# TOWERCHIMES





#### **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 as well as inperson beginning July 19.

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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.

Cover photo: Freewheelin' Community Bikes

Photo taken by Dave Streit





## **Pastoral Reflection**

### "In Person" Worship Begins July 19

#### Dear Friends,

Hard as it is to believe, we have not worshiped together in person since Sunday, March 8. Thank you for your patience, faithfulness, words of encouragement and expressions of support as we (the staff and Session) have tried to navigate what it means to be the Church in the time of pandemic.

At the June Session meeting, it was discussed and decided that it is reasonable to plan to offer an "in person" worship option starting Sunday, July 19, in addition to our regular "live streaming" service. This, pending any new information regarding the progression of the pandemic.

There will be many more communications regarding what "in person" worship will look like as we near that date, but here are the basics:

- One worship service at 10:00 a.m. The service will be "live streamed," but we will also welcome "in person" worshipers, including families and children, up to our mandated seating capacity, (75-100 people).
- Registration for attendance in worship will be required so that we don't exceed our
  maximum occupancy to allow for safe social distancing. Registration details will follow.
- Studies show that those in the more advanced age groups are more vulnerable, so in accordance with CDC guidelines, for now we would ask persons over 65 with a high-risk or underlying health condition to consider continuing to worship with us via "live-streaming." Individuals with known COVID-19 exposure in the past 14 days, are ill or symptomatic, and those who are anxious about being in a group setting should not attend "in person" worship. This is not a "faith issue;" it is a matter of safety and health; yours and others.
- Checking your temperature before you leave home is encouraged. Anyone with a temperature over 100.4 should stay home.
- Masks will be required at all times while in the building and will be provided if you don't
  have one. This is an act of caring and for the protection of those around you, not for you.
- Hand sanitizers will be available as you enter and exit the Sanctuary.
- **Social distancing (6 feet)** will be required both in seating and in clustering before and after the service. Pews will be marked and ushers will help monitor entrance and exit.
- **Ingress and egress** will be through the main doors off of 34th Street only. Enter by the center aisle, exit by the side aisles. Worshipers are encouraged to park at Raphael Health Center.
- There will be no congregational singing, passing of the peace, passing of pew pads, bulletins, collection plates, Bibles or hymnals.
- Children are welcome in worship with their parents, but for the time being there will be no Sunday School classes, child or nursery care or coffee fellowship.
- There will be limited access to restroom facilities. Except for the Sanctuary, the remainder of the building will be inaccessible.
- Prior to and following each service of worship, our custodial staff will sanitize all frequentlytouched surfaces.

We appreciate your willingness to "love your neighbor" by adhering to each of these guidelines. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me, any staff member or Elder. We would be happy to visit with you.

Until we are able to be together again, God's continued blessings,

Rev. L. John Gable

# July 2020

### Preaching Schedule

- 5 Acts 6:1-15 "Servant Leadership" Rev. L. John Gable
- 12 Acts 8
  "Power Grab: Simon"
  Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching
- 19 Isaiah 53Acts 8:26-40"Do You Understand What You Are Reading?"Rev. L. John Gable
- 26 Acts 9:1-9 Acts 9:10-18 "An Act of Surrender" Rev. L. John Gable

### Weekly Bible Readings

- Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13
   Zechariah 9:9-12 and Psalm 14
   Romans 7:15-25a
   Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- 12 Genesis 25:19-34 and Psalm 119:105-112 Isaiah 55:10-13 and Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- 19 Genesis 28:10-19a and Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
   Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8
   and Psalm 86:11-17
   Romans 8:12-25
   Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- Genesis 29:15-28 and Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128
   1 Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

