

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

10:00a Services will be streamed online until further notice. Please do not visit our location in person.

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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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Photo taken by Dave Streit.



Pastoral Reflection

Let The Good News Go Viral!

Dear Friends,

Never, in my wildest imagination, could I ever have imagined canceling “in-person” worship, much less for eight weeks, particularly so during Holy Week and Easter! Yet, this is exactly what we have done and I am confident that the decisions we have been directed and encouraged to make are good ones.

We are making every effort to communicate and connect with you and to provide you with meaningful worship experiences. Each Sunday we are worshiping together at 10:00 a.m. via “live streaming” at tabpres.org. If you can’t make it then; those services are also available at tabpres.org/live, also on YouTube at tabindy and can be watched at your convenience.” We will also “live stream” services on:

Live stream - Palm Sunday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m.

Live stream - Maundy Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Live stream - Good Friday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Live stream - Easter Sunday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m.

Let me reflect with you for a moment about something I am thinking about as I consider celebrating Easter without gathering as the church family.

As we read the Gospel narratives, the final days of Jesus’ ministry are in the presence of a remarkably few number of people. After Palm Sunday the crowds begin to diminish and Jesus is focused almost exclusively on His chosen twelve. Not the mandatory ten, but the twelve of them gathered with Him to share the Last Supper. On Good Friday, as He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, He took with Him only three, Peter, James and John; His inner circle became increasingly smaller. At the time of His arrest He was denied, abandoned and isolated, and on the cross, He suffered and died alone.

Three days later, on the Easter morning, only a very few women went to the tomb to finish the necessary work of His burial. That would have appeared to be the end of the story.

BUT what they discovered there, an empty tomb, changed the trajectory of the story and the whole course of human history!

The news those women took away from the gravesite, that JESUS IS ALIVE, literally went VIRAL!

The few told the Good News to the some,

Jesus appeared to the 11 and then to a gathering of hundreds,

Peter preached to the crowds on the Day of Pentecost and 3000 people came to faith,

And on and on, the Good News continued to be told until it came to our hearing! Friends, if death could not stop this Good News, neither can a pandemic.

We have Good News to celebrate and to share...so let it go VIRAL!

Have a blessed Easter!

Rev. L. John Gable

April 2020

Preaching Schedule

- 5** Palm Sunday
Live stream at 10:00 a.m.
Isaiah 53:1-12
Romans 5:6-21
“Proof Positive”
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 9** Maundy Thursday
Live stream at 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching
- 10** Good Friday
Live stream at 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching
- 12** Easter Sunday
Live stream at 10:00 a.m.
John 20:1-20
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:1-4
“Neither New or Improved”
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 19** *Live stream at 10:00 a.m.*
“Can I Get a Witness?”
- 26** *Live stream at 10:00 a.m.*
John 20:19-25
Luke 24:36-49
“That Very Night” (First Person Post
Resurrection Appearances)
Rev. L. John Gable

Weekly Bible Readings

- 5** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or
Matthew 27:11-54
- 12** Acts 10:34-43 or
Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 or
Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or
Matthew 28:1-10
- 19** Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
- 26** Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Event Schedule

*All non-essential meetings and events
have been canceled through April.*

Meet Greg and Kathy Miller

Story by Paula Daum

Native Hoosiers Greg and Kathy Miller met at Ball State University. Kathy was working on her master's degree in biology, and Greg was in his first year of medical school. After a brief stint in Cincinnati for work after college, Kathy returned to Indiana to marry Greg, and they began their life together here.

Following residency, Greg opened a pathology laboratory, and she and Greg worked together for many years. Along the way, they welcomed their four children - Justin, Ryan, Samantha and Kyle - and they made their home in the Meridian Kessler neighborhood just north of Mapleton-Fall Creek. In their desire to connect to a neighborhood church, the Millers joined Tab in 1996. Their kids were all baptized at Tab, participated in Tab Recreation and TabYouth, and their son Ryan and his wife, Ruth, are now also members of Tab.

Early on, Kathy had a heart for mission work at Tab. She and Greg were particularly drawn to the mission work of Michael and Kay Johnson. The Johnsons were doing medical work in Kenya through World Gospel Mission, a Tab-supported global mission program. In particular, the medical aspect of this mission work appealed to them, and they took their first trip to Kenya in 1999. Greg and Kathy became personal friends with Michael and Kay along the way. (The Johnsons have since transitioned their mission work to their current home of Philadelphia and work at Miriam Medical Clinic.)

In 2007, the Global Interfaith Partnership began as an interfaith outreach in Kenya and is now known as the Umoja Partnership. The key goal of Tab's support of Umoja is to provide food for orphan and vulnerable children and keep them in school. Kathy's involvement with this organization continues to this day, as she serves on the Board of Directors for Umoja. She has been to Kenya four times, and Greg has traveled with her on three of those trips. In 2012, John Gable visited the Umoja Project as part of an interfaith leadership team. Upon his return, Tab hosted its first A-mazing Lunch as a fundraiser and informational event to support Umoja. Tab continues to host A-mazing Lunch events each year.

