

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.

Tab Is Hiring!

COMMUNITY MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Duties for this part-time position (20-30 hours, flex) include: coordinating the existing community ministries and facilitate key community partnerships, provide leadership to the Open Door Ministry Café, Tab Community Care, and Tab Community Closet ministries and will offer support as needed to Tab Tutoring, and Fresh Stop Produce. Other responsibilities include administrative work as well as hands-on resourcing and relationship-building. On-site presence is required during the hours of Open Door (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; 10a -1p) with other hours flex. The ideal candidate will be compassionate, resourceful, organized and an effective communicator who is socially and culturally aware. If interested, please reach out to Pastor Terri Thorn for a more detailed job description.

FACILITY MANAGER

This position requires oversight of our building, grounds and vehicles. Candidates should understand the importance of maintaining a high-quality facility while also valuing relationships with guests, members, vendors, the staff and community. This is a full-time, salaried position with PTO and benefits. Find a job description and apply by checking out the WE'RE HIRING section at the bottom of the page at tabpres.org.



Tab Financial Report

**March
2023**

	PLAN	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
YTD Income	\$ 787,011	\$ 810,563	\$ 23,552
YTD Expense	\$ 786,998	\$ 749,866	\$ 37,132
Difference	\$ 13	\$ 60,697	\$ 60,684

Questions?

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

About the cover photo:

Tab Elders, past and current, laying on hands in prayer for newly installed Associate Pastor Rev. Terri Thorn at the 10a April 16 service.



Pastoral Reflection

of Rev. L. John Gable



Dear Friends,

In early 2015 I was telling a small gathering of Tab members the story of how in 1966 the Metropolitan Community Program committee offered their report recommending that we remain in place at the corner of 34th and Central in order to be “a light for Christ in the metropolitan area.” It is one of my favorite Tab stories to tell and is so inspirational to me that I keep a copy of that report in my day planner.

After I told the story, one of our new members approached me privately and asked, “That was 50 years ago. Do we still believe that?” I paused and reflected, first on the fact that 1966 was indeed 50 years ago, and then on the essence of the question, “Do we still believe that?”

That question led to the creation of a Vision Renewal taskforce which was charged with helping us determine a current answer to that question. During the ensuing months we met together, read books, offered listening sessions with members and met with neighbors and community leaders. We asked two questions repeatedly: “What are Tab’s greatest opportunities for impact in the future?” and “Where do you see God leading the people of Tab?”

The Vision Renewal report calls us to:

GREATER FAITH

Tab will be a place where people are challenged to grow stronger in faith, to become equipped to serve, and to pursue opportunities for innovative and collaborative service.

DEEPER RELATIONSHIPS

Tab will be a catalyst for deeper, loving relationships that embrace differences for the sake of fellowship and service.

A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Tab will work in partnership with its neighbors to strengthen the Mapleton-Fall Creek community, advocate for justice and promote God’s *shalom* for all people.

After many months of engaging discussion the committee eventually crafted a document called the Vision Renewal statement which was adopted by the Session in March 2016.

These three cornerstone visions have provided guidance and a framework for our work and witness since its adoption, but our work is not done.

Beginning this month we are going to look again at the Vision Renewal report in order to re-familiarize ourselves with it, measure our progress against it and recommit ourselves to it. Our pastors will be preaching a series of sermons on the report in May and the Spiritual

Growth and Development committee will be offering Adult Education classes on the same from May through July which we hope you will participate in.

As we enter into our second century of work and witness at the corner of 34th and Central let us recommit ourselves to that vision which led us here and has kept us here:

Greater Faith | Deeper Relationships | A Stronger Community

I look forward to sharing this time with you.

—John



May 2023

Preaching Schedule

7 5th Sunday of Easter
VISION RENEWAL:
Greater Faith
 Ephesians 2:1-10; Philippians 2:12-13
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

14 6th Sunday of Easter
VISION RENEWAL:
Deeper Relationships
 Matthew 22:37-40
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

21 7th Sunday of Easter
VISION RENEWAL:
Stronger Community
 Psalm 133; Acts 2:43-47
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

28 Day of Pentecost
WORSHIP AT 10a ONLY TODAY
VISION RENEWAL:
Impact/Way Forward
 Philippians 3:12-16; Revelation 21:1-6
Rev. L. John Gable, preaching



November 10, 11 & 12

Join us as we get to know
 our Tab family at
 Brown County State Park!

Event Schedule

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events

SPECIAL

7 6-8p **A NIGHT OF PRAISE**
20 9a-3p **TAB REC CAMP**
 9:30a **PLANT EXCHANGE** (*Women's Ministry*)
21 2-3:30p **CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT**
29 **MEMORIAL DAY**

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
	7:15p	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
	7:15p	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

Congratulations!

A Photo Recap of the Installation of Rev. Terri Thorn as Associate Pastor



Tab's praise team (Leah Crane, Staci McCrackin, Val Phelps, Pavel Polanco-Safadit, Steve Dokken, and Rob Dixon) started off the morning's historical service with a celebration of uplifting music and song. We heard three of Tab's members' "Can I Get A Witness?" video testimonies (organized and videographed by media staffer, Dave Streit).

