

Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church

New Albany, Indiana



Words from the Pastor

Come to the wilderness and spend a while with me. The season of Lent has arrived, a time when we consider the life, and sacrifices of Christ. It is a time when we consider what we can sacrifice as a spiritual discipline during the 40 days and 6 Sundays. This year for my Lenten discipline, I am taking on two things.

1. I am focusing my attention on the sacrifice of Jesus by spending time with the events of his last days. You can join me, not only in worship, but by attending our Lenten study following worship beginning March 9 – April 13. We will study the book *Crossbound* by Charles B. Hardwick. You can pick up a copy from the narthex counter. It is my prayer that this study will help me continue to grow and understand more deeply Jesus' passion.
2. I am going to give more time to serve our community. I have been learning more about Hoosier Action network and will join other clergy in the community as we seek to build positive relationships in our community and work together to address needs of our residents. A group of about 10 clergy from a variety of denominations is working together with the Homeless Coalition to create cooling sites for not only the houseless, but for anyone who needs to get out of the scorching days of summer (100 degrees +). The network is also working on environmental concerns of our community and much more. This is not a clergy group, but a non-partisan community group. The clergy are just one group within the organization. I am giving my time to this organization as a witness to my commitment to doing, not just preaching, the work Jesus asks of us, and also in order for our congregation to live into our 2025 goal to continue to connect with our community. Any who wish to learn more about this opportunity are welcome to join me. You can learn more about them at hoosieraction.org. (Continued on next page)



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Joyce Spurgeon, Treasurer

Andy Traister, President of the Corporation

Gavin Spalding; Youth Elder

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It is my prayer that you will consider your Lenten discipline and find a practice that will nurture you and your relationship with God. It is a time to grow as a disciple. Your discipline may be like someone else's or be unique just to you. It's about finding a practice that touches your soul. If you would like to talk about what your Lenten discipline might look like, Let's get together

Rev. Sue

Upcoming Events

March 9-Crossbound
Lenten Study begins after
worship/Blue Shirt Sunday

March 9- New Member
Class following worship
(Rev. Sue's Office)

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

March 12-First Wednesday
Wonderings (Off Site)- Life
After Doom- 11:30 a.m..

March 13- Senior Lunch-
11:45 a.m.

March 16- Third Sunday
February & March Birthday
Celebration after worship

March 17-Faith Formation
Committee-6:30 p.m.

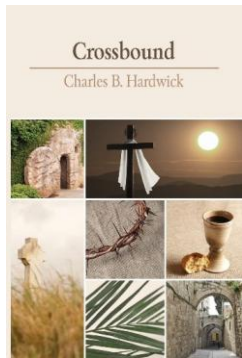
March 19-Wednesday
Wonderings (Off Site)-
11:30 a.m.

March 20- Crafting Night-
6:00-8:00 p.m.

March 23- Crossbound
Lenten Study after worship

March 30- Workshop
Sunday

March 31-Foundation
Committee Meeting- 6:30
p.m.



**Lenten
Season Activities**

Crossbound— Lenten Study following worship—March 9—

April 13 come to Fellowship Hall following worship for this study of key events in Jesus' life between Palm Sunday and Easter. Participants will explore how Jesus redefined the role of the Messiah and discuss dimensions of the path of discipleship.

Palm Sunday—April 13—A celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Easter Sunday—April 20

Youth Led Sunrise Service— 7:30 a.m.—followed by breakfast.

Traditional Service—10:00 a.m.—A celebration of the resurrection of Christ in Word, Music, and Communion

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.



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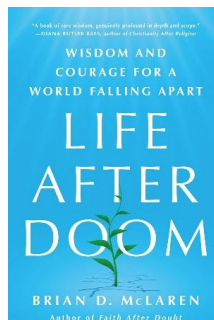
Our website is up and running with all the latest news from MTPC! Just Search: taborchurch.org.



We are beginning a new book on **March 12!** 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.

Come join us as we read, “Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart” by Brian D. McLaren. For the last quarter-century, author and activist Brian D. McLaren has been writing at the intersection of religious faith and contemporary culture. In Life After Doom, he engages with the catastrophic failure of both our religious and political leaders to address the dominant realities of our time: ecological overshoot, economic injustice, and the increasing likelihood of civilizational collapse. McLaren defines doom as the “un-peaceful, uneasy, unwanted feeling” that “we humans have made a mess of our civilization and our planet, and not enough of us seem to care enough to change deeply enough or quickly enough to save ourselves.”

Blending insights from philosophers, poets, scientists, and theologians, Life After Doom explores the complexity of hope, the necessity of grief, and the need for new ways of thinking, becoming, and belonging in turbulent times. If you want to help yourself, your family, and the communities to which you belong to find courage and resilience for the deeply challenging times that are upon us — this is the book you need right now. The suggested book donation is \$15.