Kathy and Greg just returned from their most recent trip to Kenya, along with Tab members Dave Streit, Joyce and Jeff Peipert, and Marsha Robinson. While the trip always offers a good opportunity to see our mission dollars "in action," Greg sees as a true, lasting value of visiting Kenya: Meeting the people involved with Umoja - including administrative personnel, teachers and students - offers the opportunity for genuine relationships. Greg noted that this is something of great value to the people within Umoja, and it has offered a particular blessing in return to him and Kathy.

Back home in Indiana, Greg continues in his medical work as an urgent care physician with Franciscan Health. Kathy is enjoying retirement, but she helps with childcare for their two grandchildren, Reese and Levi who often join them for worship on Sunday mornings. They are looking forward to the birth of their third grandchild in June, as Ryan and Ruth are expecting their first child.



The Millers at the Great Rift Valley, 2020



Greg (second from left) and Kathy (far right) in Kenya, 2011

Spotlight

Tab Team In Kenya

From February 15 to March 2, a group from Tab visited western Kenya to observe the work of the Umoja Partnership. Greg and Kathy Miller, Joyce and Jeff Peipert, Marsha Robinson and Dave Streit accompanied Denise Soltis, Executive Director of Umoja (US), and her husband Bob on the trip. There the group visited schools, homes and churches to witness the work, encourage the incredible Kenyan staff, and deepen the relationships between Tab and the Umoja Partnership. The group also visited Ampath Medical Facilities in Eldoret and had time to do some sightseeing.

The most visible work of Umoja is feeding thousands of school children who otherwise do not have access to a decent meal and help keep them in school. The program's objective is much more comprehensive and includes empowerment programs for girls and boys, support of schools in their missions and creating a web of care for the children in partnership with local communities.

These photos will give you a taste of the good news coming out of Kenya. Please be praying for the students whose schools are now closed because of the COVID-19 virus.

To learn more about Umoja and their work in Kenya, visit umojapartnership.org or follow them on Facebook.



Missions Report

A Room With A View

Story by Terri Thorn, Missions Director

Today the view from the best office in the building reveals a lot less activity in the neighborhood. It seems that folks are heeding the advice of experts and creating the recommended preventative social distance during the Covid-19 crisis. While this is clearly a gesture of communal goodness, it still feels a bit lonely around here right now. The important thing to remember, though, is that even though we are apart, we know that we are all in this together; and more importantly, we are not alone. God is with us.

When you think about it, it really is somewhat of a paradox that being apart from one another also has the power to create a sense of real togetherness. Yet, it is happening all across the globe - from Italians serenading each other from the safe space of their balconies to pastors in empty sanctuaries proclaiming the gospel to congregations via technology. Despite the quarantines, closures and separations, people are finding creative ways to connect and be "together."

I believe this "apart but together" paradox is possible because at the heart of the sacrificial act of social distancing is love...love which draws us near to God and to one another. It is love that inspires us to set aside our personal needs for the good of the whole and as a result, it is love that is spread farther, wider and deeper than any virus ever could.

A vision of this paradox is evident in the work of global missionaries. Many of them willingly, and sacrificially, distance themselves from family and friends, for the sake of God's love. Now, in their case, the distance isn't for protection from anything. In fact, they leave home to go toward those in need. Still, there is a sense of "separation" as they head to other places and they are missed very much by those back home. As a result of their willingness to set aside some of their own needs for the good of the gospel, love is spread far, wide, and deep across the miles.

As a way of lifting up our global missionaries who may be far away from the corner of 34th and Central, but are never far from our hearts, the Missions Committee has designated global missions the prayer focus for April. Each week in Tab's weekly email, and the worship bulletin when possible, we will introduce you to missionaries that Tab formally sponsors, sharing about their work and

offering suggestions for prayer. Our hope is that despite the distance between us, we will be drawn closer to them and to each other as love grows among us.

To be clear, there will be many lessons learned from this global health crisis, but the one that comes to my mind right now is one that has been heard for decades by children all around the world:

It's a world of laughter

A world of tears;

It's a world of hopes

And a world of fears.

There's so much that we share

That it's time we're aware

It's a small world after all.

"No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us." - 1 John 4:12



Tab News

Announcements & Events

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Tab's annual Vacation Bible School will take place June 15-June 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and will include lunch. This year's we'll again be doing KidsGames, a sports-themed VBS, and we need about 25 adult and teen volunteers to help us provide a full morning of sports and games and an afternoon of Bible lessons, crafts, and activities. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know the children of Tab better and to help show love to our neighbor children, helping to fulfill all three sections of our Vision Renewal statement: Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships and Stronger Community. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Wirt at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org or Ben Hughes at ben.hughes@tabpres.org.

