

Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church

New Albany, Indiana



Words from the Pastor

Our family has enjoyed learning about our ancestry thanks to Ancestry.com. We discovered that my mother's side of the family is descended from Richard Warren. He was a signer of the Mayflower Compact, on November 11, 1620. He was part of the Plymouth colony and was at table with Miles Standish, William Bradford and the 49 others who traveled from England. Now when I watch "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" or read about the first thanksgiving, I feel a new connection to the story. Some of Mitch's ancestors came to America during the Irish potato famine of the 19th century and settled in Illinois where they farmed the land. Other ancestors came to the United States from Croatia due to economic hardship and political instability in their homeland under Austria-Hungary.

I wonder how many of you know the stories of your ancestors and how they came to the United States? It is truly an awe-filled experience to learn about those who left hardships and suffering to find a new home. Richard Warren's story refreshes the story for me. The first Thanksgiving was a gathering of those who first lived on the land welcoming new immigrants, including my ancestor.

As you gather with your family and/or friends this Thanksgiving, I encourage you to think about your ancestors who came to America. Were they seeking freedom from hardships in their homeland? Did they arrive on the Mayflower, or through Ellis Island? What is your story? I hope that you will give thanks for your ancestors, and give thanks for our nation that has welcomed immigrants into the hope of freedom and prosperity from its inception.

As Thanksgiving approaches, take a moment to read this Thanksgiving poem and remember the story of our nation of immigrants that began with the Mayflower.

**Brave and high-souled Pilgrims, you who knew no fears,
How your words of thankfulness go ringing down the years;
May we follow after; like you, work and pray.
And with hearts of thankfulness keep Thanksgiving**

Love and peace,

Rev. Sue



Services every Sunday morning at 10:00

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Ellie Brown- (2026)- liaison, Fellowship Committee

Margo Davis chair, Fellowship

Gavin Spalding; Youth Elder

The Great Ends of the Church



A Sermon Series

We will continue our walk through the great ends of the church from the Book of Order. They are one of the treasures of the Presbyterian Church (USA); six statements that express the mission of the denomination as we seek to be faithful to the gospel. Rev. Sue created the banners, pictured above, for the Community Room on the lower level. Come enjoy the visual, verbal and musical expressions of our faith through these beautiful expressions of what we believe. The six great ends are:

- 1. The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind**
- 2. The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God**
- 3. The maintenance of divine worship**
- 4. The preservation of the truth**
- 5. The promotion of social righteousness**
- 6. The exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world**

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.

Look Ahead

December 15-Christmas Dinner- 5:00 p.m

December 24- Christmas Eve & Candlelight Service-5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

November 5 – Mission Committee- 6:30 pm

November 6– Wednesday Wonderings (Off Site) – 11:30 a.m.

November 9 -Craft Fair in Community Room- 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

November 12– Session Meeting– 6:30 p.m

November 13- Wednesday Wonderings (Off Site) – 11:30 a.m.

November 17– Congregational Meeting after Worship to elect officers

November 17-Thanksgiving Dinner-5:00 p.m.

November 19– Faith Formation Committee– 6:30 p.m

November 20 – Wednesday Wonderings (Off Site)– 11:30 a.m.

November 21- Presbytery Zoom Meeting- 10:00 a.m.

November 21 -Crafters Night-6:00 p.m.

November 24- Advent Fair in Fellowship Hall

December 1-First Sunday of Advent

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday November 17, 2024 5 p.m.



The Fellowship Committee, on behalf of the church, invites you to enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner with us. As in years past, the committee will provide the turkey, dressing, potatoes, and cranberry sauce. Church members are asked to supplement the meal by bringing either a dessert or vegetable.

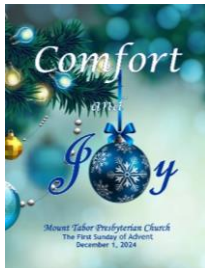
Sign up sheets are located on the welcome desk in the Narthex. Please sign your name, the number of people in your party, and designate what dish you will be bringing. The sign up sheets will be available until 11/10/24.

Come join us for an evening of fellowship, fine dining, and time with good friends and family. Let us give thanks for our Faith, Family, and friendships!

Thanksgiving Baskets



It is time to gather the food and donations for 15 community Thanksgiving food baskets for those in need. You can pick up food item slips on the narthex counter and bring the food back on or before **November 17**. To donate for the gift cards, please send a check with "Thanksgiving baskets" in the memo or you may make a donation online using the QR code for giving.

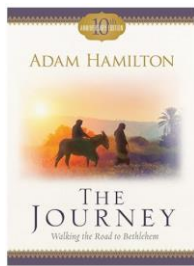


Comfort and Joy: God's Presence in our Community Advent 2024

Join us for the Advent Fair on Sunday November 24, following worship. You will have the opportunity to help make new Chrismon ornaments for our Sanctuary tree as well as a fabric wreath and more. Come for some refreshments, pick up a copy of the Advent Devotional and enjoy the fellowship. The Season of Advent begins December 1.

