

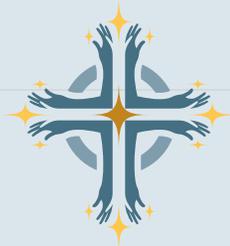
TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 SCHEDULE

- 8:00a** Communion Service
Located in McKee Chapel
- 9:00a** Contemporary Service
*Connect with God and with one another
in authentic, relational worship in the Sanctuary*
- 10:00a** Christian Education Hour
Programming for all ages
- 11:00a** 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.



Pastoral Reflection

New Things for 2017

Dear Friends,

Church historians have noted that significant, even radical, changes in the Church and Christendom come about every 500 years or so.

The Emperor Constantine's conversion in the 4th century ended widespread persecution in the Roman Empire when he declared Christianity to be the state religion.

1054 AD marked the "Great Schism" separating Eastern Christianity (think the Orthodox Churches: Greek, Russian, Eastern) from Western Christianity (think the Roman Catholic Church.)

1517 AD introduced the Protestant Reformation through the passion and leadership of Martin Luther, followed by John Calvin, John Knox and others.

Add 500 years and we come to today - 2017. So, what is God doing in the world, in the church, in our church, in your life and mine that is renewing and reforming?

Two specifics come to mind in our life at Tab.

First, one of the cornerstone principles of the Protestant Reformation (1517) was an emphasis and re-engagement with Scripture. Sola Scriptura - Scripture alone - as the source and authority of our understanding for faith and the practice of the Christian life. To promote this, Luther translated the Bible from Latin, which only the priests and scholars could read and understand, into German, the common language of the people. He literally "gave Scripture" to the masses.

In recognition of, and appreciation for that gift, we are going to reintroduce a "year long congregational read of the Bible." Each month, starting this month, we will provide you with a daily schedule of reading which will allow us to read the entirety of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation in 2017.

Throughout the year we will also offer adult education classes, as well as sermons, on the important aspects of the Protestant Reformation and the ways it continues to shape and inform our practice of the faith today.

The second new thing that God is doing at Tab in 2017 will be a deeper dive into the Vision Renewal Report which was recently written and adopted. While it is only 50 years (not 500) since the Metropolitan Community Program Report (1966) which stated our commitment to staying at our present location, the 2016 Vision Renewal Report reaffirms that commitment. Throughout the coming year, our Year of Jubilee, in worship and classes, through special congregational gatherings and projects, we will explore together what it means to seek:

Greater Faith

Deeper Relationships

A Stronger Community.

Please pray with us and for us as we seek God's leading to discover the "new thing" that God is doing in our midst.

We can enter the new year with one of two perspectives. Either by saying, "Look what the world is coming to" or "Look what is coming to the world." I choose the latter.

I look forward to being with you in worship and service at Tab this year...and this week.

Rev. L. John Gable

January 2017

Preaching Schedule

- 1** Eric Kropp, Seminary Intern, preaching
One service only at 10:00a
There will be no Education Hour
- 8** "Who Am I to Lead?"
Exodus 18:13-27
Acts 6:1-8
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 15** "Get Us Out of Here"
Exodus 2:23-3:12
Romans 3:9-20
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 22** "The Mighty Acts of God"
Exodus 13:17-22
Romans 3:21-26
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 29** "Always Enough, Never Alone"
Exodus 16:1-18
John 14:18-27
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

Weekly Bible Readings

- 1** Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23
- 8** Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17
- 15** Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Matthew 4:12-23
- 22** Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23
- 29** Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

January Event Schedule

SPECIAL

- 1** 10:00a Worship Service
- 2** Church Offices Closed
- 3** 5:00p HR Cmte Meeting
- 8** 4:00p Middle & High School Family
Pitch-In & Parent Meeting
- 11** 6:00p Greater Faith Video Class
- 15** 4:00p Middle & High School Youth
Bowling
- 16** MLK Day Observance -
Church Closed
11:00a Preeteen Lunch & Movie
- 18** 6:00p Greater Faith Video Class
- 20** 7:00p C.S. Lewis Meeting
- 22** 4:00p Middle & High School Youth
Group
- 23** 12:00p Thomas Merton Class
6:00p Greater Faith Video Class
- 25** 6:30p Vision Renewal Class
- 27** 12:00a Youth Retreat
- 28** 9:00a Session Retreat
5:30p Family Fun Night
- 30** 12:00p Thomas Merton Class