	Event Ca	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 11:00a - Tab's Open Door - Kitchen	2	3 Church Closed for Independence Day Holiday	4 Church Closed for Independence Day Holiday
5	<b>10:00a</b> Worship Service Live-Stream - Sanctuary	6 11:00a - Tab's Open Door - Kitchen 12:00p - HR Committee - Online	<ul> <li>7 5:30p - Missions - Online</li> <li>6:00p - Adult Ed - Parlor</li> <li>6:30p - Prayer Ministry - Chapel</li> </ul>	8 11:00a - Tab's Open Door - Kitchen	9	10 11:00a - Tab's Open Door - Kitchen	11 8:00a - Men's Bible Study - Dining Room 9:00a - Fresh Stop Produce - Parking Lot
12	2 10:00a Worship Service Live-Stream - Sanctuary	13 11:00a - Tab's Open Door - Kitchen 5:30p - Facilities Committee - Parlor	14 5:30p - B&F - Online 6:30p - Prayer Ministry - Chapel 7:00p - Children's Min. LLB 7:15p - Worship, Music & Arts - Parlor	15 11:00a - Tab's Open Door - Kitchen 7:00p - The Color of Compromise - Courtyard	16	17 11:00a - Tab's Open Door - Kitchen	18 8:00a - Men's Bible Study - Dining Room
19	9 10:00a In-Person and Live Stream Worship Service - Sanctuary	<b>20 11:00a -</b> Tab's Open Door - <i>Kitchen</i>	21 6:30p - Prayer Ministry - Chapel 7:00p - Session- Dining Room 7:15p - Prayer Team - Parlor	22 11:00a - Tab's Open Door - Kitchen 7:00p - The Color of Compromise - Courtyard	23	<b>24 11:00a -</b> Tab's Open Door - <i>Kitchen</i>	25 8:00a - Men's Bible Study - Dining Room 9:00a - Fresh Stop Produce - Parking Lot
26	6 10:00a Worship Service Live-Stream - Sanctuary 6:00p - Tab Jams - Parking Lot	<b>27 11:00a -</b> Tab's Open Door - <i>Kitchen</i>	28 5:30p - Congregational Life - Parlor 6:30p - Prayer Ministry - Chapel 7:00p - Deacons - Dining Room	29 11:00a - Tab's Open Door - Kitchen 7:00p - The Color of Compromise - Courtyard	30	<b>31 11:00a -</b> Tab's Open Door - <i>Kitchen</i>	

# Missions Report

### Freewheelin' Bikes

Story by Terri Thorn, Missions Director

One of the sure harbingers of summer break is the presence of kids on bicycles. One of my fondest childhood memories includes riding my bike to the community pool with my friends. It was the ultimate definition of freedom and fun.

As a parent, my heart holds close the memories of my own children and their bikes: their determination to figure out how to get on their first tricycle; their inexpressible joy and pride the day the training wheels came off; the togetherness of family rides around the campground; and yes, even the tears of the inevitable accidents that are a rite of passage.

My greatest bicycle memory, though, occurred in August 2017, standing on the lawn of the United States Capitol Building, as we cheered the arrival of our son, Mark, and 99 other Pi Kappa Phi brothers at the completion of The Journey of Hope (a 10-week, cross country bicycle ride to raise funds and awareness for adults with disabilities). It was not only a moment of parental pride but a true glimpse of how something as simple as a bicycle can be a tool to transform lives.

Now, let me be clear, I am not an avid cyclist by any stretch of the imagination. I have a "step-through" bike that gets me around the neighborhood just fine. I am, however, a believer that there is something really special about the cycling community, particularly when it comes to "doing good" for others.

I saw it first-hand the summer of 2017 and I am reminded every time I am in my office. Granted, I have a partially obstructed view of the mural on the side of the Freewheelin' Community Bikes building. Still, I know that on the other side of the artwork is a very special place where the lives of youth in our community are being transformed by kind, compassionate people and their bikes!

Our ministry partner, Freewheelin' Community Bikes, is not just a local bike shop, although they do sell and repair bikes. It is, at the heart, a youth development program that imparts both life and leadership skills to young people while teaching the marketable trade of bicycle mechanics. The youth may participate in one of four unique programs: Green Apron/Earn-A-Bike, Advanced Bicycle Mechanics



Classes, Youth Education and Employment Training (YEET), and Bike Lab. Each provides confidence-boosting, hands-on experience, and meaningful mentorship with volunteers and staff. Learn more here: https://www.freewheelinbikes.org/.

By the way, this summer, the view from the best office in the church offers the added bonus of watching the young mechanics at work. The programming will be held under the shade trees of Tab's park so the youth can maintain proper precautions and distancing while earning their green apron and bike.

Tab will also be the launch site for the annual fundraiser "Nancy's Ride" on Labor Day, September 7. My office would offer a great view of this but I'll be on the ground coordinating the send-off. (Let me know if you want to help.) Ride registration info here: https://www.freewheelinbikes.org/nancys-ride/.

In the meantime, I can't believe I am saying this - seeing all the kids and their bikes have me thinking about trying one of the family-friendly Saturday morning community rides at 10:00 a.m. Do any friends want to join me? It could give a whole new meaning to summer freedom and fun!



Transforming communities one child at a time

June 1, 2020 Tabernacle Presbyterian Church 418 E. 34th St Indianapolis, IN 46205-3702

#### Dear Congregation,

Tabernacle is and has been an important partner for the UMOJA Project. Your mission support allows us to continue our programs. However, this year your support was critical and needed more than ever due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the hardships it has caused to our UMOJA families in Kenya. The funds that were given for the Emergency Relief purchased grains to support our families.

