

Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church

New Albany, Indiana



Words from the Pastor

As we move into the Fall season, we have the opportunity to pause in the beauty of autumn and celebrate the many blessings we have been given. I am especially celebrating the MTPC commitment to serving others. We are completing the renovations on the basement and I'm thrilled that we already have two organizations moving into our space for on-going programs. At our recent Session meeting, we named the lower level the "Mt. Tabor Church Community Center" and the lower fellowship hall is now "The Community Room". We approved two non-profit organizations which will move into lower-level rooms for office, storage and meetings. Together, we have committed to partnering with organizations who are in need of support in order to carry out their mission which is in sync with our mission.

Use it Again was founded by physical therapists who have the goal of helping everyone get the medical equipment they need to be safe in their homes. To make this goal possible for everyone, their services are cost-free. They pick up equipment people are no longer using and store it until someone else needs it, and then deliver it to them--at no cost.

Let Us Learn is committed to making sure every family has access to healthful food. They are increasing access to healthful food for the entire community through education, gathering, growing, and distributing fresh food. We are excited that they share our commitment to welcome and celebrate diversity, inclusion, and respect for all people of different backgrounds, beliefs, and identities.

We are also excited that RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Hope Southern Indiana) will be using the Community Room for upcoming workshops. Their mission is to help seniors get connected with a variety of different volunteer opportunities throughout Southern Indiana.

Providing meeting, office and storage space at a very low fee is an opportunity to live into our mission to partner with others who share our vision for caring for the community. Soon we will have a "ribbon cutting" celebration and a meet and greet opportunity with our new occupants. Watch for details coming up soon. We especially want to give thanks to our Foundation Committee, led by Carol Traister, for all the work they have done to bring this dream to life.

Rev. Sue



Services every Sunday morning at 10:00

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Every fall, the Presbyterian Church's Peacemaking Program extends an invitation to join with people of faith from around the country and the world for *A Season of Peace*, a month-long pilgrimage designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families, and individuals. This season is a time of growth, encouragement, challenge, inspiration, and education which invites you to consider your own relationship to peacemaking and justice.

Each day during *A Season of Peace*, Sept. 8–Oct. 6, 2024, you can receive a devotional. This year's reflections for *A Season of Peace* highlight Presbyterians in history who have challenged injustice, broken down barriers and dividing walls, advocated for the marginalized, stewarded the common good, taught peace and been agents for the transformation of society. To sign up to receive the daily email go to: <https://pcusa.us14.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3617d8799f77a05442289ad4&id=a54b3a778f>

For more information and other resources for *A Season of Peace*, go to: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/season-peace/>

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!

Check it out:
taborchurch.org.
 The more clicks, the higher our visibility online. Thanks for clicking!

Upcoming Events

September 3 –Mission Committee- 6:30 p.m.

September 10 –Session Meeting- 6:30 p.m.

September 15-Through Water and Word Study (Following Worship)

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

September 19- Crafter's Night- 6:00-8:00 p.m.

September 22-Through Water and Word Study (Following Worship)

September 24- Foundation Committee- 6:30 p.m.

September 25-28 – Rev. Sue to New Orleans for the ACSWP meeting

September 29 -Pumpkin/ Apple Bake Off and Pumpkin Painting – Lunch (Following Worship)

Look Ahead

October 2 – Blessing of the Animals-2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

November 9- Mt. Tabor Holiday Craft Fair



Through Water and Word: A Conversation about Baptism

Sunday's September 15 and 22 stay after worship for a conversation about baptism with Rev. Sue. We'll take a short walk into the history of baptism, talk about why we baptize infants and what baptism means for us today. Join us in Fellowship Hall.

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. We are also making plans for a fundraising event. Want to join us? Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 19, from 6 – 8 p.m

Updates from Session

At the last session meeting on August 13 the following items were highlighted:

- Paul Todd attended the May Presbytery of the Ohio Valley meeting and gave a report that included changes were coming with the Board of Pensions
 - Paul also reported on basic updates to Building and Grounds
- The Wee Care Sign will be replaced with and vinyl adhesive sign that states “Mount Tabor Church Community Center”
- Carol Traister gave a report from the Foundation Committee about the completion for the lower level community center
 - The session passed several updates to the Building and Use policy
- The session approved the use of the new community center by Use it Again Inc., Let us Learn Inc., and RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) a program of Hope Southern Indiana
- Judy Vanhoff reported on activities of the Deacons and home visits that were made over the summer
 - Elise Klink reported on activities of the Mission committee that included the Love the Hungry Event, the upcoming annual mission projects such as food baskets for the holidays, and the Blessing of the Animals event



We need a Volunteer Volunteer!

What is a volunteer volunteer? A better title would be recruitment volunteer. We need one or more people who have some time available to contact people to fill volunteer opportunities.

We need people to help count the offering after worship on Sunday. We need greeters before worship. We need people to help create and/or run the PowerPoint during worship. We need Scripture readers and Communion servers. We need helpers with mission projects and more.

