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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT MOUNT TABOR
NEWSLETTER - JULY 2023



THE TIDINGS



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Dear Congregation,

I hope this edition of The Tidings finds you in good health and high spirits. Over the past three months, our congregation has experienced a whirlwind of positive changes and heartwarming moments that I am delighted to share with you. From welcoming a new member, Jonathan Bolcar, administrator in the office, and me as your new pastor and engaging in impactful community initiatives, our church family has truly been blessed. So, let's dive right into the remarkable happenings within our community!

It is a blessing to have Jonathan Bolcar and his parents Tina and Stephen join our family of faith. I will be reaching out to you ALL to schedule a time when you and I can sit together and get to know each other better so be on the look out for my call, email, or text and let's get a one-on-one, face to face appointment penciled in on my calendar. It's exciting to be embarking on this new chapter with you in The United Methodist Church at Mount Tabor.

As we move forward, let us remember that we are bound by a shared purpose and a common vision. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact in the lives of others, bringing hope, love, and compassion to all those we encounter. We invite you to stay engaged, involved, and prayerful as we explore new opportunities for growth and service.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each member of our congregation for their unwavering support and commitment. With your continued participation, we are confident that the future of our church will be filled with even greater blessings. May God's grace guide us on this extraordinary journey.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Jeannette Zajac

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

WELCOME



DEE ERNST

Office Administrator

Dee has joined this church family with great enthusiasm and dedication. She has already been hard at work in organizing and getting familiar with the operations of the church. Let us extend a warm welcome and even meet her in person during our new office hours.

Monday - Wednesday 9AM - 1PM
Friday 10AM - 2PM



MANUEL ISLAS

Worship Assistant

Manuel has joined our church family and here to assist Pastor Jeannette with spiritual and ministry guidance. Between worship, missions and other needs of the church, we look forward to having Manuel with us. Manuel is also currently living in the parsonage and be sure to introduce yourself at Sunday services.



MISSIONS, FUNDRAISERS & UPDATES



We continue to look forward to seeing the garden come to life and having Sunday services in the garden. If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance of the garden, please contact Mike Z at 201-206-6888. The garden is open to all so if you have a family or friends looking for a place to bury a loved one's ashes or even memorialize a loved one who has passed, the garden is a lovely place to do so. The next dedication service will be in September. Please contact the church if interested. We will post the further information about upcoming events on the church website/Facebook and through emails.



MOUNT TABOR CHILDREN'S DAY



This year's theme is "The 80's" & our church float is a RUBIK'S CUBE!

Looking for volunteers to join the fun in the Sanctuary to work on our float creation:

Saturday, July 29 : 10AM - 2PM

Sunday, July 30 : AFTER CHURCH

And if more time is needed, M-W-F after 5PM



ELECTRONICS COLLECTION DRIVE

In line with our commitment to environmental stewardship and community support, Russ, Mary and Lindsey Tirpak, recently organized an electronics collection drive. The response from our congregation and the wider community was truly inspiring. By recycling and repurposing old electronics, we have not only reduced waste but also made technology more accessible to those who need it most. Your contributions have enabled us to bridge the digital divide and create new opportunities for individuals in our community.



HOLY RAVIOLI!



HOMEMADE RAVIOLI FUNDRAISER

1 Dozen per box, comes frozen



Returning in September!! Orders will be accepted at the church, thrift store & office starting August 15th. See order form at the end of the tidings!



NEW TENANT!

Weight Watchers will be using Memorial Hall for meetings:

Mondays 6PM - 8PM
Wednesdays 9:30AM - 11:30AM
Thursdays 9:30AM - 11:30AM
Fridays 9AM - 11AM
Sundays 8:30AM - 10:30AM



Interfaith Food Pantry Network



For the month of June, we collected 170 pounds of food and \$105 in money donated.

The next food drive will be Sunday July 30.

Our monthly food collection has continued to make a significant difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity within our county. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we have been able to provide countless meals to individuals and families in need through the IFPN (Interfaith Food Pantry Network). Let us take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all the volunteers and donors who have contributed their time and resources to this vital outreach effort. Your kindness and compassion truly embody the spirit of Christ's teachings. An extra shout out to Janet and John Ryans for being our fearless leaders in the fight against hunger.

