

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*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## TAB'S TOWER CHIMES

This monthly newsletter is also available on the church website at: [www.tabpres.org](http://www.tabpres.org)

All submissions should be emailed to Kristine Seals at [frontdesk@tabpres.org](mailto: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

## Jesus Became Like One Of Us

Dear Friends,

I participated with several dozen other Tab members in a Poverty Simulation hosted by Circles, a Tab-sponsored ministry. This is an experience I hope you will take advantage of the next time it is offered.

Entering the room I left “my” world and entered into the world of the character I was playing; a 42 year old man who was married and unemployed with three children, the oldest of which was 16 and pregnant. On our limited resources every month, our family had to buy food, pay our mortgage and utilities, and meet the demands of daily living. Needless to say, it was a struggle. The purpose of Circles is not so that we who are privileged can sympathize with the underprivileged, but that we can better understand what they are going through and then come alongside them as they begin a new way of life and living. It was an eye-opening experience.

On my way home, I was reflecting on the evening and I realized that this mirrors what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. In the birth of Jesus, He left His place of comfort and glory (heaven) and entered into our world of brokenness and despair.

We read in Philippians 2 (The Message): *“Jesus had equal status with God but didn’t think so much of Himself that He had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, He set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, He stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn’t claim special privileges. Instead, He lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death - and the worst kind of death at that - a crucifixion.”*

In the birth of Jesus, God “comes along side us” (Emmanuel) and takes on human flesh (incarnation).

But He didn’t come simply to sympathize with us in our brokenness and sin, nor even to better understand what it’s like to live like us. No, Jesus came to redeem and restore us; to lift us out of the poverty of our sin and despair, and create a new way of life and living for us. He lifted us out of the “poverty” of our sin and gave us the “riches” of His glory.

The Gospel message, from His birth to His death and resurrection, can be summed up in this way. “Jesus came to be like us so that we can become like Him.”

At the end of the Philippians teaching we read: *“Because of that obedience, God lifted Him high and honored Him far beyond anyone or anything ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that He is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God.”*

One day every creature in heaven and on earth will join in the chorus of praise the angels sang on that first Christmas morning - and we can join in that chorus now!

Jesus entered our world, He became like one of us, so that we could enter His world and be like Him!

I look forward to celebrating His birth with you this season in worship.

Rev. L. John Gable

# December 2017

## Preaching Schedule

- 3** "The Crib and the Cross Are Made From the Same Wood" Part 1  
Matthew 1:18-23  
Luke 23:32-43  
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 10** "The Crib and the Cross Are Made From the Same Wood" Part 2  
Luke 1:26-33  
Acts 2:29-34  
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 17** "What Child Is This?"  
Luke 2:1-20  
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching  
*Christmas With Tab*  
*One service at 10:00a*
- 24** "Mary's Prayer"  
Luke 1:46-55  
Luke 2:28-35  
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching  
*One service at 10:00a*
- 24** "Through the Eyes of a Wiseman"  
Matthew 2:1-12  
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching  
*5:00p Family Service*
- 24** "Wow!"  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Luke 2:1-20  
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching  
*8:00p Traditional Candlelight Service*
- 31** Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching  
*One service at 10:00a*

## Weekly Bible Readings

- 3** Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37
- 10** Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8
- 17** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28
- 24** 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38
- 31** Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Psalm 148  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40

## December Event Schedule

### SPECIAL

- 7** 11:30a Hollyhock Hill Christmas Party
- 9** 9:30a Open Door Volunteer Coffee
- 10** 3:00p "Messiah" Performance  
5:00p Youth Caroling
- 11** 7:30p "Messiah" Sing-a-Long
- 17** 10:00a "Christmas With Tab" Worship Service  
11:00a Annual Christmas Tea  
11:15a Preteen Christmas Party  
4:00p Youth Group Christmas Party at the Rexroths
- 19** 6:00p Session/Deacon Dinner
- 24** 10:00a Worship Service  
2:00p "Christmas With Tab" Television Broadcast  
5:00p Family Christmas Eve Service  
8:00p Traditional Christmas Eve Service
- 25** Church Offices Closed  
7:00p "Christmas With Tab" Television Broadcast
- 31** 10:00a Worship Service

