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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT MOUNT TABOR  
NEWSLETTER—FEBRUARY 2021





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# UMC at Mount Tabor

## From The Pastor—

Dear Church Family and Friends,

We are starting our second month of the year 2021 with a bag of mixed emotions. The COVID pandemic is still keeping us on alert and we are still not being able to move around freely as we were used to. This includes not being able to have in person worship services. Thankfully, we have been offering our worship services virtually with a good number of viewers.

The good news is that the COVID-19 vaccine is making its way in, although for New Jersey many of us are still in the waiting lists. In the meantime, as Christians who seek to be instruments of God's healing in this world, let's continue exercising the practice of wearing our masks, keeping distance, and washing our hands frequently. The god news is that God is with us, holding us in our difficult moments, comforting us, and empowering us to move on.

It is time to deepen our faith and our ability to listen... the coming days of Lent offer a good way to start. Starting on Ash Wednesday we will be emailing daily devotionals from Walter Brueggemann's book *A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent*. We will be holding weekly Devotional meetings virtually in ZOOM on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. These Devotionals will be uploaded to Facebook. Please send us an email if you would like to participate in the ZOOM Wednesday Devotionals and we will send you the Zoom link.

I leave you with a prayer of unity.

Blessings,

Pastor Rosario

### A Prayer for Unity

January 26, 2021 | By Jay McDaniel, Professor of Religion, Hendrix College, Arkansas |

In this century and in any century,  
Our deepest hope, our most tender prayer,  
Is that we learn to listen.

May we listen to one another in openness and mercy  
May we listen to plants and animals in wonder and respect  
May We listen to our own hearts in love and forgiveness

May we listen to God in quietness and awe.

And in this listening,

Which is boundless in its beauty,

May we find the wisdom to cooperate

With a healing spirit, a divine spirit

Who beckons us into peace and community and creativity.

We do not ask for a perfect world.

But we do ask for a better world.

We ask for deep listening

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

**Our next Food  
Pantry Sunday  
is  
February 28th.**



**We wish you a  
very Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!**

**Love is patient,  
Love is kind,  
It does not  
boast,  
It is not proud.**



## **WORSHIP INFORMATION**

**We are back to virtual worshipping. Please join us each Sunday on Facebook Live and YouTube. We know it's not the same, but with the numbers of infections growing in this area, we were left with little choice. Stay safe, stay connected with the Church Family virtually, and pray for the day we can all be together without concern.**



## **WORSHIP WITH US!**

### **A Prayer for Strength**

Our Father,  
Sometimes the cares of the day  
seem to multiply, while the  
blessings fade so quickly.  
Our bodies grow tired  
and our minds even more tired.  
Jesus, help us.  
Give us the strength You've promised  
in Your Word.  
Give us the power  
to take the next step.  
Give us your grace...  
for we know that in our weaknesses  
YOUR STRENGTH is revealed.  
May we receive it today.  
Amen.

*rachelwojo.com*

FEBRUARY 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Office Hours 10a-2p	<b>2</b> Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	<b>3</b> Office Hours 10a-2p Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	<b>4</b> Tabor's Treasures 4p-8p <b>Disciple Fast Track 7p</b>	<b>5</b> Office Hours 10a-2p Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	<b>6</b> Tabor's Treasures 9a-1p
<b>7</b> Worship 11a—Virtual Youth Bible Study 1p	<b>8</b> Office Hours 10a-2p <b>Ad Council 7p</b>	<b>9</b> Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	<b>10</b> Office Hours 10a-2p Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	<b>11</b> Tabor's Treasures 4p-8p <b>Disciple Fast Track 7p</b>	<b>12</b> Office Hours 10a-2p Tabor's Treasures 10-2p	<b>13</b> Tabor's Treasures 9a-1p
<b>14</b> Worship 11a—Virtual Youth Bible Study 1p	<b>15 Presidents' Day</b> Office Closed	<b>16</b> Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p	<b>17 Ash Wednesday</b> Office Hours 10a-2p Tabor's Treasures 10a-2p <b>Lenten Devotional 6:30p—Zoom</b>	<b>18</b> Tabor's Treasures 4p-8p <b>Disciple Fast Track 7p</b>	<b>19</b> Office Hours 10a-2p Tabor's Treasures 10-2p	<b>20</b> Tabor's Treasures 9a-1p
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<b>28</b> Worship 11a— Virtual Youth Bible Study 1p <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b>						

# ASH WEDNESDAY

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

Often called the Day of Ashes, Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession. This happens during a special Ash Wednesday service.

