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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT MOUNT TABOR  
NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2022



# The Church Bell



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As the calendar year draws to a close, we would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their faithfulness in giving to the ministries of the United Methodist Church at Mt. Tabor this year. The Lord has done so much in our church body in 2022, and your faithfulness – including the giving of your time, your talents and your financial giving (treasures) – has contributed to that. We are truly grateful.

Also, we have found that this is a good time of the year to reflect on what good we have done. As the new year approaches we pray that we, as a church family and community, can continue to do God's work through worship, teaching, prayer and a variety of missions.

*"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." - Romans 12: 6-8*

This is Advent. A time of preparation, of active waiting and anticipation, not only to celebrate Christmas, the day that Jesus Christ came into our history 2000 years ago, but also a time to prepare in joyful hope of Christ's return and final establishment of the kingdom of God. A kingdom of peace. And in this active waiting, we are called to learn peace, live peace, teach peace and proclaim peace in our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. A transformation that starts with us.

Thanks again for your faithfulness this year. Let us live out 2023 with faith, hope and love in all we do.

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

-Pastor Rosario



## Worship Information

Please join us on Sundays at 11 a.m. for in-person worship in the sanctuary or online via Facebook.

## Holiday Worship Services

Please join us in-person on **Saturday, December 24th, 2022** for our special Christmas Eve worship service in the sanctuary at **4:30pm**.

**Christmas Day** will have *online* worship service *only*!

**New Year's Day** will have a brief in-person worship service with prayers, meditation and music.

*Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook*



## Bell Choir

The Thormaann Bell choir is back under the direction of Will Lanza! Practices are **Wednesdays 7pm**. All are welcome! If you have interest in joining, contact the church office at [umcmounttabor@verizon.net](mailto:umcmounttabor@verizon.net) - no experience needed.

They made their first debut with a performance on November 6th and hope to perform again soon!

## Cookie Day



Join our UMC @ Mt. Tabor mission team in spreading some Christmas cheer

Bake a batch or 2 of your favorite Christmas cookies and come to Memorial Hall on **December 10th at 1pm** for fun & fellowship while we make cookie platters to deliver through out the community



## Red Scarf

We are receiving red scarves and we know people who are busy working on theirs to donate for the Red Scarf Project. Foster Care to Success is the oldest and largest national nonprofit organization working solely with college-bound foster youth, helping them transition from college to the workforce and into successful adulthood. Handmade red scarves get added in their Valentine's Day care packages and become treasured keepsakes that the students wear for years. Please bring finished scarves to the church by December 4th. Yarn is welcome too, but we'd need that sooner.



# Christmas Poinsettias/Donations

## 2022 Order Form



Christmas flowers and decorations add so much to the beauty of our sanctuary during the Christmas worship and gives us a deeper feeling of the season.

You have two ways of helping beautify the Church:

- 1) You may purchase poinsettias for \$10.00 each. And/or
- 2) You may donate money. Contributions may be in any amount.

What a wonderful way to remember someone special.  
Both options may be given in honor or memory of a person.

Please complete the order form below and place it in the offering plate or mail it back to the Church office by **December 12th.**

- 1) Please accept a donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

**AND/OR**

- 2) Please order: \_\_\_\_\_ red poinsettia(s) \_\_\_\_\_ white poinsettia(s)

Total plant order \$\_\_\_\_\_

Given in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to the UMC at Mt. Tabor and mark your envelope Christmas Flowers.

**PLEASE NOTE:** December 12<sup>th</sup> is the absolute deadline, so place your orders early!





# Christmas —CHEER— FOOD DRIVE

DROP OFF DONATION AND **MEET SANTA!**

Saturday, Dec. 17 th, 10AM-12PM in front of Dollar Tree  
Sunday, Dec. 18th between 10AM-12PM at UMC at Mt. Tabor

Get the kids involved!! Advent is the season of giving! Have them read the “calendar” and place item in the box. (Hint: buy items ahead of time..)