The A-Maizing Lunch is an annual event at Tabernacle and supports the school lunch program. This year it was delayed to accommodate the mission trip and then COVID-19. We tried the first-ever Virtual A-Maizing Lunch with the help of Dave Streit for his video expertise, Kathy and Greg Miller for serving as a host, Joyce Peipert and Marsha Robinson for sharing their witness. If you haven't watched the video yet, please do (at youtube.com/user/tabindy). It is a great way to learn about the project. Tabernacle stepped up as usual for the lunch and raised over \$5,000 which will go to our food security program. ASANTE SANA.

We were able to distribute grains to EVERY SINGLE UMOJA child from May 20

Alumna, Irene came to volunteer at Lisuka

to May 23. This is the third distribution we have made and this last was the most comprehensive. It was to last through the first week of June. Now that we know school will be delayed until September, we will be having another distribution starting the week of June 15.

Each distribution point had a check-in to make sure we were servicing our



Sugar donation from community member

beneficiaries. Head teachers, link teachers, alumni, and former project assistants volunteered to help in the distribution. Face masks and social distance precautions were utilized to keep everyone safe. We even received two donations of cooking oil and sugar from community members to add to the maize and omena (fish) that we purchased for that day.

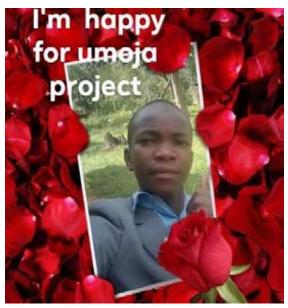
Words of thanks spilled in from every direction in-person to Leonard, Linda and Jerry, our Kenyan staff and through social media. Here are just a few of those thanks:

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# UMOJA Thank-You Update

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Early this week we concluded a massive food distribution to about 2000 UMOJA households. This directly translated to feeding over 6000 people from these families. Seeing these children get what to eat, especially during this tough time, is truly miraculous! My deep appreciation to our Indiana friends for providing the resources to enable us to make this a reality. Through your kind hearts and generosity, we acquired 250 bags of maize and 40 bags of dry fish (omena) for the exercise. The recipients and community members showered lots of praises and appreciation to the project.-Leonard Otieno Otiende, Director



Gilbert and Susan designed this thank you!

I'm writing to you sincerely to say thank you so much for the food we've given out today. It was a real service to humanity. All the guardians we served said thank you, and I read it coming from the bottom of their hearts. And in my heart, I kept on saying we owe this to the Indiana partners. Families are starving. THANK YOU! - Linda Olasya, Deputy Director

I wish to convey my appreciation to UMOJA Foundation and partners for supporting the families of OVC. It was a great occasion at Lisuka primary today marked by food distribution and sensitization on COVID-19. Thank you and may God bless everyone who participated. Thank you, Director. - Joshua Owino, Head Teacher Lisuka Primary School

On behalf of UMOJA Headteachers and on my own behalf, I wish to sincerely appreciate Umoja Foundation, Umoja Foundation Director Tr. Leonard and Umoja staff for supporting OVCs during these hard moments of COVID-19 pandemic. May God bless you all. I personally admired the organizational structure of food distribution, it was orderly and quite peaceful. I wish you success in the remaining distribution centers. - Mr Bernard Ogore, Head Teacher Chuliambo Primary School.

Thank you very much! (Including picture) - Susan Otieno, mother of Gilbert, one of our high school students, St. Mark's Obambo.

Our primary focus until school resumes is food security, however, we haven't forgotten our girls who are receiving their sanitary towels during this week, along with some shoes for some of our little ones supplied by the Red Cross.

Tabernacle Presbyterian is critical to our success. These children need your love, prayers and support more than ever. ASANTE SANA! Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Denise A. Soltis, BS Pharm, MSGH Executive Director Umoja Partnership

# Tab News

### Announcements & Events

#### **ADULT MINISTRIES**

"The Color Of Compromise" by Jemar Tisby is a new 7-week class that will be facilitated by Tom and Nancy Schneider, starting Wednesday, July 15. The class will meet beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tom and Nancy will be serving in a facilitator role as they will be sharing in this journey alongside participants. The class format will involve watching Mr. Tisby's videos and reading the corresponding material from his book (same as course title), then meeting to explore personal thoughts. As much as weather permits, the class will gather outdoors in the Courtyard respecting the current social distancing guidelines. Please bring your own chair or blanket. The videos are available on RightNow Media and Amazon Prime Video. Individuals are strongly encouraged to purchase a copy of the book. To receive a detailed class schedule, obtain the outline that will be covered each week or ask additional questions, please reach out to Oscar (oscar. clavel@tabpres.org) or to Nancy (schneider.nw@gmail.com).

