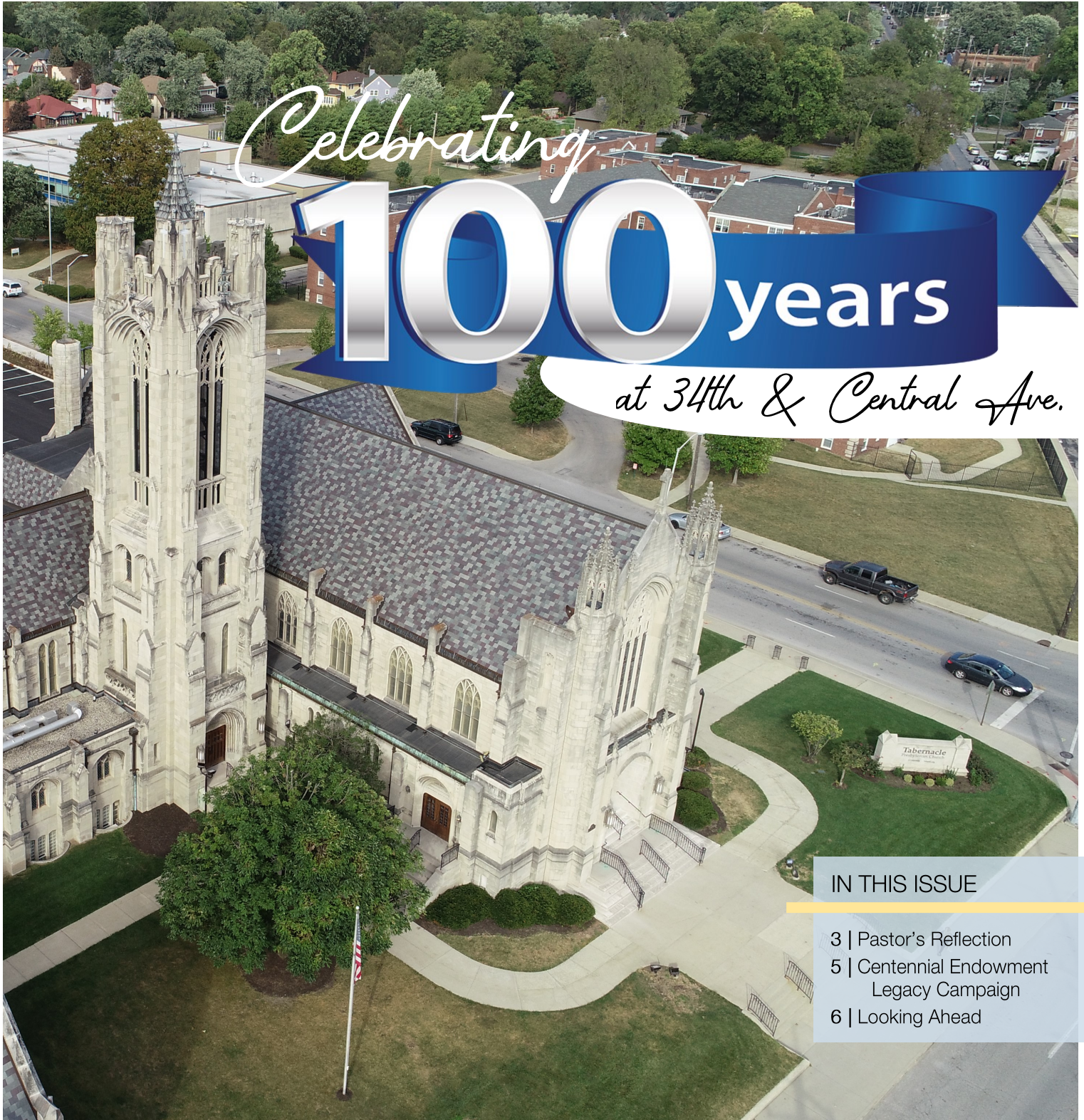


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Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

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

8:00 AM | COMMUNION SERVICE | *McKee Chapel*

10:00 AM | *WORSHIP SERVICE | *Sanctuary*

* This service is also live-streamed each Sunday beginning around 9:50 AM.
You can find a link at tabpres.org.