Dec. 1 – box of cereal  
Dec. 2 – peanut butter  
Dec. 3 – stuffing mix  
Dec. 4 – boxed potatoes  
Dec. 5 – stuffing mix  
Dec. 6 – canned fruit  
Dec. 7 – canned tomatoes  
Dec. 8 – dessert mix  
Dec. 9 – canned tuna  
Dec. 10 – jar of applesauce  
Dec. 11 – can of sweet potatoes  
Dec. 12 – cranberry sauce  
Dec. 13 – canned beans  
Dec. 14 – box of crackers  
Dec. 15 - rice  
Dec. 16 - oatmeal  
Dec. 17 - pasta



Here's what to do: Get a large box. Each day in December, place an item of food in the box. (A suggested list is below, but you can put in any non-perishable food item.)

HAVE FUN AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

# Fundraising

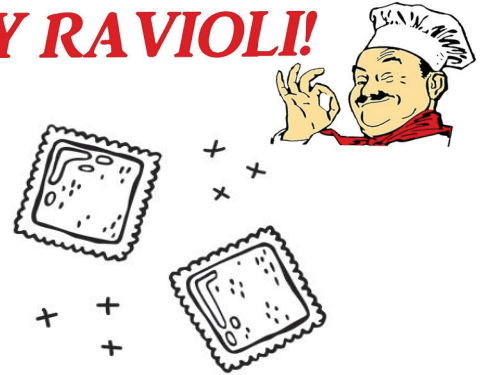
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**HOLY RAVIOLI!**

FALL



RAISED \$820



PASTY FUNDRAISER

RAISED \$303



Emails are always sent out about our fundraisers and if you would like to receive them, please contact the office at [umcmounttabor@verizon.net](mailto:umcmounttabor@verizon.net) to be added to the list.

A big thank you to everyone who participated and made each one a huge success!



# Mission Outreach

## MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

This past year we have continued collecting food for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Collections happen the last Sunday of every month at the church between 10am & 12pm. We have had a wonderful response from the community and the church congregation.

In November we did an early special collection for Thanksgiving at Dickerson's Corner where we collected 339 lbs of food including 6 turkeys and \$359 in cash!

Special thanks to John & Janet Ryans for coordinating all food collections.



UMC at Mt Tabor 2022 Food Drive		
	Food Lbs.	Money
Jenuary	254	
February	259	\$70
March		
April	398	\$243
May	342	\$70
June	177	\$20
July	246	\$80
August	191	\$80
September	247	\$85
October	221	\$126
November	339	\$359
December		
	2674	\$1,133



## AUDIO & VISUAL UPGRADES

We are truly blessed to have a new and improved audio & video system in the sanctuary. With the hard work of Ned Stroh & grant money received from the conference, we are now able to have better weekly services, both in-person and online. Join us every Sunday at 11am in the sanctuary to take listen for yourself or tune in to our live stream service on Facebook!





We collected gifts again this year for Jersey Battered Women's Shelter, so residents there may shop for gifts for their children.

A big thank you to all those who participated and donated gifts.

## Angel Tree



We received a thank you from St. Peter's Orphanage for the money we donated from last Christmas. They were able to purchase the large TV screen they have always wanted.



## SNOW MISSION

Glen McCrostie continues his mission of helping those in need with snow plowing. If you or someone you know if is need, he offers this service and asks to make a donation to the church if you are able.

Call Glen at 973.945.0872



If you would like to join our Mission Outreach Team, email us at [umcmounttabor@verizon.net](mailto:umcmounttabor@verizon.net) or call the church office for more details.

# Finance/Trustees

## FINANCE

We are moving forward and keeping up our expenses. Your continued giving has kept us going in the right direction. We hope to end this year on an up note so please remember to give this holiday season.

### 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](http://gnjumc.org) (click on the heading at the top of the page entitled 'give to your church').