#### TAB JAMS: LET'S GO TO THE DRIVE-IN

Who remembers your neighborhood drive-in theater (and who will admit it)? Come and enjoy live Jazz and Rock at Tab's "Drive-In Theater" on Sunday, July 26, 6-8:00 p.m. at the 34th & Central North parking lot. You can enjoy Kenny Phelps, Bryan Thompson (Sax), Tommy Baldwin (vocal and guitar), and the Owl Music band from the comfort of your car or sit outside in a lawn chair. Bring a picnic supper or snacks and enjoy the evening. Bring a carload...same price FREE! Yep! We are definitely encouraging "social distancing" - gloves, masks and hand washing stations. We are going to s-p-r-e-a-d out. Mark your calendar. You are going to LOVE the "Drive-In." P.S. If you really want to have fun, we will need a lot of help, so shoot an email to Jim Babcock at jim.barbbabcock@gmail.com or Terri Thorn at terri.thorn@tabpres.org.

#### **UPPER ROOM BOOKLETS FOR JULY AND AUGUST**

Our supply of Upper Room booklets has arrived for the months of July and August. If you would like one mailed to you, please email Paula at paula.daum@tabpres.org or call (317) 923-5458, ext. 104.

#### **RIGHT NOW MEDIA**

We're excited to share that our church has access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want - on your phone, tablet, computer, or on your TV at home. You will have FREE access to thousands

of video resources to help you with parenting, marriage, discipleship, emotional health and more. It includes content for all ages and stages of life, and all of your family members are invited to set up their own accounts as well. To get started, visit www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/ Invite/TabernaclePres and create an account. You can start watching right away. There's also a RightNow Media app for your smartphone, tablet, Apple TV, Roku or Amazon Fire TV. Questions? Contact Oscar Clavel at oscar.clavel@tabpres. org.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Do you have a special prayer request that you would like the pastors or Tab's Prayer Team to lift up during their time together? During this time of pandemic, we know many of you have not had the opportunity to fill out prayer request cards to share your concerns or needs, so we have set up a special, confidential e-mail that will only be seen by the pastors and leadership of the prayer team in order to share your requests. We only ask that you let us know if names and specifics of your request can be shared, or if you would like it shared in a general, non-identifying way. You can e-mail your requests to prayer@tabpres.org. We hope that this will be a way for our Tab family to make sure their requests and concerns are known and prayed for during our time of separation.

#### **BUILDING SCHEDULING**

As we continue moving toward our "new normal," we have resumed opening the Tab facility for official *Tab committee meetings only*. Room availability will be limited as we follow social distancing guidelines so it will be important to check with your Elder or Staff Liaison to make sure when your meetings are scheduled and where you will be meeting. Masks will be required for all persons entering the building for any reason, including committee meetings. Committees will also have the option of continuing to meet online during this time. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Kauffman 317-923-5458, ext 102 or check the online calendar which is updated as information is received. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding during this time of transition.

#### Office and Building Closed July 3 & July 4

The church office and building will be closed on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

### Protocols For Reopening "In Person" Worship During COVID-19 Pandemic Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

For implementation for "in person" worship services in addition to "live streamed" services

This is what we are asking **you** to agree to for a safe worship environment:

- **Do not attend "in person" worship** if you have a high-risk or underlying health condition, are in a "high risk group," have a fever (100.4°F), have symptoms or have been exposed to someone testing positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days
- You are required to wear a mask while in the building and throughout the worship service for the benefit of other worshipers
- Practice social distancing (6 feet) and sit only in designated spaces
- Do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary
- Please do not gather before or after the service
- Follow designated ingress and egress patterns-- main doors off of 34<sup>th</sup> Street only
- Follow directions or guidance of ushers

This is what **we** are going to do in order to provide for a safe worship environment:

- Clean and electro-statically sanitize the Sanctuary prior to the commencement of "in person" worship services
- Clean the Sanctuary and used spaces after each service
- Clean and monitor restrooms
- Provide hand sanitizers at entrances and masks upon request
- Provide pre-packaged communion elements
- Provide collection box for pledges, tithes, offerings etc.
- Provide electronic bulletins and screens for order of worship

The following will be "on hold" until further notice:

- Congregational singing
- Sunday School and Childcare
- Coffee conversation
- Printed bulletins, hymnals, Bibles, pew pads, pew cushions, collection plates
- Passing of the peace during and Pastors Greeting before and after service
- Complete access to drinking fountains, restrooms and other areas of the building
- Greeting of Pastors and Staff

Live-streaming will continue to be available at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

• Please note: These protocols may change often, quickly and with minimal notice.

