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NEWSLETTER—JANUARY 2022





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January 2022

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As we get into the New Year may the Christmas message, Emmanuel, God with us, keep guiding our journeys.

It has been a difficult journey for many of us navigating these past two years through the pandemic, climate change, gun violence, racial disturbances, and political climate, among some of the challenges faced. Yet, we still hold on to the hope of a transformed world that the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, our Saviors promises:



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"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10

This coming week we will celebrate Epiphany, an ancient Christian celebration when wisemen followed a star to an encounter with baby Jesus – a time when the holiness of Jesus birth was revealed to the world. The word epiphany means a revelation, a moment of suddenly understanding something in a new or very clear way transforming us. Perhaps it is a time to ponder how the birth of Jesus can transform our lives. The world starts to be transformed as our lives are transformed.

May this new year be filled with wonder and revelations.

Wishing you and your families a joyful, healthy, and blessed New Year!

Pastor Rosario

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

Our next Food
Pantry Sunday
is
January 30th.



Happy New
Year!
May 2022
bless you
with good
health and
peace in
your
hearts.

WELCOME 2022!

WORSHIP INFORMATION

We are back to online worshipping! Please “join us” each Sunday at 11:00am on Facebook Live and later on YouTube. Stay safe, stay connected with the Church Family virtually, and pray for the day we can all be together without concern. Please join us.



*Oh Lord, for your mercy, we humbly now ask
May the coming year be much better than the last
We pray for an end to pestilence and plague
Our petition specific, not a little bit vague*

*Oh Lord, in our exhaustion we cry out to you
May you dwell in our homes and heal our country, too
We pray for an end to the things that divide
Our petition is simple, let it not be denied*

*Oh Lord, you are majestic, your renown greater still
May you pardon our sins and show us your will
We pray for an end to deception and lies
Our petition is strategic, our very spirit cries*

*Oh Lord, you are worthy of our worship and praise
May you bless this small remnant for all of our days
We pray for an end to hollow disbelief
Our petition is sincere, we are seeking relief*

*Oh Lord, we now thank you for keeping your word
May you intervene with a miracle, our request has been heard
We pray for the strength to continue the fight
Our petition is secure, we trust you with our rights*

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January 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Tabor's Treasures Closed
2 Worship 11a Online Girl Scouts-MH-4p	3 Office Hours 10a-3p	4 Tabor's Treasures Closed	5 Office Hours 10a-3p Tabor's Treasures Closed	6 Tabor's Treasures Closed	7 Office Hours 10a-3p Tabor's Treasures Closed	8 Tabor's Treasures Closed
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30 Worship 11a Online	31 Office Hours 10a-3p					

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

There are open dates available for altar flower dedications. If you'd like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please consider sponsoring the altar flowers. The cost is \$30.00 and a dedication will be printed in the bulletin (and you can take the flowers home after the worship service!). Please contact the church office if you are interested.

ALISON'S ANGELS AWARD 2021

*Congratulations to Mary Tirpak on being recognized for the 2021
Alison's Angels Award!*

Mary has selflessly served the Church in so many ways. We recognize her hard work and dedication to the Church.

Mary, thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ!



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

We recently held our Food Pantry Sunday drives at the Dickerson's Corner and our Church. Everyone got into the Christmas spirit!! Thank you to everyone for helping to make others' Christmas special!



We collected 368 pounds of food and \$222.00 in donations!

Your generosity is just amazing!

CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE FOR JBWS

Thank you all for donating to our gift drive for JBWS! Your donations will help those suffering from abuse to move on in their lives and celebrate Christmas with gifts. Your generosity never ceases to amaze!!



Saint Peter's Village

Specialized Residential Treatment

December 22, 2021

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Tel: (973) 627-4212 • Fax: (973) 627-3338
www.stpetersorphanage.org

Ms. Janet Ryan
P.O. Box 405
Mount Tabor, NJ 07878

Federal Tax ID# 22-3001681

Dear Janet and Friends at United Methodist Church at Mount Tabor,

Thank you for remembering the young adults of St. Peter's Orphanage. Your amazing donation of \$650 will be used to purchase a television that they have been wishing for, for our outdoor pavilion. They will be so excited to have this addition to our outdoor space and are already planning their first movie night! We will send pictures of this incredible gift once it is purchased.

