

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 am Worship Service

In-person worship continues with limited seating capacity. Our service is live-streamed each Sunday beginning around 9:50am. You can find a link at tabpres.org

Join us either way as we worship together!

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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 the Tab offices 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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Pastoral Reflection

Can We Talk About It?

Dear Friends,

The monastic movement dates from early Christian history, as early as the 2nd and 3rd century, when women and men of faith sought to remove or distance themselves from the growing influence of the Roman Empire and the Church's adaptation to it by setting out on their own or in small clusters to commit their lives solely to God. Hence the word "monos."

Some went to the wilderness, others to the desert, hence the "Desert Fathers," others to off-shore islands, as well as caves and huts and rocky mountain crags. They were not simply trying to escape society, rather they were committing themselves to deepening their relationship with God through "prayer and work" — ora et labora. Those who joined in small communities established "Rules of Life" they would practice together, some of which have endured through the centuries, such as the Rule of St. Augustine, St. Basil, and most famously, of St. Benedict. Together or alone they were working and praying not only for their own redemption but for the redemption of the world. Many committed themselves to the translation, transcription and preservation of the Scriptures which benefits us still today as well as all those of our brothers and sisters who have gone before us.

I began reflecting on the monastic way of life as we entered in to Lent, the 40 days plus 6 Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday which lead us to the remembrance of Holy Week and its climax in the celebration of Easter, April 4th.

I began tying the monastic way of life with Lent in particular this year when so many of us have experienced a similar kind of seclusion and isolation, either alone or in our pod of family and friends, which has been more forced than voluntary.

As I ponder the similarities of our pandemic seclusion to that of the monastic orders, I wonder if we, too, have been able to use this time for "prayer and work." While we may be 10 or 11 months into it, it is never too late to pick up a new or renewed spiritual practice. Lent is a wonderful time to recommit ourselves to the spiritual disciplines of repentance, renewal and reflection upon the death of Jesus and the promises of new life, abundant and eternal, which He offers to us.

Now would be a wonderful time to start, or restart, a spiritual discipline of daily reading of Scripture (join us for the Read Through the Bible), of prayer, of fasting, of tithing, of writing notes of encouragement, of making phone calls to the most isolated and alone, of simplicity, of meditation, of journaling, of solitude—all of these not for reasons of pandemic, but in order to spend time alone with God out of a desire to deepen your relationship with Him. The list of possibilities is endless. You could even create your own "Rule of Life."

We don't need to move to the fringes of society or to a mountain hut to experience a closer walk with Christ. We need only find our quiet place and have a willing heart.

I pray you have a blessed Lenten season,

Rev. L. John Gable

March 2021

Preaching Schedule

- 7** Third Sunday in Lent
“Invitation to Abundant Life”
Isaiah 55 & Matthew 11
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 14** Fourth Sunday in Lent
“New Life in Christ”
Romans 12
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 21** Fifth Sunday in Lent
“Lazarus”
John 14
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 28** Palm/Passion Sunday
“He Did This For Us”
Isaiah 53 & Psalm 118
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching



March Event Schedule

WEEKLY

- MWF** 11:00a Tab's Open Door
- MON** 6:00p Women's Bible Study
- TUE** 10:00a Women Alive
6:30p Prayer Group
- SAT** 8:00a Men's Bible Study
- SUN** 10:00a Worship
11:00a The New Testament
You Never Knew
6:30p Lenten Devotional:
40 Days of Decrease

MONTHLY

- 1st **MON** 12:00p HR Comm.
- 1st **WED** 5:30p Missions Comm.
- 2nd **MON** 5:30p Facilities Comm.
- 2nd **TUE** 5:00p Budget & Finance Comm.
7:00p Children's Ministries Comm.
7:15p Worship, Music, Arts Comm.
- 2nd **THU** 5:00p Open Door Sub-Committee
- 3rd **TUE** 7:00p Session Mtg.
- 4th **TUE** 7:00p Deacons' Meeting

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

Tab Member Spotlight

Meet Nancy Fike

There are many in our congregation who discovered Tab through a family member, and Nancy Fike is just one of those people. Nancy started attending Tab with her daughter, Paula Daum and her family many years ago.