### WEEKLY

- MON** 6:30p Cub Scout Pack  
6:45p Boy Scout Troop 72
- TUE** 10:00a Women Alive  
6:30p Prayer Ministry  
6:30p Contemporary Worship Reh
- WED** 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study  
12:30p Arts Academy Lessons  
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
- MWF** 11:00a Tab's Open Door

The church offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

### MONTHLY

- 1st **MON** 5:00p HR Meeting
- 2nd **MON** 5:00p Facilities Cmte  
4:30p Endowment Meeting
- 1st **TUE** 5:30p Missions Committee  
6:00p Adult Ministries
- 2nd **TUE** 5:00p Budget & Finance  
7:00p Children's Ministries
- 3rd **TUE** 7:00p Session Meeting  
7:00p Deacons' Meeting  
7:15p Prayer Team Meeting
- 4th **TUE** 5:30p Congregational Life  
7:00p Media Committee
- 2nd **WED** 7:00p Ladies Quilting Group
- 4th **WED** 10:30a Ladies Quilting Group
- 2nd **SAT** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom
- 4th **SAT** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom

Please visit [tabpres.org](http://tabpres.org) for a complete calendar of events.

# New Members Welcome!



## **MARK & JENNIFER HAMILTON**

4303 Heyward Place, Indianapolis, 46250. Phone: (317) 759-1142 (home). Email: mmckhamilton@gmail.com and jenns.hamilton@gmail.com. Jennifer is from a large family of six in Florida and absolutely loves the seasons in Indiana! Mark is from Indiana and went to IU medical school, and has two adult children; a daughter working in Graphic Design in LA and a son at Purdue studying Cyber-security. Jennifer is a medical physicist. They were married four years ago and love the people, preaching, mission and beauty of Tab.



## **ANDREW IRWIN**

3624 Guilford Avenue, Indianapolis, 46205. Phone: (317) 919-9894 (cell). Email: irwinandrew2009@gmail.com. Andrew works at Chipotle Mexican Grill. He has an eight-year-old daughter, Madison Nicole. He enjoys bicycling and video games.



## **KATHY KERN**

6855 Legacy Park Drive, Apt. 105, Brownsburg, 46112. Phone: (414) 232-10217 (cell). Email: kernkat2@sbcglobal.net. Kathy is a music teacher at Northwest Hendricks County Schools. She enjoys reading, crafts and spending time with family.



## **MICHAEL & SANDRA NEELY**

1740 Pine Meadow Drive, Avon, 47234. Phone: (317) 460-9075 (Michael) and (317) 627-0078 (Sandra). Email: mneely7345@gmail.com and x2kidless@mac.com. Michael is a retired physician. They have two grown children and six grandchildren, and enjoy reading, traveling and gardening.



## **ROBIN & SUZANNE REES**

4107 Carrollton Avenue, Indianapolis, 46205. Phone: (317) 408-8479 (Robin cell) and 317-690-9755 (Suzanne cell). Email: rrees62@gmail.com and suzanne.rees@att.net. Robin works as a software development manager at International Medical Group and Suzanne is a business development representative for EduNav. They have two grown children and have volunteered extensively at their prior church homes.



## **BYRON & MARSHA ROBINSON**

533 Lord Street, Indianapolis, 46202. Phone: (317) 374-3502 (Byron cell) and (317) 371-1958 (Marsha cell). Email: byron91083@gmail.com and marsha91083@gmail.com. Byron is retired from Eli Lilly and Marsha is a retired pediatric dietitian. They have two grown children, two grandchildren, and another grandchild on the way! They love to travel and volunteer.



## **FRED & BARB SULLIVAN**

6324 Monitor Lane, Indianapolis, 46220. Phone: (317) 255-9562 (home). Email: barbsnotes@yahoo.com. Fred and Barb have been married for 61 years. They have three grown daughters, two granddaughters and two great grandsons. They enjoy traveling in their fifth wheel and have been to all 48 contiguous states!



## **DAN & KATHARYN WILLIAMS**

5300 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, 46208. Phone: (317) 987-2177 (Dan cell) and (317) 370-2020 (Kathy cell). Email: drwandfamily@icloud.com. Dan will retire at the end of 2017 as a regional market director at Eli Lilly and Kathy is a staff nurse with Meridian Plastic Surgery Center. Their son, Weston, is an eighth-grader at St. Richard's School. Dan is pursuing a Masters of Divinity degree. They enjoy time with family and friends, as well as summers at Lake Maxinkuckee.