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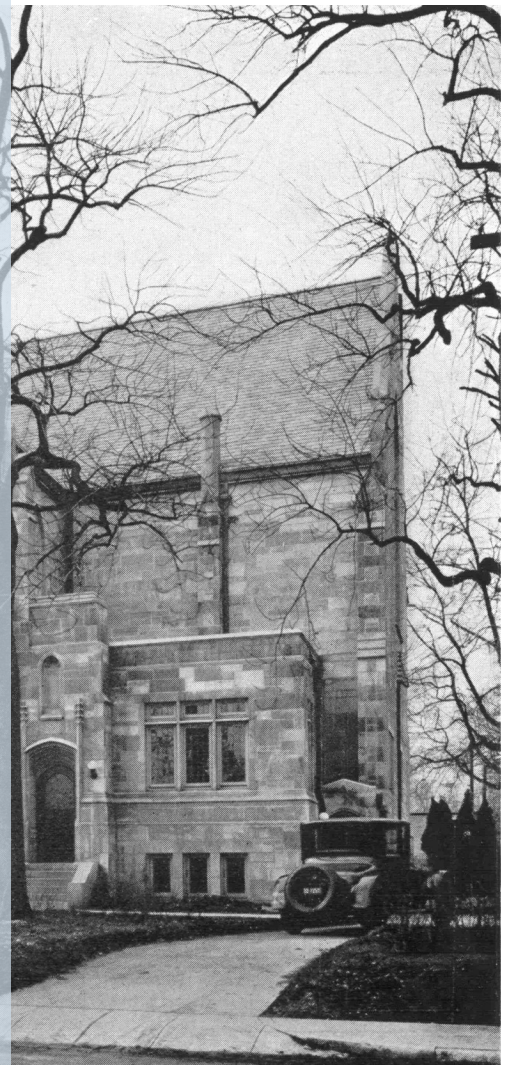
Tab's TOWER CHIMES

This monthly newsletter is also available for viewing on the church website at: www.tabpres.org

All submissions for the monthly newsletter should be emailed to frontdesk@tabpres.org no later than the 15th of each month for appearance in the upcoming month's Tower Chimes.

ON THE COVER:

August 1923, The Architectural Record
Tabernacle Presbyterian Church Sanctuary
J.W.C. Corbusier and R.F. Daggett, Associated Architects



August 1923, The Architectural Record
Tab's 34th Street View
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Associated Architects



Pastoral Reflection

Jesus: Light of the World

Dear Friends,

There are certain events in our lives that are intended to be celebrated – birthdays, anniversaries, milestones of achievement. Tab has good reason to celebrate this month – our Centennial year of ministry and mission at the corner of 34th and Central. 100 years is a significant milestone!

During the past year we have recognized our past in significant ways and revisited our history by telling the stories of our church family, some familiar, others less so. We are also heavily invested in preparing our beautiful facility for the next 100 years of ministry on this corner.

Now there are two celebrations we want you to be aware of and hope you will participate in:

Centennial Banquet on Saturday, February 4, at 6:00p at the Riviera Club (5640 N. Illinois St). We invite the whole church family to join together for a time of food and good fellowship as we enjoy one another's company and share our own stories of Tab's past, present and future through memorabilia and videos and conversation. **Reservations are needed for this meal** so please contact the church office, register while you are at church or do so via your Realm account. The cost of the meal is \$20. Please do not let that be an inhibitor to your attendance. Let Pastor Terri or I know you would like some assistance, and we will be happy to help. We want you to be a part of this celebration.

Centennial Worship Service on Sunday, February 5, at 10:00a (one service of worship only). The Centennial worship service will be designed after the service of dedication held in February 1923. We will model the liturgy and music from that era with a modern twist. The guest preacher in 1923 was the Stated Clerk of our denomination, Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, D. D. Our guest preacher on Sunday, February 5, will be the current Stated Clerk of the PCUSA, the **Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson**. This is a great honor and privilege for us to host the Stated Clerk- something I have been hoping to arrange for the past year!