Born in Warrick County and raised in Evansville, Indiana, Nancy grew up as a member of the United Methodist church. She graduated from high school a week after turning 17 and went to work as a secretary in the Evansville school system, then for Bucyrus-Erie manufacturing.

In the spring of 1955, Nancy met W.H. “Dub” Fike and they married later that year. They welcomed three children, Brian, Stuart and Paula, over the next seven years. Dub’s work at Indiana Bell led the family through three moves in a short period of time. After moving to Indianapolis, Crawfordsville and back to Indianapolis, the family settled in Muncie in the mid-1960s. There they stayed for almost 40 years.

Nancy worked as a homemaker while their children were growing up. Both she and Dub believed strongly in community volunteer work, and Nancy spent her free time volunteering at the local hospital, the public library, the children’s school and for a local retiree organization.

At Dub’s suggestion, Nancy began college after their youngest child, Paula, started high school. On a special day in May of 1985, Nancy, Stuart and Paula all graduated from Ball State at the same commencement ceremony (Nancy—Associate’s, Paula—Bachelor’s, and Stuart—Master’s.)

After graduating, Nancy worked for a food wholesaler and then as the secretary for the Republican Party of Delaware

County. She retired in the spring of 1994 to help care for a terminally ill family member.

Nancy and Dub had the opportunity to travel together throughout much of their lives. They travelled throughout the U.S., to England several times and to Paris and Vienna. Some of Nancy’s favorite memories are of trips to England and Ireland with her beloved sister, Pat.

In 2004, Dub and Nancy moved from Muncie to Indianapolis to be closer to Paula, Brian, and their families. Stuart and his family visit regularly from their home near Toledo, Ohio. Proud grandparents of six grandchildren, the family has expanded in recent years to welcome six great granddaughters and one great grandson.

After a long illness, Dub passed away in the spring of 2014. Both Dub and Nancy had developed a strong relationship with Pastor John Gable during Dub’s illness. Nancy decided to join Tab in August of 2014.

Nancy loves being part of the Tab family. She is a member of the Sewing for Raphael group that is led by Doris Shafer and started at Tab by Kate Ase. This group makes blankets, burp pads and bibs for expectant mothers seeking care at Raphael Health Care. Nancy has made hundreds of burp pads over the past few years. She has also enjoyed being part of a women’s Bible study group over the years.

Nancy will tell you that their decision to move to Indianapolis in 2004 was the best decision of their lives. She treasures her special friendships at Tab, and she faithfully thanks God every day for being “blessed beyond measure.”

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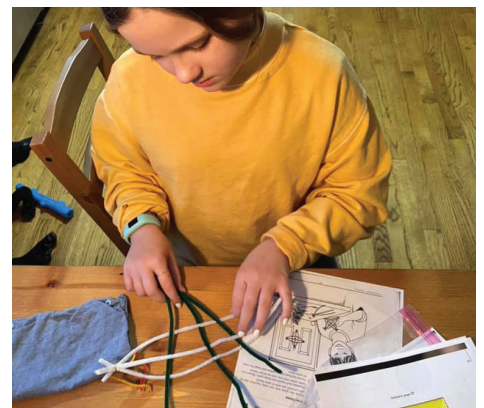


Children's Ministries

2021 Missions Unit Fun!



As with many other programs, the annual Missions Unit looked quite a bit different this year! It was done at a distance, but was still fun and instructive. The students visited Guatemala, Germany, Ireland, Israel, South Korea, Canada and Kenya. Large activity bags containing a gallon freezer bag for each of the seven countries were delivered to all of Tab's elementary students via "doorstep delivery" the first week of January, just in time for our first trip. Each week's activities included a craft, a table game, some other kind of learning activity, a work sheet, a language activity and a map or fact sheet. Additionally, each week Mrs. Wirt sent out a recipe, a teaching video, which included the missionary talk, a visual map, and the True/False questions, as well as a video where she read a folktale or cultural book from the country of the week. So while it's a different kind of Missions Unit, we were able to include many of the traditional portions of the much-loved program. God is good!