It is our hope to create joyful memories for these deserving young men, during a time of year which is often difficult for them. Your thoughtful gift will now make this possible.

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation for your generous support of our home. May your kindness be rewarded with peace, joy and health this holiday season and throughout the new year.

Warm regards,

Kelly McNamara

Kelly McNamara, LCSW
Executive Director

For tax purposes, this letter confirms that no goods or services were given in exchange for this gift.

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Serving Children Since 1864

NEW BOOK CLUB!

Hello everyone!

I'd like to start a casual book discussion group focusing on *uplifting* reads. (We could call it Soul Purpose? Soul Food?) Here are my suggestions for the first selection:

Holy Hot Mess: Finding God in the Details of this weird and wonderful life by Mary Katherine Backstrom
In this National Bestseller, Mary Katherine Backstrom shares heartbreaking and hilarious stories of how God uses each "mess" in our lives to bring us closer to Him. She shows us that it's okay to celebrate exactly where we are right now--holy, hot mess and all.

A lot of people struggle with the concept of being holy. But the fact is, even the hottest of messes are being shaped--right now--into Jesus' likeness. In this book, Mary Katherine shares the sometimes-hidden evidence of God's work in her life and shows you that it's okay to embrace the hot messes.

Hope and Other Superpowers by John Pavlovitz

It's exhausting to give a damn these days, isn't it? Perhaps you're feeling anguished about what you see on the news or in your social media timeline, or by your personal circumstances, and are paralyzed waiting for political or religious leaders, or celebrities, to rescue us from it all.

But what if you didn't have to wait for someone else? What if you could be the hero?

In these pages, John offers a path away from the vitriol and toward compassion, and a plan to transform our burdens into dreams and our outrage into activism. Drawing from lessons of beloved fictional superheroes, John shows us how to identify our origin story, build protective suits of armor, guard against our personal kryptonite, and vanquish our villains. He also identifies ten specific "superpowers" that we can enlist to make our lives and our world better. Along the way, he shares inspiring anecdotes and profiles about ordinary people who saw a gap in the world in empathy or kindness or gratitude and decided to fill it.

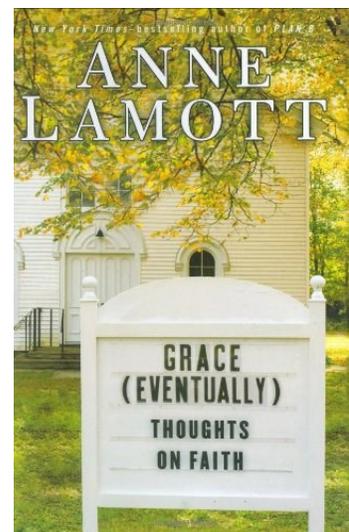
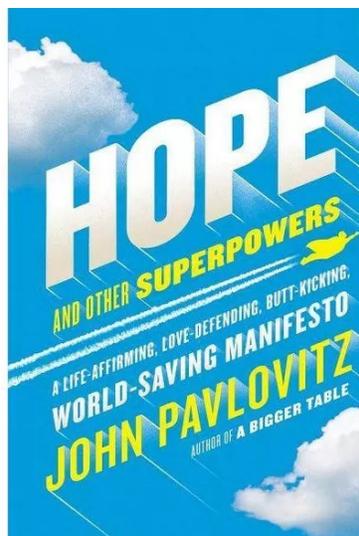
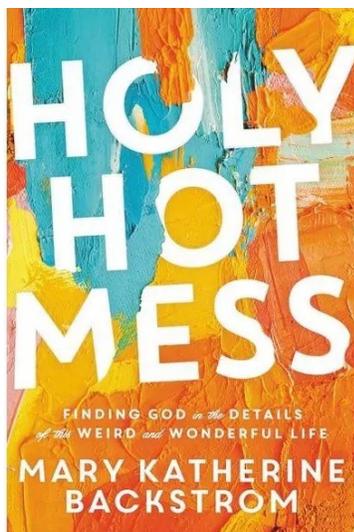
Grace (Eventually): Thoughts on Faith by Anne Lamott

In "Grace (Eventually)," the bestselling author of "Traveling Mercies" and "Plan B" delivers a poignant, funny, and bittersweet primer of faith, as she comes to discover what it means to be fully alive.

