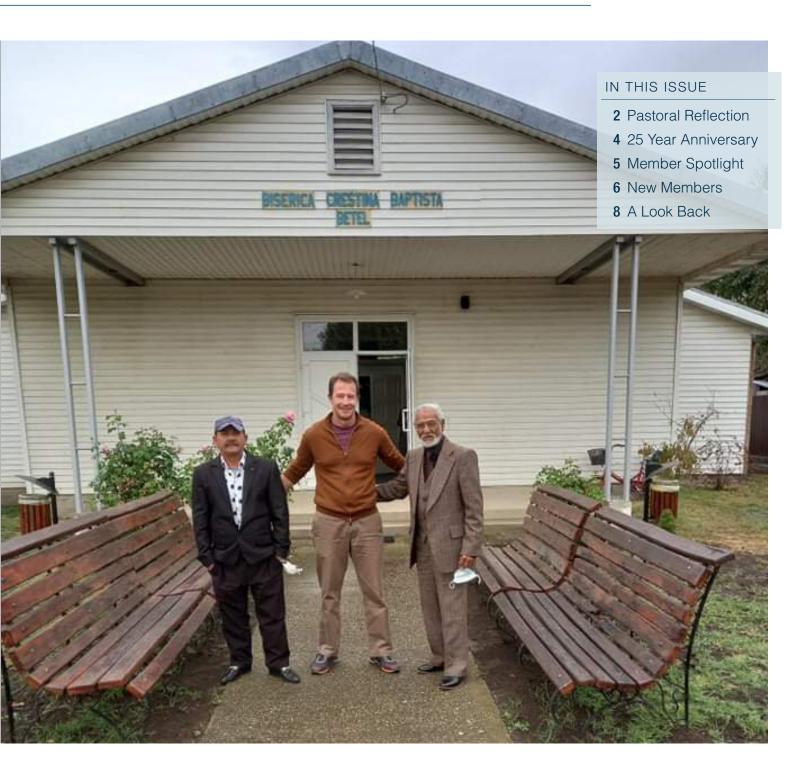
TOWERCHIMES









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.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 am Communion Service McKee Chapel

10 am Worship Service

Sanctuary

Service is also live-streamed each Sunday beginning around 9:50am. You can find a link at tabpres.org

Join us as we worship together!



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TAB'S TOWER CHIMES

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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

For The Record...

Dear Friends,

I'm not sure if you've ever been in the room we call the "Session Room" near the entrance to the Sanctuary on the north hallway. If you have been, did you happen to notice the large safe on the east wall? If so, have you ever wondered what's in there? Curious minds want to know.

Among other sundry historical items are the master copies of our church's records dating back to our founding in 1851 when we were organized as Third Presbyterian Church. The membership registers list the names of every member, pastor, elder, deacon and baptism during our 170 year history. The minutes from every Session meeting are also recorded, beginning with hand-written minutes from our earliest meetings.

Consider for a moment the weight of the decisions our forbearers in the faith had to make during those decades which pre-date the Civil War. Consider the decisions which were made as to how and where to worship and how to do ministry as the city of Indianapolis grew and changed, the decisions made as to whether to move or stay when neighborhoods changed along with the controversies over the issues of the day. Consider the decisions which had to be made as there were changes in persuasions and politics as well as those who occupied the pulpit.

What a fascinating collection of our church's history we have at our fingertips.

But what I find most interesting in this reading of Tab's history, and in the reading of all history really, is that we are a part of it. While we have hand-written minutes from meetings in the 1850's we also have digitalized minutes of meetings held this month. While we have records of decisions made to move from our downtown location all the way up to 34th and Central in the 1920's we also have records of the decisions made to remain in place in 1966, a decision which was reaffirmed 50 years later in 2016 in our Vision Renewal report which is also safely stored.

I find it fascinating that the names of every member of Tab (AKA Third Presbyterian) are all listed, including their dates of membership, baptisms, marriages and deaths, as are ours, and so will be all those who follow us.

Just as the writer of Hebrews listed the names of faithful men and women in our faith's history in chapter 11 of his letter, so the volumes safeguarded in our safe list the names and actions of faithful men and women of Tab down through the ages. Truly we are "surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses."