WEEKLY

- MON** 6:30p Cub Scout Pack
6:45p Boy Scout Troop 72
- TUE** 10:00a Women Alive
6:30p Prayer Ministry
- WED** 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study
5:00p Contemporary Service Reh
6:00p Purls of Wisdom
- THU** 3:45p Tab Tutoring
6:00p Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:15p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- FRI** 7:00p Circle of Hope
- SAT** 8:00a Men's Bible Study
- SUN** 4:00p Middle & High School Youth
- MWF** 11:00a Tab's Open Door

MONTHLY

- 1st TUE** 5:30p Missions Cmte
7:00p Adult Ministries
- 2nd MON** 5:00p Facilities Cmte
- 2nd TUE** 5:00p Budget & Finance
7:00p Children's Ministries
7:15p Worship, Music & Arts
- 3rd TUE** 7:00p Session Meeting
7:15p Prayer Team Meeting
- 4th TUE** 5:30p Congregational Life
7:00p Deacons' Meeting
7:15p Media Cmte
- 2nd WED** 10:30a Ladies Quilting Group
- 4th WED** 10:00a Ladies Quilting Group
- 2nd SAT** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom
- 4th SAT** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom

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

Vision Renewal

Moving the Vision Forward

In 2016, Tab's Session unveiled a new vision for Tab's future. In 2017, that vision takes shape as tangible action. Focusing on three objectives: Greater Faith. Deeper Relationships. Stronger Community.

The new vision for Tab's future was created with input from the congregation and presented in April. Almost immediately, Session went to work on a plan for implementing the vision.

That work began with a Session retreat that sought to prioritize the vision work. As a result of that meeting, Session zeroed in on two key initiatives. The first builds on the history and opportunities of Tab Recreation, while the second emphasizes opportunities for Tab members to strengthen their relationships with each other. Session and subcommittees have worked in recent months to define those initiatives and plan how they can be brought to life.

The Tab Recreation initiative will focus on efforts to strengthen the spiritual development that takes place among Tab Recreation participants. Tab is in the process of pursuing a grant from the Center for Congregations that will provide resources to support this initiative, and the church will also offer more chances for members to become involved in Tab Recreation.

The relationships initiative will take shape in many ways, including special congregational events and meals that will bring members together outside of worship. Tab is also working to increase small group opportunities, and to help members connect with each other in ways that allow relationships to blossom.

While those two initiatives have been given priority by Session, they are not the only ways the renewed vision will take shape in 2017. Pastors Gable and Clavel plan to focus on aspects of the vision in their messages in early 2017, and the planned all-church read of Scripture is seen as a way to help members enhance their faith lives.

In addition, this year a special Wednesday-evening Lenten study will highlight the Vision Renewal Report's three objectives, asking members to read the Report again so they can dive deeply into conversations about how they can live out the Report's call to greater faith, deeper relationships and a stronger community.



Greater Faith

Tab will be a place where people are challenged to grow stronger in faith, to become equipped to serve and to pursue opportunities for innovative and collaborative service.

Deeper Relationships

Tab will be a catalyst for deeper loving relationships that embrace differences for the sake of fellowship and service.

A Stronger Community

Tab will work in partnership with its neighbors to strengthen the Mapleton-Fall Creek community, advocate for justice and promote God's *shalom* (an overall sense of well-being, a complete, holistic goodness) for all people.

Spotlight

What's Coming Up in Mapleton-Fall Creek

Part two of an Interview with Leigh Riley Evans, Executive Director of Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation, by Rev. Oscar Clavel / Photo taken by Dave Streit

Continuing our series on what makes Mapleton-Fall Creek a great neighborhood, we turn our attention to what the future will mean for Tab and our mission. The changes to Mapleton-Fall Creek shouldn't be alarming to any of our members who drive into the neighborhood weekly. You may have started to notice the overall facade improvements such as new homes sprouting up and lots of renovations taking place. Those improvements have been the result of private investors and Habitat for Humanity. In 2017, through the CDC in partnership with local builders, we will see new homes built again. If you head just a little north of our church, at the corner of 38th and Illinois, you'll notice that the strip mall facade was updated in hopes of attracting new businesses and entrepreneurs. Also, Tarkington Park, at the same corner, will receive a massive overhaul as it becomes an urban destination for families to enjoy.

One improvement you might not see but will appreciate is the combined commitment between Citizens Energy Group and the MFCDC to connect the neighborhood to the waterways. This massive infrastructure investment will improve the sewage line that runs under our streets which is being expanded to accommodate usage. This is a welcomed improvement to many neighbors, who have sewage backup into their homes during heavy storms. Also, the bridges are being renovated, currently on Central, but over time the bridges at College and Capital will be enhanced.