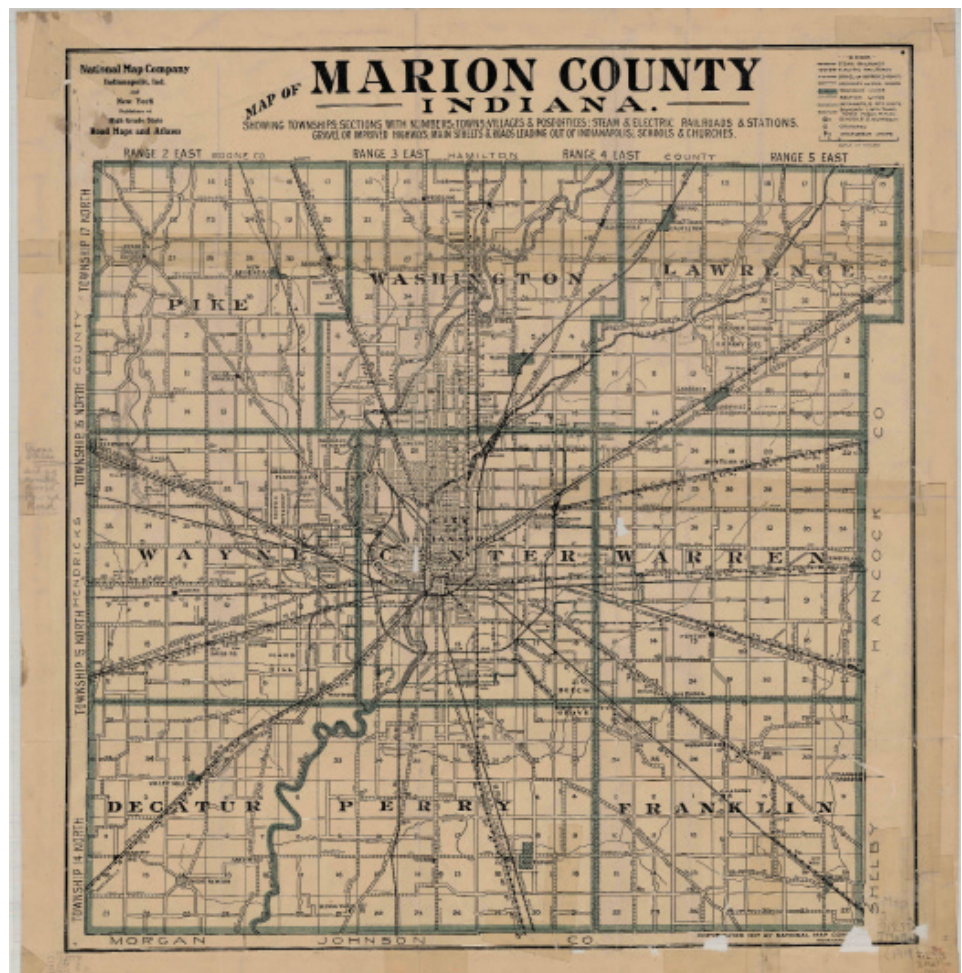
Then & Now

The Old, New Chapter

The arrival of Dr. J. Ambrose Dunkel heralded the beginning of a new and expanding chapter in Tabernacle's life. Church membership had dropped to 748 when he arrived. The location of the church was once again in a changing neighborhood from homes to businesses. Members were moving north of the church located at Meridian and 11th Streets. While calling on families living on the northern perimeter of Indianapolis, Dr. Dunkel noticed a large number of children playing but there was no nearby Sunday school. Within his first three months as our church's 11th pastor, he had named a committee to find a location north of Fall Creek between Meridian and Central in order to start a Sunday School right away.