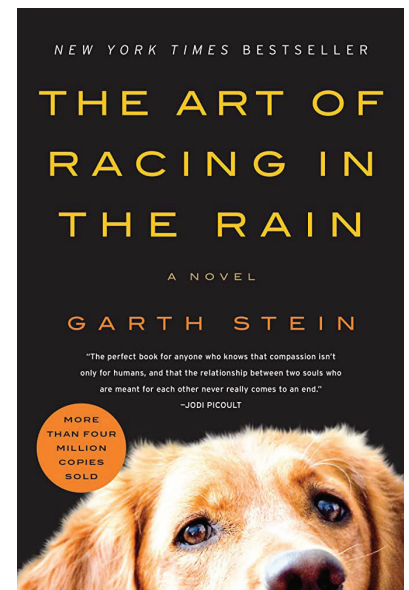


There is nothing new or different with the food drives. We still continue to have the food drives the last Sunday of each month, 10AM to noon. Also - we now have future dates for volunteering at the actual Interfaith Food Pantry. The next date is **September 13 9:30am-11:00am**. Please contact Janet or John Ryans to volunteer at janetery@gmail.com! We are also on on their calender to volunteer in December, February & June. More information to follow.



BOOK CLUB

Do you like to read? Our book club meets semi-regularly to discuss uplifting reads. Our next selection is *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein - a heart wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty and hope - a captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life...as only a dog could tell it. It is 321 pages but is a fast read! We will meet in late August to discuss.



AUDIO & VISUAL UPGRADES

A new 85" TV screen was purchased with grant money & will be installed soon!

We are still getting lots of views with our live streamed services which is a great sign that people are looking at the UMC Mt. Tabor Facebook page. We will continue to post updates so take a look give our page a like!

Beyond these specific events, our church has outstanding mission work and uplifting worship services, we have sought to nourish our souls and strengthen our faith together. We encourage you to continue participating in these meaningful gatherings, as they provide the perfect platform for personal growth and community connection.

Emails are always sent out about all updates & fundraisers and if you would like to receive them, please contact the office at umcmounttabor@verizon.net to be added to the list.



TRUSTEES

We continue with the general repairs & maintenance of the church and parsonage. Some painting & repairs from water damage were done by Russ & Mary Tirpak & weekly lawn maintenance by Bob Gerardi & John Ryans. Thank you to all the volunteers that help us keep our costs down.

A new color copier was installed in the church office. We also signed a rental agreement with Weight Watchers, where they will meet in Memorial Hall for daily meetings. This is a positive boost for our church finances.

We have contacted a tree company to do tree pruning and removal at the church. There are several dead trees & a large oak that needs to be pruned. More information to come.

There are plans for major repairs of the educational building later this year including roof repairs and a new furnace. These two things cannot be pushed off any longer. There are also plans to do repairs to the church parking lot and hope to get through this year with no other major problems. The church roof will need to be replaced in the near future but we are hoping we can get through one more year. We welcome Pastor Jeannette who will not be needing the parsonage so we will have it occupied by our worship assistant, Manuel Islas.

A capital fund has been started so if you are able to make a donation, this will help pay for repairs and greatly appreciated.



Painting & repairs from water damage by Russ & Mary Tirpak

FINANCE

We welcome & thank **Michele Hopler**, our new treasurer, for helping us stay on track with our finances.

Overall, we are staying current with our expenses. The rental income from our new tenant, Weight Watchers, will help towards our capital repairs. We are hoping for a strong giving the second half of the year. A capital fund has been started in hopes of funding the repairs that are needed. We look forward to the support of the congregation to keep our church a home.

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
- 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.

A MESSAGE FROM JEFF DICKERSON:

Covid. Raise your hand if you remember hoarding toilet paper, searching for hand sanitizer, standing 6 feet apart and masking up? We all do right? It was only 3 short years ago. Those were crazy times to put it mildly. Rules, laws and executive orders were changing on what seemed to be an hourly basis. You'd go to bed hearing one thing and wake up being told another. Opinions swarmed like angry wasps from a disturbed nest. And thanks to technology, those opinions were relentless and seemingly unavoidable.