We will be having Lenten Devotional via Zoom on Wednesdays, at 6:30pm. Please join us for a 30 minute time of reflection and prayer.

## **Verses to Reflect on for Ash Wednesday:**

If you'd like to start thinking through and observing Lent and Ash Wednesday, here are a few verses specific to Ash Wednesday to meditate and reflect on, and then a prayer you can pray to observe the day.

**Our Creation:** Genesis 2:7 - Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

**Our Curse:** Genesis 3:19 - By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

**Our Cry of Repentance:** Psalm 51:7- 10: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Lord, Holy One, have mercy on us. We confess our sins to you. We have fallen short of your glory and without your mercy and grace, we would be dust. We repent now. Lord, as we enter into this Lenten season, be near to us. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to feel the right conviction and repentance for our sin. Help us, by your Spirit, to have the strength to overcome the enemy.



## FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 10 A.M TO NOON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT MT. TABOR

[PLEASE DONATE!!!](#)



February...the month of Presidents' Day and Valentine's Day! In an effort to keep our food drives interesting and plentiful, we are collecting favorite foods of some of the past presidents. We have 4 presidents born in the month of February!! February is also the month of the Super Bowl! Any date not related to a president, drop a can of soup (or fruits or veggies) in your box...SOUPER BOWL! We did a WONDERFUL job with our December Advent food collection and THANK YOU ALL!! **But the need is still very great.**

Grab a big box and join us in learning a little and, most importantly, answering a GREAT NEED. As always, you don't have to donate the exact food listed. The important thing is to fill up that box with non-perishable goods and drop off it off on the above date. No contact!

**Feb. 1** – 8 presidents came from Virginia. Carrots grow well there. **Can of carrots**

**Feb. 2** – Berries also grow well in Virginia. **Jar of strawberry jelly**

**Feb. 3, Feb. 4**– **cans of soup**

**Feb. 5** – Get ready for Ronald Reagan's birthday. He loved Nancy's brownies – **brownie mix**

**Feb. 6 – Ronald Reagan's birthday!**– he liked homemade **mac and cheese!** (we'll do the boxed version)

**Feb. 7** – Super Bowl!!!! **Any snack food – chips, pretzels, etc.**

**Feb. 8**– Get ready for W. H. Harrison's birthday! – **cake mix**

**Feb. 9 – William Henry Harrison's birthday** – He liked squirrel stew..we'll skip the squirrel. **Can of stew**

**Feb. 10**– **can of soup**

**Feb. 11** – Get ready for Abraham Lincoln's birthday! **Can of potatoes** (He loved corned beef & cabbage)

**Feb. 12 – Abraham Lincoln's birthday!** He loved anything with apple – **jar of applesauce**

**Feb. 13, Feb. 14** – Can't forget Valentine's Day! Reagan loved **jelly beans**. Lincoln liked **white cake (mix)**

**Feb. 15** – Lincoln came from Kentucky. Home of **Jif Peanut Butter!** (or any other kind)

**Feb. 16, Feb. 17, - cans of vegetables** **Feb. 18 – cans of fruit, Feb. 19, Feb. 20 – cans of soup**

**Feb. 21** – get ready for George Washington's birthday! **Can of cherries** for cherry pie!

**Feb. 22 – George Washington's birthday!** **Can of sweet potatoes!** (He loved them!)

**Feb. 23** – Washington crossed the Delaware River. Delaware is known for **cans of peaches**.

**Feb. 24, Feb. 25 - cans of soup**

**Feb. 26** – Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address. Pennsylvania is known for **Heinz ketchup!**

**Feb. 27 – can of soup**

**Feb. 28** – Reagan's home state of Illinois is known for corn. **Can of corn**



# Interfaith Food Pantry

Serving Morris County

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Scan here to support our  
virtual food drive.