# *Christmas with Tab*

Sunday, December 17, at 10:00a

The Sanctuary Choir with Strings, Harp and Brass  
John Gable, preaching

Invite your friends to watch the telecast of this worship service on:

Christmas Eve at 2:00p

Christmas Day at 7:00p

WHMB-TV 40.1

Check your provider's channel guide for channel number.

# *Stories of the Carols*

Thursday, December 21, at 9:00p

WFYI TV 20.1 (PBS)

Check your cable or satellite provider for channel number.

John Gable and Matt Kauffman will serve as your guides to deeper understanding of some of our most beloved Christmas Carols, presented by the Tabernacle Sanctuary Choir. This telecast is a production of Tab Media and Music Ministries.

# Handel's MESSIAH

December 10 at 3:00 pm

Full Presentation of "Messiah" at Tab

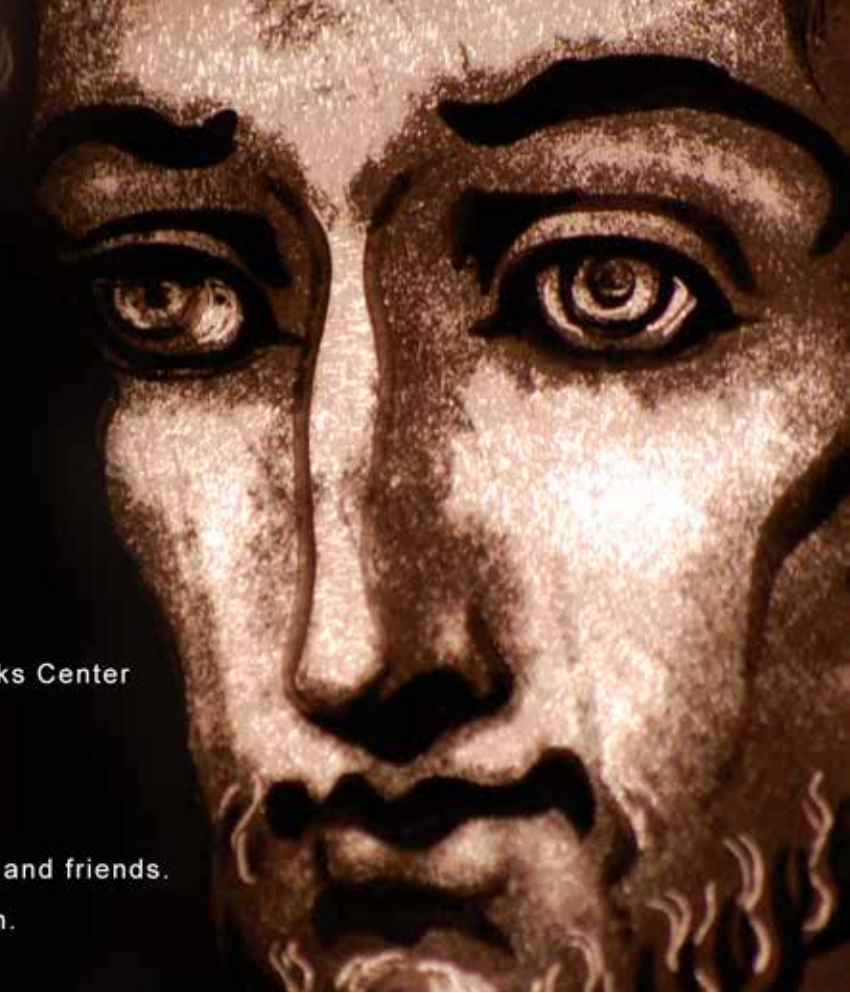
December 11 at 7:30 pm

"Messiah" Sing-a-Long at the Indiana Landmarks Center

Christmas portion and selected choruses

Discount tickets are available to Tab members and friends.

Please see Matt Kauffman for more information.



## Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 3, 9a-11:45a

Join us in Lower Level B to  
make Christmas decorations,  
new friends & nice memories!

