

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

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.



Pastoral Reflection

of Rev. L. John Gable

Dear Friends,

April this year holds not only the promise of spring but also all of the promises of our faith, our reasons to celebrate, and the encouragement to tell the story of the Good News God has given us in Jesus Christ!

Sunday, April 2 is Palm Sunday and together, during worship, we will "walk a week with Jesus." Marking the beginning of Holy Week, we will listen to the stories the Gospel writers tell of Jesus' week in Jerusalem, from His triumphal entry to His crucifixion and resurrection. It is a story we want and need to hear.

Maundy Thursday, April 6, we will gather for worship at **7:00p** in McKee Chapel to remember and celebrate the Last Supper with our Lord and our church family.

Good Friday, April 7, a Tenebrae service will be held in the Sanctuary at both **12:30p** and **7:00p**. *Tenebrae* means "darkness". We will enter the Sanctuary in light and exit in darkness, silently reflecting on the sacrificial death of our Lord.

Saturday, April 8, will be our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Parking Lot and Courtyard at **10:00a**. Sponsored by the Children's Ministry, this is a wonderful celebration for the children and families of Tab and of the neighborhood. There will be crafts and games and 1500 eggs hidden all around so everyone is welcome!

Easter Day, Sunday, April 9, is our great day of celebration as we remember God's victory over death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ! We will celebrate that Good News at **7:30a** in McKee Chapel and at **10:00a** in the Sanctuary. Throughout the morning the Tab Youth Group will be serving an Easter breakfast in the Dining Room.

Sunday, April 16, is our "Can I Get A Witness?" Sunday. During worship we will hear our own Tab mem-

bers tell in their own words what it means to them to say that Jesus is alive and the difference that makes in the way they live their lives. This annual tradition is always one of our favorite services each year.

And that’s not all! We also have another reason to celebrate on **Sunday, April 16**, as **we install the Rev. Terri Thorn** as our Designated Associate Pastor during the **10:00a** service of worship. After affirming the recommendation of the Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee at the Congregational Meeting on March 19, we will celebrate Terri’s installation during worship, then celebrate her with a reception in the Dining Room.

We have much to look forward to in April, so I hope you will plan to join us for all of it.

All of these activities remind me of a story about a man who was berating the Christian faith in a downtown city park. After refuting the claims of Jesus and the promises of our faith, he challenged the gathered audience, *“If anyone can prove me wrong just come up and try!”* An older gentleman accepted the challenge and slowly walked up on the platform. Everyone watched as he pulled an orange out of his pocket, then slowly peeled and ate it. Turning to the denier he said, *“So, how did it taste?”* Confused by the question, the fellow answered, *“How would I know, I didn’t taste it.”* The old gentleman smiled and answered, *“I did and it was good!”*

Friends, we have “tasted” the goodness of the Lord in the promises fulfilled in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. *“We are witnesses of these things”* (Luke 24:48).

I look forward to being with you in worship! ✝

—John



April 2023

Preaching Schedule

- 2** Passion/Palm Sunday
**FROM PALMS TO PASSION:
 A Week in the Life of Jesus**
 Selected readings from Matthew 26-27
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 9** Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday
ALREADY AND NOT YET
 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 & 19-26; Luke 24:1-12
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 16** 2nd Sunday of Easter
CAN I GET A WITNESS?
INSTALLATION OF REV. TERRI THORN
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 23** 3rd Sunday of Easter
VISION RENEWAL: JUBILEE
 Leviticus 25:1-17; Luke 4:14-21
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 30** 4th Sunday of Easter
VISION RENEWAL: RECONCILIATION
 Ephesians 2:11-22
Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching

INSTALLATION AND RECEPTION

Congratulations to **Rev. Terri Thorn** who was elected as Tab's first female Associate Pastor!

Her Installation will occur during the 10:00 am Worship Service on April 19, with a Reception hosted by the DAPNC immediately following.