Existing buildings were first considered. The first was at the corner of Meridian and 33rd Streets. It had previously been the home of University Place Baptist Church. This choice was deemed too close to Grace Presbyterian church which was at Capitol Avenue and 32nd Street. It was Grace that suggested to Tabernacle Church that we look for a location at or near Central Avenue. That location would be in a different district of the city that them and had not yet been reached by any other church. (In 1924, Grace Presbyterian merged with Fourth Presbyterian Church and was renamed Fairview Presbyterian Church, located today at 4609 N Capitol.) A second building was found, a residence near the NW corner of Washington Boulevard and 32nd Street. It also had a large lot that could be used to erect a large church building later. This location was tabled for consideration for a couple of weeks, then dropped from the list.

The Trustees moved on to lots which were available on which to build. The first lot, the third option, was a lot at the



NE corner of Washington Boulevard and 36th Street. (No more was recorded about this lot.) The final option became

“a beautiful wooded lot on high ground at 34th and Central Avenue. This lot fronts 284 1/2 feet on Central Avenue and 305 feet on 34th Street, and is admirably suited for church, Sunday school & community purposes.”

Both lots were presented to the congregation for a vote. The winner should be obvious. “The trustees paid \$24,000

cash for this lot, and real estate experts have advised that this was a bargain price.” There was an agreement with restrictions made with the lot owner: limiting building line to within 62 ½ feet of Central Avenue and 50 feet on 34th Street. The deed required that the lot should never be used for anything except a church.

Tabernacle Church was ready to get a Sunday School started in a new mission field of Indianapolis! Now that you have the information, did they choose the best location in 1919?

Next month, building begins at 34th and Central.

Tab News

Announcements & Events

BOOK TABLE IN MCKEE CHAPEL HALLWAY

Several of the church staff have been doing some pandemic cleaning of our bookshelves and have been putting books out on the tables in McKee Hallway, free for the taking to those who would be interested in them. Next time you are in the building take a “socially distanced” look at some of the great books which are out there and help yourself.

TAB STAFF CHANGE

The decision has been made to eliminate the position of Executive Assistant, the position formerly held by Kristine Seals. Kristine’s last day with us was February 17. While we have appreciated her service with us and to us, we have intentionally been looking to redesign our front office staffing structure as we consider our needs for the future. This decision was not made lightly nor for performance or financial reasons, but for the purpose of creating a more welcoming front office presence for members and visitors alike. In the coming weeks, the Human Resources committee will adopt and post a newly created position description emphasizing front office management and administrative responsibilities.

HOLY WEEK

As we journey toward Easter Sunday, please mark our special Holy Week Services on your calendar.

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday - 10:00am
Thursday, April 1 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm
Friday, April 2 - Good Friday - 7:00pm
Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday - 10:00am

All service times subject to change. Please watch your email and April Chimes for confirmed service times.

SECOND MOVIE OUTING

After a well-attended Family Movie Outing on February 20, Children’s Ministries has booked another private showing (up to 20 people) in the Castleton AMC on March 27 at 3:45. We’ll be viewing “The Prince of Egypt”, a beautiful film, rated PG for a couple of mildly intense scenes (particularly the Passover). Same rules as before:

1. Masks & distancing in effect
(family groups can sit together)
2. Each family has to be accompanied by at least one adult
3. Registration is “first come, first served”
4. Children’s Ministries is paying for the movie, concessions are on you.

Please email jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org to claim your seats!

2021 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children’s Ministries and Tab Rec are planning to offer Kids-Games—a sports-themed VBS—June 14–18. The plan is to have the entire program outdoors as much as possible, limit the number of participants to 30 or 40 and have a shorter day 9:00am to 12:30pm. No lunch will be served this year for the students. Registration will open April 1.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Egg Hunt will take place in Tab Park on April 3 at 10a. In order to follow “best practices” for distancing and Covid safety, we will not have the regular indoor section. We will, however, provide a take-home bag containing an Easter craft, a large egg-shaped cookie from Taylor’s Bakery and an activity that teaches about the Resurrection story. We will also have an Egg Hunt with about 1800 hidden eggs. While the Egg Hunt will look a bit different this year, Children’s Ministries will work to ensure a fun and meaningful event. Participation is free and reservations aren’t required.

