

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 Kingdom of God

Dear Friends,

Throughout the season of Lent we have been talking about Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of God. There is general agreement that this was the central theme of His preaching and teaching ministry. There is also general agreement that He taught about it in a rather interesting and unusual way...by using parables.

What is the Kingdom of God? It is like a farmer sowing seeds in the field, some fall among the rocks, others on thin soil, still others on good soil, some even among the weeds. It is like a net cast in to the sea, a woman who kneads yeast into the flour, a treasure buried in a field, a pearl of great price and so on.

Do you get what He is talking about? Do you understand what the Kingdom of God is like? Perhaps with the disciples we nod our heads "yes," but then have to confess, "no, not really."

Some might say that Jesus was being intentionally vague and ambiguous in His use of the parables, but I don't think so. I think, like any really good storyteller, Jesus was inviting His listeners, then and now, to enter into the stories He told so that we could discover their meanings for ourselves. During this season of Lent, I hope you are doing just that for yourselves.

But then, just so that there wouldn't be any misunderstanding about His message and meaning, Jesus did some things that were crystal clear and unambiguous...He showed us what the Kingdom of God is like - and we are going to celebrate those events during Lent as well.

On ***Maundy Thursday, March 24***, we are going to offer a Passover Seder meal from 6:00p-9:00p. Our host for the evening will be Steve Sherman, a former Tab member who was raised in a Jewish home. Together we will experience the Passover feast just as Jesus celebrated it with His disciples at the Last Supper. Read more about the Passover Seder in this edition of the Tower Chimes and be sure to register your attendance.

On ***Good Friday, March 25***, at 7:00p, we will reflect and remember Jesus' death during a service of Tenebrae (darkness). This is a powerful and moving service as the Sanctuary moves from light to darkness, from sound to silence, in remembrance of the sacrifice of our Lord.

All of this leads to and prepares us for the ***Celebration of Easter Day on Sunday, March 27***, with services at 7:30a, 9:00a and 11:00a. Through music and prayer and preaching we will celebrate the way God showed us the coming of the Kingdom of God through the resurrection of our Lord!

Any questions we may have about who Jesus is or what He meant by His teachings are answered in His death and resurrection!

Jesus is alive! Alleluia! Amen!

I look forward to worshiping with you throughout this Lenten and Easter season.

Rev. L. John Gable

March 2016

March Preaching Schedule

- 6** “Kingdom of God: Conditions”
Mark 12:28-34
Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching
- 13** “Kingdom of God: Acceptance”
John 3:1-21
I Corinthians 15:50-57
Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching
- 20** “What Will You Shout?”
Mark 11:1-11
Mark 15:1-15
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
Passion/Palm Sunday
- 25** *Good Friday*
7:00p Tenebrae Service
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 27** “The Revolution Has Begun”
Mark 16:1-8
Revelation 5:11-14
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
Easter Sunday

Weekly Bible Readings

- 6** Joshua 5:9–12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16–21
Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32
- 13** Isaiah 43:16–21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b–14
John 12:1–8
- 20** Isaiah 50:4–9a
Psalm 31:9–16
Philippians 2:5–11
Luke 22:14–23:56 or Luke 23:1–49
- 27** Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25
Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24
1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43
John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12

March Event Schedule

SPECIAL

- 5** 12:00p Mystery Night
- 6** 12:00p A-Maizing Lunch
12:00p Home Communion
4:00p Tab Artist Series Concert
6:00p Youth I.M.P.A.C.T.
- 11** 6:00p Preteen Retreat
- 13** 12:00p Tour of Tab
6:00p Youth I.M.P.A.C.T.
- 18** 6:00p Youth Lock-In
7:00p C.S. Lewis Society
- 24** 6:00p Seder Dinner
- 25** 7:00p Good Friday Service
- 26** 10:00a Easter Egg Hunt
- 27** 7:30a Easter Sunrise Service
8:30a Youth Easter Breakfast
9:00a Contemporary Easter Service
11:00a Traditional Easter Service

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 **TUE** 5:30p Outreach Cmte
7:00p Adult Ministries Cmte
7:00p Children’s Ministries Cmte
- 2nd **MON** 5:00p Facilities Cmte
- 2nd **TUE** 5:00p Budget & Finance Cmte
7:15p Worship, Music & Arts
- 3rd **TUE** 7:00p Session Meeting
7:15p Prayer Team Meeting
- 3rd **WED** 7:00p Recreation Cmte
- 4th **TUE** 7:00p Deacons
7:15p Media Cmte

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

Fresh Stop Produce

Family Eats Better with the Help of Fresh Stop

Sally John

Lorisa Lydick and her family already understood the value of eating fresh, local, organically grown produce. They once did an experiment where they all agreed to “go completely natural and organic and see how it went.” Well, it went great as the family saw improvements to their overall health. So when someone handed Lorisa a brochure about Fresh Stop Produce one day last spring while she was watching her kids play football, she came into the Parlor and ended up purchasing a share of fresh produce. The Fresh Stop model usually requires that you purchase your share ahead of time, but we always have a few extras for people like Lorisa. She was able to benefit from the \$12 option, and after that first time, because she has a large family, she ordered three shares each time.

