

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.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9am Worship Service

Beginning Easter Sunday, April 4

Our service is live-streamed each Sunday beginning around 8:50am.

You can find a link at tabpres.org

11 am Worship Service

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.



Pastoral Reflection

Can We Talk About It?

Dear Friends,

I don't exactly remember what my initial reaction was. I heard that some people cried and others laughed or applauded. I saw that many took selfies of their smiling faces hidden behind masks. I think my first reaction was a mixture of both relief and gratitude that I had been able to get both my first and second vaccinations. Relief and gratitude at what felt like the "beginning of the end" of the pandemic; relief and gratitude that in time we would be able to return to a more regular and less restrictive way of living, and that I would be able to return to a more familiar practice of ministry; relief and gratitude over what felt like I was being given a new lease on life.

As I reflected on my response to being vaccinated, I likened that to what I can only imagine was the response to the events of the first Easter Day and people's first reaction to hearing the news of Jesus' resurrection. My guess is there were tears of joy, as well as great laughter and celebration (no selfies), and I imagine a sense of relief and gratitude may have been the response of many as well. Relief and gratitude that because of the resurrection everything had changed; that this event marked "the end of the beginning" as God was doing a new thing; that in the resurrection of Jesus, God was offering a new lease on life, freer and less restrictive, and the promise of new life, abundant and eternal. No longer were we bound by the limitations or dread of death. The promise of the resurrection, from the first century on, is this: because Jesus lives, we can live also.

Twenty centuries later I hope our ears have not become dulled to hearing this glorious Good News! Regardless of what we are going through, or have gone through, everything changes because of the resurrection. God is offering us, still today, release from the bondage of death, forgiveness of our sins and the promise of new and eternal life. As Paul writes to the Romans, because of the resurrection we are given the assurance that "nothing can separate us from the love of God which is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord," nothing in life or in death.

What is your response, still today, to hearing this Good News, whether for the first time or the hundredth time? Does it still make you laugh or cry with joy? Does it still give you a reason to celebrate? Do you still feel a sense of relief and gratitude for the wonderful gift God has given us in Jesus Christ?

I hope so, because in the resurrection we have been given an inoculation of sorts, not against a dread disease, but against the threat of death itself and with it, the promise of new life!

I hope you will join us in worship during Holy Week and Easter, either in person or virtually, as we celebrate, with laughter and applause, with relief and gratitude, the glorious Good News of the resurrection!

God's blessings,
Rev. L. John Gable

Preaching Schedule

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| <p>1 Maundy Thursday
7:00pm
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> <p>2 Good Friday Tenebrae Service
6:30pm: Mini-concert of Lenten Music
7:00pm: Service begins
Rev. Oscar Clavel, preaching</p> <p>4 Easter Sunday
9:00am & 11:00am <i>(Reservations required)</i>
I Corinthians 15
“The Resurrection of the Dead”
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> | <p>11 Romans 10
“Can I Get a Witness”
Personal Testimonies</p> <p>18 John 14
“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> <p>25 Psalm 23 and John 10
“I Am the Good Shepherd”
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching</p> |
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Event Schedule

SPECIAL

- 1** 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service
- 2** 6:30p Music for Lent
7:00p Good Friday Service
- 3** 10:00a Easter Egg Hunt
- 10** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom
- 24** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom

WEEKLY

- MWF** 11:00a Tab’s Open Door
- MON** 6:00p Women’s Bible Study
- TUE** 10:00a Women Alive
6:30p Prayer Group
- WED** 9:30a Pastors’ Bible Study
- SAT** 8:00a Men’s Bible Study
- SUN** 9:00a Worship
11:00a Worship

MONTHLY

- 1st MON** 12:30p 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** 5:30p Congregational Life Mtg.
7:00p Deacons’ Meeting

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

Tab Member Spotlight

Meet Julie & Jeff Foster



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briefly for Shell Oil, but he found a long-time career in restaurant management working for Arby’s. Jeff currently works as the café manager for the Indianapolis Healthplex. Julie has worked many years as an instructional assistant for Pike Township Schools.