What an amazing blessing it is to see how rich in faith Tab's family is and continues to be at this little corner of Indianapolis! Praise be to God!

Several notables participate in the Installation Service for Rev. Thorn: Ruling Elder, **Cynnie Halsmer** from First Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis; **Rev. Steve Ebling**, Honorably Retired from the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley; **Muriel Treadwell**, Moderator, Whitewater Valley Presbytery; Tab Community Ministry Partners,

LaNisha Clark (Executive Director of Freewheelin' Community Bikes) and **Sherry Gray**, (Executive Director of Raphael Health Center); as well as Tab Elder, **John Thomas**; and of course, **Rev. L. John Gable**.

The most beautiful sight of the morning, however, was the moving moment seeing so many of Tab's past and current Elders come forward for their time to lay hands on and pray over Rev. Thorn in this new ministry endeavor! (See cover photo)

To close the service, **Sherry Gray**, shared a passage from "Blessing for a Leader" authored by John O'Donohue and our praise team led us out with a very poignant and emotional rendition of "The Blessing".

Many of the Tab family joined together in celebration at the reception for Rev. Terri in the Dining Room following the service. What a memorable day had by all! ☩

If you missed the service and would like to watch it, we encourage you to check it out on YouTube @tabindy.

A Conversation with Tamika

Shining Through Adversity

by Doug Moeller and Rev. Terri Thorn

At the invitation of the Diversity and Justice Awareness Team, WNBA All-Star Tamika Catchings visited Tab on the Sunday afternoon of April 23.

Tamika's list of awards and accomplishment in women's basketball is lengthy and awe-inspiring yet they are only a portion of her story. Perhaps not even the most important part. In fact, when Tamika reflects back on her championship days the NCAA, on four Gold Medal Olympic women's basketball teams, and her years in the WNBA playing for the Indiana Fever, she sees a single thread connecting all of her memories: Relationships. Relationships. Relationships. She credits her faith, her family and her friends as the most important and impactful aspect of her life. *(A truth evidenced by the presence of three current members of the Indiana Fever organization, as well as other community leaders, coaches, and former basketball camp participants, all in the front pews of the sanctuary.)*

Tamika's accomplishments are not limited to professional sports either. She is the founder of 'Catch the Stars' Foundation, which was started in 2004, as a framework for her youth sports initiatives – basketball camps, clinics and additional youth activities – now in their 22nd season. She speaks with great joy and humility of the ways the foundation has provided opportunities for her to use her blessings to bless others. She

sees this work as an extension of her faith, and as a way to serve God by serving and empowering others.

The similarities in the Foundation's goals and those of Tab Rec are quite clear, as are the mutual values of

Tab's mission and Tamika's vision. She lives into the same vision of *Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships and Stronger Communities* as we do. The opportunities for collaboration have already begun to emerge, and we look forward to seeing where we will work together in the future.

Following an informative Q&A session *(with lots of questions)*, the attendees adjourned to the Gymnasium for a reception catered by Tea's Me Café – Tamika's ownership venture into Indianapolis and Indiana business. There are presently three café locations on

the north side of Indianapolis – with additional sites on the planning horizon – including one in Knoxville, Tennessee – home of the Lady Vols.

Tamika signed nearly 50 copies of her autobiography for happy guests; spoke kindly with everyone who approached her; and her contagious smile and energy permeated the room.

We are looking forward to seeing Tamika again in the near future! ✝



a Catchings



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.

WORSHIP SERVICE ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Sunday, May 28, there will be only one service of worship at 10a. Please make note of this change for the holiday weekend.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed for observation of the Memorial Day holiday **Monday, May 29**.

USHERS NEEDED FOR THE 10A SERVICE

As we continue to resume some of the aspects of normalcy following COVID-19, we will begin collecting the offering during the 10a worship service in the near future. In order to do this we will need to “beef up” our ushering team for that service by a minimum of 2 additional ushers. Volunteers are requested to sign up for one month at a time and will be responsible for greeting, passing out bulletins, assisting with seating when necessary and collecting the offering. If you would be interested in assisting or if you have questions, please contact Matt Kauffman at 317.923.5458 x102 or matt.kauffman@tabpres.org. No experience is necessary and all you need is a friendly smile and a warm “Good Morning!”

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.

TAB'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Need to check a date? Looking to schedule an event at Tab? Need to check to see if a room is ? Check out tabpres.org/calendar. This calendar is continuously updated to reflect current events and meetings in the building or offsite. Please send all requests to Janna at frontdesk@tabpres.org.



CAMP PYOCA '23

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

Tab Children's Ministry is providing half scholarships for all Tab students (Elementary—High School) 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 student to attend, please contact **Jennifer Wirt**.

GRADUATION

Sunday

GRADUATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 | 8a and 10a Services

It is hard to believe it is already time to recognize our graduates from the class of 2023! We would like to acknowledge and honor their accomplishments and successes. If you have a student that is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please send one or two photos with their name, future plans, and connection to Tab to amy.rexroth@tabpres.org by **May 15**. A brief video honoring our graduates will be presented during both worship services on June 4.