These are just a few of the projects that Leigh Evans and her team are currently working on. However, one area that Leigh remains passionate and concerned about is our neighborhood's current designation as a food desert. Since the Double 8 Food Store shut down, it has left a huge vacuum in food security and accessibility for many residents. Food security has and continues to be a topic of conversation, with all possible solutions being explored from alternatives to food sources, to attracting grocers into the life of this community. This brings us to the main reason I sat down with Leigh Evans this past summer: passion. I wanted to hear from an enthusiastic voice and personality about what makes this neighborhood great and why right now is the time to invest our efforts. Leigh Evans is that passionate voice that we are privileged to have as our friend, fighting to bring positive



changes into the lives of our residents. That passion alone is contagious and brings us to our final reflection.

My desire to know about the neighborhood was not only for my benefit but for you, the reader, as well. I believe that the more we know about what is taking place in our neighborhood, we can decide to become participants of what God is doing in the location many of us call "our second home."

When Leigh was asked how Tab can best see and participate in these improvements she said, "You can drive around and see all the changes, but in fact, you need to get out of the car and just walk around to see what's taking place."

Walk around. We hear you Leigh, and come February 4 we will conduct a Prayer Walk with the intention to not only pray for the neighborhood, but intentionally train each other on how to meet one another, pray for one another, and ultimately become a stronger community. Be watching for more details in the coming weeks.

Contemplation and Action: The Writings of Thomas Merton

Five Mondays, January 23 to February 20

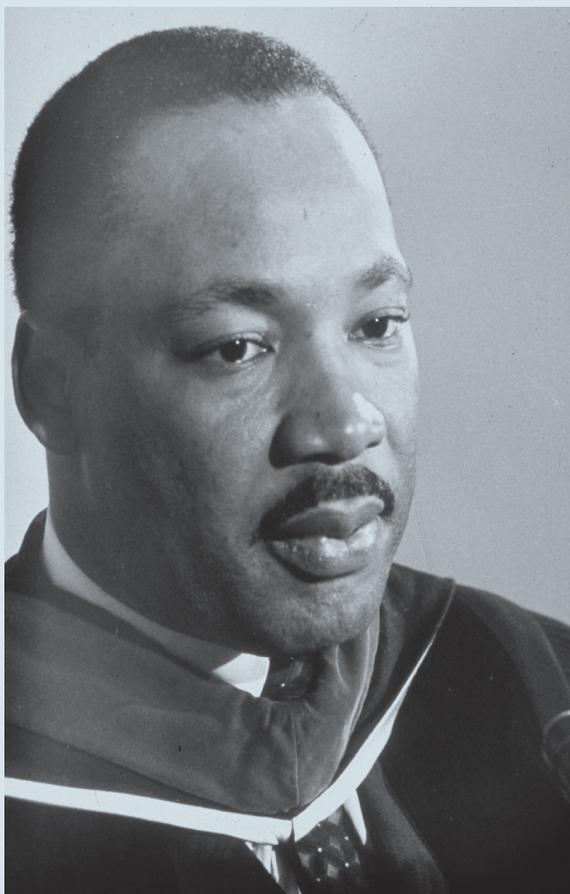
Noon to 1:00p in the Parlor

“Be content that you are not yet a saint...then you will be satisfied to let God lead you to sanctity by paths that you cannot understand.”

The writings of the American monk Thomas Merton (1915-1968) have inspired and challenged all variety of Christians for nearly 70 years. His books on living a life of contemplative prayer and action are filled with faith, hope, love, wit, doubt, cynicism, light and darkness—in other words, the things that make us human.

Beginning Monday, January 23, Connie Hintz and Dave Streit will lead a discussion on selected readings from Merton. Topics will include: What is contemplation? True Selves and False Selves. Our relationship to the world we live in. Prayer. Silence. Solitude. Christian Meditation. Love. Living contemplatively in our world. Living as saints.

Bring your lunch and join in this informal lunchtime discussion. There is no book to buy; the short readings will be provided and introduced for each session. Whether you are new to Merton, or a long-time Mertonophile, you are sure to enjoy this time.



Happy Birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On January 15, 2017, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would have been 88 years old if not for that fateful day in Memphis when his life was cut short by a bullet on April 4, 1968. One can only imagine what more Dr. King would have accomplished if he had lived. The one fact acknowledged and honored each January is that his life had a profound impact on the history of the United States. While some may not fully agree with each of the causes Dr. King supported, he can be respected and admired for challenging all who would listen with the importance of service, of individual responsibility for one's own destiny, of each person's obligation to care for others, and for every person's humanity and civil rights. As we reflect on his life and contributions to America, we should ask ourselves in what way our lives were changed by the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. or how his words helped to clarify our own role in our community. Take a moment to read a few of Dr. King's quotes and reflect on your life, service, and obligation to others.