Were all of their decisions correct? No, and time will surely determine that some of the decisions we make today are not either. For those, past and present, we must confess and repent of our errors in judgment. However, were all made as acts of faithfulness? I would like to believe so, just as I would like to believe that the decisions we make today, as individuals and as a church, are expressions of our faithfulness in response to God's great faithfulness.

We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us and pray that God will find us faithful today and for generations to come.

I look forward to worshiping among a great cloud of witnesses this Sunday.

God's blessings,

Rev. L. John Gable

November 2021

Preaching Schedule

- 7 "Rejoice/Keep on Rejoicing" Philippians 4:4–9 Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching
- 14 "Message to the Church(es)" Revelation 2:1–3:22 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 21 Christ the King Sunday
 "The King and the Kingdom"
 Rev. 21:1–22:7
 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 28 First Sunday of Advent
 "Preparing For The Ones Who Come"
 Luke 1:5–25, 26–38
 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

FAITHFUL

Tab Stewardship 2022

The stewardship theme this year is very appropriately titled "FAITHFUL."

Looking back on the past 18 months of pandemic challenges when so much of the way we do life, and church, has changed, the Tab church family has remained faithful in support of our mission and ministry. Even when the Sanctuary was empty, and we were forced to worship virtually from our homes, your gifts continued to come in through the mail, online and even pushed under the door. We are grateful for your faithfulness.

We also know that any faithfulness we show is merely a faint reflection of the faithfulness God has shown to us not only during the past 18 months, but through the generations.

Our faithfulness is in response to God's faithfulness.

Soon you will be receiving stewardship information for 2022. Please prayerfully consider the ways God has been faithful to you and the ways you can be faithful in response.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday is November 21, 2022.

Read Through The Bible printouts can be picked up at the Front Office

WEEKLY

Event Schedule

SPECIAL					
	6	7:00a	Monumental Marathon		
	13	9:00a	Habitat Build		
	17	6:30p	Moms of Tab		
	21		Dedication Sunday		
	25		Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving DInner Church Offices Closed		
	26		Church Offices Closed		
	DON'T FORGET!				

Daylight Savings Time begins November 7! Make sure to "fall back" that Saturday Night.

MWF	11:00a	Tab's Open Door
MON	6:00p	Women's Bible Study
TUE		Prayer Group Women Alive
WED	9:30a	Pastors' Bible Study
THU		Handbell Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
FRI	6:00p	Circle of Hope
SAT	8:00a	Men's Bible Study
SUN	9:00a	Communion Service Education Hour Worship
	10.000	Junior Church

4:30p IMPACT Youth Group

MONTHLY				
1st MON	12:00p	HR Comm.		
1st TUE	7:00p	Spiritual Growth & Development		
2nd MON	5:30p	Facilities Committee		
2nd TUE	7:00p	Budget & Finance Comm. Children's Ministries Comm. Worship, Music, Arts Comm.		
3rd TUE	7:00p	Session Mtg.		
4th TUE		Congregational Life Comm. Deacons' Meeting Media Committee		
2nd WED	5:30p	Missions Committee		
2nd & 4th SAT	10:00a	Purls of Wisdom		

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

Biserica Crestina Baptista

Happy 25th Anniversary to Our Friends in Zimnicea, Romania!

by Dave Streit

On October 10, 2021, the Biserica Crestina Baptista (Baptist Christian Church) of Zimnicea, Romania, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the dedication of their church building. Why are we telling you this? Well, this building was financed and built in part by members of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. Back in the mid '90s, several Tab folks, including our current Youth Director, Dan Rexroth, started working on the building. In October of 1996, a group from Tab, including then pastor, Peter Larson, helped dedicate the completed structure in this southern Romanian city. For the 25th Anniversary, Tab was represented by Marshall McKenna of Mana Deschisa ministry of Romania. Marshall traveled with the Tab group in 1996, and has stayed in Romania ever since. During the celebration, photos of the construction and dedication were shared, and a musical video greeting from Tab was viewed. Tab continues to support this congregation through our work with Missio-Link International (MLI). On Sunday, November 14, Emil Toader of MLI will be at Tab, speaking at each service and presenting during Sunday School. You won't want to miss learning about all that MLI is doing in Romania.