2020 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Tab Recreation Bud Harris College Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior each year that meets the following requirements:

- Applicant must have participated in at least (2) Tab Recreation programs for (2) seasons each, or more.
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
- Applicant must be accepted for admission to an accredited college or university.
- Applicant must return completed application and required references by May 30th.

The winner of this scholarship will receive \$1500 per year for 4-years while a full-time student in good standing at an accredited College or University. Applications are available by emailing Ben Hughes at ben.hughes@tabrecreation.org or can be printed from our website (www.tabrecreation.org).

WOMEN ALIVE RETURNS TO “LOVE MATTERS MORE”

Women Alive just finished a great study of Jonah with Oscar, so now we’re resuming the book we started before Christmas. We will be on Chapter 4 of “Love Matters More” by Jared Byas, passing around leadership. We are meeting on Zoom and would love to have others join us. If you need an invitation, contact Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com.

Missions Report

from Terri Thorn

"Ashes on our foreheads, Repentance in our hearts, No sacrifice too big to follow the Holy and Eternal One. Let us give up our fears, let go of our prejudices, allow love to speak and broaden the community of our hearts."

—Christine Sine

This year, these prayerful words came alive for me on Ash Wednesday as we served lunch at Open Door. Wednesdays at Open Door are known as "Blessing Days," and on this Ash Wednesday we chose to offer a different kind of blessing in the form of a walk-up, abbreviated Ash Wednesday service. Honestly, we had no idea how the gesture would be received, but we gave up our fears and let go of our prejudices with the hope that Love would speak and broaden the community of our hearts.

Oh friends, how boldly God's love spoke that day: through Jim Babcock's words of blessing spoken to each neighbor; through the imposition of ashes on the foreheads of every one who was willing to receive them (which was all but three

people); through the kind encouragement offered by Jennifer Matthews as she handed out lunch bags; through the prep work of Jeff Ellis, Rod Iberg and our neighbor James Peyton who is helping out in the kitchen; and yes, love was even spoken through the delicious soup prepared by our ministry partner, Chef Andre Austin.

Perhaps though, Love was spoken loudest in the moments of silence as Jim placed ashes on foreheads, and in the words of blessing our neighbors offered back to us. Those holy encounters were, most assuredly, a broadening of the community of our hearts. Together, let us pray for many more!



Read Through the Bible

March 2021

1 Matthew 8:14-34	Leviticus 1-2	Proverbs 19	17 Matthew 17	Numbers 3-4	Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16
2 Matthew 9:1-17	Leviticus 3-4	Proverbs 20	18 Matthew 18:1-20	Numbers 5-6	Ecclesiastes 5
3 Matthew 9:18-38	Leviticus 5-6	Proverbs 21	19 Matthew 18:21-35	Numbers 7-8	Ecclesiastes 6
4 Matthew 10:1-25	Leviticus 7-8	Proverbs 22	20 Matthew 19:1-15	Numbers 9-10	Ecclesiastes 7
5 Matthew 10:26-42	Leviticus 9-10	Proverbs 23	21 Matthew 19:16-30	Numbers 11-12	Ecclesiastes 8
6 Matthew 11:1-19	Leviticus 11-12	Proverbs 24	22 Matthew 20:1-16	Numbers 13-14	Ecclesiastes 9:1-12
7 Matthew 11:20-30	Leviticus 13	Proverbs 25	23 Matthew 20:17-34	Numbers 15-16	Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20
8 Matthew 12:1-21	Leviticus 14	Proverbs 26	24 Matthew 21:1-27	Numbers 17-18	Ecclesiastes 11:1-8
9 Matthew 12:22-50	Leviticus 15-16	Proverbs 27	25 Matthew 21:28-46	Numbers 19-20	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14
10 Matthew 13:1-23	Leviticus 17-18	Proverbs 28	26 Matthew 22:1-22	Numbers 21	Song of Solomon 1:1-2:7
11 Matthew 13:24-58	Leviticus 19	Proverbs 29	27 Matthew 22:23-46	Numbers 22:1-40	Song of Solomon 2:8-3:5
12 Matthew 14:1-21	Leviticus 20-21	Proverbs 30	28 Matthew 23:1-12	Numbers 22:41-23:26	Song of Solomon 3:6-5:1
13 Matthew 14:22-36	Leviticus 22-23	Proverbs 31	29 Matthew 23:13-39	Numbers 23:27-24:25	Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3
14 Matthew 15:1-20	Leviticus 24-25	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11	30 Matthew 24:1-31	Numbers 25-27	Song of Solomon 6:4-8:4
15 Matthew 15:21-39	Leviticus 26-27	Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26	31 Matthew 24:32-51	Numbers 28-29	Song of Solomon 8:5-14
16 Matthew 16	Numbers 1-2	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15			