# **BEAUTIFUL BANNER!**

This amazing banner was made to hang in the sanctuary. Thank you to Hilary Ververs for spearheading this project. Thank you also to Jeff & Sharon Dickerson, Carolyn Fagan, Jewel Burns, Krysta & Hunter Keller, Michele Hopler, Taylor Dickerson-Lowe, Janet Ryans, Danny & Hilary Ververs for their artistic talents. It is truly beautiful and the message is so hopeful—"God is With Us"



## A Very Timely Memory!

This article was written by Jeff Dickerson for the newspaper back in 2017. It is still very relevant for 2021! Sometimes , those memories come back with a stronger meaning the second time around!

**FEATURED LETTER**

# Joy, happiness flourishing, according to fake report

Here's some fake news we could all use:

In an unprecedeted four-day summit, the WCGAT (World Conference on Getting Along Together) made amazing strides toward world peace last week. The details are still trickling in, but we're told from a source who asked to remain anonymous that breakthrough progress was made. Here's what we do know so far.

Joy and Happiness were over-the-moon thrilled with the leaps and bounds that were achieved. Peace, who is usually the most vocal, sat quietly with a never-before seen look of contentment. Compassion and empathy believe that last week's meeting was, "the first time many of us saw things through someone else's eyes and truly walked in someone else's shoes." Charity, who is often not in attendance at such gatherings, gave credit to all who participated for checking their egos at the door. And while everyone there agreed that the meeting was like no other before, it would appear that Hope was the biggest winner of all.

We're told that Hope was ever-present during the entire four days, on everyone's minds and in everyone's hearts. And we can all agree when you have Hope, you can move mountains.

Jeff Dickerson  
MT. TABOR

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are available for pick up at Tabor's Treasures. Since we are not worshiping in the Church, we tried to get creative with this year's envelopes.

To cut down on the cost of mailing all of them, please stop in to Tabor's Treasures during shopping hours to pick them up.

The shop is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10a-2p; Thursdays from 4p-8p; and Saturdays from 9a-1p.

Stop in, have a look around. You might find that special item you've been searching for!

If you don't need your envelopes this year (if you're giving online), please let the Church Office know. If you cannot make it to Tabor's Treasures, please let the Church Office know and we will mail them for you.

Thank you for helping keep our costs down!



## AS WE CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY THIS YEAR...

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails...But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love." From [1 Corinthians 13:1-8](#), 13

*Lord thank you that your love does not brag and is not arrogant. Help us not to live with pride or arrogance, but to choose to walk with humility and grace.*

*Lord thank you that true love does not act unbecomingly. Lord help us to extend kindness instead of rudeness towards others. Help us to lay aside the critical tone and tearing down with our words, so that we can truly walk in peace.*

*Lord thank you that true love does not seek its own. Lord help us not to live selfishly, looking only to our own interests.*

*Lord thank you that true love is not provoked. Lord help us not to become easily angered. Help us not to be so quickly reactive, but instead slow to speak and slow to become angry.*

*Lord thank you that your love does not take into account a wrong suffered. Lord help us not to hold grudges, but to choose to forgive, even when it's difficult.*

*Lord thank you that your love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth. Lord help us to love your words of truth, may we walk in your freedom and wisdom. Let it be what drives our lives and choices every day.*

*Lord thank you that your love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, thank you that your love never fails.*

*Help us to love as you love. Fill us with your Spirit so that we can choose what is best. We are weak Lord, but we know also, that even when we are weak, you are strong within us. Thank you that it's not all up to us. Thank you that you equip us to face each day with the power of your love, your forgiveness, and your grace.*

From [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com)



## **GARDEN OF PEACE**

Even though it is cold, it is a great time to visit the Garden of Peace. Please feel free to come, sit, reflect, remember, and pray.

The plantings have been completed. Accent lighting has been installed. Two benches have been added for you to relax during your meditation.

This is a great place to remember our loved ones who have passed, as well as a place you might consider for yourself one day. Consider being part of this memorial garden with the purchase of an engraved stone for a loved one or for yourself.



## MO UPDATE

Ways we are in mission during this time of ‘distancing’—

**Food Drives** will be held each Food Pantry Sunday (last Sunday of each month) 10am-12noon. Contactless drop off!

We have a TON of **fabric available for FREE for those making masks** to assist in the fight against COVID-19! Contact The Church Office.