Member Spotlight

Meet Kaye Diener

by Paula Daum

Have you ever met someone who just exudes kindness and hospitality? We have many members just like this in the Tab family. One of those people is our long-time member, Kaye Diener.

Kaye was born and educated on the north side of Indianapolis. A graduate of North Central High School, she studied Elementary Education and French at Purdue University. While Kaye pursued her degree, she worked as a written interpreter for French students by translating their theses from French to English.

A lifelong Presbyterian, Kaye met fellow Indianapolis native Bill Diener while she was a sophomore at Purdue. At the time, Bill was finishing his senior year at Wabash College. They got engaged within a year, and they were married on July 3, 1965, following Kaye's graduation from Purdue.

Kaye and Bill started their married life in Indianapolis. Kaye taught at Skiles Test Elementary School while Bill worked in Marketing at Eli Lilly. Bill also pursued a law degree at this time by taking night classes. A job transfer for Bill took them to Albany, New York, where they welcomed their son, Mark. The next job change for Bill took the family to Bethesda, Maryland, where they welcomed their daughter, Karen. Additional job changes took the family to Salt Lake City, then to Winter Park, Florida and finally, back to Indianapolis in 1979. They became members at Tab in 1989.

Upon Mark's birth, Kaye became a stay-at-home mother and an active volunteer. She credits volunteer work with helping her connect with and make new friends each time the family relocated. Once back in Indianapolis, Kaye became a member of the Children's Museum Guild, including serving as president. Other volunteer stints included PTA president in Washington Township Schools, Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School (where daughter Karen graduated), Chair of the Children's Museum Haunted House, and Chair for the Decorator's Showhouse. A lifelong horseback rider, she also volunteers with Agape Therapeutic Riding Resources.

Bill worked for Citizen's Gas upon their return to Indy and then for Ice Miller law firm. Bill was also an active volunteer, especially in tutoring kids at School 48, School 42 and at Shortridge Middle School. In addition, he tutored inmates at the Pendleton State Reformatory. At Tab, Bill was an elder, and Kaye has served as both a deacon and an elder over the years. Kaye has also been an usher for many years at the

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8a worship service, as well as a faithful nursery volunteer and a Tab tutor. She especially enjoyed her tenure as elder and working with Dave Streit and the Media Committee.

Throughout the years, Kaye and Bill enjoyed traveling extensively throughout the world. Some favorite destinations include Ireland, France, Tanzania, China, Tibet, New Zealand and Spain.

Kaye and Bill experienced a very difficult loss when their daughter Karen passed away in 2015 from breast cancer. Bill then passed away in 2017 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Kaye remains very close to son Mark, daughter-in-law Eileen, grandson Mark Jr. and granddaughter Madison who live in Long Island, NY.

Kaye's enthusiasm for life and her faith is delightful and infectious. She plays the piano every day to honor the memory of her mother. She also tap dances!

Psalm 149:3 "Let them praise His name with dancing and make music to Him..."

Welcome New Members



Janet Lewis

Jan moved to Indianapolis from Kentucky to be near her daughter—Tab member Sarah Noel—and her family. Her husband Steve, passed away unexpectedly in 2016. She has another daughter, Rebecca. Jan is a retired teacher who enjoys running, biking, watercolor and her dog.



Whitney & Tiago Barbosa

Residents of Greenfield, Whitney is from Zionsville and Tiago is a native of the country Brazil. They have been married since 2018 and have a beautiful son, Sebastian, who was born in July. Whitney is a banker and works for Charles Schwab & Co., and she enjoys reading, traveling and cooking. Tiago is an electrician with McCullough Electric, and he is an F1 racing fan and enjoys soccer.



Doug & Judy Litsey

Doug and Judy have been familiar with Tab for many years and began visiting at the invitation of friends. They have two children and four grandchildren. Their grandchildren have been participants in Tab Recreation's soccer program. They both enjoy reading and Doug is also an iPhone photographer.

