

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TOWER CHIMES

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TAB

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

OUR MISSION

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is called by God, led by faith in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to demonstrate the Kingdom of God through worship, discipleship and outreach. Honoring our heritage at 34th and Central, we will faithfully serve our community, city and world in the present and prepare expectantly for the future.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 8 am** Communion Service
Located in McKee Chapel
- 9 am** Contemporary Service
*Connect with God and with one another
in authentic, relational worship in the Sanctuary*
- 10 am** Christian Education Hour
Programming for all ages
- 11 am** Traditional Worship
*Located in the Sanctuary featuring organ and
choir music*

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TAB'S TOWER CHIMES

This monthly newsletter is also available on the church website at: www.tabpres.org

All submissions should be emailed to Kristine Seals at frontdesk@tabpres.org. The submission deadline is the 15th of each month for appearance in the upcoming month's Tower Chimes.

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Pastoral Reflection

The Church Is a Hospital

Dear Friends,

With great regularity I hear from visitors and new members that they feel very welcome when they come to worship with us at Tab. Of course, that pleases me, as I firmly believe that most people make a decision about a church long before the service starts or the sermon is preached. Studies show that most visitors decide whether they will return to a church based on the friendliness of the congregation and how they are greeted by others, in the parking lot, the hallways, the pews, and before worship. Thanks for doing your part.

I recently got an email from a frequent visitor who comments, "All I can say is that the week drags by until Sunday comes around again, and I can hardly wait to get to church. I believe I've met more people and traded names in my first two months at Tab than in all the years at other churches. That's something!"

I believe a genuine expression of hospitality is a wonderful gift we can give to everyone who worships with us, and it is something each and every one of us can do.

The "*hospital*" movement, same root as "*hospitality*," began during the time of Crusades when "*hospitalers*," Christian caregivers, followed the troops and gave care to those left in the wake of battle.

Translate that to the ministry we are called to do as followers of Jesus... caring for one another. It has been said, "The Church is not a museum for saints, but a hospital for sinners." Each of us comes to worship a little "dinged" from the week and each of us has a part to play in giving care to one another; a smile, a hug, a genuine word of welcome, for many is a balm to the soul.

May this be both our prayer and our practice for all who come to worship with us.

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who are lonely and need companionship;
To all who mourn and want comfort;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
And to whosoever will come;
This Church opens wide its doors.

I look forward to extending and receiving hospitality with you this Sunday.

Rev. L. John Gable

February 2016

February Schedule

- 7** “Being the Church: Demonstration”
Mark 1:14-15
Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching
- 14** “Kingdom of God: Refocused”
Isaiah 11:1-9
Mark 1:14-5
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 21** “Kingdom of God: Explained”
Matthew 13 (selected passages)
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 28** “Kingdom of God: Qualifications”
Matthew 5:1-10
Matthew 18:1-4
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

Weekly Bible Readings

- 7** Exodus 34:29–35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2
Luke 9:28–36 [37–43]
- 14** Deuteronomy 26:1–11
Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16
Romans 10:8b–13
Luke 4:1–13
- 21** Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17–4:1
Luke 13:31–35 or Luke 9:28–36
- 28** Isaiah 55:1–9
Psalm 63:1–8
1 Corinthians 10:1–13
Luke 13:1–9

February Event Schedule

SPECIAL

- 7** 1:30p Sacred Music Composers Concert
4:00p Youth Super Bowl Party
- 10** 7:00p Ash Wednesday Service
- 13** 9:00a Session Retreat
- 14** 10:00a Congregational Meeting
6:00p Youth Rock 'n Worship Concert
- 19** 7:00p C. S. Lewis Society Meeting
- 20** 7:30 a Presbytery Meeting
- 21** 12:00p “Amaizing” Lunch
6:00p Youth I.M.P.A.C.T. and Parent Dessert Night
- 28** 12:00p Vision Renewal Luncheon
12:00p Youth Ice Skating

WEEKLY

- MON** 6:00p Cub Scout Pack
6:30p Women’s Bible Study
6:45p Boy Scout Troop 72
- TUE** 10:00a Women Alive
6:30p Prayer Service
- WED** 9:30a Pastors’ Bible Study
6:00p Purls of Wisdom
5:00p Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
- THU** 3:00p Tab Tutoring
6:00p Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:15p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- SAT** 8:00a Men’s Bible Study
- MWF** 11:00a Tab’s Open Door

MONTHLY

- 1st **MON** 5:00p HR Cmte
- 1st **TUE** 5:30p Outreach Cmte
7:00p Adult Ministries Cmte
Children’s Ministries Cmte
- 2nd **MON** 5:00p Facilities Cmte
- 2nd **TUE** 5:00p Budget & Finance Cmte
- 3rd **TUE** 7:15p Prayer Team Meeting
- 3rd **WED** 7:00p Recreation Cmte
- 4th **TUE** 7:15p Media Cmte

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events.