Tab is blessed with many multi-generational families who participate in the life of our church, and the Foster family is one of those families. Jeff and Julie Foster can often be seen in worship with their children and grandchildren, and they love it!

Julie was born in Illinois and her family moved to St. Louis when she was an infant. In the category of “it’s a small world,” Julie went to the same high school as John Gable. Growing up, Julie’s family attended the United Church of Christ. She fondly recalls mission trips with the church to Chicago and Kansas City.

Jeff was born in St. Louis, but his father’s career with Shell Oil took them all around the country. Jeff and his family lived in Pinckneyville, Illinois; Memphis; Albuquerque; Albany, New York; and Dayton, Ohio before returning to St. Louis where Jeff attended high school.

Jeff and Julie met while attending the University of Missouri. Julie studied Special Education and taught in the St. Louis County school system after graduating. Jeff studied Communications. After graduating, Jeff helped care for his father who was being treated for cancer. Thankfully, his father recovered and lived for many good years. Jeff was working as a disc jockey and engineer at the time for a small radio station in Illinois.

Jeff and Julie married in the spring of 1987 and a change in careers for Jeff brought them to Indianapolis. He worked

She and Jeff have four grown children. Their oldest daughter, Amanda Foster-Moudy is a member of Tab, along with her husband David, and their four children. Hazel, Dash, and identical twins Willa and Maeve are active participants in Children’s Ministries. Jeff and Julie’s youngest daughter, Caroline, is also a member of Tab and enjoys working at IU Health. In addition to their two daughters, they also have two sons. Timothy is a graduate student at St. Mary of the Woods College, and William is an electrical engineer.

Julie and Amanda “found” Tab by visiting one Sunday in 2013. When they walked in, she told herself that they could not join the church because of the way it looks! However, one visit was all it took. They loved John and Oscar’s sermons and were so impressed with the music and the friendliness of the congregation. Julie is a nursery volunteer, a tutor with Tab Tutoring, and a member of the Handbell Choir with both Amanda and Caroline. Jeff is on the Media committee and volunteers on the media team on Sunday mornings. The whole family also serves annually at the Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving Dinner.

Family is at the heart of the Foster’s home. Amanda and her family live right behind Jeff and Julie, so they happily travel back and forth between their homes. They are also looking forward to more family time together when they can return to attending St. Louis Cardinal baseball games!

Welcome New Members

Say Hello!

During the winter, we welcomed new members to our Tab Church family. Here is some information about each of them that you can print out and add to your Pictorial Directory. Please seek out these new members and do your part to welcome them to the fellowship of Tab!



*Mitch &
Sandy
Roob*

Mitch and Sandy have a son who is married and lives in Denver, and a daughter who will graduate from Vanderbilt in May. Mitch is a government health-care consultant, and Sandy is an artist and freelance journalist. They enjoy travel, fitness, walking and cooking.

*Nathan
Morrow
& Noelle
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Noelle is a graphic designer for a start-up company here in Indianapolis. A former Boilermaker, she enjoys spending time with her sisters and family, especially at their family-owned restaurant, Bruno's Pizza, a West Lafayette staple that was started by her grandfather in 1955. Nathan is an optometrist on the north side of Indianapolis. An IU graduate, he loves to run, hike, and be active outdoors. He loves talking IU sports and making trips to Bloomington with his brothers and friends. Nathan and Noelle are engaged to be married at Tab in June 2021.

Holy Week Schedule

Passion/Palm Sunday | March 28

10:00a Worship Service

Maundy Thursday | April 1

7:00p Communion Service

Good Friday | April 2

6:30p "Stabat Mater" by Rheinberger

7:00p Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday | April 1

9:00a & 11:00a Easter Worship Services

These services are identical.

Pre-registration is requested to attend.

Register to paula.daum@tabpres.org.

COVID-19 precautions will be observed.

Streaming at youtube.com/user/tabindy.