Spiritual Growth & Development Classes

Cold Case Christianity | SUNDAY 9a PARLOR

J. Warner Wallace, a former L.A. homicide detective, came to faith after examining the 4 Gospel accounts using the same forensic tools he employed in his work. This 8-week series affirms the reliability of Scripture, and provides us talking points if asked about our faith (1 Peter 3:15).

Women's Bible Study | MONDAY 6p-7:30p ZOOM

This prayer and study time is an encouraging start to the week and a great way to connect and learn with other women. The current study covers the book of Philippians. Contact mrs.ruth.h.miller@gmail.com for study guide, info or Zoom link.

Women Alive | TUESDAY 10a-11a ZOOM

Women Alive is for women of all ages, seeking, with a sense of wonder to know themselves and God better, while moving through life together. Content includes lively discussions around books, Bible studies, and workshops for women of all ages. Contact sallybjohn@gmail.com.

Pastor's Bible Study | WEDNESDAY 9:30a-10:30a PARLOR

Join us as our pastor leads a Bible study covering the Scriptures for the up-coming Sunday worship service.

Mom's Circle | 3rd WED EACH MONTH 6:30p-8:00p YOUTH ROOM

It can be a challenge for Moms to remember to check in with God and each other, this is a great opportunity to be with our sisters in Christ and help build each other up. Each month we'll discuss a Chapter of "Slow Down" by Nicole Nordeman (Books will be provided). Contact mrs.ruth.h.miller@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study | SATURDAY 8a-9a PARLOR

We are currently studying Paul's letters; Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. Contact dlconrads@yahoo.com for more information about this wonderful time of study and fellowship.

Tab News

Announcements & Events

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Due to the running of the Monumental Marathon and inaccessibility to the church building, the Saturday morning Men's Bible Study will not meet on November 6.

FALL FELLOWSHIP

November 7th, after worship around 11a, the Tab Deacons cordially invite you to enjoy hot cider and pumpkin donuts brought in from Tuttles Orchard in Greenfield. Meet us outdoors (weather permitting) as this is a great time to invite a neighbor to Church, or to just connect with fellow worshipers. You'll be hungry anyway, for 11a on 11/07 is actually noon old time—so we'll see you then.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Children's Ministries is again handing out boxes to be filled with toys and other small items which will be given to children overseas as part of a larger mission to share the Gospel with children who may not yet know Jesus. If you or your family would like to participate, boxes and instructions for packing are available in the Front Office and in Lower Level B. Boxes are due back at Tab NO LATER THAN November 14, preferably dropped off in Lower Level B. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Wirt.

THANK-OFFERING DINNER

Due to continued concerns and recommended guidance from the CDC, along with state and local health officials surrounding holiday gatherings, the Session has voted to cancel this year's Thank-Offering Dinner that was scheduled for Sunday, November 21. We are continuing to make informed and wise decisions based on information provided to us when it comes to protecting those in our congregation. We appreciate your understanding and pray that you will have a wonderful and blessed celebration with your families and friends.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

In observation of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

This year's Advent Workshop will take place December 12 in Lower Level B. In recognition of the fact that Covid still exists, masks will be required and we will offer 8 crafts rather than the regular 10 to allow participants to spread out a bit. Crafts for children 5 and younger will be offered in the Preschool Room. The Advent Workshop is for the entire Tab family, so we hope you can join us for some crafts, Christmas music, and excellent fellowship!

MOMS CRAFT NIGHT

All Tab ladies are invited to our annual "Moms Craft Night" on December 8, from 6:30p–9p in Lower Level B. Three crafts from the main Advent Workshop as well as one special "just for moms" craft will be offered along with a holiday dessert. Childcare for children 5 and younger will be available if requested. If you'd like to bring your young children to childcare, please contact Jennifer Wirt.

CALLING ALL COOKS & THOSE WHO LOVE GOOD FOOD!

We are collecting your main dishes and vegetable recipes this month for the Centennial Cookbook! Send those to jakukolla@icloud.com or drop them at the Front Office.

