

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TOWER CHIMES

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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** Christian Education Hour
Programming for all ages
- 10:00a** Summer Worship
Located in the Sanctuary

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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

The Principles of Gardening

Dear Friends,

I think I have mentioned to you before that I have never been much of a gardener, despite repeated attempts. Our feeble attempts at vegetable gardening one year produced one, solitary radish, that turned out to be a remnant red potato left over from whoever used the garden the year before. Another attempt to grow lettuce produced collard greens (which we didn't know what to do with) but which thrilled Elease at the Unleavened Bread Café when we walked in with garbage bags full. We then tried our hand at growing shade gardens since our lot has such mature trees. The gardens were doing very well until the emerald ash borer came through and killed a couple of trees that we had to remove, which suddenly produced a lot of sunlight where once there was shade. (You get the idea.)

I know the principles of gardening, even though I am not necessarily very successful at it. Perhaps you feel the same way about your spiritual life. You know the principles involved, but aren't necessarily producing much fruit.

Summer is a time for growing; so this month in worship I am going to focus on some areas where we can grow in our spiritual lives.

We began our series the last Sunday in June by talking about **Prayer**. Next we will look at:

Devotional life on July 2

Fellowship on July 9

Accountability on July 16

Hospitality on July 23

Witness on July 30

Summertime is the season for growing, not only fruits and vegetables, and flowers and plants, but also in our spiritual lives. This is our time to do a little spiritual watering and weeding, fertilizing and culling - all in the hope that we will produce a bountiful harvest of practices that are pleasing to God.

I'm looking forward to getting down in the dirt with you.

See you in worship.

Rev. L. John Gable

P.S. At the close of last month's Chimes article, I mentioned that we were a little behind financially as we head into the summer months. Many of you responded - thank you! We are right where we need to be budget-wise, but we don't want to lose ground in the next couple of months. Thanks for staying faithful with your pledge and support of Tab's ministries.

July 2017

Preaching Schedule

- 2** "A Season for Growing: Devotional Life"
Greater Faith
Psalm 1; I Timothy 6-16
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 9** "A Season for Growing: Fellowship"
Deeper Relationships
Mark 3:13-19
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 16** "A Season for Growing: Accountability"
Deeper Relationships
Mark 9:2-8; Mark 14:32-42
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 23** "A Season for Growing: Hospitality"
Stronger Community
Genesis 18:1-8; James 2:1-7
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 30** "A Season for Growing: Witness"
Matthew 28
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

Weekly Bible Readings

- 2** Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42
- 9** Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- 16** Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- 23** Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- 30** Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July Event Schedule

SPECIAL

- 1** 9:00a Fresh Stop Produce
- 4** Church Closed for Holiday
- 11** 9:00a Preteen Chicago Trip
- 15** 9:00a Fresh Stop Produce
- 16** 9:00a Umoja/Duke Intern Update
- 17** 5:30p Spiritual Direction
- 19** 12:00p Parents' Afternoon Out
- 23** 5:45p Youth Ministries Committee
- 24** 12:00p Community Ministry Grant Planning
5:00p HR Meeting
7:00p Recreation Committee Mtg
- 29** 9:00a Children's Musical Rehearsal

WEEKLY

- TUE** 6:30p Prayer Ministry
- WED** 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study
6:00p Wednesdays@Tab
6:30p Children's Musical Parent Class
6:30p Children's Musical Reh
- THU** 6:00p Purls of Wisdom
- FRI** 7:00p Circle of Hope
- SAT** 8:00a Men's Bible Study
- MWF** 11:00a Tab's Open Door

MONTHLY

- 2nd **MON** 5:00p Facilities Cmte
- 2nd **TUE** 5:00p Budget & Finance
5:30p Missions Cmte
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
7:00p Media Cmte
- 2nd **WED** 10:30a Ladies Quilting Group
- 4th **WED** 10:00a Ladies Quilting Group
- 4th **SAT** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom

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

Circles

Jerry's Story

Circles® is a national model that uses relationship-based approaches to help communities become educated about the causes of poverty and the barriers that keep people in poverty, as well as directly helping individuals and families living in poverty to achieve self-sufficiency. It is being used in more than 70 communities around the country and has been housed at Tab for over seven years. Circles® was started in 2010 by the Julian Center in Indianapolis as an initiative to assist survivors of domestic violence in permanently breaking the cycle of violence by helping them to achieve self-sufficiency. From the start of the program through 2015, with seven *Getting Ahead* classes, data provides supportive evidence that over time lives can be improved and Circles® works! Our advocate, Sam Manning, recruited 12 guests from Tab's Open Door Soup Kitchen to start the Circles® process. Seven men and women completed the 16-week *Getting Ahead* instruction without missing more than two classes. A small stipend is provided throughout the class but not until after the participant has attended the first four sessions. Instructors are strict, demanding, caring and supportive. We are hoping that all seven will continue in the Circles® program so that they see their lives improve and their income increase. All graduates were thankful for Circles® and Tab for providing the program.



Jerry

Read Jerry's testimony of the difference Circles has made:

"My case is described as situational poverty. We were members of Tab. Both of our boys played T-ball and Basketball at Tab. Then we moved out of the city and joined a Presbyterian church down south. In 2008, my wife had a knee replacement that did not go well. I retired prematurely to become her primary caregiver. Even when she had to go into a nursing home, I spent the day with her to encourage her and help with her rehabilitation. A couple of years ago she passed away. Since our boys had preceded us, I was alone. I had no vision, no purpose and no reason for being. I joined Circles Indy as an ally. After all, I wasn't in need. I joined to keep busy and help those less fortunate to find a reason for being. But there was something I had been ignoring. Rollover debt hadn't gone away no matter how much I tried not to think about it. Eventually the expenses outstripped my income. The reserve had been exhausted and I was in a deep hole. I wasn't stupid... I was in a deep depression. In the last few months, I have taken the *Bridges out of Poverty* and the *Getting Ahead* courses. I had been relying on my God to provide for me and then I discovered that He was waiting for me to cash the check! In *Getting Ahead*, I discovered that I am not alone. I have a vision, I have a purpose, I have a reason for being. There is now a horizon. I can't see what is there, but I am on my way to that point where the sky and the land come together. I want to thank Tab, my first Indianapolis Church, for restoring my vision."