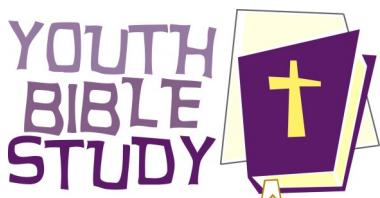
Our **‘Caring Contacts’ team** is reaching out by phone call/emails to our members. If you are interested in joining the effort, contact the church office.

## **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**

A Youth Bible Study has begun on Sundays, at 1:00pm, via Zoom.

All youth are invited and encouraged to attend. Please feel free to bring your friends!

Zoom links are being emailed weekly. If you need a Zoom link, please contact Pastor Jeannette or call the Church Office.



## WORSHIP ONLINE

Once again, unfortunately, we are not holding in-person worship. We can still worship “together” in our own homes. Join us on Sunday mornings (or whenever you can tune in) on Facebook or YouTube. These sacrifices now may ensure we can all be together again soon.



## **YOUTUBE**

You may subscribe to the Church’s YouTube channel at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6EJO5CzlhFfOs6lp6gaJYQ>

Sunday worship services will be uploaded to YouTube on this channel.

This will make it easier for you to find it each week!

## Use the UMCmarket for your shopping!

Purchase from your usual stores and the Church gets a rebate!



Make the most of your shopping with UMCmarket.  
It is super easy!

- \* You register at [UMCmarket.org](http://UMCmarket.org) (it's free!), if you haven't already.
  - \* They make a purchase at any iGive store ([there's 2300+](#)).
  - \* The Church earns up to **26%** of the purchase amount.

# Steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

**FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW:** If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you might have it, follow the steps below to help protect other people in your home and community.

## Stay home except to get medical care

- **Stay home:** People who are mildly ill with COVID-19 are able to recover at home. Do not leave, except to get medical care. Do not visit public areas.
- **Stay in touch with your doctor.** Call before you get medical care. Be sure to get care if you feel worse or you think it is an emergency.
- **Avoid public transportation:** Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.



## Separate yourself from other people in your home, this is known as home isolation

- **Stay away from others:** As much as possible, you should stay in a specific "sick room" and away from other people in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.
- **Limit contact with pets & animals:** You should restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people.
  - Although there have not been reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19, it is still recommended that people with the virus limit contact with animals until more information is known.
  - When possible, have another member of your household care for your animals while you are sick with COVID-19. If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wash your hands before and after you interact with them. See COVID-19 and Animals for more information.



## Call ahead before visiting your doctor

- **Call ahead:** If you have a medical appointment, call your doctor's office or emergency department, and tell them you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the office protect themselves and other patients.



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## Wear a facemask if you are sick

- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people and before you enter a healthcare provider's office.
- **If you are caring for others:** If the person who is sick is not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live in the home should stay in a different room. When caregivers enter the room of the sick person, they should wear a facemask. Visitors, other than caregivers, are not recommended.



## Cover your coughs and sneezes

- **Cover:** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- **Dispose:** Throw used tissues in a lined trash can.
- **Wash hands:** Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



## Clean your hands often

- **Wash hands:** Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- **Hand sanitizer:** If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry.
- **Soap and water:** Soap and water are the best option, especially if hands are visibly dirty.
- **Avoid touching:** Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



## Avoid sharing personal household items

- **Do not share:** Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home.



[cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

**Wash thoroughly after use:** After using these items, wash them thoroughly with soap and water or put in the dishwasher.

### Clean all “high-touch” surfaces everyday

Clean high-touch surfaces in your isolation area (“sick room” and bathroom) every day; let a caregiver clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in other areas of the home.

**Clean and disinfect:** Routinely clean high-touch surfaces in your “sick room” and bathroom. Let someone else clean and disinfect surfaces in common areas, but not your bedroom and bathroom. If a caregiver or other person needs to clean and disinfect a sick person’s bedroom or bathroom, they should do so on an as-needed basis. The caregiver/other person should wear a mask and wait as long as possible after the sick person has used the bathroom.

High-touch surfaces include phones, remote controls, counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables.

### Clean and disinfect areas that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them.

**Household cleaners and disinfectants:** Clean the area or item with soap and water or another detergent if it is dirty. Then, use a household disinfectant. Be sure to follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product. Many products recommend keeping the surface wet for several minutes to ensure germs are killed. Many also recommend precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

Most EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective.