#### **WELCOME LITTLE ONES!**

Congratulations to:

- Lindsey and Ash Goane on the birth of a baby girl, Peyton Ashley Goane, on April 29. She is the granddaughter of Jeanne Moosey.
- Kelli Cobb and William Daymon on the birth of a baby girl on May 18. Christen (Christi) Kay Daymon joins sister, Jude, and brother, Jack. She is the granddaughter of Judy and Gary Daymon, and the great-niece of Jeanne and Blake Morton.
- Ryan and Ruth Miller on the birth of a baby boy, Julian Wayne Miller, on June 20. He is the grandson of Greg and Kathy Miller.

#### **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to the family of George Huckaby who passed away on Monday, June 8; and to Margie Craft in the passing of her father, Fred Craft, on June 13. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Month of May 2020

Income:

YTD budgeted income: \$ 962,982 YTD actual income: \$1,020,240 Actual exceeds budgeted by: \$ 57,258

#### Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses: \$1,029,019 YTD actual expenses: \$932,699 Expenses under budget by: \$96,320

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

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

July

- 3 Jeff & Leah Crane (16 years)
- 4 Carter & Suzie Booker (28 years)
- 6 Bill & Nancy Gordon (24 years) Scott & Kim Ledger (35 years)
- 7 Drew & Becca Childs (13 years)
- 8 John & Jen Thomas (25 years) Tom & Liz Strodtman (53 years) Kevin & Janet Burris (31 years) Terry & Jami Turman (14 years)
- 9 Scott & Pat Carlson (43 years)
- 10 James & Kathy Fowles (16 years)
- 11 Rich & Kathy Gunn (50 years)
- 16 Charlton & Michelle Browning (26 years)John & Nancy Peterson (65 years)Brian & Cindy Verbarg (37 years)
- 18 Christopher & Christy Whaley (22 years) Gene & Carolee Berry (39 years)
- 21 Dennis & Karen Scamihorn (47 years)





#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! (CONTINUED)**

July

- Michael & Kennedy Jefferies (2 years)
- 22 Daniel & Betsy Brunette (42 years) Don & Sara Heitman (42 years)
- 23 Michelle & Timothy Schumm (9 years) Mark & Beth Ahearn (43 years)
- 24 Frank & Sally Otte (51 years)
- 25 Steve & Julie Scott (33 years)
  David Moudy & Amanda Foster-Moudy (5 years)
- 28 John & Kristin Gable (41 years)
  Tom & Nancy Schneider (36 years)
- 29 Rick & Patty Reel (43 years)
  Jacob & Kristine Crouch (20 years)

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

July

- 1 Julie Scott Karen Jefferies
- 2 Pat Cracraft Angela Braly Katie McHugh Keva Rop
- 3 Beth Ahearn Dromo Darku
- 4 Emily Featherstone Beth Buchanan
- 5 Betsy Keller Brian Verbarg Teresa Lubbers
- 6 Paula Luzader Melissa Grove
- 7 Alan McKenzie
- 11 Gale Wilkerson
- 12 Jeff Foster Pat Carlson
- 13 Charlie Blum Will Blum Grant Gilroy Kathy Leslie Matt Hand
- 14 Leah Crane Gordon Dunne Kenya Davis Bill McGuire
- 15 William (Billy) Reel Claire McClelland Antonio Martin
- 16 Ellen Tovsky Mike White Kevin Burris
- 17 Daniel Dzubay Katie Orr

- Cara Barnett
  20 Curtis Steger
  - John Peterson
- 21 Mary Ann Miller Simeon Noel Trip Newell Wrenne Taylor
- 22 Grant Sterchi Amy Martin
- 23 Rich Scales Sally Sumpter Jenni Mohr
- 24 Isaac Howe
  David Cantwell
  Liana Rodriguez-Cerena
- 25 Joni Heugel Elizabeth Hamilton
- 26 Pat Ball
  Bruce McDonald
  Daniel Gushee
  Debby Pardue
  Calliope Rust
  Doug Shaw
- 28 Myron McKee29 Lauren Hughes
  - Theo Sears
    Jenny Buchanan-Schwanke
- 30 Woody Ohrn
  Chad Lynn
  Jackson Flanagan
  Joseph Kukolla
- 31 Sandra Neely Gene Berry



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# July 2020 Read Through the Bible