Tab Hospitality

Tab's Open Door Soup Kitchen

Paula Means



stamps that equal \$100 or less. Yes, some of the people have worked in a past life, but life happened and the job was lost for some reason or another. As time marched on, another job was never found, and now our guests depend upon Tab's Open Door, as well as the soup kitchen at North United Methodist and Trinity Episcopal. With the closing of the Double 8 grocery store, these three churches are the only source of hot meals. Food can also be obtained from the Mid-North Food Pantry and fresh produce from Fresh Stop.

Tab's Open Door is more than access to a free meal. For many of our guests Tab's Open Door is a lifeline. In the coming months, Tab's Outreach Committee hopes to reestablish the Open Door as a source of spiritual nourishment for our guests, but this plan depends on your help. If you want to offer a listening ear, a tidbit of advice or a much needed prayer for our guests, contact me at paula.means@tabpres.org.

“Free or unrestricted means of admission or access.” That's how the dictionary defines an open door. It is also how our church operates our soup kitchen, Tab's Open Door, located in our Dining Room. No one is turned away, and all of our guests are welcomed to a hot meal and conversation with friends and staff. Tab's Open Door has been part of Tab's outreach for many years and continues to serve those in Mapleton Fall Creek and surrounding neighborhoods who need a hot meal and a few commodities.

For thirteen years Rodney Bebley, Food Manager, has created soups and side dishes that are filling and nutritious, as he establishes lasting relationships with the men and women who drop in between 11:00a and 12:30p each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for a meal. Our guests come for both the meal and the comfort of known surroundings and people they can trust.

Tab's Open Door is busiest at the end of the month just as the disability, social security and pension checks have been depleted. The food stamps have also been exhausted by this time. Remember that the average person who is receiving any kind of government subsidy is receiving a check for less than \$750 a month and food



Black History Month 2016

Paula Means

The first seeds that would grow into Black History Month were planted in 1926 when black historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced that the second week of February would be “Negro History Week.” This week was chosen because of its proximity to two important birthdays in African-American history: “American Moses” President Abraham Lincoln (February 12) and famed orator Frederick Douglass (February 14). Both of these men’s birthdates had been celebrated within the African-American community since its emancipation in the 19th century. By 1969 interest in black history had grown exponentially and brought along the transition of Negro History Week to Black History Month (the term “negro” having become outdated and offensive). The first Black History Month was suggested by the leaders of the Black United Students at Kent State University in Ohio in February 1969. The first Black History Month was then held there the next year in 1970.

Few know that Black History Month isn’t confined to the United States. In 1995 Canada also began to observe Black History Month during the month of February. In 2008 a bill came to officially recognize Black History Month in Canada. It was unanimously approved. The United Kingdom also celebrates Black History Month, but the month designated is October, not February.

Here are a few Black History facts that might surprise you:

- Thomas Jennings invented the dry-cleaning process and he was the first African-American to receive a patent for his invention.
- Benjamin Banneker, an African-American, helped build our nation’s capitol, reproducing survey plans from memory in just two days.
- In 1923 African-American Garret Morgan invented the first automatic traffic signal, paving the way for millions of traffic lights at intersections.
- The first self-made woman millionaire in the country was Indianapolis’ Madame C.J. Walker. She designed hair care products for African-American women.
- In 1916, African-American inventor Garrett Morgan made national news when his gas masks saved the lives of workers trapped in a smoke-filled tunnel beneath Lake Erie.



- An African-American invented the electric lamp. Born to fugitive slaves, Lewis Latimer was an “Edison Pioneer,” working for Thomas Edison.
- An African-American physician, Dr. Daniel Williams, performed the first open heart surgery in America. The technique amazed the medical world in 1893.
- During the Civil War, the Bureau of Colored Troops recruited and trained African American soldiers into the Union Army. The Indiana regiment became the 28th U.S. Colored Troops. More than 1,500 black Hoosiers fought for the Union Army during the Civil War. About 250 of them are buried at Crown Hill Cemetery, where they are remembered in an annual ceremony.

Black History Month; 5 Facts You Need To Know, <http://heavy.com/news/2015/02/black-history-month-origins-timeline/>

Black History Month Facts, <http://www.wthr.com/global/story.asp?s=6011037&ClientType=Printable>

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 10, marks the beginning of Lent, the six weeks leading up to the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. Lent is a time of personal reflection and penitence, and we will celebrate the beginning of this special season with a service at 7:00p in McKee Chapel. Please join us as we come together as a congregation to mark the beginning of this season of the church year. Rev. Oscar Clavel will be preaching.

