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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT MOUNT TABOR  
NEWSLETTER - MAY 2024



# THE TIDINGS

Dear Church,

Spring is a time to reflect on our many blessings, particularly the shared talents, time, and treasures generously given by so many members of our Mount Tabor congregation and Community.

This season fills us with hope and excitement for what's to come. This spring also marks an important transition for our church. We bid a heartfelt farewell to our beloved thrift store, a venture that has been a tremendous blessing to both our church and our wider community. For years, the thrift store has been a cornerstone of our mission, a place where not only goods but kindness was also exchanged. It has been a source of support for many. As we close this chapter, we carry forward the spirit of generosity and community it fostered into our new Missions.

The monthly community food pantry collection continues on the last Sunday of each month from 10-12 in front of the church building. Please keep your pantry donations coming every day and donate as much as you can each month to those who are hungry every day.

We are eager to explore new ideas for mission work and would love to hear your suggestions. If you have thoughts on how you would like to see or be a part of, a church mission to reach out and to help those in need in our local, regional, and worldwide community more effectively, please share them with us. Additionally, we need even more strong leaders. If anyone feels called to lead or co-lead our mission team during this time of renewal, your initiative would be warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Our church furnace is brand new and has been upgraded to keep us warm in the winter and cool in the summer. With all your donations, the final amount collected for this campaign was just over seven thousand dollars, and with the remaining balance coming directly from the capital account we have been able to pay off the furnace bill in full.

As we move forward, we kindly ask for your continued financial support, and if possible, even a bit more help than before. Your ongoing and continuous donations are very important as we start some much-needed capital projects that have been on hold because of a lack of funding. Your outstanding financial support, the conference grants we have received, the decrease in pastoral time and benefits, and the arrangement with our newfound tenant, Weight Watchers, have finally helped tip the financial scales in the positive direction. It has taken many years, much work, much patience, and lots of belt-tightening by you, previous pastors, and church leaders, to be able to finally say that the United Methodist Church at Mount Tabor is now finally able to begin triage on the major repairs needed on our church buildings.

Our Trustees have begun the planning process for the much-needed work on the church and the parsonage to stop the leaking that would create major havoc if left undone. We have created a new financial campaign to help pay for the church roof. Please find the roof campaign information in this Tidings edition.

Your dedication helps us plan for new ways to help and connect with others. Every way you choose to help, whether by giving your money, your time, your skills, or your prayers makes your church and community stronger.

The church leadership and I are truly grateful for all the support you've given and continue to give our church. It is only together, we'll keep making a difference, in Jesus' name. We're excited about this season.

Peace,

*Pastor Jeannette*





We continue to look forward to seeing the garden through the seasons and having different services in the garden. On June 2 we will have our next dedication during service. The garden is open to all so if you have a family or friend 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. Please contact the church if interested. If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance of the garden, please contact Mike Z at 201-206-6888. We will post the further information about upcoming events on the church website/Facebook and through emails.



Are you interested in gardening? Come help in the Garden of Peace and church grounds. We are looking to create a team to mulch, prune, plant flowers, weed and have fun in the sun working in the garden. If interested, contact the church office & join the club!



Dear Friends from the United Methodist Church at Mt. Tabor,

Thanks so much for your 1st quarter 2024 donations totaling \$418.00 and 488 pounds of food. Your support makes it possible for us to continue to provide much needed nutrition and resources to an increasing number of Morris County residents who are struggling to put enough food on the table for themselves and their families to stay healthy.

With your help, the IFPN distributed a new record of 2.1 million pounds of food last year during more than 39,000 visits to our Client Choice pantries, through our Home Delivery program, and via collaborative partners served by our Mobile Pantry. Volunteer involvement has returned to pre-pandemic levels, with 25,700 hours donated by more than 300 volunteers. Thanks to their support, about \$.93 of every dollar you donate goes right to helping our neighbors in need.

For 30 years, the IFPN has been a beacon of hope and a source of stability during trying times, thanks to people like you. Thank you for your involvement and for creating happier, healthier communities!

Very truly yours,

Carolyn Lake  
Executive Director

\*No goods or services were provided to you in exchange for your contribution.





