Just a little katydid...I coaxed him onto a stick, and from there he went to my hand and then slowly up my arm. Just a bug...But a bug that made me feel close to God.

We were staying at a cabin in High Point. I was tired. It was the week after Children’s Day. Honestly, I was having a little trouble finding God (yes, that happens to pastors, too). But most times when I feel that way, it is nature that pulls me back to the divine—the flight of a bird, the wind in the trees, a rainbow. This time—a katydid.

I was surprised at how trusting the insect was as it wandered my hand. It showed no fear, and didn’t try to get away. It saw me as safe, or at least, interesting. It saw me as being worth spending some time with. And it got me thinking—if I’m ‘ok’ to this insect, surely I’m ‘ok’ to God. More than ‘ok’, as God, in scripture, consistently puts the human creation above all other creatures.

I felt loved by a katydid. And was therefore reminded I was loved by God.

Not sure you’re loved by God? Think of the most beautiful thing in nature—a butterfly, a waterfall, the stars, maybe your dog—and then remind yourself that God calls you even more special.

You are loved. We all are.

Peace,
Pastor Amanda
PLEASE SUPPORT THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY WITH YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATION!

SEPTEMBER'S FEATURED ITEM IS: LUNCH SNACKS

WORSHIP INFORMATION
SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30 AM
Join us in September!

September 2nd—Worship returns to 10:30am! Labor Day Weekend! Hilary Ververs preaching.

Worship in September-October: “The Fruit of the Spirit”. Each week we’ll look at one of the Fruits of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23

September 9th—Fruit of the Spirit: Love
September 16th—Sunday School begins for the 2018-2019 school year at 9:15am! Welcome back! The Fruit of the Spirit: Joy
September 23rd—The Fruit of the Spirit: Peace
September 30th—The Fruit of the Spirit: Patience

The Canticle of Creation
by St Francis of Assisi

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord
God, to you belong praise, glory, honour and all blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation and especially for our Brother Sun, who brings us the day and the light; he is strong and shines magnificently.

O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, and for the stars which you have set shining and lovely in the heavens.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind and Air and every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water, who is very useful to us, and humble and precious and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness: he is bright and lively and strong.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colours.

Be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for love of you; and for those who bear sickness and weakness in peace and patience you will grant them a crown.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death, whom we must all face.

I praise and bless you, Lord, and I give thanks to you, and I will serve you in all humility.
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ALTAR FLOWERS

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

**August 5th** — Diane Thormann — In memory of Paul Thormann and our beloved daughter, Jennifer.

**The Henes Family** — In memory of Hope Shaw.

**August 12th** — Robin Sheldon — In memory of JoLynne Sheldon. Her time on earth was too short, but her light continues to shine in all who knew and loved her.

**August 19th** — Kevin, Katherine & Danielle Davis — In honor of all our beloved family members.

**August 26th** — Jewel Burns — In memory of her husband, Bob Burns.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study will resume in October! We look forward to a new year!

COINS FOR COLLEGE

Have spare change? Drop it in the “Coins for College” container located at the back of the sanctuary. All proceeds will be given as scholarships to our members enrolled in college. This will be an ongoing mission project led by the Adult Bible Study Class. Let’s support our young people on their educational journey!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School will begin on September 16th, for Children and Youth, Pre-K (potty-trained) thru High School. See the enclosed registration form. New faces always welcome!
The 149th Children’s Day was celebrated in August. Other than a bit of rain, the weekend went off without a hitch!
NEWS AROUND THE CHURCH

More Children’s Day!
NEWS AROUND THE CHURCH

TRUSTEES’ CORNER

Our Trustees continue to work hard to keep the church running smoothly, looking beautiful, and ensuring the safety of all of us.

There was a breakdown of the air conditioning system. The air conditioner, control board and the dampers all had to be replaced. This was a large repair job! Look for a letter coming soon from the Trustees with more information regarding the air conditioning.

This church would not operate properly without the hard work, dedication, and talent of the Trustees.

A special thank you to Ben Zinckgraf for tending to the recent electrical needs that arose. Ben has also volunteered to be our “Fire Marshall” here at the church. He will be handling the monthly inspections of emergency lighting, exit signs and carbon monoxide detectors as well as keeping current with Parsippany’s codes.

Thank you also goes out to Bob Gerardi for keeping the grounds looking beautiful (especially during this heat!).

Thank you to Mary Tirpak for also working hard on the grounds. The heat is certainly a challenge when one is trying to work outdoors!