We are still in need of a finance chair person. If you have interest, please let us know.

## TRUSTEES

The trustees did a good job of keeping up on our daily maintenance. we did a roof repair, minor plumbing repairs, renew fire inspection, changed light bulbs, maintained grounds outside including the Garden of Peace. We also renewed rental contracts & leases. I want to give a big thank you to all those that helped get that work done. Our church is like having a second home so there are always repairs and maintenance that needs to be done. We have also done repairs at the parsonage including most recently replacing the roof. A contractor needed to be hired and the total cost was \$9800. Due to our current financial situation, a loan had to be taken. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of the new roof, and help pay back the loan, it would be greatly appreciated. Have a happy holiday we look forward to seeing everyone at Christmas.

-Mike Zinckgraf & the Trustees



## Make Your First Donation

NEW TO GIVELIFY?  
START GIVING IN 60 SECONDS!

- 1 Download the free Givelify app
- 2 Locate your place of worship
- 3 Tap Give
- 4 Choose your gift amount
- 5 Select an envelope
- 6 Tap Give Now
- 7 Create your account
- 8 Enter your payment information
- 9 Set up recurring giving to your home place of worship by navigating to the home screen, selecting your most recent gift, and selecting [Set Recurring](#).

Leave this slip for the next person to discover, connect, and give.

Givelify







## Children's Day 2022



## Fall Leaves Clean-Up

After cleaning up the church grounds and setting up the creche, the group went to assist a fellow church member in cleaning up her yard. A big thank you to Bob Gerardi, Kevin Davis, Larry Zeh, Glen McCrostie, Mary Tirpak and Mike Zinckgraf.







# Tabor's Treasures

## THRIFT SHOP



### HOURS

**Wednesday 10AM - 2PM**

**Thursday 4PM - 8PM**

**Friday 10AM - 2PM**

**Saturday 9AM - 1PM**

The shop continues to help with missions and outreach by continuing to donate and collect. They have donated items to Ukraine, clothing to Dominican Republic, collecting donations for the JBWS and much more. The shop keeps busy and is happy to see lots of new customers often!

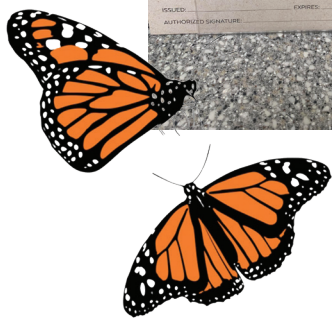
**Consider a gift certificate to Tabor's Treasures for your friends and family this holiday season!**

We are currently accepting donations by appointment only. Please call or email The Shop to set up an appointment.

973.627.0601 OR [taborstresuresumc@gmail.com](mailto:taborstresuresumc@gmail.com)

**Dawn Zinckgraf**

*Manager of Tabor's Treasures Thrift Shop*



### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

There are many 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.





We have created a beautiful garden that includes a paver patio surrounded by trees, plants, perennials, landscape lighting & a unique water feature. This is a special place of remembrance for our loved ones with the interment of ashes. Each stone paver is 12" x 12" and can be purchased and engraved in memory of our loved ones for a \$500.00 donation. This is a great way to support the church and remember those who have passed on. Consider reserving a place for yourself or someone special this holiday season. The church is a special place to many of us and now we have a way to stay connected. This project has been overseen by the church trustees to assure maintenance and preservation of the garden. We are always accepting applications. Packets are available in the Church Office. This continuous fundraiser will help with our goal of long term stability. This garden is often used for services and dedications throughout the year and has become a lovely addition to our church.

Optional payment terms are also available for those who need them: 2 payments of \$250.00 each or 5 payments of \$100.00 each

If you need forms or have questions about the Garden of Peace, please contact the Church Office or Mike Zinckgraf.

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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If you would like to stay up to date with weekly church news & events, please send us your email to be added to the list.

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