What’s a share? At each Fresh Stop everyone gets the same variety and amount of produce (and sometimes eggs), no matter if they pay \$25 or \$12. Fresh Stop provides a newsletter with recipes, especially for the lesser known veggies and makes samples for people to try. Lorisa doesn’t mind Fresh Stop choosing the produce for her. “It was actually a lot of fun because we got to find new things on our own,” she said. “I searched for some recipes online. Some of them we just played with, like literally just kinda of just stuck them in a pan and went, ‘here, let’s try this!’ My family loves it.”

Lorisa feels she gets good value - a lot of produce for her money. “I had money to buy other things to go with (the produce) to create meals and to be able to feed my family in a healthy manner,” she said. “It definitely opened a huge doorway for us to be able to do better and eat better, and I know we appreciated it greatly. It was wonderful for us!”

Fresh Stop will be starting up again soon for 2016. For more information or to volunteer contact Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com.



Photos taken by Mark John

Spotlight

Rev. Gable Joins the Faculty of CREDO

Rev. John Gable has been invited to join the faculty of CREDO, a program sponsored by the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church USA. CREDO is designed to help mid-career pastors address issues of their health and well-being: vocational, spiritual, emotional, physical and financial.

The design of CREDO is to invite groups of 30-35 pastors to attend an eight-day retreat at a remote conference center somewhere distant from where they are currently serving. During that time away, a faculty of eight will guide them through times of insight and discovery as they address these critical areas of their life and ministry. At the end of the retreat time participants are encouraged to write a CREDO plan; a plan of action that they will implement when they return home. Rev. Gable has been asked to serve on the CREDO faculty as a conference leader.

John was a participant in a CREDO conference in 2010 and remembers thinking, "This has been so beneficial. If ever I am asked to be part of the CREDO faculty I would love to participate." He was invited to join the faculty and will lead his first CREDO conference in Hunt, Texas March 6-14. Please keep him and the participants of CREDO in your prayers.