Then & Now

The Move Begins

Now that Tabernacle Church (membership at 789) had secured the lot at the corner of 34th and Central, the work to build a new church community really began. In May 1919, a committee made up of some trustees, elders and deacons was established to consider the needs to build on the new lot. That same month they met with the local Rubush and Hunter Architectural Firm (known for also designing Murat Temple, Indiana Theatre, Circle Theatre and the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant in Indianapolis) for a 40x80 foot temporary building. The Chapel was to be a large wooden frame and stucco structure on the west side of the lot where the Gymnasium sits today. The total cost to build was \$11,500 (\$160,000 in 2021 dollars).



For the 1919-1920 school year, the new building was rented for \$10/month to a school on weekday mornings. The school also agreed to pay for half of the coal and janitorial costs.

By October the new building was completed and ready to be shown off and used. A reception was held in the new Chapel for all the friends of the church in the vicinity and on October 5, the first session of the Sunday School was held. There were 254 in attendance with more than half being under the age of 12. The offering that first week was \$18.92. The evening worship service was transferred to the new property. It only took six weeks to realize that the new Chapel wasn't going to meet the demand of the people wanting to participate. The Sunday School had already outgrown the room and more was badly needed. A 19x40 foot heated addition (\$1,565) was planned. Yet the Church school programs remained active at both church locations. The Married Folks Class had a tent erected in the yard adjacent to the temporary Chapel for their classroom meetings. At a Communion Service held at the Chapel in December 1919, Tabernacle received 30 new members, mostly young married people.

Summer 1920 had Sunday School attendance hit the 500 mark. The congregation was faced with high costs to repair heating and roofing needs at the 11th and Meridian church and they voted to move all services from the old church to the new location. A second 40x40 foot addition was added

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to the Chapel to make room for everyone. A kitchenette housing only a gas stove and sink along with a small space for the church offices was part of this plan. The \$3,000 needed for the old church repairs covered the cost of this addition needed to the Chapel. The last preaching service held at the old church was on September 12th. The Sanctuary carpet and other items which could be reused at the new Chapel were moved. The first Sunday with all of Tabernacle services and classes at 34th and Central was on September 19, and the Sunday School had 1,001 in attendance. It was said that about two-thirds of the children who came to the Sunday School had never attended one before. They felt that the Chapel was built especially for them and anytime the doors were open, they came.

Tab News

Announcements & Events

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing through the end of June we will have two identical in-person services on Sunday mornings. The services will be held at 9:00a and 11:00a, programming for children and nursery care will be available. We will continue to follow current CDC guidelines including masks and social distancing as we gather.

JOB OPENING | FRONT OFFICE COORDINATOR

The Front Office Coordinator is the initial contact person for the general public and members of the congregation. They are also responsible for offering clerical support to the pastoral and ministry staff, church officers and providing general assistance to the congregation as needed for church related business.

We are interested in finding an individual with experience in dealing with the public in a friendly and warm manner, general knowledge of office equipment, familiarity with various computer programs used in producing both electronic and printed communications, member information and statistics. This candidate should also have a basic knowledge of various social media platforms in order to assist in posting, interacting and monitoring usage. This is a part-time position and is not eligible for a work at home option.

For a more detailed job description or more information, please send your request to HRCommittee@tabpres.org.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Pastors' Bible Study is back! We will meet at our usual time from 9:30a until 10:30a in the Dining Room. We will continue to social distance and please don't forget your mask. If you do forget, we will have extras available at the Parking Lot entrance.

WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, we're beginning a new 10-week study on the topic of Integrity on April 5th. Join us on Mondays, 6-7:30pm via Zoom. This prayer and study time is an encouraging start to the week and a great way to connect and learn with other women. Contact Ruth Miller, mrs.ruth.h.miller@gmail.com for study guide information, the Zoom link or questions.

A-MAIZING LUNCH

Please plan to attend this year's annual A-Maizing Lunch on April 25th which, due to the pandemic, will again be virtual. It has been an especially trying time for our schools in Kenya during the pandemic and school closings. However, the Umoja Partnership has continued to help our staff and

partners in Kenya to both feed and support these orphans and their families throughout this year. Come and hear the stories and acts of kindness that the project has experienced this year and learn about the project history and plans and goals for the future.