MISSIONS UNIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It's nearly time for all Tab elementary students to begin their "trip around the world" during this year's Missions Unit. On January 9 we'll prepare for our journey by making passports and name pins, decorating our travel bags, and learning a bit about the steps involved in becoming a missionary. Then on January 16, and continuing through February 27, we'll be visiting a new country each week to learn about the geography, culture, religious practices and Christian mission efforts of that country. This year's countries include Peru. Ghana, Romania, China, Iran, the United States (New Orleans) and Portugal. We need many adult and teen helpers to make the Missions Unit a success! Sign up to volunteer beginning November 21 in McKee Hallway. We'd love for you to join us!

A MESSAGE FROM CIRCLE CITY STEEPLES

Over the past eighteen months, it has been our honor to celebrate thirty-five historic churches in Indianapolis, including yours. We are humbled and grateful for the opportunity to photograph and research your church home. The depth and beautiful diversity of faith in our city is shown in the very stones of our city's beloved religious buildings, witnessed by soaring steeples, contemplative chapels, and dazzling stained glass. Churches tell the story of a city and we are pleased to offer the story of the churches of Indianapolis.

Circle City Steeples is a 9"x12" coffee table book printed by Vedere Press on Massachusetts Avenue. With more than 160 pages of full color photographs, each church featured in the book spans four pages and has been carefully researched to richly detail the history and architecture. Preorders are now open and the physical copies should be available around Christmas, but Covid-related supply chain issues may unfortunately cause delays. The first of its kind, this celebration of Indy's churches is available for \$50 by visiting: https://katiqphotography.mypixieset.com/CircleCitySteeples

A Look Back

Additional Space Required!

by Ruth McDonald



The growth of the congregation that accompanied the completion of the Sanctuary building placed Tab as fifth in size of all Presbyterian churches in the US. This growth underscored the need of a church in this neighborhood, one the community would support, and a building which would meet the demand.

Since the January 1923 completion of the Sanctuary, the entire temporary Chapel was given over to the Beginners, Primary and Junior Departments for their Christian education. The Adult Department used the Sanctuary hosting at least four classes simultaneously. The High School and Intermediate Departments used the Assembly Room (Dining Room). By 1928, attendance had grown to the extent that classes were scattered all over the building just so they can be part of the successful Sunday School.

Rooms not intended for classes were put into service for education: the boiler room, the coal bin, coat closets, the kitchen, the serving room, on the stage, even the church offices. It was said that "Every available nook has been occupied." Some classes were held on the staircases! Tents were also added outside for additional meeting space. The Yoke Fellows had a 20x30-ft structure constructed between the temporary Chapel and the Sanctuary (on today's court-yard) at Emsley Johnson's own expense (\$600) for the adult class he taught. The only quiet place the Church School officers could find to figure the Sunday school attendance and count the money was a small room off the kitchen at the foot of the stairs. It was obvious to all that space for the Bible school and for the young peoples' activities was an absolute necessity. The need was now.

The original plan was to build the full church building in three units: 1st – Sanctuary, 2nd – Chapel, 3rd – the Educational unit. The congregation approved to have the Chapel,

the Tower, and the Educational/Community Building built at one time, as delaying would be a hindrance to the work of the Church and Sunday school. The completed cost was \$364,903. The subscription slogan to raise the funds was "Everybody Active is an Active Church." The temporary frame building was moved to the vacant lot adjacent to the west with the owner's permission as the Trustees began to investigate purchasing the lot. The owner had not permitted Tabernacle to buy it when the 34th and Central lot was first purchased. Thankfully, he had also had not sold it to others, namely for an apartment building or to Third Church of Christ, Scientist (Phillips Temple) for their church to be built. This lot would become the start of our recreation field later. The dwelling on the southwest corner of Central and 34th Street was rented for use of some classes until the new building was ready for occupancy.