If you would like to help contact potential volunteers, please contact Rev. Sue.



The church went to Love the Hungry in Louisville to help assemble meal packets in Louisville on August 24. The mission of Love the Hungry is to provide nutrient-rich meals that can alleviate and reverse the effects of malnutrition – especially in children most vulnerable to hunger. It was a great time of serving and fellowship for all who attended.



You're Invited to Wednesday Wonderings



Photo by [Dylan Gillis](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Bring a lunch and join Rev. Sue for a weekly conversation beginning **Wednesday, October 1**. We will enjoy **lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a one-hour discussion** of books and topics that interest you. Books can be fiction, non-fiction, spirituality, Bible Study, and more. Topics can include things like grieving well, does prayer change things, and more.

For our first gathering, **bring the title and author of a book you would like to recommend**, and/or a topic you'd like to discuss. We will create a reading schedule from your list. Our first conversation, on October 1, will be a one session discussion of the Desert Fathers and Mothers. Into the hazardous deserts of the Middle East, Christian men and women went to live, starting in the third century and continuing for another 350 years. They were in search of rest, solitude, tranquility and the practice of continual remembrance of God. Those who stayed and cultivated wisdom from life on the edge became known as the desert fathers and mothers. We will take a look at the way of life they inspired.

PUMPKIN APPLE FALL BAKE-OFF COMPETITION



The Fellowship Committee is hosting this event on Sunday September 29th immediately following the church service.

Lunch will be provided by the committee.

All members are encouraged to enter their favorite fall dessert. You may enter either a pumpkin or apple dessert. Or if feeling energetic, you may enter something in both categories. Attendees at the luncheon will vote for their favorite dessert. All dessert makers will remain anonymous until after judging. There will be one prize given to an overall winner!

There will be a sign-up sheet available starting the first Sunday in September. There will be a place to enter your name and how many in your family will be attending the luncheon. There will be a separate column to check if you will be entering the contest. **Please do not give the name or type of dessert you will be bringing.**

We will also have pumpkins available to paint with your favorite fall theme!

Some contest rules:

1. Item entered must be made at home, not store bought.
2. Item must be placed in a non-descript container. (ie: a container that no one at church will recognize as yours, or have your name attached anywhere.)
3. Keep the identity of your dessert to yourself so everyone has an even chance.
4. * THE MOST IMPORTANT RULE! HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK!*

Let's "Fall" together for a great time of fun and creativity!

Blessings and peace from The Fellowship Committee

Bring your canine, feline, and more to our Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 2, 2024

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Outside under the Portico at MTPC

Open to the public

There is a special love between a pet and their owner and it is a gift from God. St. Francis of Assisi, who loved all God's creatures, was known for blessing animals and in honor of that tradition we are going to have a "Blessing of the Animals" on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 2-4 p.m. Friends and neighbors are encouraged to bring their personal or family pets to share God's blessing with them. Rev. Sue and friends will bestow a blessing on your pet. Special treats will be provided by students from New Albany High School.

Important guidelines to keep in mind:

All dogs must be on leashes and other pets (cats, rabbits, reptiles, etc.) must be in carriers.

If your pet does not like large groups of people, show your pet some consideration and keep it home.

Remember to pick up after your dog just as you would at any other time.

Children without pets may feel left out - they are encouraged to bring stuffed animals to be blessed!

Tell your friends and family and make it an extra special day for you and your pet!

Mount Tabor Church Community Center

The project downstairs is complete and ready for use. It has been a long journey but worth it for a quality job that will last for years to come. Thanks to the Carol Traister and the other members of the Foundation Committee who have worked so hard to make this dream a reality. The session approved several uses for the new community spaces that you can read more about in Rev. Trigger's letter at the beginning of this newsletter or in the Session Report.



As you can see from the picture, one of our new community partners, Use it Again, Inc. are in the process of moving in their medical equipment.

CRAFT FAIR



*****MARK YOUR CALENDARS*****

Mount Tabor is hosting our first community holiday craft fair in the new Mount Tabor Church Community Center on Saturday, November 9. If you know any crafters that would like to participate contact Joyce Spurgeon. More details will be coming next month!



The Fellowship Committee is working on putting together a new church directory. They are looking for any members or friends who are hobby photographers that would be willing to take pictures of members for free. If you or you know of someone contact Margo Davis.

Back to School

We have several members of our youth that are in college or live away from New Albany throughout most of the year. Being away from home is hard, and it would be nice if they felt the love from our church since they can't attend our church regularly due to school and work. Here is what several of them are up to and where you can send them some encouraging words throughout the year! If there is anyone missed let Amy Crosser know. Our younger youth will be featured later this year!



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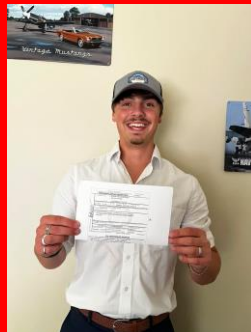
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