matters not—my hand in Thine,

Thy light upon my face,

Thy boundless strength when I am weak,

Thy love and saving grace!

I only ask, loose not my hand,

Grip fast my soul, and be

My guiding light upon the path

Till, blind no more, I see!

Peace and Love,

Pastor Amanda

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

**JANUARY'S
FEATURED
ITEM IS:**
MEALS (canned
stews, mac &
cheese, etc)



CHOIR REHEARSAL



Rehearsals are
Thursdays,
7:30pm.

Join the Choir &
sing joyously!



WORSHIP INFORMATION SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30am

Happy New Year to one and all! May 2017 bring you health, happiness and a stronger faith!!



PRAYER FOR JANUARY

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

[Bring our divided nation together](#), and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Our Christmas Boutique was a huge success! We made over \$600.00 for the church thanks to everyone who crafted, baked, and purchased items. We have some very talented people in this congregation!!! Many thanks to one and all for making this such a great day!!!

POINSETTIA SALE

The Poinsettia sale was a beautiful addition to the decorations in the sanctuary. Thank you to each of you who donated. The sanctuary looked spectacular at Christmas. A special thank you to Dawn Zinckgraf for handling all the ordering and mobilizing "The Crew" to decorate. The efforts of all of you are appreciated!!



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

**There will be no Sunday School
and Adult Bible Study on January
1st.**

Classes will resume on January
8th, at 9:15 am.

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*



NEWS AROUND THE CHURCH

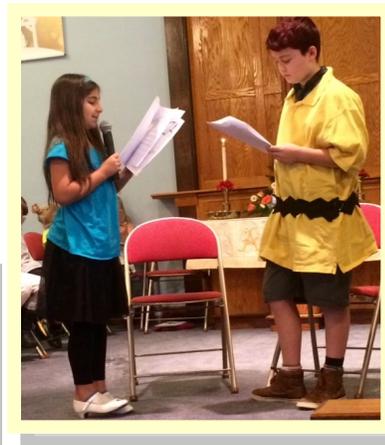
Our Christmas Craft Boutique and Bake Sale was a huge success!!

Thank you to all of our crafty people and our delicious bakers!



The Children's Christmas Pageant

A Charlie Brown Christmas!



PLEDGE DRIVE 2017

If you have not yet turned in your completed pledge card toward the 2017 budget, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance.

And thank you to all who have pledged thus far!

Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex.



**United Methodist Church
at Mount Tabor**

Estimated Giving 2017

This is my financial commitment, guided by the Spirit, to support my church to the glory of God in 2017.

“God loves a cheerful giver”~2 Corinthians 9:8

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Member? Yes No

I estimate my gifts to average

\$ _____ per week in 2017

\$ _____ per month in 2017

\$ _____ per year in 2017

_____ *This is a tithe (10% of income).*

_____ *This is an increase over last year.*

Let's hear it for our Scouts!!!!!!

Some of the Scouts that we sponsor were working hard at the Interfaith Food Pantry to make the holidays a bit more special for those less fortunate!! We thank you all for your hard work!



If you enjoyed her show over the summer, you can enjoy her again in January. She is going to donate 10% of the profits to our Church if you mention us when you buy your tickets. You get an incredible night out and the Church makes money.

Gina Marie

SPIRITUAL MEDIUM

1.7.2017

7.00PM - 9.00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

FOR TICKETS

www.ginamariepiritualmedium.com

\$50.00

per ticket
limited seating

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We would like to send a big thank you to all our Pack families and the United Methodist Church that assisted in a very successful Project Homeless Connect Program which was sponsored by the Morris Mental Health Association. Whether you donated items, handled a donation collection, sorted donations and/or attended the event, the time and care by our scouting community did not go unnoticed by those who attended. The Morris Mental Health Association relies on our support; our pack provided many of the winter clothing accessories, some clothes, coats and lots of toiletries. Our Pack handled the set-up and distribution of the clothing and toiletries on the day of the event. This year the association had only one additional adult available to assist us, but two previous Pack Families (Strocchia and Ververs) and their High Schoolers lent a hand.

Here are two links to articles mentioning our Pack's support (many thanks to Nicole Trella for sharing).

<http://www.dailyrecord.com/story/news/2016/12/01/volunteers-agencies-team-up-lend-hand-up/94613352/> (*Sandy Geddes is quoted on the importance for the scouts involvement*)

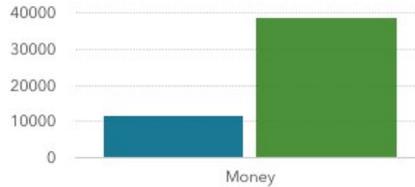
<http://morristowngreen.com/2016/12/01/project-homeless-connect-in-morristown-sometimes-little-things-mean-a-lot/> (*Our scouts included in the PPT*)



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

\$25,530.24

Total Needed:

\$12,929.76

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!

JANUARY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Jan. 3rd Sarah Lefsyk, Jeffrey Corcoran
 Jan. 5th Glen DiOrio, Megan Zeh & Cheryl DiOrio
 Jan. 11th Gregory Hemenetz, Juliette Parker
 Jan 9th Adrienne Anzalone
 Jan. 14th Michael Anzalone
 Jan 17th Jill Downing
 Jan. 23rd Ronald Anzalone, Jr.
 Jan. 26th Dorothy Henderson
 Jan. 27th Wendy Finnerty
 Jan. 31st Melissa Meyers



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

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



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.

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.



PRAYERS NEEDED

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

David Ober, Jr	Terry Ober
Kathleen Dooley	The Visoskas Family
LeRoy "Smitty" Smith	John Harrison
Dawn Zinckgraf	Denise Parker
The Family of Margie Little	
The Family of Richard Hemenetz	
The Family of Audrey Phillips	
The Family of John Walek	
The Family of Jeanne Apgar	
The Family of Christiane Roekaert	
Our Nation at this time of transition	
The Family of Michael Smith	

Today's Chuckle



We wish you all a very happy, healthy, prosperous, and more faithful-filled year! May 2017 bring you all happiness.

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.

OUR TEAM IN MINISTRY

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Church Lay Leader	Bob Newman	973-627-2494
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Mission Outreach	Sarah Lefsyk	973-234-5111
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Pianist	Nicole Van Hoven	
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