The Stated Clerk is the chief ecumenical officer and primary representative in national and international interchurch and interfaith relations, the one who speaks to and for the church in matters of faith and practice. He is responsible to "offer constitutional and spiritual leadership for the life and witness of the church and exercise pastoral authority over concerns of the church in times of crisis." Dr. Nelson was elected Stated Clerk in 2016.

J. Herbert is married to (Rev.) Gail Nelson Porter and is the son, grandson and nephew of Presbyterian pastors. He is also the first African-American to lead our denomination during its 300 year history. Prior to becoming Stated Clerk he has served as pastor and as director of the PCUSA's Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C.

Following the service of worship there will be a special Centennial reception in the Dining Room.

100 years is a significant milestone in the life of our congregation. Together we will reflect on and give thanks for God's guidance and blessing, past, present and future, and we hope that you will be a part of the celebration!

If you haven't yet returned to in-person worship we encourage you to do so. If you are worshipping with us online, we hope that it is meeting your spiritual needs.

As always, I very much look forward to being with you in worship.

Rev. L. John Gable

February 2023

Preaching Schedule

5 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SERVICE

10:00a Service Only

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson

Stated Clerk of the PC(USA)

12 PEOPLE JESUS MET ALONG THE WAY:

A PHARISEE

Matthew 22:24-40

Rev. L. John Gable

19 PEOPLE JESUS MET ALONG THE WAY:

MOSES AND ELIJAH

Mark 9:2-8

Rev. L. John Gable

26 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00p Service

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Rev. Terri Thorn

26 A PEOPLE WITH A PURPOSE: WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Psalm 24:1-7; John 4:19-26

Rev. L. John Gable



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Financial Report

DECEMBER 2022 Financials

	PLAN	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
YTD Income	\$ 2,290,655	\$ 2,397,697	\$ 107,042
YTD Expense	\$ 2,290,655	\$ 2,271,447	\$ 19,208
Difference	—	\$ 126,251	\$ 126,251

Questions? Contact Kristine at ext. 111
or email her at kristine.green@tabpres.org.



1928

A Friday Night Party at Tab

Centennial

Endowment Legacy Campaign

by Sue Anne Gilroy

For the past 71 years, the Endowment Fund of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church has faithfully fulfilled its purpose by giving support to the mission, ministry and campus of Tab in seasons of plenty and of need. Most recently, \$4.7 million has been contributed to upgrade the church building and grounds by Tab's Endowment Fund. A full 4% of the Endowment Fund portfolio is dedicated to the operating budget each and every year. In 2023 that will total \$433,180.

At the end of 2021, as we entered into our multi-year Centennial Celebration, the Tab Endowment was given a one-million-dollar gift by an anonymous donor family. Beyond the insistence that the gift be kept anonymous, they suggested that their gift might be used to encourage others to give to the Endowment Fund according to their means.

At the time of the gift, the donor family offered this refection and invitation:

"100 years is a special time in a church's life. In that period, there is a feast and famine, but God provides. During the pandemic, we as a church, have been blessed. We find ourselves in a unique spot.

Now, as we have been given a special opportunity, we have offered one-million-dollars, over and above normal giving, to the Endowment Fund of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. This gift is given with two conditions: one of anonymity and two, that it serve as a match for donations over and above normal giving for the Endowment Fund of Tab. The Endowment is given in the spirit of helping to secure God's plan for this church and this community. If you personally feel that, over and above your normal giving, you have been specially blessed, then let this anonymous gift serve as a match as you think about your giving this year, large or small."

Another Tab family donor has responded generously to this encouragement and has added an additional dollar-for-dollar Million Dollar match from living donors if pledged between now and March 31, 2023. Pledges can be paid off over up to 3 years (2026). Only the pledge needs to be made by March 31, 2023. If we can raise One Million Dollars in pledges between now and March 31, we will have increased the Tab endowment by \$3M.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund will help us honor our past and to live and serve faithfully in the present, as we now prepare expectantly for all God is calling us to do and be in the future.