Event Schedule

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events

SPECIAL

- 2** 8 & 10a **PALM SUNDAY SERVICES**
- 6** 7p **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**
- 7** 12:30 & 7p **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES**
- 8** 10-11:30a **EASTER EGG HUNT**
- 9** 7:30a **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**
EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE
- 16** 10a **INSTALLATION and RECEPTION HONORING**
Designated Associate Pastor Rev. Terri Thorn

WEEKLY

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

MONTHLY

- 1st MON** 12p **HR COMMITTEE MEETING**
- 1st TUE** 7p **SPIRITUAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**
- 1st WED** 5:30p **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**
- 2nd MON** 5:30p **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**
 6p **DIVERSITY & JUSTICE TEAM**
- 2nd TUE** 5p **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**
 7p **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**
 6:30p **WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS COMMITTEE**
- 3rd TUE** 7p **SESSION MEETING**
- 3rd WED** 6:30p **MOMS OF Tab**
- 4th TUE** 5p **MEDIA COMMITTEE**
 5:30p **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MEETING**
 7p **DEACONS' MEETING**
- 2nd & 4TH SAT** 10A **PURLS OF WISDOM**

Tab's Night With Josh Kaufman

photos by Dave Streit



A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to Josh Kaufman for sharing his testimony thru word and song March 25 at Tab. We are grateful and wish him even more success as he continues his faith walk and journey with God!



Tab Financial Report

February 2023	PLAN	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
YTD Income	\$ 528,197	\$ 505,664	\$ (22,533)
YTD Expense	\$ 605,438	\$ 579,041	\$ 26,397
Difference	\$ (77,241)	\$ (73,377)	\$ 3,864

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



MUSIC FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Join us at 6:45p on Good Friday for a mini-concert of "Music For Good Friday" presented by the Music Ministry of Tabernacle Church. This short concert will feature music by Tomas Luis de Victoria and Samuel Barber as we begin our service to remember the crucifixion of our Lord.

Rev. Terri Thorn

Getting to Know Tab's "New" Associate Pastor

by Dave Streit

Many of us know the Rev. Terri Thorn as the Tab Mission Director who came to us in fall of 2019 and with whom the Session contracted in the fall of 2021 to assume Associate Pastor duties while the Session considered what both of these positions should look like in the future. In 2022, the Session discerned that the path forward would be to call a Designated Associate Pastor for a term of three years. A few months ago, the congregation elected a Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (DAPNC) to assist with the ministry and position descriptions and, with guidance from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, to conduct an open search for the position.

Our gratitude goes to the five-member committee: *Matt Gall, Peter Harding, Andrew Hart, Amy McLean*, and leader, *Jennifer Weyreter* – who served faithfully, investing their time, energy, prayers and wisdom into the process. At the conclusion of the search, the committee unanimously nominated Rev. Thorn as the Designated Associate Pastor which the congregation affirmed by vote on March 19.

Moving forward, Terri will retain many of her previous duties and assume additional pastoral responsibilities alongside Pastor John Gable. A part-time Community Ministry Coordinator will be hired to administrate our existing community ministries.

On Sunday, April 16, Rev. Thorn will be installed as the Associate Pastor during our 10:00a worship service, which will be followed by a reception hosted by the DAPNC. This is a historic occasion for Tab, as Terri will be the first female clergy installed into a pastoral position in our congregation. We hope you will all be here to celebrate with us.

Terri and her husband, Rob, married in 1986, met at Purdue University four years prior where they both were engineering students. Rob studied mechanical engineering and has been employed at the same local firm in the powder coating industry for the past 32 years. Prior to moving to Indianapolis, the newlyweds lived in the Chicago area where Terri, an industrial engineer, worked as a management systems consultant.

Although church leadership and pastoral ministry seem a long way from engineering and systems consulting, Terri says that they have a lot in common. "As a systems consultant, a significant aspect of the job was to listen intently to our clients, to truly hear what they were saying about their needs and concerns and to ensure that our proposed solutions were an integration of the people, processes, and product. It also required a 'big picture' perspective in

which the interwoven nature of all aspects of the system, including some that might not be obvious, were considered. It was important to understand how they impacted each other. Strangely enough, as I have served in congregations and church leadership roles over the past two decades, I have discovered that many of those same skills have been foundational to my ministry."