Circles group

Spotlight

Stadium Update

Story by Don Fledderjohn



New electrical service



Roof work

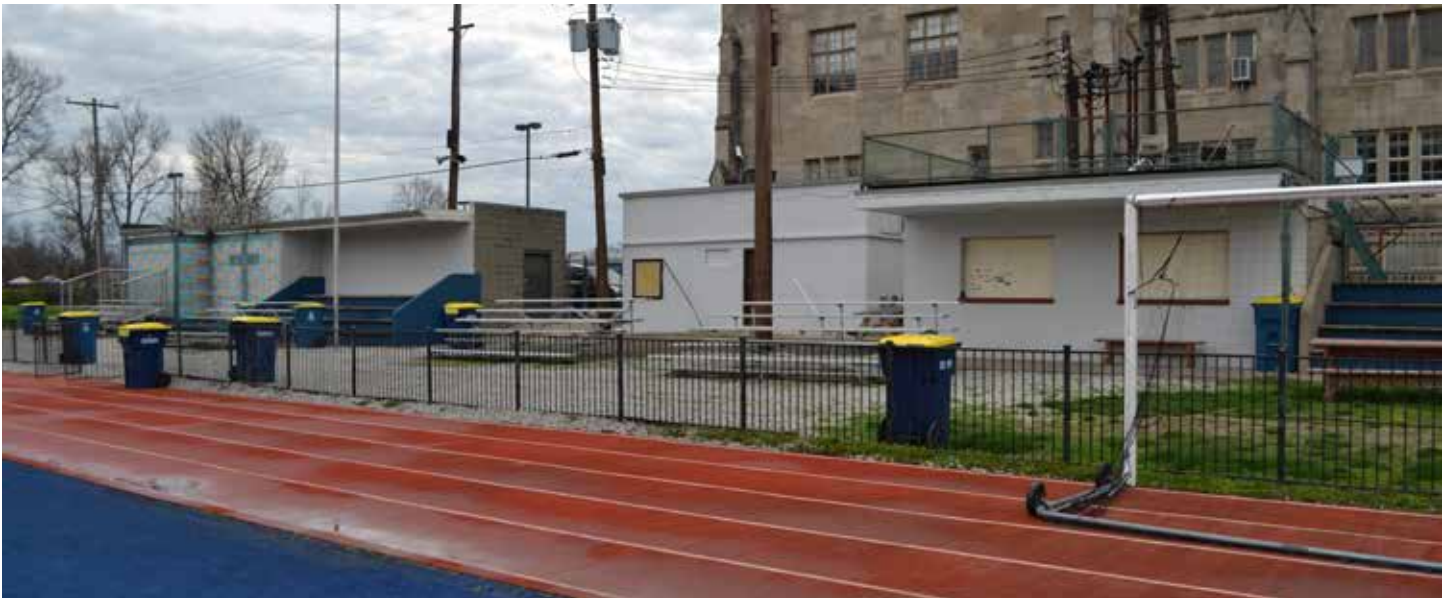


Laying block

If you've visited Tab the past few months you've likely noticed the construction project that is underway on the northwest side of the church adjacent to the athletic field. A mini stadium is being constructed to replace the buildings in the area between the field and the church- the old concession stand, the broken bleachers, the ugly mechanical equipment, the overgrown weeds and the dilapidated restrooms. By October, that space will have been transformed to include a state-of-the-art concession stand, ADA compliant bleachers, modern electrical infrastructure, new landscaping and larger restrooms.

While the physical construction will take only a few months, it has been a long journey. In 2007-2008, Tab raised and spent a little over \$1M to improve our athletic field by installing artificial turf, tall lights, decorative fence and an electronic scoreboard. In 2010, design and preliminary cost estimates for the mini stadium began. In 2013, Session granted permission to start fundraising for the project. The Tab Endowment approved a \$300,000 investment, which demonstrates to outside donors that Tab is invested in the project. The next request was submitted to the Eli Lilly Endowment. After more than a year of conversation, the Lilly Endowment donated \$500,000 in March 2016. By January 2017, another \$185,000 had been received from a variety of donors. With that good news, Session approved proceeding with the construction project.

The most obvious beneficiaries of the project are the children who play on the field and their families. Tab feels it is important that our guests play in as nice a place as any kid in the suburbs, because one's physical environment is an important part of their self-perception. By investing in a community asset, we demonstrate to our neighbors that we value our location and the people who visit our campus.



Buildings and area before construction

Importantly the new stadium provides a venue for community building, and developing deeper relationships between Tab members and our Mapleton-Fall Creek neighbors. A captive audience of visitors cheering on their loved ones provides a great opportunity to build these relationships.

Several elements of the construction project also benefit the church physical plant; a new garage, upgraded electrical functionality, improved storm water drainage, and new sanitary connections. The larger restrooms will meet the needs of both families and players. The concession stand will include a healthier menu and is expected to increase concession revenue. New photos documenting the progress of the construction are posted each week at www.tabpres.org, www.tabrecreation.org and on Tab's Facebook page.