Here's a Google form to reply with interest, scheduling, suggestions and voting on the titles: <https://forms.gle/feg8MkHcmvMtxbBM8>

Look forward to hearing from you!

Hilary Ververs 973.902.2093





2021 Poinsettias

Poinsettias Given by:

Russ & Mary Tirpak
Engert
Jeff & Jacque Corcoran
Jennifer Francis
Betty Eichlin
Betty Eichlin
CJ Eichlin & Caitlin Hoffmann
Betty Eichlin
Betty Eichlin
Dodi Skovronek
Pat Fox
Alice Grant
Bob & Nancy Gerardi
Rosas
Barbara Strub
Barbara Strub
Strub
Wendy, Lester & Kolby Dagner
Wendy, Lester & Kolby Dagner

Poinsettias Given by:

Jeff & Jacque Corcoran

Jennifer Frances
Dodi Skovronek
Alice Grant
Dodi Skovronek

In loving memory of:

Joe & Deb Scala, Nancy Tirpak, & Sandra

Loved Ones
Mary Wescott
Charles & Mary Eichlin
Chuck Eichlin
Jonathan Eichlin
Ron & Louise, Ron Jr, and Debbie Hackney
Jay & Kay Horacek
Loved Ones
Hopie
Donald M, and Phoebe A. Grant
Our daughters, JoLynne Sheldon & Sandra

Husband, Donald
Parents, Helen & Lester Evans and Anna

Alison Ober
John & Frances Ober

In loving honor of:

Their grandchildren, Shane, Skylar, Miles, &
Ruby
Carolyn Wescott
Family
Sarah J. Lefsyk
Pastor Rosario and Pastor Jeannette



2021 Christmas Donations

Donations Given by:

Sharon & Jeff Dickerson

Pat Fox and Bill Lane and Families

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In loving memory of:

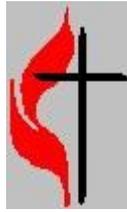
*Our parents, Ron Dickerson, Laurel &
Mary Abney and Ron Dumford*

Paul & Anne Lane

Bill & Dorothy Stephenson

Harry & Goldie Lane





Council of Bishops The United Methodist Church

Dear fellow United Methodists:

I trust that your Advent journey has prepared you for the coming of Christ into your life once again. As we set our sights on the holiest of nights in Bethlehem, on behalf of the Council of Bishops I want to wish you a blessed season filled with joy, hope, wonder and peace.

Even with the constant pressure of daily routines and of the commercial enticements of secular activity, we must always remember to keep our immediate focus on the incredible significance and gift of that first Christmas. As Jesus was born into our world that night, so also was hope. Hope was born to a world that needed it just as we do today. Christ was born so that “we no more may die” says the Charles Wesley hymn, “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.” Christ came as light to a world that lived in darkness and a tiny child was able to pierce through that darkness.

If you are like me, you use this time to reflect on the new hope and wonder of another Christmas season. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, racial unrest, hurricanes, tornadoes, job losses and the brokenness of our world, as people of faith we are still able to see glimpses of hope that serve as reminders of the blessing of family and friends, community and church who have all helped encourage us to experience the special love and fellowship of Christ throughout the year.

As I write this letter, it has been 19 months since I was given the gavel as president of the Council of Bishops, and I will forever be grateful for this trust and responsibility placed in me.

In the 19 months, much has happened. Although I have not had the privilege to travel due to the pandemic, I have followed your ministry through social media and other reports. You have modeled what it means to be the church as you have reached out to those in greatest need. You have been a witness to the world!

We have prayed for one another, and I have heard you share your commitment to help make a difference in our United Methodist Church so that God’s perfect will might be experienced by all of God’s children.

As we enter 2022, we will continue to make room for all to be welcome. Christ compels us to live creatively in the context of all the new possibilities that only a true gift of Christ can bring. We have more opportunities for us to be a living and more loving United Methodist Church as we experience Emmanuel, God with us!