The Thorns moved to Indianapolis in 1991 where they bought their first home in Pike Township and started their family. They have two

adult children, Julia and Mark, both of whom live in the Broad Ripple area, the same area in which Rob and Terri chose to downsize into their empty-nest. One of her great joys, though, is that *"the nest and the birds are within a couple of miles of each other, so the family gathers regularly for walks on the Monon, Sunday afternoon meals, movie nights, and cheering on the Boilermakers!"*

As second career clergy, Terri's journey has included di-



verse experiences— all of which were rooted in the same sense of call.

When asked to describe this call, Terri replied:

“For the past 20 years, my ministry has been lived out in several different settings...in congregations of all sizes and demographics, in hospitals, at public safety agencies and through various Presbytery committees. I have spent twelve years as a solo pastor, and more than fifteen as a volunteer chaplain.

“I have served as a missional transformation coach to two congregations, a mission director, and as you know, most recently, as a transitional associate pastor. I also served as the moderator of the Commission on Ministry in the Presbytery of Wabash Valley for four years, and as a member of the Presbytery’s Crisis Response Team for more than a decade.

“In each of these roles and responsibilities, there has been a single consistent sense of God’s call and my ministry purpose: to walk with folks in times of significant, and sometimes difficult, transitions.”

She added, *“I believe that as congregations, including Tab, emerge from the pandemic and seek to learn how to be ‘church’ in this new and different reality, the same calling and purpose will continue to be at the forefront of my ministry.”*

When asked to elaborate on what she thinks that will look like as our associate pastor, Terri responded:

“As I conveyed to the DAPNC in the interview process, my calling is to walk alongside congregations, organizations, and therefore people, in transition or facing significant, sometimes life-altering, change. As such, my ministry, wherever it is lived out, is rooted in being a pastoral presence and a compassionate leader. I anticipate that will be the same at Tab. As a pastoral presence in our transitions, my role will be to encourage creativity and discernment, to comfort the inevitable grief, allay fears and inspire hope. As a leader in times of cultural change, I believe, too, that it is my responsibility to remain a student of the church, society, people, theology and the Bible in order to collaborate with others - bringing fresh perspectives, wise insights and new possibilities through the lens of unity in Christ.”

She added, *“I was drawn to the associate pastor*



position at Tab because I believe the congregation is at a pivotal moment of transition as you seek to live out the vision of Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships and Stronger Communities in a post-pandemic future. This can be both exciting and scary. Navigating these transitions in a healthy way requires courage, vision, excellent communication, and collaborative travel partners. I believe that Tab, Pastor John, and I are meant to be travel partners into the future. I’m happy that the DAPNC and congregation think so too. Together we will embrace the future of Tab for what it truly is: an opportunity for God to, yet again, do something new and amazing!”

When asked about her hobbies and how she spends her free time, Terri grinned and said:

“Cheering the Purdue Boilermakers is at the top of that list.” She also enjoys a gentle fitness program of walking, strengthening and yoga. In the winter months, the family also keeps a jigsaw puzzle in-process and Terri usually has three or four books (also in-process) on her nightstand.

The current stack of books, all of which were gifts, includes *Breath as Prayer* by Jennifer Tucker, *Midwives* by Chris Bohjalian, *The Gift of Years – Growing Old Gracefully*, by Joan Chittister, *Bound for Glory* by Timothy Batts and Patricia Raybon, and *I Will Push You*, by Justin Skeesuck and Patrick Gray. Terri added that, *“I Will Push You”* is of particular significance since it is about friends on a Camino journey, and walking the Camino is on my bucket list – as is a NCAA Final Four and a trip to the Rose Bowl. The race is on to see which happens first!”

Terri will remain in her current office and encourages folks to stop by and become better acquainted. ☩

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.



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

If you would like to help fill our Sanctuary and McKee Chapel with beautiful flowers on Easter in honor or in memory of someone, there is still time! [Please return your order form](#) (available at the Front Desk) [no later than Sunday, April 2.](#)

CARINGBRIDGE for Patty Reel

For up-to-date information how you can pray for or be of help to **Rick and Patty Reel** in this time of an uncertain future, you can log into <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pattyreel>. There is also information there on the organized meals that are being provided. Thanks so much to Tab for your love and care.