The entire project costs \$1,500,000. The cost reflects the board's emphasis that the stadium design includes details that match the beautiful Gothic architecture of the church. This is a building for ministry to kids and families with the inscription of 1 Timothy 4:8 over the walkway into the stadium. Seventy-three percent has been raised, leaving \$395,000 to meet our final goal. We continue to seek opportunities from both grants and community engagement possibilities. Your chance to participate in this project by making a financial contribution, in addition to your normal tithe, can be found at www.tabpres.org/giving, or by mailing a check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church with "stadium" on the memo line.



Cutting blocks

Tab News

Announcements & Events

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS JULY 2!

8:00a Communion Service

9:00a Education Hour

10:00a Summer Worship

Please note that there will be no Adult Education Hour on July 2. Adult Sunday School will resume on July 9.

THANKS FROM THE MCDONALD FAMILY

Jean McDonald, who served as a pastoral secretary at Tab for 31 years over a period from 1965 to 2002, and a 77-year member, passed away on June 4. We want to extend our thanks to the Tab family for the multiple cards, calls, prayers, and kindnesses extended to our family over her passing. We appreciate it very much and have loved hearing stories of your recollection of what she meant to you. Thank you very much. If anyone wishes to send any cards to her husband, Wick, please send them to Bruce and Ruth's address, and not his apartment at the Marquette Assisted Living location.

MID-NORTH FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many families in our community face hunger or a food shortage during the summer months when children are not in school, and Mid-North Food Pantry volunteers make a big impact. The Mid-North Food Pantry is in need of volunteers, and two hours of daytime availability are needed. We could use your help in many ways; sorting and packing food, gardening, taking clients around the shopping area - or signing in clients if computer work is more your style. Each experience is vital in helping get healthy foods to families facing hunger. Please visit our website at <http://www.mid-northfoodpantry.org> and tap or click on the "Choose a Spot on Sign Up.com" button to find open shifts and to sign up. We have many shifts available and no special experience is necessary. Thank you, Tab, for always helping our neighbors in need! Contact: Liz Strodman at 992-2529 or Betsy Morse at 341-0998.

SAVE THE DATE: SAME PLACE, BUT NEW DATE!

The Annual Deacons' Golf Outing is moving to a new date this year. Please join us on September 9! We are hoping this finds a bit cooler weather, and a pace of summer that is a bit slower. Look for more information later this summer.

Office and Building Closed July 4

The church office and building will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.



Laying block

July 2017

Read Through the Bible

1	Mark 11:1-14	1 Kings 1	Hosea 4:1-5:4
2	Mark 11:15-33	1 Kings 2	Hosea 5:5-15
3	Mark 12:1-27	1 Kings 3	Hosea 6:1-7:2
4	Mark 12:28-44	1 Kings 4-5	Hosea 7:3-16
5	Mark 13:1-13	1 Kings 6	Hosea 8
6	Mark 13:14-37	1 Kings 7	Hosea 9:1-16
7	Mark 14:1-31	1 Kings 8	Hosea 9:17-10:15
8	Mark 14:32-72	1 Kings 9	Hosea 11:1-11
9	Mark 15:1-20	1 Kings 10	Hosea 11:12-12:14
10	Mark 15:21-47	1 Kings 11	Hosea 13
11	Mark 16	1 Kings 12:1-31	Hosea 14
12	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	1 Kings 12:32-13:34	Joel 1
13	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	1 Kings 14	Joel 2:1-11
14	1 Corinthians 2	1 Kings 15:1-32	Joel 2:12-32
15	1 Corinthians 3	1 Kings 15:33-16:34	Joel 3
16	1 Corinthians 4	1 Kings 17	Amos 1
17	1 Corinthians 5	1 Kings 18	Amos 2:1-3:2
18	1 Corinthians 6	1 Kings 19	Amos 3:3-4:3
19	1 Corinthians 7:1-24	1 Kings 20	Amos 4:4-13
20	1 Corinthians 7:25-40	1 Kings 21	Amos 5
21	1 Corinthians 8	1 Kings 22	Amos 6
22	1 Corinthians 9	2 Kings 1-2	Amos 7
23	1 Corinthians 10	2 Kings 3	Amos 8
24	1 Corinthians 11:1-16	2 Kings 4	Amos 9
25	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	2 Kings 5	Obadiah 1
26	1 Corinthians 12	2 Kings 6:1-7:2	Jonah 1
27	1 Corinthians 13	2 Kings 7:3-20	Jonah 2
28	1 Corinthians 14:1-25	2 Kings 8	Jonah 3
29	1 Corinthians 14:26-40	2 Kings 9	Jonah 4
30	1 Corinthians 15:1-34	2 Kings 10	Micah 1
31	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	2 Kings 11	Micah 2