BAPTISM

We celebrate the baptism of Cleo Jacqueline Kupke, on February 21, 2021. Cleo is the daughter of Joshua and Doressa Kupke and little sister to Abraham and Nolan. John and Chris Kupke are the proud grandparents.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our deepest sympathy to Camille Cantwell and her family in the death of her sister, Joyce, who died in Peoria, Illinois, in the early morning hours of February 16, 2021. We pray God's comfort and peace to be with Camille and David, Nathaniel and Joshua, as well as with Joyce's family.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

Do Not forget to Spring Forward!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

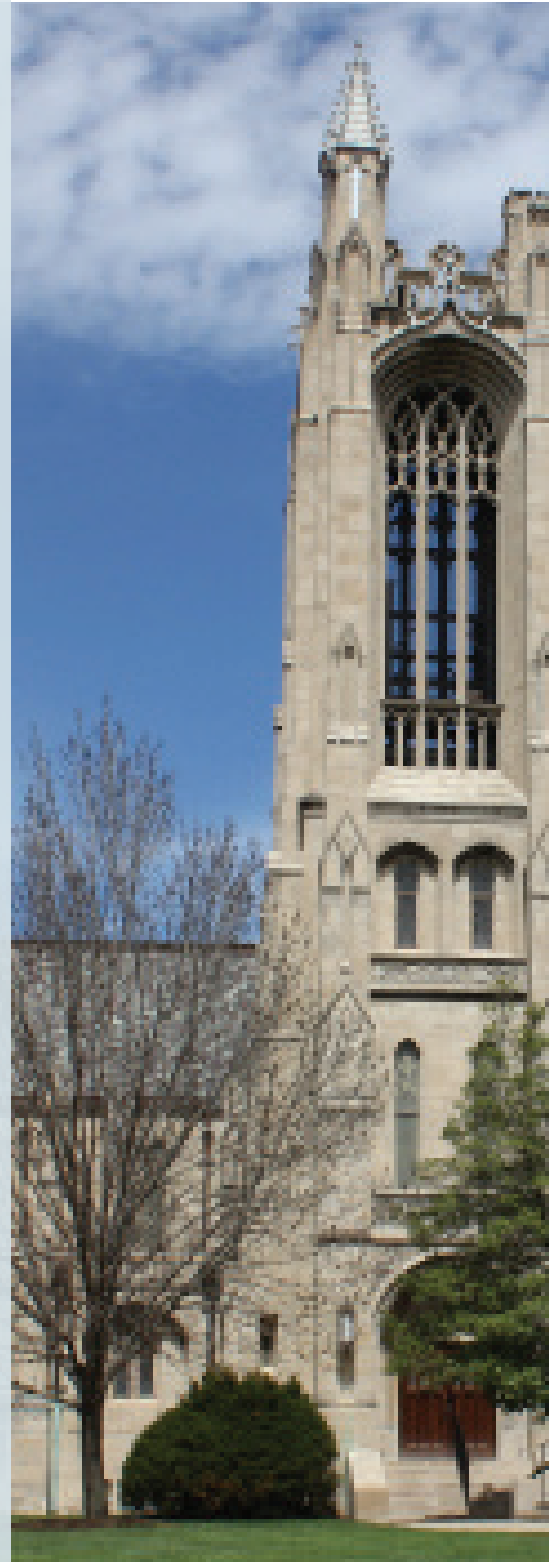
YTD budgeted income:	\$341,873
YTD actual income:	\$364,309
Actual exceeds budgeted by:	\$22,436