To discuss your valued participation in this initiative, please contact:

- John Gable | john.gable@tabpres.org
- Carl Evans, Endowment Fund Chair | carletonevans@gmail.com
- Sue Anne Gilroy, Legacy Chair | sueannegilroy@gmail.com
- Kristine Green | kristine.green@tabpres.org

Thank you for your consideration and continued generosity.



Looking Ahead

Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships, Stronger Community

by Rev. L. John Gable

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church relocated to the corner of 34th and Central and dedicated our new church facility in February, 1923...100 years ago. In this our Centennial year we have been looking back at all that has gone before thanks in large part to the well-researched and well-written articles by Ruth and Bruce McDonald. Many, many thanks are given to them for this remarkable labor of love they have given to us.

Several months ago, Bruce told me, "OK, John, we've told the story of the past, now we'd like you to write about the next 100 years." While I will admit to being a planner, this task is beyond the bounds of my vision. I would even say it is a fool's errand to try to predict what is going to happen tomorrow, much less 100 years from now. Such is James' point when he writes, *"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there.' Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring.... Instead you should say, 'If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that.'"* James 4:13-15

No one 100 years ago, could have imagined the Tab of today, but that being said, there are some characteristics of Tab that have been enduring through the decades which I anticipate will continue to guide us in to the future:

- > Faithfulness to the Word of God in our preaching, teaching and witness
- > Commitment to the spiritual growth of our members

- > Outreach in witness and service to the community around us
- > A vision of Kingdom work in the neighborhood and around the globe
- > The call to active involvement by our members in witness, service and giving

Looking ahead, I believe these principles will continue to guide us like the lane markers on the highway, keeping us on track with the historic principles and practices of our faith yet still requiring us to make decisions as we encounter turns and obstacles along the way.

Church history has noted that there have been significant changes about every 500 years since the time of Christ. Between 325-the early 7th century the church underwent the process of defining itself within the established culture of the Roman Empire. In 1054 AD the church experienced the East-West Schism which separated the Roman Catholic Church from the Eastern Orthodox Church. In 1517 Martin Luther lit the fuse which led to the Protestant Reformation. Now we find ourselves five centuries out. Is there another cataclysmic change afoot?

Perhaps it is too soon to tell, but I believe there is, and it has been some time in the coming, certainly longer than the changes we have seen due to the recent pandemic. Whereas the church has watched its focal point shift from the Middle East to Europe then to America, now the church



center is found on the continent of Africa. For decades the American Church has aged and declined in numbers, particularly in the mainline churches, and even those churches that are growing are often “borrowing sheep, rather than birthing new ones.” Culture in America has infringed on Church life in many ways, encroaching on Wednesday night programs and Sunday mornings with a myriad of other competing activities. Many, feeling the pull of these competing forces, have begun to wonder about the value and benefit of church membership and of faith itself. The recent pandemic has only poured an accelerant on some of the trends we have been watching for decades.

So, what does that say about the Church of the future? Am I pessimistic about it? Absolutely not! As Billy Graham once said, “I am not a pessimist, I am an optimist. I have read the last page of the Bible!” I agree wholeheartedly. I am confident about the future of the Church (capital C) and at the same time recognize that the church (lower case c) must continue to adapt and change if it is going to survive and remain relevant in the coming years.

I will suggest that the church of the future, Tab specifically, will have to remain both grounded and adaptable. Our Vision Renewal statement (2016) provides us good guidance for the present and future:

GREATER FAITH

Increasing reliance on the promises of Christ and dependence on the empowering of the Holy Spirit to guide ministries and impact lives. The Church will need to continue to be more missional in its approach, not just to those in far off places, but to neighbors nearby, no longer assuming that everyone has a church home or a faith to call their own.

DEEPER RELATIONSHIPS

Stronger emphasis on creating opportunities for deep and lasting relationships with God, one another and our neighbors. People belong to people, not to institutions. Bonds of friendship and commitment are essential. The church is a voluntary society in which every member has a part to play. Churches of the future will need to become increasingly less pastor and staff driven, and more volunteer “hands on.” “On the ship called the church there are no passengers, all are members of the crew.” (Elizabeth O’Connor)

STRONGER COMMUNITY

Our actions must continue to give expression to our words, so ministries of justice and reconciliation and caring for the well-being of our under-privileged or under-served neighbors will be the tangible witness we will need to give to an unbelieving world.