“The” Tower Chimes

Matt Kauffman

After years of accumulating a number of bells given by Tab members and friends, we are excited to announce that a total of eighteen bells have now been hung in our bell tower and are ringing God’s praises throughout our neighborhood! Thanks to all of the generous donors who have given towards this project and to the Facilities and Worship, Music & Arts Committees for making the installation a reality for Tab! A dedication service will be planned for later this spring.



Tab News

Announcements & Events

In accordance with the By-laws, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is hereby called for Sunday, February 14, 2016, at 10:00a for the purpose of: reviewing the Annual Report, electing the five at-large members of the 2016 Church Nominating Committee, receiving the approved Operating Budget for 2016, acting on the Pastors' Terms of Call, and any other business that may be properly discussed. The Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and all members are encouraged to attend. Copies of the Annual Report may be picked up at the Front Office the Sunday prior to the meeting.

*Rev. L. John Gable, Moderator,
Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session*

TAB SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

As a new monthly feature of the Chimes starting this month, we will be highlighting volunteer needs within Tab. Current volunteer needs:

- Assistance with Communion: A volunteer is needed to assist with clean-up following the 11:00a service on the first Sunday of each month.
- Ushering – 11:00a service: The Ushering Team is in need of a few more people to assist with ushering. Ushers serve during three months of each year.
- Assistance with Tab Community Care Requests: Volunteers are needed to interview persons requesting assistance. Tab Community Care appointments are on Mondays and each interview may take 30 minutes. The volunteer will ascertain the need, provide referrals as needed and pray with the requesting person. Minimal paperwork is involved. Multiple volunteers are welcomed to lessen the work load and emotional toll on any one individual.
- Camera operator at 11:00a service. Operating the closed-circuit camera for the choir and media workers. Great views from the balcony. No experience necessary.

Please contact Paula Daum for more information at paula.daum@tabpres.org or 923-5458, ext. 104

SAVE THE DATES!

Photographers will be here at Tab for individual and family photos this spring as we update our church pictorial directory. Mark your calendars for March 9 through 12 and June 1 through 4. Opportunities to sign up for photo sessions will begin on Sundays in February in McKee Hallway.

MYSTERY NIGHT PARTICIPANTS

Eleven of Tab's elementary students memorized at least eleven Bible passages from Psalms and Luke to earn a spot on this semester's Mystery Night outing. Those students are Carson Crane, Karis Crane, Annesa Cummins, Avery DeArman, Drew Gall, Simeon Noel, Sarah Pfleeger, Anna Schubert, Lily Sturgis, Claudia Van Winkle and A.J. Young. Congratulations to our young scholars!

PRETEEN RETREAT

Tab's fifth and sixth graders are invited on our annual Preteen Retreat, which will take place March 11-13 in the Family Cabins at Brown County State Park. We'll hike, cook, ride horses, swim, have Bible study, do crafts, play games and have Sunday worship. It's a full weekend, but a really fun one! Cost is \$40 per student and advance registration is required. The deadline is February 27 to register and a permission slip and a waiver for the Horse Barn will need to be signed. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Wirt at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org or ext 140.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Tab's Little Free Library, located in Tab Park, is getting plenty of use even in the cold weather. So far, we've given away at least 200 books. It might be even more because some of our neighbors have been helping to keep the library stocked. We include both fiction and non-fiction with our main focus on books for children and teens. If you would like to donate books (they don't have to be new), please drop them off in Lower Level B or the Front Desk so we can put our Tab Little Free Library sticker in the book before we load them into the library box.

GRACIOUS GIFTS

The Gracious Gifts Committee would like to thank our generous congregation for contributing nearly \$6,000 this Christmas to support Tab related local and global ministries and missions. We are grateful for you. What comes next? On February 7 and 14 the next Gracious Gifts offering will be supporting Heart Change Ministries. Heart Change ministers to women in generational poverty through relationship building and teaching discipleship, parenting and life skills. They also give women the gift of work by employment in businesses initiatives. Please stop by the Gracious Gifts table in McKee Hallway Sundays, February 7 and February 14, to find out more about this amazing ministry. Make a monetary contribution as a way to honor someone you love for Valentine's Day.

Visiting Artist Series

Coming to Tab in 2016



SACRED MUSIC COMPOSERS CONCERT, February 7, 1:30p

This special concert features original brass, organ and vocal sacred music by local, living composers. Music by Frank Felice, Wayne Lundburg, Michele Murray, Mark Murray, Tom Nichols, Michele Howard, Matt Dickerson and Tabernacle's own Matt Kauffman. Plan to stay after the 11:00a worship service, bring a lunch (or hop out to one of the area eateries) and then join us in this special concert highlighting some of Indy's best church musicians!