With the talented Trustees, we are able to do much of the needed work ourselves. Volunteers enable us to contain costs. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ!
This is from Cindy Scala:

It has been three months since my Dad took his own life. I still can’t wrap my mind around it and we still don’t completely understand why. The only thing I know is that whatever he was struggling with in this life was far more painful than facing the unknown. The fact is that suicide doesn’t just happen to those who are “clinically depressed”. It can happen to your parent, sibling, child, or friend – it can happen to those you least expect. On October 7th, we are walking for my Dad and hopefully raising awareness at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Walk and we’ll be joining others who have been affected by this as well.

The Walk is October 7th, 9:00am at Waterloo Village in Stanhope. Please join us in honoring my Dad and walking with us or by donating to amazing cause.

Please visit the link below to join our team or donate. Thank you!

https://afsp.donatedrive.com/participant/1633341

The UMC at Mount Tabor will be walking! We’ll praise God as we go, and walk in lieu of worship. Please register and join us!
ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION  
2018-2019 

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH at MT. TABOR 

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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
Mount Tabor, New Jersey, an historic Camp Meeting community on the National Register of Historic Places, showcases interiors of over 15 Victorian cottages and historic buildings on a self-guided, walkable tour – your opportunity to look inside our gingerbread “dollhouses!”

INFO & TICKETS
MountTaborNJ.org • 973-975-0001
Mount Tabor Historical Society Annual House Tour
Saturday, September 29th, 11:00am—4:00pm.

The Church will be participating in the House Tour again this year. We are looking for volunteers to welcome our guests and give tours. This is an excellent way to “show off” our church to a lot of new people! If you are available, please contact the church office or speak with Pastor Amanda.

Tabor’s Treasures will be open for extended hours during the House Tour. They will be open from 9:00am—4:30pm.

We will be hosting a Bake Sale during the House Tour. We are requesting your help with donations of baked goods! Please let Dawn Zinckgraf know if you are able to bake or contact the church office.
The Mount Tabor Historical Society with the Mount Tabor Arts Collaborative, present The Mount Tabor Ghost Walk!

Tickets are going FAST! Reserve your space now!

October 19 6pm-10pm
October 20 5pm-10pm

Based on true events. Every neighborhood has a house different from the rest. On the scariest night of the year come to the first annual Mt Tabor Ghost Walk and discover the secrets hidden within... if you dare!

This is a walking tour of historic Mt Tabor NJ

Each 15 minutes a tour goes out with 15 people per time slot. You must sign up for a time slot before you purchase a ticket on our website.

Friday: Friday:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044daaad2aa1f49-mttabor

Saturday:
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044DAAAD2AA1F49-mttabor1

Showtix4u.com for tickets

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!

Donations are being accepted. For church members, donations will be accepted ONE SUNDAY PER MONTH. Donations this month will be accepted on September 23rd.

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

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION!

Come see our NEW LOOK!

Tuesdays 10am-2pm; Wednesdays 10am-2pm; Thursdays 4pm-8pm; Fridays 10am-2pm; and Saturdays 9am-1pm.
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

September 2nd  Rick Rothman  
September 4th  Michael Cochran  
September 10th  Jessica Zinckgraf  
                        Ned Stroh  
September 11th  Brendan Nestor  
September 12th  Sandra Cisco  
September 15th  Anne Newman  
September 16th  Carlee Fasano  
September 17th  Denise Parker  
September 21st  Michael Dupre  
September 22nd  Robert Newman  
September 26th  Nancy Gerardi  
September 27th  Thomas Nestor  
September 29th  Robert Gerardi  
September 30th  Logan Weaver

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

September 6th  Anne & Robert Newman  
September 13th  Elva & Wayne Neumann  
September 18th  Megan & Paul Schulze  
September 22nd  Christine & Michael Cochran  
September 24th  Pastors Jennifer & Brandon Cho

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.

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**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

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**HOURS**

**Tabor’s Treasures**  
**THRIFT SHOP**  
Tuesdays 10am—2pm  
Wednesdays 10am—2pm  
Thursdays 4pm—8pm  
Fridays 10am—2pm  
Saturdays 9am—1pm

Volunteers are needed. Join the fun! To volunteer call Dawn Zinckgraf

Donations are being accepted ONE SUNDAY EACH MONTH. This month, donations will be accepted on September 23rd.

Pricing Parties continue on the last Monday of the Month from 6p-9p. Please come by and help! This month will be September 24th.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BITS & PIECES
Do you have something to announce? The deadline for the weekly bulletin is Wednesday at 10:00am. 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          Donna Wojcik
The Family of Ken Johnson   Eloise Margus
The Families of Tina Panei  Pastor Amanda

Today’s Chuckle

"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

CROP SHARE & COFFEE HOUR
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
There are sign-up sheets in Memorial Hall for volunteers for Crop Share (Wednesdays 4p-7p) and Coffee Hour (set-up, prepare food, and clean-up).

Your help, as always, is greatly 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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