- “An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”
- “Tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there “is” such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action.”
- “We have flown the air like birds and swum the sea like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers.”

- Paula Means

Tab News

Announcements & Events

NEW YEAR'S DAY SUNDAY SERVICE

Join us for worship on Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day at 10:00a. There will be no Education Hour that day.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Please join us in worship on Sunday, January 8, as we ordain and install new elders and deacons. Please also remember to keep these leaders of our church in your thoughts and prayers.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, for the New Year's Day holiday. Have a safe and blessed New Year! The church will also be closed on Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

ELEVATOR UPGRADE AND MAINTENANCE

Our forty-nine year old elevator is in need of upgrades and maintenance. This work will begin the week of January 20. The elevator will be out of service for up to five weeks. To accommodate the needs of those wanting to access the Sanctuary level, we are temporarily installing a chairlift in the staircase off of the Parking Lot entrance. A deacon or greeter will be available on Sunday mornings to assist those using the lift. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Fedor at 923-5458, ext. 180.

"MESSIAH" THANK-YOU

Thanks to all who helped make this year's "Messiah" presentation a wonderful experience for all who came to the performance. A special thanks to Tab's Sanctuary Choir, Kate Ase, Kaye Diener, Mary Dougherty, Ed & Jan Dykstra, Jeff Julie Foster, Dan Gushee, Andrew & Peyton Hart, Mary Alice Moon, Amanda Foster-Moudy, John Rohr, Anna Schubert, Grace Schubert and Wendy Wilkerson.

MISSION UNIT KICKS OFF

It's time for all Tab elementary students to begin their "trip around the world" during this year's Missions Unit. On January 8, we will prepare for our journey by making passports and name pins, decorating our travel bags, and learning a bit about the steps involved in becoming a missionary. Then on January 15, and continuing through February 27, we will be visiting a new country each week to learn about the geography, culture, religious practices, and Christian mission efforts of that country.

PRETEEN "LUNCH AND A MOVIE"

On Monday, January 16, all Tab fifth and sixth graders are invited to join us for our traditional Martin Luther King Day outing. We will visit Golden Corral for lunch, and then head to Castleton for a movie. Cost is \$5 per student. Please let Mrs. Wirt know if you're going on the trip by January 13. Contact: jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org or 923-5458, ext. 140

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

On Saturday, January 28, beginning at 5:30p, Children's Ministries will host a Family Fun Night for the entire Tab family. We'll have a pitch-in dinner, followed by board games, Euchre, and the movie "The Secret Life of Pets" on the Gallery "big screen." Children's Ministries will provide the main dish and beverages, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share. No reservations are needed. Childcare will be available after dinner for children younger than five.

TAB TUTORING

IPS School 48 has asked us to take several additional students starting in January. We need your help! We want to serve these students so please consider becoming a tutor as a sub or on a regular basis. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Carolee Berry at 989-9064 .

2017 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS

If you have not yet returned your 2017 stewardship commitment card you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. The Session will be determining the 2017 operating budget at their January meeting and we want as much accurate information as possible when they do so. To date we are still shy of our goal in pledges, so your pledge is important regardless of the amount. Tab is a 630 member volunteer organization, so every ministry and mission we carry out is funded by your tithes, gifts, and offerings. Your support of our ministry is appreciated and encouraged.

January 2017

Read Through the Bible

1	Luke 5:27-39	Genesis 1-2	Psalms 1
2	Luke 6:1-26	Genesis 3-5	Psalms 2
3	Luke 6:27-49	Genesis 6-7	Psalms 3
4	Luke 7:1-17	Genesis 8-10	Psalms 4
5	Luke 7:18-50	Genesis 11	Psalms 5
6	Luke 8:1-25	Genesis 12	Psalms 6
7	Luke 8:26-56	Genesis 13-14	Psalms 7
8	Luke 9:1-27	Genesis 15	Psalms 8
9	Luke 9:28-62	Genesis 16	Psalms 9
10	Luke 10:1-20	Genesis 17	Psalms 10
11	Luke 10:21-42	Genesis 18	Psalms 11
12	Luke 11:1-28	Genesis 19	Psalms 12
13	Luke 11:29-54	Genesis 20	Psalms 13
14	Luke 12:1-31	Genesis 21	Psalms 14
15	Luke 12:32-59	Genesis 22	Psalms 15
16	Luke 13:1-17	Genesis 23	Psalms 16
17	Luke 13:18-35	Genesis 24	Psalms 17
18	Luke 14:1-24	Genesis 25	Psalms 18
19	Luke 14:25-35	Genesis 26	Psalms 19
20	Luke 15	Genesis 27:1-45	Psalms 20
21	Luke 16	Genesis 27:46-28:22	Psalms 21
22	Luke 17	Genesis 29:1-30	Psalms 22
23	Luke 18:1-17	Genesis 29:31-30:43	Psalms 23
24	Luke 18:18-43	Genesis 31	Psalms 24
25	Luke 19:1-27	Genesis 32-33	Psalms 25
26	Luke 19:28-48	Genesis 34	Psalms 26
27	Luke 20:1-26	Genesis 35-36	Psalms 27
28	Luke 20:27-47	Genesis 37	Psalms 28
29	Luke 21	Genesis 38	Psalms 29
30	Luke 22:1-38	Genesis 39	Psalms 30
31	Luke 22:39-71	Genesis 40	Psalms 31