- Free for the entire family
- Crafts for children, teens and adults
- Nursery care is available



# Tab News

## Announcements & Events

### DECEMBER SCHEDULE

#### December 3

8:00a - Communion Service  
9:00a - Contemporary Worship  
10:00a - Education Hour  
11:00a - Traditional Worship

#### December 10

8:00a - Communion Service  
9:00a - Contemporary Worship  
10:00a - Education Hour  
11:00a - Traditional Worship

#### December 17

*One Service Only*

9:00a - Education Hour  
10:00a - "Christmas with Tab"  
11:00a - Annual Christmas Tea

#### December 24

10:00a - Worship Service  
*No Education Hour*  
5:00p - Family Christmas Eve Service (Childcare provided for children two and under for 5:00p and 8:00p services).  
8:00p - Traditional Christmas Eve Service

#### December 31

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service  
*No Education Hour*

### THANK YOU FROM JOHN GABLE

At the close of the service on Sunday, November 19, I was surprised by the gift given to me by Sharon Marshall, our Clerk of Session, in recognition of my 10 year anniversary as pastor of Tab. Speaking on behalf of the staff, the Session and the congregation, her words were kind and affirming, and the gifts she presented to Kristin and me and our family were greatly appreciated and will be thoroughly enjoyed. After receiving this kind expression of appreciation I found myself able to say only two words: "Thank you!" That expression was heartfelt then and now. I am grateful for the privilege and honor to serve as your pastor. Thank you.

### HOME COMMUNION

Deacons and Elders will be serving Home Communion on Sunday, December 3. Please notify Rob Springer if you know of someone who would like to be served. Contact: Rob Springer at rafriendsafire@gmail.com

### PRETEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday, December 17, all Tab fifth and sixth graders are invited to our Preteen Christmas Party. We'll leave Tab immediately following the 10:00a worship service and have lunch at the Pope's Table at Buca di Beppo. Students don't need to bring money, but please do bring a small gift (\$10 or less) suitable for either a boy or a girl for a gift exchange. Please RSVP to Jennifer Wirt at 923-5458, ext. 140 or jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org no later than December 13.

### MISSIONS UNIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It's time for all Tab elementary students to begin their "trip around the world" during this year's Missions Unit. On January 7, we'll prepare for our journey by making passports and name pins, decorating our travel bags, and learning about the steps involved in becoming a missionary. On January 14 and continuing through February 25, we'll visit a new country each week to learn about the geography,

culture, religious practices, and Christian mission efforts of that country. This year's countries include Russia, Indonesia, Cuba, Madagascar, Neighborhood Ministries in Arizona, Egypt and Wales. We need many adult and teen helpers to make the Missions Unit a success. To volunteer please sign up on December 3 in the Lower Level Hallway or in McKee Hallway on December 10.

### GRACIOUS GIFTS

This Christmas season, Gracious Gifts celebrates it's 10th anniversary as Tab's Alternative Gift Market. What better way to honor family or friends than with a monetary gift in their name to one or several great missions? A table will be in McKee Hallway on Sundays, December 3, 10 and 17. Be sure to pick up complimentary JOY gift cards designed by Amy Reel Martin to send to those you honor.

### 2017 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, December 31, is the final day Tab is able to physically receive contributions in the Finance Office for credit to your 2017 giving statement. Checks dated, postmarked and sent via the US Mail on or before December 31 will be credited as 2017 giving even if received in 2018. All of the above is in accordance with IRS rules and regulations. Those interested in donating securities should contact Kristine Green in the Finance Office well in advance of year end.

### 2018 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

Thanks to all who have responded to our 2018 Stewardship Campaign. If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2018 we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Your pledged gifts of support assist the Session in planning for the coming year, and we thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Tab. If you have indicated that you would like pledge envelopes for 2018, they will be available for pickup in McKee Hallway beginning December 17.

### CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be taken at Tab's Worship Service on Sunday, December 17. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering you will be helping families of active and retired church workers. The offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges for education. Special envelopes will be available in that morning's worship bulletin. Please give generously.

### CHRISTMAS TEA

Join us on Sunday, December 17 for this Tab tradition featuring special homemade treats and a great time of fellowship in the Dining Room following the 10:00a "Christmas with Tab" worship service.

### ANDERSON UNIVERSITY CHORUS

On Saturday evening, January 6, the Anderson University Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Richard Sowers, will present a concert at 7:00p in Tab's Sanctuary. This outstanding university choir has been featured in televised specials for a number of years and will be on the last leg of their winter tour with their final concert here at Tab. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this great presentation of choral music on January 6! The choir will also be sharing in worship on Sunday morning, January 7, before heading back to Anderson.