A GIANT "THANK YOU"

Children's Ministries is so grateful to the many adults and teens who assisted with this year's Missions Unit. Thank you to Kristi Ailes, Jim Babcock, Emily Boits, Rich Boits, Suzie Booker, Charlett Belisle, Beth Buchanan, Linda Costlow, Jeff Crane, Annesa Cummins, Elijah Cummins, Jim Dzubay, James Fowles, Kathy Fowles, Holly Fraser, Kristin Gable, Don Heitman, Sara Heitman, Heidi Hoopingarner, Malla Iberg, Rod Iberg, Joe Kukolla, Julie Kukolla, Chad Lynn, Stephanie Lynn, Amy McLean, Todd McLean, Emily McClelland, Ali Miels, Ruth Miller, Mary Mills, Sarah Noel, Jill O'Banyel, Sean O'Banyel, Peg Padgett, Libby Pike, Christen Prible, Madeline Prible, Grace Rexroth, Beverly Rice, Julia Buchanan-Schwanke, Brodie Sears, Erin Sears, Suzanne Shaw, Dan Sturgis, Jen Thomas, John Thomas, Sarah Thomas, Terri Thorn, Jami Turman, Jackie Velasquez, Erica Warren, Caroline Whaley, Connor Whaley, Christopher Wirt and Emily Wirt Summers. We couldn't have done the Missions Unit without you!

HOW TO LIVE STREAM TAB'S WORSHIP SERVICES

We will be streaming a live worship service from the Sanctuary each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. We go live between 9:45 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. with some prelude images and music.

Here's how to watch online:

1. Go to tabpres.org.
2. Click on the big green LIVE box on the home page.
3. On the "Live" page, tap on the YouTube link.
4. Tap on the red "Live Now" button that appears when we are live.

If you want to skip a couple of steps, just go to youtube.com/user/tabindy and tap on the "Live Now" button. "Live Now" appears only when we are actually live. While you're there, subscribe to Tab's YouTube channel (tabindy). You will receive notifications when we are live. You can always turn these notifications off at a later time. Remember, if you miss the live stream, you can watch it later on-demand on YouTube or tabpres.org/live.



April 2020

Read Through the Bible

1	Matthew 25:1-30	Numbers 30-31	Job 1
2	Matthew 25:31-46	Numbers 32-34	Job 2
3	Matthew 26:1-25	Numbers 35-36	Job 3
4	Matthew 26:26-46	Deuteronomy 1-2	Job 4
5	Matthew 26:47-75	Deuteronomy 3-4	Job 5
6	Matthew 27:1-31	Deuteronomy 5-6	Job 6
7	Matthew 27:32-66	Deuteronomy 7-8	Job 7
8	Matthew 28	Deuteronomy 9-10	Job 8
9	Acts 1	Deuteronomy 11-12	Job 9
10	Acts 2:1-13	Deuteronomy 13-14	Job 10
11	Acts 2:14-47	Deuteronomy 15-16	Job 11
12	Acts 3	Deuteronomy 17-18	Job 12
13	Acts 4:1-22	Deuteronomy 19-20	Job 13
14	Acts 4:23-37	Deuteronomy 21-22	Job 14
15	Acts 5:1-16	Deuteronomy 23-24	Job 15
16	Acts 5:17-42	Deuteronomy 25-27	Job 16
17	Acts 6	Deuteronomy 28	Job 17
18	Acts 7:1-22	Deuteronomy 29-30	Job 18
19	Acts 7:23-8:1	Deuteronomy 31-32	Job 19
20	Acts 8:1-25	Deuteronomy 33-34	Job 20
21	Acts 8:26-40	Joshua 1-2	Job 21
22	Acts 9:1-25	Joshua 3:1-5:1	Job 22
23	Acts 9:26-43	Joshua 5:2-6:27	Job 23
24	Acts 10:1-33	Joshua 7-8	Job 24
25	Acts 10:34-48	Joshua 9-10	Job 25
26	Acts 11:1-18	Joshua 11-12	Job 26
27	Acts 11:19-30	Joshua 13-14	Job 27
28	Acts 12	Joshua 15-17	Job 28
29	Acts 13:1-25	Joshua 18-19	Job 29
30	Acts 13:26-52	Joshua 20-21	Job 30

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathy to Maryann and Dave King in the passing of Maryann's mother, Mary Kira Engel, on March 7; and to the family of Margaret DeJean Schroedle who passed away on February 6. Please keep these families in your prayers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Month of February 2020

Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$ 429,431
YTD actual income:	\$ <u>506,477</u>
Actual exceeds budgeted by:	\$ 77,046

Expenses:

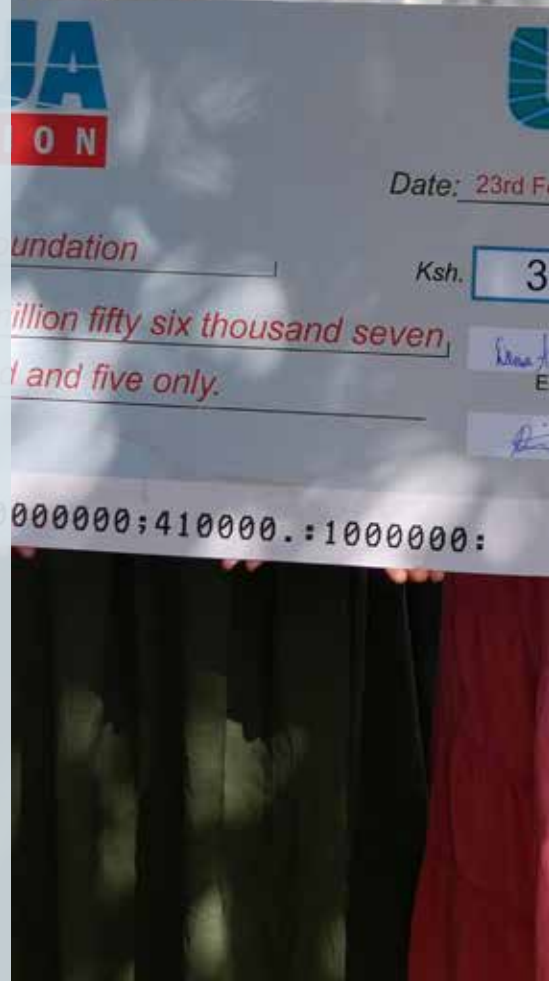
YTD budgeted expenses:	\$497,294
YTD actual expenses:	\$463,236
Expenses under budget by:	\$ 34,058

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

April

- 1 Bloor & Molly Redding (64 years)
- 4 John & Jeannie Byers (50 years)
- 10 Tim & Ali Meils (10 years)
- 12 Eric & Anne King (40 years)
- 13 John & Jennifer Keller (35 years)
Rich & Gina Klopp (29 years)
- 20 Matt & Christine Gall (24 years)
- 21 Will & Kelsey Hobbs (2 years)
- 23 David & Camille Cantwell (26 years)
- 24 Chris & Christine Fedor (21 years)
Bill & Sondra Heeter (38 years)
- 26 Jason & Molly Simons (6 years)
- 27 Hoagy & Priscilla Elliott (7 years)
- 30 Bob & Debby Pardue (37 years)
Tyson & Gwen Chastain (9 years)





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Thulani Smith
Gwen Chastain | 16 Ellie Krueger
Doressa Kupke |
| 2 Rebecca Townsend
Tom Strodman
Denise Ridenour
Daniel Williams | 17 Terry Turman
Eleanor Souers |
| 3 Elizabeth Sweeney
Ann Weller
Harrison Chastain
Edison Chastain
Lucy Kropp
Tim Moore | 18 Rich Gunn
19 Caitlin Teague |
| 4 John Kendrick
Charlie DeArman
John Fraps | 20 Gary Nickel
Bob Pardue
Mary Luzader |
| 5 Audrey McCaslin
Martha Sue Batt
Toni Rohr
Tom Schneider
Tim Taylor | 21 Janet Burris
Helen Englehart |
| 6 Rhonda Osborne
Becky Lapp | 22 Mick Daum
Cathleen Perry |
| 7 Sarah Orr
Mitch Daniels
Evan Ojala
Teresa Stephens
Candy Hammond | 24 Tom Wirt
Sam Orr
Cullen Hawkins
Mansa Samlafo
Christman Johnson
William Johnson |
| 8 Ann Ost | 25 Gavin Sterchi
Claire Turman
Joyce Peipert |
| 9 Ian Thomas | 26 George Peyton
Tyler Russell
Carly Hughes |
| 10 John Kennedy
Claudia Van Winkle | 27 Debbie Kauffman
Izabelle O'Banyel
Barbara Boyd |
| 11 Lezlie Laxton
Don McMurtry | 28 Jeff Poole |
| 12 Kristen Petruniw
Penelope Grove | 29 John Wimsatt |
| 13 Meagan Niese
Phil Teague
Sarah Brennan | 30 Beth Brunsting
Kim Ledger
Becky Rissen |
| 14 Julianne Steger | |
| 15 David Weyreter
David Moudy
Amanda Foster-Moudy
Chris Moorman | |



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Holy Week and Easter 2020

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Palm Sunday Worship Service

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Maundy Thursday Worship Service

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Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Live Stream - April 12 at 10:00a
Easter Sunday Worship Service