I cannot begin to imagine what the Church 100 years from now will look like or the challenges it will face then or along the way. I do have every confidence that we need to be laying stepping stones for the Church of tomorrow today. This is one of the reasons we are doing so many renovations to our building. We are getting it ready for the next 100 years of ministry we are going to be doing on the corner of 34th and Central.

I do not know pretend to know what the future holds, but I know the One who holds the future and He is “*the same, yesterday, today and forever.*” I won’t be around for it, and neither will you, but there is much we can do to get ready for it today. We have seen the past and we know the present, and now, just thinking about it, gets me excited for the future. ✝

Other Tab News

Announcements & Events

Ministries can submit articles for the next monthly edition of the Tower Chimes **by the 15th each month** to frontdesk@tabpres.org with CHIMES in the subject line.

PARISHIONERS WITHOUT PARTNERS COVENANT GROUP FOR WOMEN | Begins Monday, February 6, 6-7:30p via ZOOM.

Coinciding with the start of the Lenten series all-church read, this new study will focus on support, encouragement and fellowship and will be open to all Tab women, regardless of age. The first meeting will be at Janie Parr's home, with a definitive date forthcoming.

Questions? Email Janie at mparr@iupui.edu.

UPCOMING INQUIRERS' CLASS | Saturday, February 11, from 9a-11a

in the Parlor. This class is for anyone interested in knowing more about the mission and ministry of Tab or is considering church membership. The class will be led by John Gable and those participating in the class will be invited to become members of Tab, but membership is optional. For more information or to register for this class, contact Paula Daum at (317) 923-5458, ext. 104 or paula.daum@tabpres.org.

PRAYERS AND PANCAKES FOR LENT |

What better way to start the season of Lent than with Prayers and Pancakes? Be sure to mark your calendar for Monday evening, **February 20, 6p-8:30p**. The Mission Committee is planning a brief prayer service for our mission and ministry partners at 6p followed by a pancake supper in the Dining Room. It will be a great opportunity to learn about our partners and have "Breakfast for Dinner!" In order to plan appropriately, we will be asking for RSVPs for the pancake supper portion of the evening. More information about registration will be forthcoming... but go ahead and reserve the date now! Please send your RSVP to frontdesk@tabpres.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE | Wednesday, February 22

at 7p. Join us as we begin the Lenten Season at our Ash Wednesday service, message brought to you by Rev. Terri Thorn and, as is our tradition, we will celebrate the sacrament of communion and receive the imposition of ashes. We look forward to seeing you as we begin our Lenten journey to the cross.

SANCTUARY CHOIR NEWS |

Were you one of those students that enjoyed harassing your choir director in high school? Don't you wish you could relive those days? Well, you can! The Sanctuary Choir is looking for a number of volunteers who love to sing and are willing to give of their time and talent as we lift our voices to God in worship. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00p and we sing the first, third and fifth (if there is one) Sunday of each

month. Consider joining in on the fun as we learn and worship together through song. No previous experience necessary, just a love of lifting your voice to God.

LEGAL CLINIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED |

The Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic is actively seeking volunteers to help further their marketing, fundraising, event and hospitality efforts in 2023! They are especially looking for creative skills (or a willingness to learn them) to support our development and administrative teams. Helpful skills include: graphic design, creative writing, event planning, volunteer management, decorating, office maintenance, photography, video editing, social media, reception, and advocacy. These are opportunities to help NCLC raise the awareness and funds needed to sustain their mission to promote justice for low-income Hoosiers as a way of demonstrating Christ's love. Email frontdesk@tabpres.org for info on how to apply.

COMING SOON

NEW WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

REDEEMING YOUR TIME | Women's Monday night, **Winter 2023 (February 6-27) 6-7:30p**, Online (ZOOM). Our schedules can be overwhelming and our efforts to find balance in life can feel fruitless. But when we look at the lifestyle of Jesus, we see an example of what it looks like to be efficient while finding balance. In this four-session series, we will discuss principles, rooted in the example of Jesus, that will help us use the time we have in the best way.