IF EVER YOU ARE IN THE HOSPITAL OR A CARE FACILITY...

Please remember to call the church office or ask someone to call us on your behalf. Our pastors visit regularly in the hospital; periodically we hear news that someone has been admitted and we were not aware. That can be a source of frustration or disappointment for the patient and the pastors. So, please let us know if you would like a pastoral visit, or even if you would like us to remember you in prayer.

TabJams REVEAL PARTY

Let's get excited for **Sunday, April 23, at 11a** for the TabJams summer concert series "Reveal Party." We will announce the musical artists who will perform at our June 11, July 9 and August 13 concerts. We will have live music and refreshments and offer opportunities to get involved in this exciting, community-building event. The Reveal Party will be held in the passenger drop-off area on the north side of the church. [For more information, email Sandy Roob at sroob16@gmail.com or John Thomas at John@jtprinc.com.](#)

TabFest 2023 — SAVE THE DATE!

TabFest 2023 is coming November 10-12 at Brown County State Park! Planning is underway—look for details soon!

Tab's CHURCH CALENDAR

If you have a new event or meeting that needs to be scheduled at Tab or simply need to check on a date, please send all requests to frontdesk@tabpres.org. All calendar requests will now be handled by Janna Clegg, Tab's Front Office Administrator.

Tab Children's Ministry

Questions?
Contact Jennifer at ext. 140 or email her
at jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org.



CAMP PYOCA '23

Various Dates, visit:
http://pyoca.org/summer_camp/
for more information.

Tab Children's Ministry is providing half scholarships for all Tab students who would like to attend a week at Camp Pyoca (camp and conference center for the Whitewater Valley Presbytery—Tab is a member church). To get a better look at what a week at Pyoca looks like, visit the website listed above. If you would like to apply for a scholarship for your child to attend, please contact **Jennifer Wirt**.

You and your family are invited to:

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday, June 9 | 6:00-8:30p



Tab Children's Ministries is hosting a **FAMILY FUN NIGHT** at Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park. Join us for a cookout, table, card and yard games appropriate for all ages at the Sycamore Shelter. Tab Children's Ministries will provide the food and paper goods, but please bring your own drinks. This event is open to the entire church family. There's no fee to participate, but there is an entrance fee to get into the park unless you have an annual Indiana State Parks pass. We will provide more information closer to the event date.



KIDS GAMES

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 19-23 | 9:00a—NOON
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

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

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

Cost is FREE, but pre-registration is required.
VBS is open to all students who are entering Grades 1-7.

You can find the registration link on Tab's website at tabpres.org.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with crafts, inside games and shepherding groups of students from place-to-place throughout the mornings. If you'd like to volunteer from 9a-NOON once or twice during the week, please contact **Jennifer**!

Million for Mission

Tab Endowment Fund Update

by Sue Anne Gilroy



A Tab Family, with its \$1M gift to the Tab Endowment Fund, encouraged our congregation to support the Tab Endowment Fund while living, in addition to leaving Tab in our Wills.

On December 8, 2022, a second Tab Family responded generously with a \$1M dollar-for-dollar challenge gift, noting that no gift was too small.

Less than four months later, the members of our Congregation have met that challenge with pledges ranging from \$100 - \$200,000. As of this date, the **Living While Giving** campaign has raised \$1.79M, increasing the Endowment fund by a total of over \$3M!

Your gifts have affirmed our belief in the importance of Tab's physical presence and our outreach programs. While this challenge campaign ended on March 31, please keep the Endowment in your future plans. Tab's opportunities to serve never end!

Glory be to God!!! Thank you!

A Conversation With

TAMIKA CATCHINGS

Sunday, April 23 | 2-4p

in the Sanctuary and Gym



Tamika is well-known as a former WNBA player and Tennessee Vols basketball star, but she is so much more than that. She is also an activist and entrepreneur. Born with a hearing impairment and a heart for the sport of basketball, she goes on to become one of the best female basketball players in the country but has taken a step back from the sport to prioritize her family, philanthropy, community and other passions.

Watch your bulletin for more info as time gets closer!