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My Week in the Big Apple

Matt Kauffman

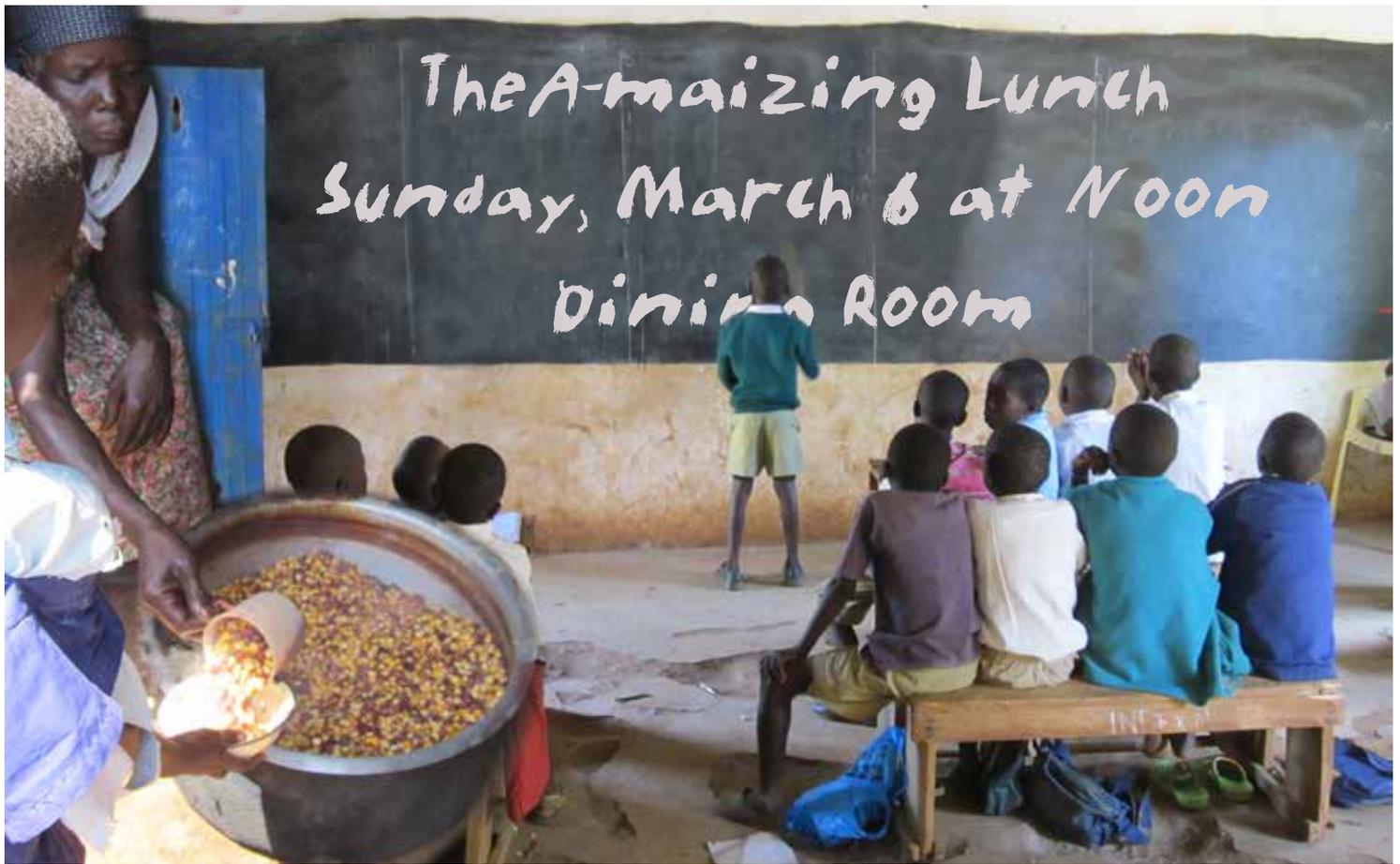
For a week in January, I was privileged to be a part of an exclusive group of folks from literally across the world that participated in a workshop in New York City, "The Complete Conductor: Orchestral Conducting for the Choral Conductor." An extensive application and video audition were required from each prospective participant. Out of all the applicants, 16 were chosen to be a part of this intense six-day program that included classroom work, private conducting lessons and observing two concerts presented at Carnegie Hall.

The workshop leaders for this program were some of the finest in the profession. Renee Clausen, one of the world's top choral conductors, from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota led the choral portion of the workshop and Michael Adelson, one of the conductors of the New York Philharmonic, led the instrumental conducting portion of the workshop. During these times, conducting techniques were shared with respect to communicating with singers and players (which differ tremendously) and how to bring these two groups together in producing wonderful choral and orchestral interpretations through our conducting techniques.



Outside of the classroom work, each of the conducting mentors spent private time with each of us. After their critiques (and going back to the hotel to work on them!) we were privileged to work one-on-one with, first, a string quartet who offered their critiques and suggestions and then with a full chamber orchestra who also offered their critiques of our conducting and communication to the players.

The time that I spent in New York for that week was professionally one of the best opportunities that I have had throughout my career. Thanks to Tab for allowing me the time to participate in this phenomenal experience and for your constant support to the Music Ministry of Tab and to me personally. God bless each of you!



Seder Dinner

Maundy Thursday, March 24, 6:00 to 9:00p
An Experience for Adults and Children

Gather to reenact the final dinner that Christ shared with His disciples, a Seder Meal. This will be a hands-on experience of what happened in the Upper Room the night of Jesus' betrayal. This celebration of the Jewish Festival of Passover has a definite connection with Christians for a fuller understanding God's plan of salvation.

Our Seder will be hosted by former Tab member, Steve Sherman. Steve was raised in a Jewish home and converted to Christianity in the 1970s. He will bring unique insight and perspective into the meaning of Holy Communion and how the bread and the cup chosen for this by Jesus were a special and integral part of the Jewish Festival.

The cost is \$5 per person with a \$10 maximum per family. Sign up on Sundays March 6 and 13 in McKee Hallway.

Tab News

Announcements & Events

TAB SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking for a great way to volunteer, please consider one of these current needs at Tab!

- Tab will be hosting a **Sacred Music Symposium** on April 27, 28 & 29. We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities on these days, including greeters, ushers and many other roles.
- **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** - Volunteers are needed to interview persons requesting assistance. Appointments are on Mondays and each interview may take thirty 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: 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.

THE VISION TAKES SHAPE

A vision for Tab's future is taking shape - and it calls us to grow stronger in faith, go deeper in relationships, and seek to make a greater impact for God's Kingdom. After eight months of prayer, study and deliberation, the Vision Renewal Team presented a draft of its report to Session during a half-day retreat on Saturday, February 13. There, Elders learned that the report casts a vision of Tab as a place:

- Where people grow stronger in faith as they are equipped to serve;
- Where they create deeper, loving relationships despite their differences; and
- Where they work together to strengthen the community, advocate for justice and promote God's peace and shalom.