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# TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME FUNDRAISER

New York Mets v Atlanta Braves  
at Citi Field

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**  
**4:10PM**

**\$95 PER TICKET**

Transportation by bus (there & back) *INCLUDED*

Leave from Dickerson's Corner Rt 53 at 1:15pm

**ORGANIZED THRU MOUNT TABOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Call Mike (201.206.6888) or the church office (973.627.4243)  
for tickets

(Limited number of tickets available)



# TRUSTEES

The trustees have been busy keeping up with repairs & capital improvements. Thanks to all the help from the volunteers, many small repairs have been completed keeping our costs low. A big thanks to Russ & Mary who find themselves in the middle of many projects.

As we concluded our furnace campaign, we look forward to what's next our capital repair list. We need to repair the bell tower and chimney (\$6,500) and a new roof for the church (\$25,000). This is a big project but we are hopeful to be able to complete these later this year as they need to be done as soon as possible.

On the bright side we have already replaced the roof on the parsonage and two new furnaces have been installed at the church. And most recently, the chimney at the parsonage was replaced; all done with the funds and donations.

Moving forward, let's work hard to get the chimney, bell tower and roof fixed. Each and every donation makes this possible. Thanks to all who donated towards the Furnace Capital Campaign. With that campaign ending, we are starting a "Raise the Roof Campaign" - buy \$100 per shingle or \$500 per bundle. With a goal of \$25,000 for the roof we only need 250 shingles or 50 bundles.



# FINANCE

We are moving forward and keeping up our expenses. Your continued giving has kept us going in the right direction.

## 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).

## 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.



Let's come together and raise \$25,000 for a much needed roof replacement at our church.

We only need 250 shingles or 50 bundles!

Tear off either portion below to send in with your donation

**“Buy a Shingle”**  
**\$100 per shingle**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**“Buy a Bundle”**  
**\$500 per bundle**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_



COFFEE HOUR - Special thanks to Mary for putting this together for us



EASTER FOOD DRIVE



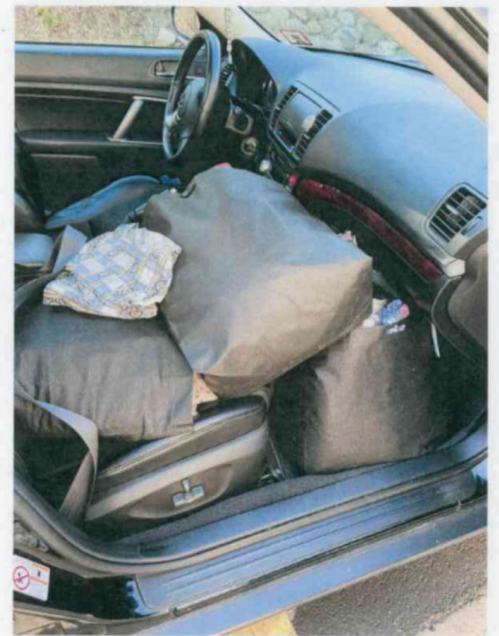
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

# "ONE BOARD"

We now have one condensed version of all the church committees to help things operate better and free up time to focus on missions & outreach.







To the passed quilters of the United Methodist Church at Mt. Tabor:

*"A quilt is a tangible expression of love & care, crafted with heart and shared with warmth"* - unknown author

The Priscilla Quilters have been hard at work creating the quilts that the ASP teams will bring with them this summer. We expect to be able to send two quilts per team. We hope you can join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in the Dreisbach room to lend a hand and enjoy the fellowship.

Our group would like to express its deep appreciation to the United Methodist Church in Mount Tabor for sharing the remainder of your fabric you had amassed during the many years quilting for different outreach programs. Your generosity will help our program continue for years to come and we are grateful for your kindness.

With much respect and grateful hearts, we thank you for this gift that will keep on giving!

- The Denville Community Church Priscilla Quilters



## 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 the church office if you are interested.



Tabor's Treasures is officially closed, the end of an era. Special thanks to Dawn Zinckgraf, our thrift store manager for the endless hours of time and dedication she has put into the store 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!



Dawn Zinckgraf would like to thank the church for the beautiful flowers and for all the help of the volunteers throughout the years!

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