

# Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church

New Albany, Indiana



## Words from the Pastor

April is the month of Springtime, flowers, and Holy Week. Palm Sunday, April 13, will turn our eyes toward Jerusalem and the final hours of Jesus' life. It will be a morning of celebration as we wave palms and sing Hosanna. The morning will also be a time of joy as we welcome Sam Brown into membership and celebrate April birthdays with cake after worship. It will be a day of joy, but before we can experience joy again, there will be the Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

On Maundy Thursday, we will remember the teachings of the last supper with Jesus. Maundy, comes from the Latin word, *mandatum*, meaning command or mandate. At this meal, Jesus gets to the point and summarizes his ministry and his expectations for the disciples. Join us for a delicious dinner of a breaded, lemon, chicken breast, rice pilaf, fruit, cheese, hummus, flat bread, and more. This mediterranean style dinner will help us imagine that evening with Jesus as we worship and give thanks for all Jesus did and taught. Following the dinner, we will gather in the Sanctuary, and remember the events of Jesus in the garden and his arrest. It will be a time of readings, candlelight, and Taize songs. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Easter Sunday, April 20, will be a morning of joy with a sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall. The 10 a.m. service will be a traditional Sunday of celebration with the Sacrament of Communion.

As we celebrate Holy Week, it is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will invigorate you with joy and the desire to follow Jesus into the world. As Charles Hardwick, our Lenten Study author, says, "The journey of putting others before ourselves and serving the world is daunting, if not threatening utterly to overpower us. Yet as we struggle to be faithful, we do so in the light of the resurrection, which redeems all of our toils along the way. The power of the resurrection is "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion...not only in this age, but also in the age to come." (Continued)



Services every Sunday morning at 10:00

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### Church Officers

Rev. Sue Trigger Moderator

Rob Crosser (2025) Clerk of Session

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Carol Traister (2027) chair, Foundation Committee

Lester Best (2027) chair, Building and Grounds

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

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May the power of God’s resurrection give you hope and the courage to go out in to the world and take God’s love to the unloved, hope to those without hope, peace to those without peace, and justice to those treated unjustly. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again! Hallelujah!

*Rev. Sue*



## Lenten Season Activities

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

**Maundy Thursday – April 17** – 6:30 p.m. Remembering the last supper with Jesus. Join us for a delicious dinner of a breaded, lemon, chicken breast, rice pilaf, fruit, cheese, hummus, flat bread, and more. This mediterranean style dinner will help us imagine that evening with Jesus as we worship and give thanks for all Jesus did and taught. Following the dinner, we will gather in the Sanctuary, and remember the events of Jesus in the garden and his arrest. It will be a time of readings, candlelight, and Taize songs. Sign up to attend on the narthex clipboard or contact Rev. Sue at [revtrigger@hotmail.com](mailto:revtrigger@hotmail.com)

**Easter Sunday—April 20**— Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus through songs of praise and prayer in worship.

**Youth Led Sunrise Service— 7:30 a.m.**— led by the youth of the congregation; followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

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

### Upcoming Events

April 7- Building & Grounds Committee-6:30 p.m.

April 9- Wednesday Wonderings (Off Site-OS)- 11:30 a.m..

April 10- Senior Lunch- 11:45 a.m.

April 13- Palm Sunday & April Birthday Celebration after worship

April 14—Session Meeting 6:30 p.m.

April 16- Wednesday Wonderings(OS)-11:30 a.m.

April 17- Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service- 6:30 p.m.

April 20- Easter Sunrise Service- 7:30 a.m.  
Traditional Easter Service- 10:00 a.m.

April 21- Foundation Committee-6:30 p.m.  
(Church Office CLOSED)

April 23- Wednesday Wonderings (OS) 11:30 a.m.

April 24- “Going Public” Book Study- 11:00 a.m.  
Crafter’s Night-6:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

April 26- Faith Formation Committee- 6:30 p.m.