### HOUSING NEEDED FOR ANDERSON CHORUS

Housing is needed for the Anderson Chorus that will be singing a concert on Saturday, January 6, at Tab. If you have room and can help us accommodate our special guests that Saturday night, please contact Paula Daum at 923-5458, ext. 104 or paula.daum@tabpres.org. Thanks for your help!



A CONCERT SUPPORTING  
Gigi's  
FUTURE  
Clean Bandana Achievement Center

Owl Music Group  
**Gospel Jazz**  
EXPERIENCE  
HOLIDAY SHOWCASE

TAD ROBINSON KATIE WILCOXSON STACI McCrackin MARK PATTERSON ZACH LAPIDUS

FRI. 12/15/17 7:30-9PM  
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
INDIANA LANDMARK CENTER | 1201 CENTRAL AVE. INDIANAPOLIS, IN. 46202  
TICKETS ON SALE NOW: \$25 IN ADVANCE \$30 AT THE DOOR  
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT OWLMUSICGROUP.COM

We were honored to host some incredible artists in partnership with Owl Music Group this summer at Tab Jams. On December 15 at 7:30p Owl Music Group will be presenting the Holiday Gospel Jazz Experience at the Indiana Landmarks Center 1201 N. Central Avenue. Tickets are now available for purchase online at owlmusicgroup.com and will also be available for purchase on Sunday, December 10, between services in McKee Hallway. Kenny and Val Phelps will be at the 9:00a service on Sunday, December 10, to lead worship and tell us more about the event!

## Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**10:00a Worship Service**

Christmas Eve

**5:00p Family Candlelight Service**

**8:00p Traditional Candlelight Service**

Childcare for children age 2 and under available for 5:00 and 8:00 services.

## Sunday, December 31

**10:00a Worship Service**



## WELCOME LITTLE ONES

Congratulations to the Rodriguez-Cerena family on the birth of their baby boy, Dash Owen, on November 18. Dash is the son of Vidal and Jeanne Rodriguez-Cerena, and grandson of Dan and Honi-Jean Schroeder; to the Ost family on the birth of their baby girl, Beatrice Evelyn, on November 19. Beatrice is the daughter of Ben and Julia Ost, and granddaughter of Bart and Ann Ost; and to the King family on the birth of their baby girl, Makenzie Claire, on November 21. Makenzie is the daughter of Brian and Anna King, and granddaughter of David and Maryann King.

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathy to Robin and Jim Pfeiffer in the passing of their niece, Jenna Williams, on October 21. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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

### Income:

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| YTD budgeted income:      | \$1,589,154        |
| YTD actual income:        | <u>\$1,603,916</u> |
| Income exceeds budget by: | \$ 14,762          |

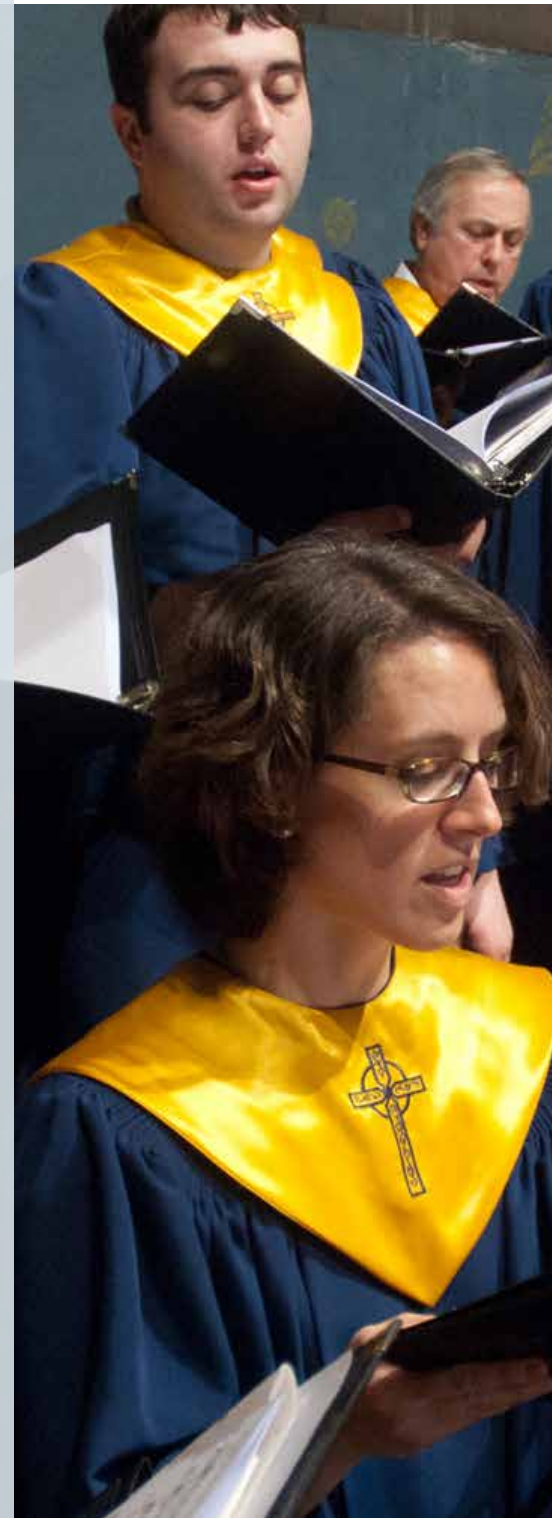
### Expenses:

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| YTD budgeted expenses:    | \$1,752,836        |
| YTD actual expenses:      | <u>\$1,660,740</u> |
| Expenses under budget by: | \$ 92,096          |

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

- 1 Lily Sturgis
- 3 Charlton Browning  
Linda Fledderjohn  
Don White
- 4 Ace Rodriguez  
Brodie Sears  
Mariah Buchanan
- 5 Phillip Luzader  
Kelly Donaldson  
Scott Ledger  
Twyla Cecil
- 6 Hunter Browning  
Mary Dougherty  
Jennifer Hamilton  
Gayle Berger
- 7 Lucia Oerter  
Thomas Summers





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (CONT'D)

December

- |    |   |    |   |
|----|---|----|---|
| 8  | Vicki Rude<br>Kate Warren<br>Ethan Dieterich<br>Marvin Parish | 21 | Bob Shaw<br>Truman Finnell  |
| 9  | John Reynolds<br>Shaun Souers                                 | 22 | Noelle Wilson<br>Jack Thompson<br>Emma Lynn                                     |
| 11 | Shannon Woller<br>Kathryn Gilroy                              | 23 | Carolyn Rembusch<br>Annie Krueger<br>Lisa Evans<br>Nick Hill                    |
| 13 | Diego Urfalian<br>Grace Schumm                                | 24 | Theresa Roberts<br>Audrey Howe<br>Carolyn Queisser                              |
| 14 | Scott Browning<br>Heidi Hoopingarner                          | 26 | Jeannie Byers<br>Donna Garrett  |
| 15 | Sarah Mohr<br>John Woller<br>Margaret Teague<br>Leona Kistler | 27 | Mary Jane Laatz<br>Gavin Green  |
| 16 | Daniel Brunette<br>Emmie Smith<br>Robin Pfeiffer              | 28 | Ruby Scott<br>Tom Lapp  |
| 17 | Bloor Redding   | 29 | Chris Buchanan-Schwanke   |
| 19 | Carol Lukemeyer<br>Jane Kukolla<br>Jim Pfeiffer               | 30 | Kathy Miller<br>Jeff Hotchkiss<br>Terra Seidel<br>Kevin Ahearn<br>James Fairley |
| 20 | Emily McClelland<br>Grace Schubert<br>Carole Krider           | 31 | Sara Butler<br>Kate Ems   |

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

December

- 4 Chad & Stephanie Lynn (13 years)
- 12 Jim & Jeannine Stokes (58 years)
- 18 Greg & Kathy Miller (41 years)  
Nick & Maggie Birk (7 years)  
Kyle & Brittany Barnett (7 years)
- 19 Bill & Nancy McLane (20 years)
- 20 Glenn & Nancy Koehring (42 years)  
Frank & Cathy Schubert (20 years)
- 21 David & Paula Means (4 years)
- 23 Jeff & Julie Swiatek (4 years)
- 24 Mike & Pat Cracraft (50 years)
- 28 Dave & Mary Mills (45 years)
- 29 William & Karen Jefferies (27 years)  
Pete & Julie Peterson (27 years)

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

# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



*Help make Tab even more  
gorgeous at Christmas!*

Purchase a poinsettia and donate "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone you love. It will decorate our beautiful Sanctuary throughout the Christmas season.

Cost for each plant is \$20

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*please print clearly*

In Memory of:     In Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*please print clearly*

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Front Office no later than Sunday, December 3. Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, marked "Poinsettia."