BEST WISHES

June 3 - Amy Elliot & Daniel Miller
June 3 - Jessica McClintock & Jacob Foster
June 9 - Jillian Clark & Chris Jarrett
June 10 - Alexa Craig & Jason Cellier

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathies in the death of Jean McDonald, wife of Wick McDonald, and their three sons, Scott (Gina), Glenn (Mary Sue Vonnegut), and Tab members Bruce and Ruth McDonald. She had nine grandchildren, including current Tab members Libby Pike and Emily McClelland. Jean was also richly blessed with 11 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way.

To Sally and Mark John and their family in the death of Sally's brother, Don Berns, on June 4; and to the family of Jane King who died on Wednesday, June 21. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:	
YTD budgeted income:	\$887,567
YTD actual income:	<u>\$845,621</u>
Income less than budget by:	\$41,946
Expenses:	
YTD budgeted expenses:	\$950,089
YTD actual expenses:	<u>\$901,659</u>
Expenses under budget by:	\$48,430

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July

- 1 Karen Jefferies
Bill Peeler
Julie Scott
- 2 Pat Cracraft
Angela Braly
Katie McHugh
- 3 Beth Ahearn
Dromo Darku
- 4 Emily Featherstone
Beth Buchanan
- 5 Betsy Keller
Brian Verbarg
Teresa Lubbers
- 6 Ray Featherstone
Paula Luzader
- 7 Alan McKenzie
- 10 Adriana Link
- 11 Gale Wilkerson
- 12 Jeff Foster
Pat Carlson
- 13 Charlie Blum
Will Blum





HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (CONT'D)

July

- | | | | |
|----|---|----|--|
| 13 | Grant Gilroy
Rob Ladavac
Kathy Leslie | 24 | Sally Sumpter
Isaac Howe
Landry Cramer
David Cantwell |
| 14 | Leah Crane
Gordon Dunne
Kenya Davis
Bill McGuire | 25 | Joni Heugel |
| 15 | William (Billy) Reel
Claire McClelland | 26 | Pat Ball
Bruce McDonald
Daniel Gushee
Nathan Mylin
Debby Pardue |
| 16 | Ellen Tovsky
Mike White
Kevin Burris | 27 | Glenn Hanley |
| 17 | Daniel Dzubay
Katie Orr | 28 | Beth Crozier
Myron J. McKee Jr. |
| 20 | Curtis Steger
John Peterson Jr. | 29 | Lauren Hughes
David Pike
Jenny Buchanan-
Schwanke
Jennifer Challis |
| 21 | Mary Ann Miller
Simeon Noel
Robin West
Trip Newell | 30 | Woody Ohrn
Chad Lynn
Joseph Kukolla III |
| 22 | Andy Bernlohr
Amy Martin | 31 | Gene Berry
James Bates |
| 23 | Rich Scales | | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