Now, imagine taking on a new job during those times. But not just any job. A leadership role. And you aren't just reporting corporate sales figures or sharing monthly projections. You're sharing the word of God. Through a mask. Behind Plexiglas. With an accent. Using an antiquated sound system. Outside, competing with trains, planes and automobiles. Talk about feeling set up for failure. Pastor Rosario must have felt ambushed at times. We were all in uncharted waters and it was anything but smooth sailing. The seas were rough to say the least! But God put Pastor Rosario at the helm of our ship not just to steer it, but to defend it, to repair it, and yes to improve it.



Despite the many challenges and obstacles she faced, Pastor Rosario guided our church with perseverance and prayer. Using her legal and finance background, she kept us on course. Thanks to a grant of over \$15,000 that Pastor Rosario applied for and was awarded, we were able to upgrade our sound system and our technology. That upgrade allows us to stream on Facebook and upload to Youtube. She worked with the Trustees and Ned who got us microphones, a camera, and all new behind the scenes electronics to make the magic happen. The grant also pays for our Bell Choir Director, Will and our tech back up, Dylan. I'd say the grant was a godsend but it was really Pastor Rosario who is the godsend. In 3 short years she navigated an uphill battle with grit and grace. And let's not forget that she had the Teabo church to minister to as well.

Pastor Rosario, you will be missed and we wish you all the best in God's next chapter of your amazing life! Via con Dios!



ALTER FLOWER DONATIONS

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 Dawn Zinckgraf if you are interested.



Tabor's Treasures

THRIFT SHOP



Tabor's Treasures is closed for the month of July and will be back open in August!

Dawn Zinckgraf, our thrift store manager, has announced she will be retiring in June 2024. She has put endless hours of time and dedication into Tabor's Treasures since it opened back in 2014. We thank her for her 10 years of service to our church and wish her happy & healthy years ahead!

With Dawn's retirement in the near future, we are looking for a new manager to keep this amazing mission alive within our church. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

HOURS

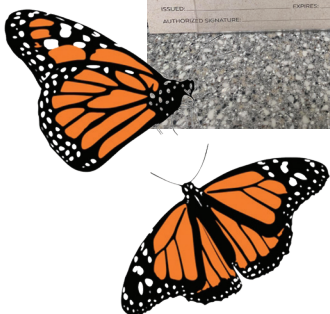
Wednesday 10AM - 2PM
Thursday 4PM - 8PM
Friday 10AM - 2PM
Saturday 9AM - 1PM



Consider a gift certificate to Tabor's Treasures for your friends and family for any occasion!

Upon reopening in August, donations are only accepted by appointment only. Please call or email to set up an appointment.

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Dawn Zinckgraf
 Manager of Tabor's Treasures Thrift Shop

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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Tabor's Treasures: *Dawn Zinckgraf*

Thrift Shop: 973-627-0601 Email: taborstreasuresumc@gmail.com

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.

Ad Council Chair	Jeff Dickerson	973-625-2879
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Lay Member to Conference	Bruce Downing	973-627-5424
Ministry of Art	Dawn Zinckgraf	973-538-5039
Mission Outreach	Warren Ververs	973-625-7310
Recording Secretary	Hilary Ververs	973-625-7310
Staff Parish Relations	Rachael Stroh	718-608-4297
Sunday School	Hilary Ververs	973-625-7310
Trustees	Mike Zinckgraf	201-206-6888
Food Drive Coordinators	John & Janet Ryans	973-625-3660
Treasurer	Michele Hopler	973-479-1535
Office Secretary	Dee Ernst	973-627-4243

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If you take any photos of church special events, fundraisers or missions, please send to Jessica Zinckgraf at jazinckgraf17@gmail.com

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1 Dozen per box, comes frozen



Cheese **\$8**

Spinach **\$10**
 Butternut Squash
 Mushroom
 Roasted Red Pepper
 Basil Pesto

Crab **\$13**
 Shrimp
 Lobster
 Gluten Free
 Meat

Place order at Tabor's Tresures or with Mike or Dawn Zinckgraf by
September 17th

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Total: \$ _____

Pick up at the church
September 28th between 4pm-6pm



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