SOUL CARE | NEW Women's Monday Night Bible Study starting **Spring 2023 (March 6-April 10) 6-7:30p**, Online (ZOOM). Starting March 6—April 10. Join us for a six-part series on Soul Care and learn to tend to the garden of your inner life. Discover what it means to apprentice under the Master, Jesus— not just by believing His teachings, but by living the way He lived. As you adopt His rhythms of rest and relationship, and practice His habits of silence, solitude, Sabbath, and simplicity, your soul will begin to thrive and bear fruit.

Email Ruth Miller for details: mrs.ruth.hmiller@gmail.com.



Missions Unit

now-February 26

If you haven't already participated in this year's Missions Unit, you have four more opportunities to take your "trip around the world."

We are continuing our journey by making passports and name pins, decorating our travel bags and learning a bit about the steps involved in becoming a missionary. Kids will visit a new country each week to learn about the geography, culture, religious practices and Christian mission efforts in that particular country.

Countries left to visit:

Hawaii, India, Nigeria, and New Zealand.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE CHAMPIONS

The following students memorized at least eleven Bible passages during the fall quarter to earn a spot on our next Mystery Night outing:

Sekyi Asare, Liam Barnett, Morgan Barnett, Jake Boits, Luke Boits, Dromo Darku, Stella Fowles, Emma Lynn, and Zac Turman.

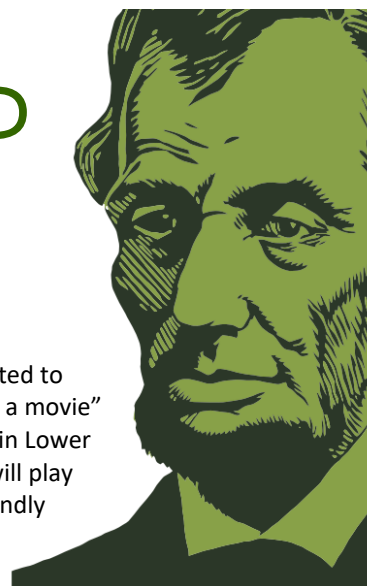
Congratulations to these young Bible scholars!

PRESIDENT'S DAY

LUNCH AND A MOVIE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 | NOON

All Tab elementary students are invited to participate in our annual "lunch and a movie" get-together. We will meet at noon in Lower Level B to have lunch and then we will play some games and watch a family-friendly movie (with popcorn, of course!) until 2:30p.



KIDS GAMES

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 19-23 | 9:00a—NOON

The Children's Ministries and Tab Recreation are joining forces to host **KIDS GAMES** as our 2023 Vacation Bible School (VBS).

KIDS GAMES includes sports, games, Bible lessons, crafts, music and snacks.

This VBS is open to all students who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required so we can plan for supplies, snacks and volunteers.

Registration via a link on the Tab website begins in February.

Event Schedule

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events

SPECIAL

- 4** **CENTENNIAL BANQUET**
- 5** 10:00a **CENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICE**
(no 8:00a service)
- 22** 7:00p **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**
Rev. Terri Thorn

WEEKLY

- MWF** 11:00a **Tab's OPEN DOOR CAFÉ**
- MON** 6:00p **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**
- TUE** 9:30a **WOMAN ALIVE**
6:30p **PRAYER GROUP**
6:30p **CONNECTION CODES**
- WED** 9:30a **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**
- THU** 3:45p **Tab TUTORING**
6:00p **HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**
7:00p **SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL**
- FRI** 7:00p **CIRCLE OF HOPE**
- SAT** 8:00a **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**
- SUN** 8:00a **COMMUNION SERVICE**
9:00a **EDUCATION HOUR**
10:00a **WORSHIP SERVICE**
11:00a **Youth IMPACT**