WELCOME LITTLE ONES

Congratulations to Chuck and Emily Summers on the birth of their baby boy, Thomas Julian Summers, on December 7. Thomas is the grandson of Thomas and Jennifer Wirt.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathies to Ruth Anne and Gary Wright and their family in the passing of their nephew, Corey Michael Hurst, in Greenwood on December 8; to Donna Bonifield in the passing of her husband, Bill Bonifield, on December 3; to Judy McAtee in the passing of her mother, Jeanne R. Marshall, on December 2; and to Connie and DuWayne Hintz and their family in the passing of Connie's brother, Paul, in Ontario, Canada. Please keep these family in your prayers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,613,704
YTD actual income:	<u>\$1,701,273</u>
Actual exceeds budgeted by:	\$87,569

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$1,784,988
YTD actual expenses:	<u>\$1,690,147</u>
Expenses under budget by:	\$94,841

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

- 1 Ruth McDonald
- 2 Rose Pittman
- 3 Bernie May
Kathy Brown-Mayes
Rob Springer
- 3 Jeanne Moosey
Holly Cates
Kerry Mitchell
Jude Daymon
- 4 Brian Russell
- 5 Janet Hohlt
- 6 Kathy Fowles
- 7 Dennis Johnson Sr.
Stella Fowles
Stephanie Verbarg
- 8 Dave Mills
Mike Terry
Annette Ireland
Lainey Meils





HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (CONT'D)

January

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|----|---|----|---|
| 10 | Barbara Babcock
Kathy Gunn | 17 | Marshall McKenna
Jeanne Spellman
Tate Turman
DuWayne Hintz |
| 11 | John Byers
Lucas Meils
Catherine Weaver
Timothy Burton
Camille Cantwell | 18 | Matt Gall
Rod Lanum |
| 12 | Jean McDonald
Ellie Morse
Jami Turman
Heather Luzader | 19 | Dick Hall |
| 13 | Erica Koehring | 20 | Michael Jefferies |
| 14 | Caroline Gilroy
Don Douglass
Clay Hanley
Bethany Chatelain | 21 | Eric Herzog |
| 15 | John Keller
Libby Pike | 23 | Julie Hudson
Ryan West |
| 16 | Jasmine Townsend
Fritz Blum
Dennis Scamihorn
Weber Morse | 25 | Larry Tovsky
Joshua Kupke
Kathy Dickerman |
| | | 26 | Craig Costlow
Don Heitman |
| | | 27 | Debbie Harker
Heather Miller
Andrew Hamilton
Sarah Malito |
| | | 28 | Brenda Huston |
| | | 30 | Susannah Birk |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

January

- 4 Eric & Lucy Kropp (14 years)
- 9 Jonathan & Jennifer Russell (7 years)
Tim & Arin Lancaster (18 years)
- 15 John & Jackie Wimsatt (6 years)
- 17 Randy & Jacquie Green (14 years)
- 28 Eric & Anne Lange (5 years)

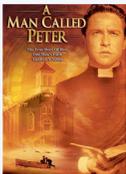
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Tab's Vision – Greater Faith

Our Vision Renewal Report set a goal of each of us acquiring Greater Faith, but how to do that is unclear. Maybe God is trying to tell you something? Are we listening? Where and when do you hear HIS voice? Join members and friends as we discuss the messages we hear in selected movies. Different movies will be viewed each Wednesday for six weeks January 11 through February 15. The movie will be shown promptly at 6:00p in the Parlor and discussion will follow immediately after. Light snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Paula Means at 923-5458, ext. 130 or paula.means@tabpres.org.



January 11 – A Man Called Peter

January 18 – Lilies of the Field

January 25 – Places in the Heart

February 1- Chocolat

February 8 – The Preacher's Wife

February 15 – It's a Wonderful Life