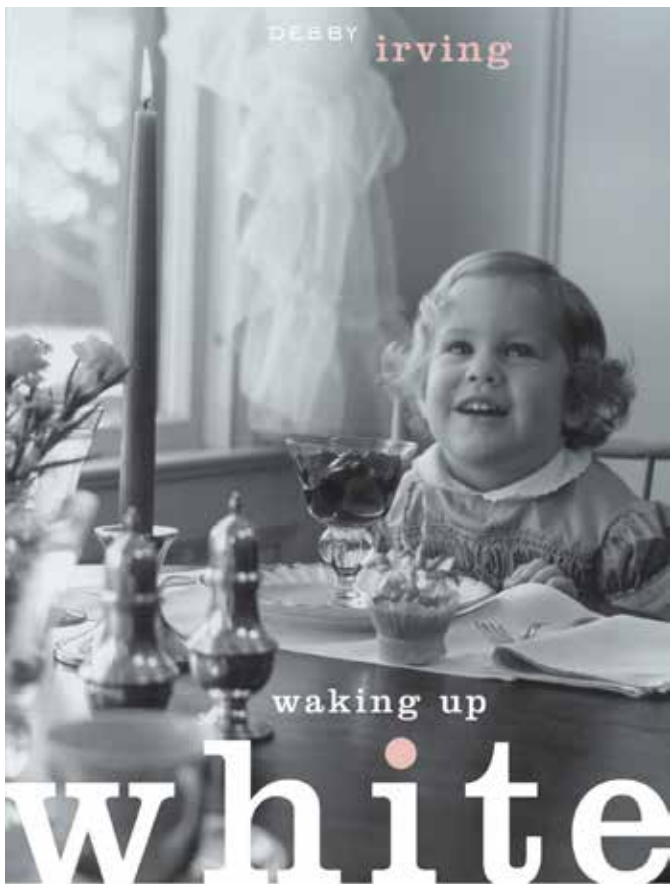
July

- 1 Jerry & Robin Van Auken (28 years)
- 3 Jeff & Leah Crane (13 years)
- 4 Carter & Suzie Booker (25 years)
- 6 Bill & Nancy Gordon (21 years)
Scott & Kim Ledger (32 years)
- 7 Drew & Becca Childs (10 years)
- 8 John & Jen Thomas (22 years)
Tom & Liz Strodman (50 years)
Kevin & Janet Burris (28 years)
Terry & Jami Turman (11 years)
- 9 Scott & Pat Carlson (40 years)
- 10 James & Kathy Fowles (13 years)
- 16 Charlton & Michelle Browning (23 years)
John & Nancy Peterson (62 years)
Brian & Cindy Verbarg (34 years)
- 18 Christopher & Christy Whaley (19 years)
Gene & Carolee Berry (36 years)
- 21 Dennis & Karen Scamihorn (44 years)
- 22 Daniel & Betsy Brunette (39 years)
Don & Sara Heitman (39 years)
- 23 Michelle & Timothy Schumm (6 years)
Mark Beth Ahearn (40 years)
- 24 Frank & Sally Otte (48 years)
- 25 Steve & Julie Scott (30 years)
David Moudy & Amanda Foster-Moudy (2 years)
- 28 John & Kristin Gable (38 years)
- 29 Rick & Patty Reel (40 years)
Jacob & Kristine Crouch (17 years)

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Waking Up White

Have you heard the expression *white privilege* and wondered how it affects you? Or, if it affects you? Please join a six-week reading series from the book *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving.

The book is a chronicle of one woman's personal story, experiences and reflections of living and engaging in a multi-cultural world as a white woman. We will discuss similarities and differences with our own personal stories and learn about how we see each other.

Paula Means, Missions Director of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church and Nedra Feeley, parishioner of Trinity Church are co-facilitating this series of discussions on Wednesday evenings from 6:00p-8:00p beginning July 26 through August 30.

A light meal will be provided at no charge. We will meet for three weeks at Trinity and three weeks at Tab. If you need a copy of the book, it may be purchased for \$15 and ready for pick-up at Tab by July 10. To register visit: <https://wakingupwhiteseries.eventbrite.com>.

Contact: Paula Means at paula.means@tabpres.org or 923-5458, ext 130. We look forward to seeing you!

AND FINDING MYSELF IN THE STORY OF RACE