We Need Your Help! The Faith Formation Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with writing devotions for our Advent devotional. There is a guide with instructions on the counter in the narthex along with a sign-up clip board. This is an opportunity to share your Advent season stories of hope, peace, love and joy. The deadline for submission to revtrigger@hotmail.com is November 17.

Advent Wreath Lighters Needed: We need volunteers to assist with the Advent Wreath lighting each week during Advent and on Christmas Eve. (December 1, 8, 15, 22 and Christmas Eve- December 24.) All are welcome to participate; families, friends, groups (such as a committee, study group, choir, etc.) To sign up, contact Rev. Sue or sign up at the counter in the Narthex.



Advent Sunday Study

We will begin our Advent Study Sunday December 1 after worship. Our book is, “The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem” by Adam Hamilton. Through video and reading, we will travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.

Study books will be available on the Narthex counter or from Rev. Sue. Suggested donation: \$10 per book.



MTPC Classifieds Office Volunteer Team Wanted

Do you have some time available? Would you be willing to help out in the church office? We are looking for a team of volunteers who would take turns in the office. **Ideally, M-W. Hours could be 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Responsibilities would include light office administration such as handling phone calls and messages, mail, and email. Assisting with formatting, and printing bulletins, mailings, calling volunteers to assist with church events, etc. Your time would be greatly appreciated! If you can help out, please contact Rev. Sue.

Updates from Session

At the last session meeting on Tuesday, October 8 the following items were highlighted:

- Tom McCarty will serve as Mount Tabor’s Commissioner to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley Assembly on November 11 at 10:00 am via Zoom and will report back to session.
- The nominating committee consisting of Mary Lynn Spalding, Tom McCarty, Andy Traister, Judy Todd, and Todd Spurgeon have met and have a slate of nominees for church officers. Session set a congregational meeting after worship on November 17 for the election of officers.
- Paul Todd gave a report on behalf of the Building and Grounds Committee about a leak in the church office and other minor repairs that have happened this past month.
- Paul Todd also reported that the vinyl sign for the Mount Tabor Church Community Center is complete
- Joyce Spurgeon gave a budget report and let the committee know that she is working on getting Rev. Trigger enrolled for new benefits with the Board of Pensions
 - Joyce Spurgeon also reported about that the Stewardship Committee is working on a budget for the new year
- The session also discussed and voted to move the Christmas Eve Service to 5:00 p.m.



New Members Class

Are you interested in becoming a part of MTPC? Rev. Sue will be leading a class on Sunday, November 10 following worship. The class will meet in her office. If you are interested in joining, or would just like to attend the class, please contact Rev. Sue. She is looking for a good time for the class to meet in November, so let her know your preference.

Our Crafters are on a Mission



In addition to making prayer shawls and blankets, our crafters are making plans to create winter wear for children and youth in our community. Want to join us? Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 21, from 6 – 8 p.m

CONGRATULATIONS!!



CPL Alex Utz was recently promoted to corporal in the United States Marine Corps. He is the son of Susan and Curt Utz. He is now stationed in California at Camp Pendleton working in the area of logistics and supply. We are proud of Alex and thank him for his service!

Blessing of the Animals



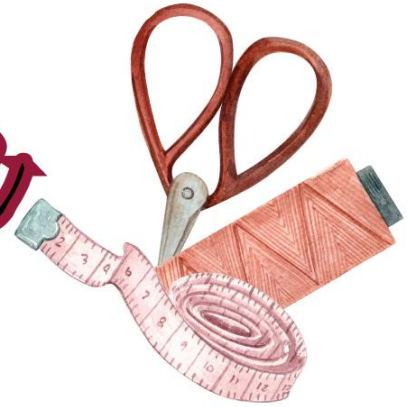
Mission Committee participated Blessing of the Animals on October 6. We had a blessing and participants received information about Mt. Tabor as well as treats for the animals. Homemade dog bones were made by special needs students at Jeff High School. Donations were also collected for the Floyd County Animal Shelter. Thanks to Elise Klink and the members of the Mission Committee for a wonderful event.

Southern Indiana Combined Choir



On Sunday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m. several members from our choir gathered with other choirs for a special performance at St. John's Presbyterian Church in New Albany. The combined choirs were directed by Dr. Charles Mitchell of St. John's. Bravo to Susan Utz and Rev. Sue Trigger!

Craft Fair



Where:

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church

918 Mt Tabor road

New Albany, in 47150

When: November 9, 2024

from 9am to 2pm



**Light lunch will be provided to
purchase**

Handmade crafts and gifts

Homemade baked goods