Updates from Session

At the last session meeting on Monday, February 10 the following items were highlighted:

- Session reviewed and approved the appropriate sexual conduct guidelines
- Les Best updated session on improvements being made by the building and grounds committee. He presented the idea of an AED and CPR training at the church at some point-possibly during the Sunday Workshop. He also reported that preparations are being made to sell the Harvest Homecoming Trailer.
- Carol Traister reported on updates to the community rooms downstairs. The committee is working on a Community Room Rental Sign. Let Us Learn will be holding summer camps downstairs at Mount Tabor.
- Barbara Best shared that the Fellowship Committee was making final plans for the luncheon that is planned on visioning Sunday, February 23.

February/March Birthday Celebrations!

Our thanks to Mabel Bond for offering to bake a cake to celebrate our monthly birthdays after worship. February's celebration was postponed due to weather. So we will gather in the narthex/entry room after worship on March 16 and enjoy a delicious treat to wish our February/March birthday friends a happy birthday!



March Birthdays

Nathan Bradshaw 3/4
Jill Sanford 3/5
Susan Utz 3/5
Barbara Best 3/13
Edward McCarty 3/18
Sherry Baldwin 3/19
B.J. Brandt 3/20
Donald Spalding 3/27
Rikke Hopper 3/28

Valentines Outreach

During the month of February members were asked to bring in Valentines to be taken to Green Valley nursing home and Norton's Children's Hospital. There were boxes in the Narthex where Valentines could be placed. 38 cards were collected for the nursing home and 61 for the Children's hospital for a grand total of 99 cards! Thanks to Mabel Bond who organized and then delivered the Valentines. Mabel reported that the lady at the children's hospital was super excited and said not only the kids, but the staff were going to love the cards! What a great way to spread some love!!



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 March 20 from 6 - 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



Come to the Sr. Lunch
March 13, 11:45 a.m.

Contact Kathy Anderson for details

All are welcome!



Blue Shirt Sunday is March 9, 2025!

The first Sunday in Lent every year is designated “Wear your blue t-shirt to church Sunday” as a testament of one of the ways One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference. This is the season when we send our special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. We will collect the offering on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. If you would like a fish bank, pick one up from the narthex counter.

Participate in the celebration with our Presbyterian family by sending your Blue Shirt Selfies to them at pda@pcusa.org!

Help us remind others that gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing** support disaster recovery efforts in the United States and around the world. Together let’s tell the story of hope out of chaos.



Our Visioning Day lunch was a great time to celebrate the successes of 2024 and envision where God is calling us in 2025.

We had table conversation about questions that helped us think about strategies for building our ministry and work. Out of those conversations came three goals for 2025.

1. Continue to reach out and connect with our community through mission and relationships.
2. Develop strategies for financial stability.
3. Increase our online visibility and improve administration through:
 - a. Tech support – Find a volunteer or other resource for streaming our services online and increasing our internet footprint.
 - b. Work to increase office administrative support. Create a team of volunteers to help with office administration.



Workshop Sunday

Join us for our first MTPC Workshop Sunday on Sunday March 30! Workshop Sunday is a day when we put our faith into action. We begin with a brief worship (no more than 30 minutes) in the Sanctuary and then we get to work. **Be sure to wear your Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church shirt.** Don't have one? See Rev. Sue ASAP.

Here's what you can do:

- Help our partner organizations Let Us Learn and Use it Again, with projects they need assistance with. Details tbd
- Write letters to state and national legislatures regarding issues we are concerned with in the PC(USA) and as a congregation.
- Help create love baskets for our homebound members.
- Help with landscaping projects outdoors.
- Help with dusting in hard to reach areas and sanitizing in the Sanctuary.
- Put together 12 hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Donate supplies below in advance: Please sign up for items you will bring on the clipboard in the narthex or by contacting Elise Klink.
 - 1-gallon resealable plastic bags
 - Washclothes – will be provided
 - Toothbrushes (in original packaging)
 - Fingernail or toenail clippers (packaging removed)
 - Bath-size bar of soaps (in original packaging)
 - Travel-size stick deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
 - Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)
 - Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW only)
 - Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of at least 1 year)
 - Sturdy wide-tooth combs (remove from package; 6" minimum teeth; pocket combs or picks not accepted; rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable. Example)
- Knit or crochet hats for school children in our area with Mabel Bond.
- Bring food or donate money for Hope Southern Indiana
- Bring food for our little food pantry.
- Learn about mission opportunities you can participate in throughout the year.