As stated in The Tabernacle Builder, Oct 1928, "Our new building will have an Assembly Room for every department of the Sunday school - Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediates. Seniors, and Adults. In addition to these Assembly rooms, there will be some sixty classrooms available for the larger classes. These surely will fill the needs of the community." A standard-sized gymnasium, ladies' parlors and additional bathrooms were also added. According to one newspaper article, quoting a member of the building committee, initial plans stated "The basement will contain clubrooms, one for men and one for women. There will also in all probability be a billiard and poolroom." (This did not happen.) When completed, the new unit was one of the best-arranged and equipped Sunday school buildings in the country. It was thought that very few, if any, Sunday schools had ever had so many small children in attendance. Both membership and SS attendance had increased by more than 1,000 since moving to 34th and Central.

BEST WISHES

The Tab family extends our best wishes to Ivonne Blanco & Pavel Polanco-Safadit on their October 10 wedding. Best wishes to the bride and groom.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathy to several friends this month. Please keep Dave Streit and his family in the death of his father, John, on October 18th in Michigan. He died peacefully and fortunately Dave was able to be there with him. Please keep Dave and Jennifer, his step mother Nancy and their family in your prayers.

We want to extend the prayers and sympathy of the Tab Church family to George and Jean Davis in the death of George's brother, Tom, on Sunday, October 17 near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Please keep George and Jean and their extended family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of former member Frank Wood who passed away on September 30. Frank was the uncle of Gilbert Orban.

The Tab Church family extends our sympathy to Jim and Barb Babcock and their family in the death of Jim's brother Charles who died on Tuesday, October 26. Charles was 89 years old and living in Sarasota, Florida.

The Tab Church family wishes to express our sympathy to Doug and Karen Smith and their family in the death of Doug's mother, Eva Kelley, on Thursday, October 21st in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Please keep all of these Tab families in your thoughts and prayers this month.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income: \$1,596,662 YTD actual income: \$1,601,576 Actual exceeds budgeted by: \$4,914

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses: \$1,735,548 YTD actual expenses \$1,562,373 Under budget by: \$173,176

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





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

NOVEMBER

- 1 Steve & Becky Kegg 26 years Ted Planje & Lee Lange 13 years Nolan Smith & Erica Fledderjohn 18 years
- 11 Trip & Carol Newell 26 years
- 21 Keith & Stephanie Detrude 34 years
- 24 Paul & Shannon Woller 14 years
- 25 Todd & Amy McLean 21 years
- 27 Paul & Adina Coomes 17 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

- 1 Judi Trabue Rich Klopp
- 2 Sheila Grigdesby
- 3 Joe Kukolla
- 5 Jim Dzubay Jason DeArman Dirk Douglas
- 7 Mike Cracraft Marian Marlowe
- 8 Nancy Russell
- 9 Don Fledderjohn Chris Moore Rachel Braly
- 10 Kaye Diener
 Betsy Brunette
 Jacob Crouch
 Ernesto Carrasco
- 11 Angelise Sutherland Shelley Chamberlain Julie Howard
- 12 Stephanie Sherrard Kathy Kern
- 13 Brittany Barnett
- 14 Sadie Rexroth
 Dan Hursh
 Caroline Whaley
 Jack Daymon
- 15 Jon Dougherty Katy Cummings
- 16 Michelle Browning Kathy Donaldson Liz Strodtman William Dieterich

- 17 Eleanor Lange Ian Flanagan
- 18 Dash Rodriguez
- 20 Ezekiel John Sandra Reid Cosette Wade
- 21 Clyde Townsend Harry Peyton Pete Morse Makenzie King Kennedy Cates
- 22 Gayla Pitts
- 23 Joseph Keller Peg Padgett Erin Sears
- 24 Serenity Dzubay Nikita McKenna Liam Barnett
- 25 Katy Howe George Davis Kyle Miller
- 26 Paul Coomes Mary Souers Janice Dehart
- 27 Meghan Krueger Emily Boits
- 28 Nancy Morris
- 29 Brian King Sara McFarlen
- 30 Joseph Scales Richard Boits

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Help make Tab even more gorgeous at Christmas!

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

Cost for each plant is \$20

Given by:	
O In Memory of:	O In Honor of:
please print clearly	
Total Enclosed: \$	

Please return this form to the Front Office no later than Sunday, December 5. Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, marked "Poinsettia".