Tab Family

Births, Deaths, Baptisms, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary!

- 1 | Bloor & Molly **REDDING**, 67 years
- 4 | John & Jeannie **BYERS**, 53 years
- 10 | Tim & Ali **MEILS**, 13 years
Evan & Kat **Gering-WILLIAMS**, 2 years
- 12 | Eric & Anne **KING**, 43 years
- 13 | John & Jennifer **KELLER**, 38 years
Rich & Gina **KLOPP**, 32 years
- 20 | Matt & Christine **GALL**, 27 years
- 23 | David & Camille **CANTWELL**, 29 years
- 24 | Chris & Christine **FEDOR**, 24 years
Bill & Sondra **HEETER**, 41 years
- 27 | Hoagy & Priscilla **ELLIOTT**, 10 years
- 30 | Tyson & Gwen **CHASTAIN**, 12 years

WELCOME LITTLE ONES

2.25 | ISAAC LEE HAMILTON
*Born to proud parents, **Andrew & Aubrey Hamilton** and grandparents, **Dan & Elizabeth Hamilton**.*

2.26 | THEODORE JAY MILLER
*Born to proud parents, **Kyle & Nicole Miller** and grandparents, **Greg & Kathy Miller**.*

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

3.10 | Kenny & Val Phelps and family
on the death of his father,
Russell Phelps.

3.15 | Janie Parr and **Bernie May** on
the death of their mother,
Mary Ellen May.

BAPTISM

3.26 | Delaney Fraps

Happy Birthday!

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| 1 Gwen CHASTAIN
Thulani SMITH | 14 Julianne BROWN
Marjorie HOBLEY |
| 2 Valerie PHELPS
Denise RIDENOUR
Rebecca TOWNSEND
Daniel WILLIAMS | 15 Heather HOFFER
Christopher MOORMAN
Amanda Foster- MOUDY
David MOUDY
John WEYRETER |
| 3 Edison CHASTAIN
Harrison CHASTAIN
Timothy MOORE
Ann WELLER | 16 Ellie KRUEGER
Doressa KUPKE |
| 4 Charles De ARMAN
John FRAPS
John KENDRICK | 17 Henry MALITO
Terry TURMAN |
| 5 Martha Sue BATT
Audrey McCASLIN
Toni ROHR
Tim TAYLOR | 18 Richard GUNN |
| 6 Rebecca LAPP
Rhonda OSBORNE | 19 Kirby MOFFATT
Caitlin TEAGUE |
| 7 Mitchell DANIELS
Candice HAMMOND
Evan OJALA
Sarah ORR
Teresa STEPHENS | 20 Griffin BARNETT
Mary LUZADER
Gary NICKEL |
| 8 Mark MIDDLETON
Ann OST | 21 Janet BURRIS
Amy RIESMEYER |
| 9 Elsie CERENA | 22 Cathleen PERRY |
| 10 John KENNEDY
Claudia VAN WINKLE | 24 Cullen HAWKINS
Samuel ORR
Mansa SAMLAF0
Thomas WIRT |
| 11 Lezlie LAXTON | 25 Joyce PIERPRT
Gavin STERCHI
Claire TURMAN |
| 12 Sergio FERNANDEZ
Penelope GROVE
Kristen PETRUNIW | 26 Caroline HUGHES
George PEYTON
Tyler RUSSELL |
| 13 Andrew BOITS
Sarah BRENNAN
Robert MESSER
Megan NIESE
Philip TEAGUE | 27 Barbara BOYD
Debbie KAUFFMAN
Izabelle O'BANYEL |
| | 28 Jeffrey POOLE |
| | 29 John WIMSATT |
| | 30 Beth BRUNSTING
Cleo KUPKE
Kim LEDGER
Becky RISSEN |



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A Night of Praise

A CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP GATHERING

Sunday, May 7 | 6p



Mark your calendars now to join us for a wonderful evening of music and worship you do not want to miss, led by Dave Noel.

Keep your eyes out for more info coming soon!

POSTMASTER: Return Service requested.

EASTER

flowers

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS:

Sunday, April 2

Order forms are available at the Front Desk.