

Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church

New Albany, Indiana



Words from the Pastor

I went to the post office the other day and couldn't stop looking at all of the Valentine themed mailing envelopes, cards, and more. Then I went to the grocery store and saw the greeting cards, balloons, and decorations. February is truly a month when we focus on love. The Hallmark celebration is all about romance, and if you have a special someone to share Valentine's Day with, enjoy it. But I challenge you to look for love in other places, too.

On February 12, I will be singing the song, "Till There Was You" from The Music Man at the Louisville Chorus concert. I have been memorizing the lyrics, and as they keep playing in my head, they've had me thinking about how we see love around us. The vocalist sings about bells never heard before, flying birds never seen before, roses, and music and more, all never seen before until there was love in their life. I think life can be like that for all of us, with or without a romantic interest.

Recently, I stopped at the end of our street and as I turned at the intersection, I saw a very large pig in our neighbor's yard for the very first time. Kate had asked me if I had seen the pig a few months ago, but I had never noticed it. That same day, I was driving by Waterfront Park and a beautiful fox was scampering through the park. I'd never seen that before, either. The pig and the fox reminded me to look more carefully at the beauty of God's creation, even as I'm going through my daily routine.

I hope that you will see things that fill your heart with love, and when you do, remember that love, wherever you find it, is a gift of God. I love the hymn, Morning Has Broken because it reminds us to stop and praise God for all of the beauty of creation around us. As you read the poetry on the next page, take a moment to give thanks to God who has blessed us with every gift because of love. (Continued on next page)



Services every Sunday morning at 10:00

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Rob Crosser (2025) Clerk of Session

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Carol Traister (2027) chair, Foundation Work Group

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Elise Klink (2025) chair, Mission Committee

Judy VanHoff (2026) chair, Care Committee

Tom McCarty (2025) Chair, Faith Formation

Mary Lynn Spalding (2027) chair, Stewardship

Ellie Brown- (2026)- Care and Mission Committee

Joyce Spurgeon, Treasurer
Andy Traister, President of the Corporation
Gavin Spalding; Youth Elder

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Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world.

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day.

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Praise for them springing fresh from the world.

Love to all of you,

Rev. Sue



Visioning Day is an important opportunity to cast a vision for the coming year and beyond. During our 2025 Stewardship campaign we asked each of you to dream about ideas for the future. Visioning Day is a chance to share them!

Join us for lunch in Fellowship Hall, Sunday, February 23, right after worship, and enjoy creating our vision together.

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.



Upcoming Events

February 3- Buildings and Grounds Committee-6:30 p.m.

February 5- Wednesday Wonderings (Off Site)- 11:30 p.m.

February 8- Presbytery of Ohio Valley Zoom Meeting- 10:00 a.m.

February 10- Session Meeting- 6:30 p.m.

February 13- Senior Lunch- location to be announced- 12:00 p.m. (noon)

February 16- Third Sunday February Birthday Celebration following worship

February 17- Faith Formation Committee- 6:30

February 20- Crafting Night- 6:00-8:30 p.m.

February 23- Visioning Day Luncheon following worship in Fellowship Hall

February 24- Foundation Committee Meeting- 6:30 p.m.

CHECK IT OUT!!

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

Come Enjoy Fellowship and Crafting!



Our crafters have been busy making items for the November Craft Fair, hats and scarves for children in our schools, and prayer shawls for those going through surgeries, bereavement, and difficult situations.

Come if you can make a craft. Come if you want to learn how to knit or crochet, or perhaps some woodworking!

Come if you just want to hang out with some really fun folks! Our next meeting will be February 20 from 6 - 8 p.m.



Bring a lunch and join Rev. Sue for a weekly Wednesday conversation. We are currently meeting at the home of BJ Brandt. We enjoy **lunch at 11:30 a.m. with a discussion** of books and topics that interest the group. Books can be fiction, non-fiction, spirituality, Bible Study, and more. Topics can include things like grieving well, does prayer change things, and more.



New Members Class

Are you interested in becoming a part of MTPC? Rev. Sue will be leading a class on Sundays, March 2 and 9 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.



Third Sunday Birthday Celebrations!

Our thanks to Mabel Bond for offering to bake a cake to celebrate our monthly birthdays after worship. Gather in the narthex/entry room after worship and enjoy a delicious treat and wish our birthday friends a happy birthday.

Updates from Session

At the last session meeting on Monday, January 13 the following items were highlighted:

- Rob Crosser was voted as Clerk of Session for 2025. Joyce Spurgeon was voted as Treasurer for 2025. Committee Chairs were assigned for the year
- Officers of the Corporation were elected for 2025 - Andy Traister is President, Rob Crosser is Secretary, and Joyce Spurgeon is Treasurer
- The new officer installation was moved to January 26 and due dates for reports for the congregational meeting on the same day were established
- Voted on line prior to meeting to move worship service on January 5 to Zoom due to snow- cancelled in person worship service
 - Approved the 2025 Communion Schedule
- RSVP(Retired Senior and Volunteer Program) will not be using Mt. Tabor's Community Room any longer because of a loss of funding
 - Approved the PCUSA Statistical Report and the report was presented at the Congregational Meeting in January

January Birthday Celebration

On Sunday, January 19, was the first birthday celebration in fellowship hall after church. Mabel Bond made the cake and helped organize it. Happy birthday to members with January birthdays!



February Birthdays

- Allison Crosser 2/2
- Sydney Crosser 2/2
- Rob Crosser 2/3
- Barbara Hoffman 2/4
- Lily Brown 2/9
- Dodi Lacey 2/16
- Todd Spurgeon 2/19
- Sam Brown 2/21
- Marti Klink 2/22

Officer Installation

On Sunday, January 23, the new Mt. Tabor Church officers were installed during the service. Elders and deacons were installed. New members of session are as follows: Barbara Best, Les Best, Carol Traister and Mary Lynn Spalding. Welcome!



Annual Congregational Meeting



On Sunday, January 23, the bi-annual congregational meeting was held. The chairperson from each committee and the Annual spoke was reviewed. The congregation approved the terms of call for the pastor. Members of the 2025 nominating committee were elected and are Mary Lynn Spalding, Andy Traister, and Susan Utz.

Congratulations!!



On Sunday, January 26, at 4:00 Bradley and Garret Compton were wed at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church. Brad is the son of Mt. Tabor members David and Heather Powell. The wedding was officiated by Rev. Sue Trigger and a reception was held in the community room downstairs. We wish them lots of happiness and all the best!



Come to the Sr. Lunch

February 13, 11:45 a.m.
Contact Kathy Anderson for details

All are welcome!