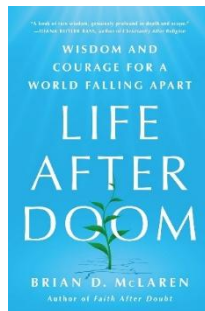
April 30- Wednesday Wonderings(OS)-11:30 a.m.

### CHECK IT OUT!!

Our website is up and running with all the latest news from MTPC! Just Search: [taborchurch.org](http://taborchurch.org).



We are stepping deeper into the book, “Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart” by Brian D. McLaren. The book invites us to consider the intersection of religious life and contemporary culture of a world impacted by climate change. McLaren invites us to do spiritual work as we deal with the urgency of caring for creation. 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. The suggested book donation is \$15.



## Updates from Session

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

- The session voted and approved to receive Sam Brown as a member on 4/13/25. He has completed confirmation classes and wishes to join Mt. Tabor’s membership. During his confirmation he will be presented by Ellie Brown and Judy Vanhoff will be his elder sponsor.
- The next Presbytery of Ohio Valley assembly meeting will be held at Camp Pyoca on Thursday March 22. Judy VanHoff will serve as Mt. Tabor’s commissioner.
- Les Best reported for Building and Grounds that they are working on ending trash service from Rumpke and will be replacing them with Sweetland.
- The old WeeCare sign will be repurposed with vinyl lettering for the community room.
- Carol Traister reported on behalf of the Foundation Committee that Let Us Learn is planning to make a living playground with plants. She also reported that the faucet will be replaced in the boiler room. She shared the community room has been used by the Southern IN PFLAG chapter and a birthday party. SAFY (a foster care agency) has looked at the space as it considers whether to use the community room.
- Barbara Best reported for the Fellowship Committee that they prepared the meal for Visioning Day and 28 members were in attendance. They are preparing for Maundy Thursday and discussed plans for how to recognize Mothers Day and Fathers Day.
- The Mission Committee is preparing and organizing Workshop Sunday on March 30.
- As a result of Visioning Day, grant sources are being explored for tech support. Carol Traister contacted IUS to and got possible ideas for tech support through the college.

## 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. We will celebrate April birthdays on April 13. (It is not the normal third Sunday due to Easter)



### April Birthdays

Carol Traister 4/5  
Justin Spurgeon 4/5  
Aliya Utz 4/16  
Laren Rapp 4/25  
Janet Frans 4/28

## February/March Birthday Celebrations

Both February and March birthdays were celebrated on March 16 after the worship service. They were combined due to weather. Hope everyone had a happy birthday!



## 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 April 24 from 6 - 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



Come to the Sr. Lunch

April 10, 11:45 a.m.

Contact Kathy Anderson for details

All are welcome!





### One Great Hour of Sharing – Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. **Received on Palm Sunday and Easter**, each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Bring your fish bank if you have one. Put your gift in a One Great Hour of Sharing envelope found in the Palm Sunday and Easter bulletins. Send your donation by mail or online. (Look for the QR code in the bulletin insert) Learn more at: <https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing>



**Going Public: How Biblical People Help Us Find Our Voice for Public Life**  
Thursdays at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

All sorts of Biblical characters were called by Go out of private life into the challenges of public life - from slaves to prophets, from shepherds to judges, from peasant girls to beauty queens, from learned rabbis to unlettered fishermen. Most of them did not go willingly! Bible characters have much to teach us about trying to be faithful to Jesus Christ now in the world he came to love, serve, and bring back into relationship with God. The book explores their adventures of faith and invites us to have some adventures of our own. This book will get you thinking about acting on your beliefs in new ways.

Bring a lunch and join us in Fellowship Hall for great conversation. Let Rev. Sue know you are coming so she can get you a book.



# Worship Sunday

What a great day of putting our faith into action at our first Workshop Sunday! Workshop Sunday is a day where a church or religious organization dedicates a Sunday to acts of service as a form of worship, stepping outside of traditional church settings to serve the community. We did just that in a variety of ways. From hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to planting new shrubbery, Workshop Sunday was a day of service to and from our congregation. Our thanks to the Mission Committee for creating this great opportunity to worship God with our hearts and hands.