Now Session is ready to embark on this next phase in the life of Tab by sharing the vision with the congregation. Please join us for lunch at 12:00p on Sunday, April 10, as the Vision Renewal Team and Session give an overview of the report and explain what comes next. Commissioned by the Session, the Vision Renewal Project is a congregation and community-wide opportunity to build on the church's heritage as we seek how God wants us to serve Him and His people in the future. Come be a part of it!

KIDSGAMES 2016 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

As we do every even-numbered year, Tab Children's Ministries and Tab Recreation will partner for KidsGames, a sports-themed Vacation Bible School for children ages 6-12. This year's KidsGames will take place June 13-17 from 9:00a until 2:30p. There is no fee, but registration is required. Tab families should look for brochures in the mail in early April, and additional brochures for friends or neighbors will be available in McKee Hallway. We will need MANY adult and teen volunteers for the morning sports component or the afternoon VBS component, so if you're available for an afternoon, a day or two, or better yet, the entire week, we'd love to have you join us for this fun and fulfilling experience! If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Wirt at 923-5458 ext. 140 or jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org

PRETEEN SPRING RETREAT AND SUMMER TRIP

This year's Spring Retreat for Tab's preteens (fifth and sixth graders) will take place March 11-13. We'll leave Tab at about 6:00p to drive in the Tab van to Brown County State Park where we'll stay in two family cabins. We'll have a busy weekend full of swimming, crafts, music, games, Bible study, horseback riding, cooking, hiking and time to just "hang out." Cost for each student is \$40 to help offset the cost of lodging, meals, materials and the Horse Barn. A permission slip will be required. If your student is planning to participate or you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Wirt at 923-5458 ext. 140 or jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org *no later than March 2.*

THANK YOU TO OUR MISSIONS UNIT VOLUNTEERS!

As we wrap up this year's Missions Unit, Children's Ministries wants to offer our heartfelt appreciation to the many adult and teen volunteers who helped us to show Tab's children the amazing world in which we live and the dedicated men and women working around the globe to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you to Sharon Marshall, Jen Thomas, Weston Young, Randy Green, Bart Ost, Sara Heitman, Jacquie Green, Stephanie Lynn, Sarah Noel, Christen Prible, Sean O'Banyel, Oscar Clavel, Janet McCaslin, Caroline Whaley, John Pfleeger, Peg Padgett, Mary Luzader, Eve Hanley, Dan Sturgis, Beth Buchanan, Becky Buchanan-Schwanke, Damon Davis, Paula Daum, Martha Pfleeger, Julie Kukolla, Jill O'Banyel, Matt Gall, Christine Gall, Joe Kukolla, Paula Means, Kara DeArman, Debbi Strack, Christine Fedor, Liz Strodman, Elijah Cummins, Katherine Gering, Molly Booker, Duane Anderson, Dave Brunsting, David Burris, Carter Booker, Suzie Booker, Monica Cummins, Beth Brunsting, Betsy Brunette, Betsy Morse, Clyde Townsend, Jenny Sturgis, Rebecca Townsend, Joel Padgett, Susie Anderson, Cindy Verbarg and Kaylee Brunsting. We couldn't do the Missions Unit without your help!

Holy Week

SCHEDULE

Passion/Palm Sunday | March 20

8:00a Communion Service

9:00a Contemporary Service

11:00a Traditional Worship Service

Maundy Thursday | March 24

6:00p–9:00p Seder Dinner

with special guest Steve Sherman

\$5 per person, \$10 family maximum

Reservations required

Good Friday | March 25

12:00n Mid-North Service at North United Methodist

7:00p Tenebrae Service at Tab

Holy Saturday | March 26

10:00a Easter Egg Hunt for the whole family

Easter Sunday | March 27

7:30a Easter Sunrise Service

8:30a–11:00a Youth Easter Breakfast

9:00a Contemporary Easter Celebration Service

11:00a Traditional Easter Celebration Service

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26 @ 10am

*Bring your friends, family & neighbors!
All children through 12 years old are welcome,
along with their parents. Rain or shine!
No fee or registration required.*

Come to Lower Level B at 10am for Crafts, Games, Snacks & The Resurrection Story before the Egg Hunt

WELCOME LITTLE ONE

Congratulations to the Birk Family on the birth of their baby girl, Susannah Elizabeth Birk, on Saturday, January 30. Susannah is the daughter of Nick and Maggie Birk and granddaughter of Mark and Teresa Lubbers.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathies to Marian Marlowe and her family in the death of husband, Chuck Marlowe, on February 11. Please keep the Marlowe family in your prayers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$380,447
YTD actual income:	<u>\$290,924</u>
Income less than budget by:	\$89,523

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$233,287
YTD actual expenses:	<u>\$211,185</u>
Expenses under budget by:	\$22,102

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

ARTIST SERIES - MARCH 6, 4:00p

Join us for an organ recital by Tab's intern, Drew Pace, as he brings his expertise to the wonderful Sanctuary organ! Bring yourself and bring a friend - you won't want to miss this exciting recital!

