

Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church

New Albany, Indiana



Words from the Pastor

The holidays have come and gone and I hope you have found some time to relax and enjoy yourself. As the decorations come down and are put away until next Christmas, I encourage you to hold onto the hope, peace, joy, and love we have been celebrating. This new year gives us the opportunity to remember these gifts from God are not just for December, but for every day. They are also not just for us to enjoy, but for us to share.

The challenges we will face as a congregation this coming year could benefit from each of us sharing God's gifts with others. The Bible teaches us that our faith is something to tell others about. We do that through our actions, but also through our words. Imagine what could happen if the people we know and the people we meet could hear why your faith is important to you. What if you invited them to come find out why this church family is important to you? It has been true from the days of the early church that the best way to grow a community is to invite people. The invitation comes with more impact when people understand what a difference your faith makes in your life. It is my prayer for MTPC that each of you will make inviting someone to church a priority. Share with someone what you love about our congregation and what you would like them to experience with you.

The thing that motivates me to serve as your pastor is not only God's story, but your stories, too. Through you I see people of love and compassion, generosity and service. You have a story to tell, I pray you will ask God to help you find the words to share. If you would like some encouragement, I am here for you.

Happy New Year!

Rev. Sue



Services every Sunday morning at 10:00

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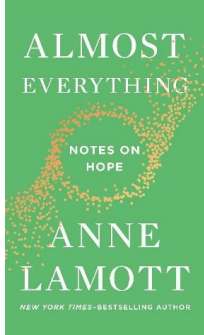
Margo Davis chair, Fellowship

Gavin Spalding; Youth Elder

Thank You!

A very big thank you for your generous Christmas gifts. I greatly appreciated them and enjoyed sharing them with my family. You touched my heart with kindness and I am grateful.

Sincerely, Rev. Sue



Wednesday Wonderings

January 15, 22 and 29

The Wednesday Wonderings group will continue to meet in the month of January. We are meeting at the home of BJ Brandt. We will continue our discussion of the insightful and humorous book, "Almost Everything" by Anne LaMott. She calls for each of us to rediscover the nuggets of hope and wisdom buried within us that can make life sweeter than we ever imagined. We have a couple of copies available, or you can pick up a copy from your favorite book distributor. If you picked up a book from church, a \$10 donation is requested.



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, January 26 immediately following worship to receive the reports of the Session, committees, staff, and corporation.

Send your offering or make a donation to one of our ministries online by using the QR code to the left. Hover your camera over the code, then click on the eservice link on your screen.



CHECK IT OUT!!
Our website is up and running with all the latest news from MTPC! Just Search: taborchurch.org.

Reminder

Rev. Sue will be on vacation until January 11. Andy Traister will be preaching January 5 and available for any emergencies

Upcoming Events

December 29- January 11- Rev. Sue is on Vacation- Contact Andy Traister with any needs

January 1 and 8- NO Wednesday Wonderings

January 5- Epiphany Sunday- Pick up your star on the narthex counter

January 12- New Officer Installation

January 12- Mission Committee- Following Worship

January 13 -Session Meeting- 6:30 p.m.

January 15- Wednesday Wonderings Resume(Off Site) – 11:30 a.m.

January 20- MLK Day- Church Office Closed

January 20- Foundation Committee Meeting- 6:30 p.m.

January 22- Wednesday Wonderings(Off Site) – 11:30 a.m.

January 26- Annual Congregational Meeting

January 29- Wednesday Wonderings (Off Site) – 11:30 a.m.

Welcome to New Members

On Sunday, December 9 Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church welcomed new members John and Cathy Jancosek. John is the custodian at Mount Tabor. He and his wife have been attending services and activities the past few months. Take time to introduce yourselves to our newest members, and join them on their faith journey in our church.



Advent Fair



Members gathered after worship on Sunday, December 8, for the annual Advent Fair. This is a special time for the congregation to gather and prepare for the upcoming holiday season with crafts and fellowship. This year members decorated holiday bags and assembled goodies to take to several of our home bound church members. Thanks to our Deacons who delivered the bags and helped spread some holiday cheer!

Volunteers Wanted!



Gavin Spalding volunteering as liturgist for Sunday Service

Volunteers are needed for the new year! . Use your talents to help with worship and glorify God! We need people to help count the offering after worship on Sunday. We need greeters before worship. We need Scripture readers and Communion servers. We need helpers with mission projects and more. There is a sign up sheet on the back counter in the Narthex, or you can talk to Rev. Sue about other volunteer opportunities within the church.

Updates from Session

At the last session meeting on Tuesday, December 9 the following items were highlighted:

- Incoming new members to session were invited to attend this meeting. New members discussed their faith journey and were unanimously approved for membership.
 - Discussed upcoming events during advent
- Discussed budget information as well as opportunities for building use

Christmas Dinner



The Christmas Dinner was held at Mount Tabor Fellowship Hall on Sunday December 15 at 5:00 p.m. The main course was fried chicken and ham provided by the fellowship committee. Members were asked to bring side dishes and desserts. New members in 2024 were introduced. Holiday gifts were given by the congregation to Rev. Sue and Susan Utz. The dinner ended with holiday bingo.



Keep up with what is going on at Mount Tabor Church Event Space in the basement! Check out the poster located in the Narthex!

Holiday Community Giving



Food baskets were put together to be delivered to local families in the community in need through Hope Southern Indiana. Thanks to all who donated food and money for the baskets! Thanks also to Rikke and Jerry Hopper for helping to organize this event!



Mt. Tabor members participated in the Angel Tree through the Salvation Army. Thanks to all who participated in providing clothing and shoes for kids in the community! Thanks to Judy Van Hoff who helped organize!

New this year we had a tree to put new gloves, hats, and mittens for children in need in the community this winter. Thanks to Mabel Bond for organizing this and those who donated!



Advent Decorations and Happenings



Christmas Eve/Candlelight Service

There was a special service on December 24 at 5:00 to celebrate Christ's birth! Thanks to the Mt. Tabor Choir and their choir director Susan Utz. The choir works hard during the season of advent to provide special music for the season. A special thanks to Laura and Lewis Lenkey (flutes), Rev. Sue (soloist), Andy Traister (Percussion), Aliyah Utz (Violin), and Allison Crosser (soloist) who provided special music before and during the Christmas Eve service.