MONTHLY

- 1st **MON** 12:00p **HR COMMITTEE MEETING**
- 1st **TUE** 7:00p **SPIRITUAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**
- 1st **WED** 5:30p **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**
- 2nd **MON** 5:30p **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**
6:00p **DIVERSITY & JUSTICE TEAM**
- 2nd **TUE** 5:00p **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**
7:00p **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**
6:30p **WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS COMMITTEE**
- 3rd **TUE** 7:00p **SESSION MEETING**
- 3rd **WED** 6:30p **MOMS OF Tab**
- 4th **TUE** 5:00p **MEDIA COMMITTEE**
5:30p **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MEETING**
7:00p **DEACONS' MEETING**



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Young Married Couples Class

Tab Family

Births, Deaths, Baptisms, Birthdays, Anniversaries and New Members

WELCOME NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to:

—**THE JEFFERIES FAMILY:** proud parents, **Michael & Kennedy** and grandparents, **Bill & Karen**, on the birth of baby girl **Ruth Elizabeth** born on January 12. Everyone is happy, healthy and blessed!

—**THE SHAW FAMILY:** proud parents, **Douglas and Angela**, welcomed baby boy **Caleb Clayton** on January 19 at 5:58a. Mom and baby are both doing well!

IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to:

—to **Wendy WILKERSON** and her family in the death of her brother, **Barry WITHAM**, on December 26.

Please continue to keep the WILKERSON/ WITHAM families in your prayers during this time.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 | Scott & Brenda **LUMMIS**, 6 years
- 14 | Bob & Suzanne **SHAW**, 52 years
- 23 | Gary & Judy **DAYMON**, 49 years

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Billie PORTER
Robert ORR
Soraya WEBB | 16 Molly REDDING
Colin O'BANYEL
Deborah DANIELS-
MANNWEILER |
| 2 Frances FARTHING
Charlett BELISLE
Naa ASARE | 17 Brenda SWEENEY
Virginia BROWNING |
| 3 Stephanie HARMLESS
Betty BARKER
Lillian CHASTAIN | 18 Jay STEGER
Larry HANLON |
| 4 Griffin DAUM | 19 John KUPKE
Heidi HARMLESS
Evan DIETERICH |
| 5 Brendy LANGE | 20 Sandra CHENEY |
| 6 Jennifer WIRT
Ethan WEBB
Linda COSTLOW
Kyle COSTLOW
Kenny PHELPS | 21 Jim BABCOCK
Tim MEILS
Donna HANKINS |
| 8 Caroline FOSTER
Avery THOMPSON | 22 Michael NEELY
Marina ALLEN |
| 9 Christopher WHALEY
Linda WATKINS
Kat GERING-WILLIAMS | 23 Christie KUPKE
Tom SIMPSON
Connie HINTZ
Eric KING
Annie THOMPSON |
| 10 Grayson LUZADER
Dash MOUDY
Sandy LOPER | 24 Maggie BIRK
Nancy GORDON |
| 11 Constance BROWN | 25 Sheila RUEGSEGGGER |
| 12 Honi-Jean L. SCHROEDER
Drew PIKE | 26 Patty REEL
Fred SULLIVAN |
| 14 Jennifer WEYRETER
Karis CRANE
Anna SCHUBERT
Ryan MOORE
Susan WHITE
Mateo URFALIAN | 27 Dan SCHROEDER
Piper McFARLEN |
| | 29 Dave KING |



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POSTMASTER: Return Service requested.



Centennial Celebration BANQUET

Saturday evening, February 4 | 6:00p
at the Riviera Club (5640 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis)

Cost is \$20 for adults; \$10 per child. The deadline to sign up is **Sunday, January 29**. You may register and pay either at the Front Desk on Sunday mornings, online at tabpres.org/giving or for those on Realm, go to Events and Register. Music will be provided that evening by our own Leah Crane and Pavel Polanco-Safadit.

Plan to join us for this very special event!

Centennial Celebration WORSHIP

Sunday, February 5, 2023 | 10:00a

Plan to join your Tabernacle family as we celebrate our 100th year at the corner of 34th and Central with a special celebration service on Sunday, February 5.

(There will be no 8:00a service that morning.)

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson

Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

will preach the message and music will include selections that were presented during the original dedication service in 1923. This service will celebrate our past, our present and our future as we step into the next 100 years! This service will be followed by a special time of fellowship in the Dining Room.