IT'S TIME TO SPRING FORWARD - MARCH 13

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 13. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

C. S. LEWIS SOCIETY MEETING - MARCH 18

Ray Bradbury, Arthur C. Clarke and C. S. Lewis, three famous writers with common interests and differing opinions. Jon Eller (Bradbury biographer and Director of the Center for Ray Bradbury Studies) details the connections and disagreements among these men, drawing on their published fiction and their private letters. Join us on Friday, March 18, 7:00p - 9:00p in the Parlor.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES - MARCH 25

Join us as we come together to remember the suffering of Christ on the cross on Good Friday.

- 12:00p - Mid-North Community Good Friday Service - North United Methodist Chapel
- 7:00p - Tenebrae Service (*Service of Darkness*) - Tabernacle Sanctuary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

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|----|--|----|--|
| 2 | Julia Buchanan-Schwanke
Stephanie Buchanan-Schwanke
Julie Foster | 18 | Amy Rexroth
Robert Weyreter |
| 3 | Sandy Simonel
Tracey Krueger | 19 | Nancy Axelrad
Dave Metzger
Dallas Moorhead
Carol Wilson
Mike O'Banyel
Philip Woller
Mary Beth Weisel |
| 5 | Jean Strouse
Emily Norris | 21 | Gary Wright
Sara Heitman |
| 7 | Adina Coomes
Jean Hursh
Bill Marshall | 22 | Margaret Hansen-Kahn
Christopher Wirt
Juliet Noel |
| 8 | Doug Conrads
Bill Decker
Abby Pottorff
William Scales | 23 | Ruth Lahman
Hannah Kiger |
| 9 | Kris Crossley
Isaac Niese
Xavier Niese
Rob Weller | 24 | Nancy Koehring
Jeremy John |
| 10 | Madyson Crane
Chris Erotas
Margie Craft | 25 | Joyce Tovsky |
| 11 | Megan Pike
Patrick Brunette
Matthew Braly | 26 | Rick Harker |
| 12 | Christine Scales
Beverly Okumu | 27 | Andy Phillips
Linda Hall
Jean Davis |
| 13 | Jennifer Matthews | 28 | John Blum
Ann Reynolds
Kim Hotchkiss
Kate Booker
Paul Burris |
| 14 | Nancy Hitchcock
Peter John | 29 | Kevin Seidel
Caryn Costlow |
| 15 | Nate Fowler
Lewis Bernlohr
Molly Moore | 30 | Susie Anderson
Kaylee Brunsting
Einar Stefansson |
| 16 | Cennie Scott
Louise Willson
Hayden Lancaster | 31 | Alexander Peterson
Jill O'Banyel
Glory Sief
Yara Sief
Holly Fraser
Bekah Ost |
| 17 | Mary Alice Moon
Elaine Strickland-Berger
Randy Strouse | | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

March

- 1 Jason & Katy Howe (19 years)
- 2 Lee & Doris Shafer (20 years)
- 5 Ryan & Robin West (5 years)
- 21 Chuck & Emily Summers (1 year)
Jeff & Julie Foster (29 years)
- 23 Doug & Lois Horth (64 years)
- 26 Tom & Brenda Huston (50 years)
- 28 Omar & Amy Martin (1 year)
- 29 James & Jane McClelland (36 years)
- 30 Lyle & Deborah Daniels Mannweiler (31 years)

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POSTMASTER: Send address change to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church at the above address.

EASTER Flowers



Fill our worship spaces with an array of beautiful potted plants and ferns.

The plants may be donated "In honor of" or "In memory of" a special loved one, friend, or ministry and may be taken following the 11:00a service on Easter Sunday morning.

Cost for each plant is \$25

Given by: _____
please print clearly

In Memory of: In Honor of:

please print clearly

I would like: _____ Potted Flowering Plant
 _____ Potted Fern *(only 26 ferns available)*

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return this form to the Front Office no later than Sunday, March 20. Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, marked "Easter Flowers."