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$272,852
YTD actual expenses	\$250,319
Under budget by:	\$22,533

Last month we labeled 2020 as “a year of wonderment for Tab’s finances”. While COVID-19 restrictions remained the results for January showed that “wonderment” continues as an apt description for the stewardship at Tab. Giving exceeded spending by nearly \$114,000—to God be the glory!

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Craig Hammond | 18 Robert Weyreter |
| 2 Julia Buchanan-Schwanke | 19 Carol Wilson |
| Stephanie Buchanan-Schwanke | Mike O'Banyel |
| Julie Foster | Nancy Axelrad |
| Aria Grove | Philip Woller |
| 3 Sandy Simonel | Dave Metzger |
| Tracey Krueger | Dallas Moorhead |
| 6 Rosemarie Fraser | 21 Gary Wright |
| 7 Jean Hursh | Priscilla Elliott |
| Bill Marshall | Sara Heitman |
| Adina Coomes | 22 Juliet Noel |
| 8 Doug Conrads | Christopher Wirt |
| William Scales | Scott Lummis |
| 9 Isaac Niese | Margaret Hansen-Kahn |
| Xavier Niese | 24 Nancy Koehring |
| Rob Weller | Jeremy John |
| 10 Anna King | Julie Curtis |
| Chris Erotas | Alexander Summers |
| Margie Craft | Morgan Graner |
| 11 Megan Pike | 25 Nolan Kupke |
| Patrick Brunette | 26 Rick Harker |
| Matthew Braly | 27 Andy Phillips |
| Peter Harding | Linda Hall |
| 12 Christine Scales | Jean Davis |
| Noelle Itin | 28 Ann Reynolds |
| 13 Jennifer Matthews | Kate Booker |
| 14 Nancy Hitchcock | Paul Burris |
| Peter John | Vontrell Kittrell |
| 15 Nate Fowler | 29 Clementine Costlow |
| Molly Moore | Kevin Seidel |
| Jennifer Lingeman | Caryn Costlow |
| 16 Cennie Scott | Byron Robinson |
| Louise Willson | 30 Einar Stefansson |
| Vivian Prible | Kaylee Brunsting |
| 17 Elaine Strickland-Berger | 31 Jill O'Banyel |
| Nancy McLane | Holly Fraser |
| Randy Strouse | Glory Sief |
| Mary Alice Moon | Yara Sief |
| 18 Amy Rexroth | Carol Newell |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

March

- 2 Lee & Doris Shafer 25 years
- 8 Stacey & Melissa Grove 13 years
- 9 Veigh & Barbara Summers 25 years
- 12 Dan & Amy Borns 11 years
- 21 Jeff & Julie Foster 34 years
- Chuck Summers & Emily Wirt 6 years
- 26 Tom & Brenda Huston 55 years
- 28 Omar & Amy Martin 6 years
- 29 Jim & Jane McClelland 41 years
- 30 Lyle & Deborah Mannweiler 36 years

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

EASTER Flowers

Fill our worship spaces with an array of beautiful potted plants and ferns.

The plants may be donated "In honor of" or "In memory of" a special loved one, friend, or ministry and may be taken following the 11:00a service on Easter Sunday morning.

Cost for each plant is \$25

Given by: _____
please print clearly

☐ In Memory of: ☐ In Honor of:

please print clearly

I would like: _____ Potted Flowering Plant

_____ Potted Fern (only 16 ferns available)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return this form to the Front Office no later than Sunday, March 28. Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, marked "Easter Flowers".