### Monitor your symptoms

**Seek medical attention, but call first:** Seek medical care right away if your illness is worsening (for example, if you have difficulty breathing). **Call your doctor before going in:** Before going to the doctor’s office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them your symptoms. They will tell you what to do.

**Wear a facemask:** If possible, put on a facemask before you enter the building. If you can’t put on a facemask, try to keep a safe distance from other people (at least 6 feet away). This will help protect the people in the office or waiting room.

**Follow care instructions from your healthcare provider and**

**local health department:** Your local health authorities will give instructions on checking your symptoms and reporting information.

If you develop **emergency warning signs** for COVID-19 get **medical attention immediately**. Emergency warning signs include\*:

Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath

Persistent pain or pressure in the chest

New confusion or inability to arouse

Bluish lips or face

### How to discontinue home isolation

People **with COVID-19 who have stayed home (home isolated)** can stop home isolation under the following conditions: **If you will not have a test** to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after these three things have happened: You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use medicine that reduces fevers) AND

other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved) AND

at least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared

**If you will be tested** to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after these three things have happened: You no longer have a fever (without the use medicine that reduces fevers) AND

other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved) AND

you received two negative tests in a row, 24 hours apart.

Your doctor will follow CDC guidelines.

**In all cases, follow the guidance of your healthcare provider and local health department.** The decision to stop home isolation should be made in consultation with your healthcare provider and state and local health departments. Local decisions depend on local circumstances.

More information is available [here](#).

Additional information for healthcare providers: [Interim Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Persons Under Investigation for 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#).

\*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

**Call 911 if you have a medical emergency:** If you have a med-

# ***Offering During The Pandemic***

COVID-19 has made many aspects of life difficult, including finances. If you are able, please continue giving to the church. Perhaps you can even give a little more to help offset those who are unable to do so at this time.

**If you are experiencing financial difficulty yourself, please contact Pastor Rosario. And remember, we are praying for you.**

## 4 ways to give:

- Send your check to the church office. Thank you to all those who have sent offering already!
  - Set up automatic, recurring gifts through your bank.
  - Donate electronically via GIVELIFY (instructions below).
- Donate electronically through the Conference website gnjumc.org (click on the heading at the top of the page entitled ‘give to your church’).

## **How To Make Your First Givelify Donation**

- 1 Download the free Givelify app



- 2 Locate our Place of Worship

- 3 Tap My Place of Worship

- 4 Tap the Give button

- 5 Tap an amount

- 6 Select an envelope

- 7 Tap Give Now

- 8 Create your account

- 9 Enter payment information

→ Next time you use Givelify, save time with the **1-TAP GIVE NOW** button

# February



& Birthdays  
Anniversaries

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- |                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Todd Osborne              |
| Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Jeff Dickerson            |
| Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup> | Morgan Dickerson          |
| Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup> | Sharon Kratt              |
| Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup> | Jesse Meyers              |
| Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> | Glenn McCrostie           |
| Feb. 23 <sup>d</sup>  | Bernie Spille             |
| Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup> | Donna Wojcik, Jean Embler |
| Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup> | Bruce Downing             |
| Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup> | Bruce H Downing, Jr.      |

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Ron & Marie Dickerson  |
| Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup> | Nancy & Robert Gerardi |



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.

## 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, back in the US-friend of the Dickerson Family  
**Melissa Pier**, US Marines  
**Danny Antolos**, friend of Ruth Blazure  
**Ridar Gunderson**, US Marines



**Tabor's Treasures**  
THRIFT SHOP

## Hours:

- Tuesday 10a-2p  
Wednesday 10a-2p  
Thursday 4p-8p  
Friday 10a-2p  
Saturday 9a-1p

## 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](mailto:umcmounttabor@verizon.net).



### PRAYERS NEEDED

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

David Ober, Jr

Donna Wojcik

Jan Atkinson

Carolyn Wescott

Patricia Caldari

Nancy Gerardi

All the Families who lost loved ones to COVID-19

### Today's Chuckle

ALTHOUGH INITIALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF E-MAIL, GOD LOST INTEREST WHEN HE DISCOVERED SOMEONE WAS ALREADY USING HIS FAVORITE SCREEN NAME.



### THE UPPER ROOM

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## 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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