2021 VBS: KIDSGAMES

Children's Ministries and Tab Rec are planning to offer Kids-Games, a sports-themed VBS, on June 14-18. We're adapting our normal KidsGames schedule and procedures to be as Covid-safe as possible. The plan is to have as much of the program outdoors as possible, limit the number of participants to 30 or 40, and have a shorter day 9:00 to 12:30; we'll serve snacks but no lunch. Registration for children age 6-12 will open online April 1; the registration link can be found on Tab's website, www.tabpres.org.

MEMORY VERSE PROGRAM

In spite of the pandemic, many of Tab's elementary students were faithful in learning the weekly Bible memory verses and calling them in to Mrs. Wirt each week. Three of our students recited 12 Bible passages to earn a spot on our upcoming "Mystery Night" outing; those students were Emma Lynn, Megan Pike and Emory Clement. Congratulations to our young Bible scholars!

UPDATED FAMILY DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE

While we will not have an updated Pictorial Tab Directory this year, we can provide you with an updated Family Directory with current contact information for our members. You may pick up one on Sunday mornings if you are worshipping in person. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact Paula Daum, paula.daum@tabpres.org or (317) 923-5458, x104.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Egg Hunt will take place in Tab Park on April 3 at 10am. In order to follow "best practices" for distancing and Covid safety, we won't 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'll 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.

Read Through the Bible

April 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			

One Great Hour Of Sharing

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Each gift helps improve the lives of the suffering and vulnerable through three life-saving programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunter Program and Self-Development of People. We will be gathering donations for One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday, April 4. We will have envelopes available beginning March 28 at the worship services and you can donate anytime on-line at tabpres.org/giving. Thank you for your generous gift to help make this a better world for millions of people. "If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!"



THANK YOU

To my Tab family: You are simply awesome! You have truly blessed me and my family with your kind words of sympathy at the recent death of my sister, Joyce. Your expressions of love and encouragement have been a comfort, and I am grateful to each of you for taking the time to remember us.
Camille Cantwell

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

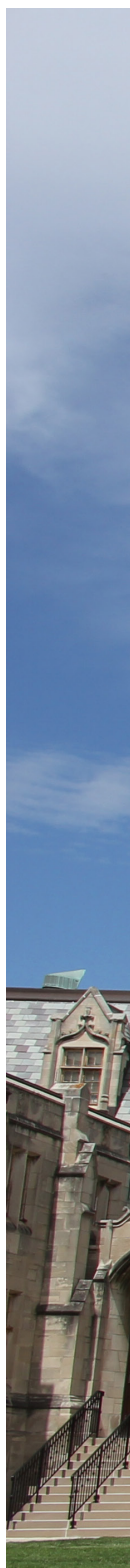
YTD budgeted income:	\$438,167
YTD actual income:	\$463,451
Actual exceeds budgeted by:	\$25,284

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$454,307
YTD actual expenses	\$403,769
Under budget by:	\$50,538

The solid start to 2021 continued through February as income exceeded the plan and expenses were less than the plan. So, for the first two months of the year we're ahead of the plan by \$75,822.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

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| 1 Bloor & Molly Redding 65 years |
| 4 John & Jeannie Byers 51 years |
| 10 Tim & Ali Meils 11 years |
| 12 Eric & Anne King 41 years |
| 13 John & Jennifer Keller 36 years |
| Rich & Gina Klopp 29 years |
| 20 Matt & Christine Gall 25 years |
| 21 Will & Kelsey Hobbs 3 years |
| 23 David & Camille Cantwell 27 years |
| 24 Chris & Christine Fedor 22 years |
| Bill & Sondra Heeter 39 years |
| 26 Jason & Molly Simons 7 years |
| 27 Hoagy & Priscilla Elliott 8 years |
| 30 Tyson & Gwen Chastain 10 years |

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



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3 @ 10am

Bring your friends, family & neighbors!
All children through 12 years old are welcome,
along with their parents.
No fee or registration required.

In order to follow "best practices" for distancing and Covid safety, this event is outdoor only. We will 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.