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ, you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen. The Book of Hymns, 1966, alt. Lawrence Hull

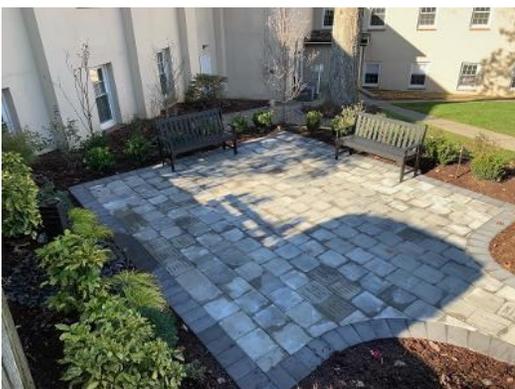
Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey
President – Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church

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.





Everyone's hard at work this Christmas!

WORSHIP OPTIONS

We are back to virtual worshipping. We will be posting to Facebook Live at 11:00am on Sundays for everyone to view. The service will be posted to YouTube after the service has finished. Please stay safe and healthy.



Tabor's Treasures **THRIFT SHOP**

If you are looking to donate to Tabor's Treasures, please email Dawn Zinckgraf at taborstreasuresumc@gmail.com or call 973-627-0601

to set up an appointment.

Walk-in drop offs are not being accepted at this time.

Thank you!

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 after the service is over.

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

A Welcome Back Gift from UMCmarket

\$5 for our Congregation

Scan to Join



Helping is as easy as shopping.

Our coffers have reached new lows this past year.

Your generous nature means a lot to us.

Join UMCmarket today and shop any one of over 2,000 stores.

We'll get a donation (average 3%) PLUS a \$5 Welcome Back Gift

(and it's free to you and to us)

The body is not one part, but many parts. -1 Corinthians 12:14 (NIV)

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.

3 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).



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

January



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

No Anniversaries on record for January



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-

**Closed until further notice
due to high Covid-19 cases in
the area.**

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.

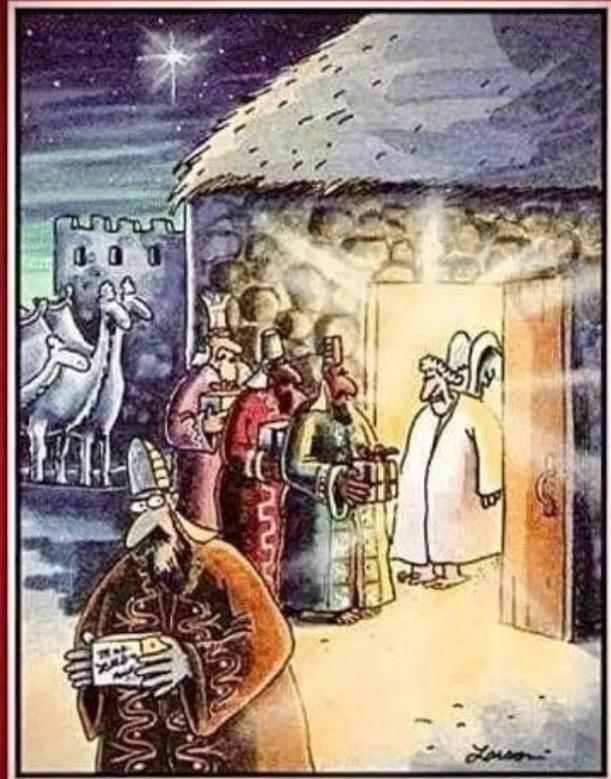


PRAYERS NEEDED

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

David Ober, Jr	Donna Wojcik
Jan Atkinson	Carolyn Wescott
Patricia Caldari	Nancy Gerardi
Blake Davis	Carolyn Hirtler
The Dickerson Family	Jesse Dreyer
All the Families who lost loved ones to COVID-19	
The McCrostie/Embler Families	

Today's Chuckle



Unbeknownst to most theologians, there was a fourth wiseman, who was turned away for bringing fruitcake.

THE UPPER ROOM

Due to the pandemic, the Upper Room magazine is available online. If you haven't been to in-person worship to pick one up, you may read it online.

Please see the link below for the latest issue:

<https://upperroom.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?>

[u=1b5f1dafae8900da3ef72c04d&id=95254ae632&e=3f436b09ca](https://upperroom.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1b5f1dafae8900da3ef72c04d&id=95254ae632&e=3f436b09ca)

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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