DREW PACE, ORGANIST, March 6, 4:00p

Join us as our Music Intern, Drew Pace, shares his expertise on the Sanctuary Organ! His concert will feature music from all periods and this will be one you won't want to miss!



"SHARING THE JOURNEY" CONCERT, April 3, 3:00p

Join us for this special concert that pays tribute to violin maker, Mark Womack, featuring his instruments, musicians from across America and members of his family.

February Youth Happenings

We are so excited to start this year as youth directors at Tab. The Youth kicked off the year with a great Winter Retreat to Bair Lake Bible Camp in Jones, Michigan. We are looking forward to some fun outings and great conversations. If you are interested in finding out more about these plans or volunteering please email tabyouth@tabpres.org and we will email you with pertinent information.

Youth Events: February 7- Super Bowl Viewing Party 6:00p-9:00p (Students can be picked up at halftime or may stay until the end of the game); February 14 - Rock and Worship Roadshow Concert at Bankers Life Fieldhouse 5:00p-10:00p; February 21 - I.M.P.A.C.T. 6:00p-8:00p; and February 28 - I.M.P.A.C.T 6:00p-8:00p.



JANUARY WEDDINGS

January 2 - Lindsey Jones and Cicker Jackson
January 23 – Whitney Evans and Aaron Harrison

WELCOME LITTLE ONE

Congratulations to the McDonald Family on the birth of their baby girl, Cora Margaret McDonald, on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. Cora is the daughter of Pete and Julie McDonald and granddaughter of Bruce and Ruth McDonald. She is the great-granddaughter of Wick and Jean McDonald.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathies to Glenn Hanley and his family in the death of Glenn's mother on December 31; to the family and friends of Bill Reel who died on Monday, January 4. Bill joined Tab in December of 1937 making him a 78 year member; and to Kathy and Rich Gunn in the death of Kathy's father, Bill Otter. Bill died on January 17. Please remember these families in your thoughts and prayers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,916,915
YTD actual income:	<u>\$2,004,914</u>
Actual exceeds budgeted by:	\$87,999

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$1,916,915
YTD actual expenses	<u>\$1,921,896</u>
Over budget by:	\$4,981

We thank you for your commitment to God's work here at Tab.

VISION RENEWAL LUNCHEON

The Vision Renewal Team invites you to join them for a luncheon following worship at noon on Sunday, February 28, in the Dining Room. The Vision Renewal Team has been working together since last summer and is eager to share their insights with the Tab Church family. Mark your calendars to join us for lunch on Sunday, February 28. More details to follow.

Pictured: Abel Family Quartet shares their gift of music with the guests of Tab's Open Door.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February

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|----|--|----|---|
| 1 | Billie Porter
Robert Orr
Soraya Webb | 15 | Andrew Johnson, Jr.
Ellen Retterer |
| 2 | Frances Steger | 16 | Molly Redding
Colin O'Banyel
Deborah Daniels-Mannweiler |
| 3 | Betty Barker
Stephanie Harmless | 17 | Virginia Browning
Jean Hansen-Miller
Brenda Sweeney |
| 4 | Griffin Daum
Tim Lancaster | 18 | Jay Steger
Archie Bloomquist |
| 5 | Chuck Gleason
Brendy Lange IV | 19 | John Kupke
Heidi Harmless
Evan Dieterich |
| 6 | Linda Costlow
Jennifer Wirt
Ethan Webb
Kyle Costlow | 20 | Sandy Cheney
Fred Croner, Jr. |
| 7 | Pat Robinson | 21 | Wesley Cornelius
Jim Babcock
Tim Meils |
| 8 | Avery Thompson
Caroline Foster | 23 | Les Duvall
Christie Kupke
Tom Simpson
Connie Hintz |
| 9 | Christopher Whaley
Sue Harkins
Linda Watkins | 24 | Nancy Gordon
Maggie Birk |
| 10 | Kathy Powell | 25 | Nick Sumpter |
| 11 | Constance Brown | 26 | Patty Reel |
| 12 | Honi-Jean Schroeder
Merv Yoder
Drew Pike | 27 | Dan Schroeder |
| 13 | Ali Luchtman | 28 | Glenn Koehring |
| 14 | Jean Campbell
Jennifer Weyreter
Karis Crane
Anna Schubert
Mateo Urfalian | 29 | Dave King |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

February

- | | |
|----|---|
| 11 | Chuck & Marian Marlowe (22 years) |
| 13 | Michael & Heather Miller (6 years) |
| 14 | Bob & Suzanne Shaw (45 years)
Eric & Veronica Foote (24 years) |
| 23 | Gary & Judy Daymon (42 years) |
| 27 | Ralph & Sue Harkins (45 years) |

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