TabKids Children's Ministry

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

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.



Wednesday Play Days

Beginning June 7 and continuing through the summer, Tab will be opening our Preschool Room every Wednesday for all children ages 7 and younger to come and play (*accompanied by an adult, please*) from **10a to 11a**. No fee and age-appropriate friends are welcome. We will provide the room, the toys and the snacks; you provide the children and the fun. ☺



MORE POWER TO YOU!

Children's Summer Musical Tryouts
Beginning June 4

This year's summer musical, "**More Power To You!**" will kick off with some very low-key "tryouts" during Sunday School and Junior Church. **Wednesday evening rehearsals begin June 7** and we will also rehearse each Sunday morning throughout the summer months.

All students entering grades K through 7 are invited to participate. Friends are welcome!



KIDS GAMES

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

The Children's Ministries and Tab Recreation have joined 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!



Women of Tab 2022 Exchange

2023 PLANT EXCHANGE

Hosted by the Women of Tab
May 20, 10a-2p at Tab Park

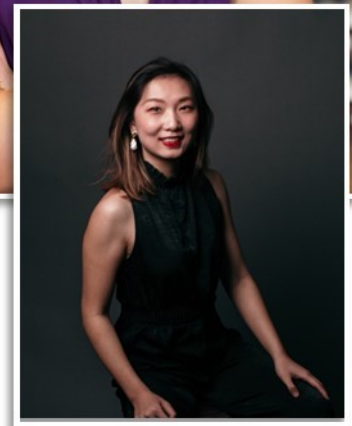
**Grab some friends and join us for
the Women of Tab's
Third Annual Plant Exchange!**

For those of you ready for the green of spring, the next women's event will focus on the new life sprouting up! Bring a plant start and go home with something new. Houseplants, garden starts, flowers, seedlings, gardening tools in good shape, pots (ceramic or plastic) and seed packets — if it is something “fresh” bring it and maybe a trade will happen!

With a few weeks to go, we have some time to get seedlings started, clean out some unwanted pots, propagate houseplants, or even start a wish list for your gardens, yards or houseplants.

The Women of Tab Plant Exchange is a time to celebrate spring and summer and the joy of gardening both indoors and out. Come with or without plants to give away and just socialize.

Email [Lezlie Laxton \(lezie5291@yahoo.com\)](mailto:lezie5291@yahoo.com) if you have questions.



Best Wishes to Valentina Huang!

Tab's music intern, Valentina Huang, is leaving us to pursue doctoral studies at Rice University, Houston, Texas. We have enjoyed having her as a part of the music team for the last two years, and she will be greatly missed. Valentina not only brought wonderful musical expertise, but was truly a light shining brightly in all she did. We wish her the best as she begins this new chapter in her life. May God's blessings be showered upon her. ✝



Tab Family

*Births, Deaths, Baptisms,
Birthdays, Anniversaries*

Happy Birthday!

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| 1 Bart OST
Christy WHALEY | 16 Jeff CRANE
Kristine CROUCH |
| 2 Allison BOITS | 17 Carl EVANS
John GABLE
Scott WADDELL |
| 3 Christine GALL
Bill HEETER
Mark MIDKIFF
Leo REEL
Dan REXROTH
Betsy THOMPSON | 18 Christi DAYMON
Carol HARTMAN-HANKEY |
| 4 Sherry BEASLEY
Phil BOOHER
Emmelyn HUGHES
Nicki McGOWAN | 19 Donna BONIFIELD
Mary MILLS
Hazel MOUDY |
| 5 Connor WHALEY | 20 Suzie BOOKER
Cheri DANIELS
Peter MARSHALL |
| 6 Penelope COSTLOW | 21 Julie SIMMONS |
| 7 Janet BELDEN
David BRUNSTING | 22 Jennifer RUSSELL |
| 8 Sondra HEETER
Mark WILKERSON | 23 Rachel BIRK
Weber DONALDSON
Jere KRUEGER
Madeline PRIBLE |
| 9 Tom HUSTON
Mary PHILLIPS | 24 Nancy FIKE |
| 10 Jane McCLELLAND
Douglas RAMAKER | 25 Kathy LADAVAC |
| 11 Stephanie LYNN
Vicki TOWNSEND | 26 Mary BIRK
Ethan FEDOR
Valerie FINNELL |
| 12 Molly BOOKER
David BURRIS
Ann McKENZIE | 28 Jack BOOKER
Barb SULLIVAN |
| 13 Jeff SUMPTER
Cindy VERBARG | 29 Marilyn KENDRICK
Holly RICE
Waylon WADE
Jacqueline WIMSATT |
| 14 Colin GRANER
Betsy MORSE
Jeanne MORTON
Karen SCAMIHORN
Abigail WARREN | 30 Doug LITSEY
Eric SHAW |
| | 31 Dan HAMILTON
Ruth Anne WRIGHT |

Happy Anniversary!

- 2 Doug & Ellen MOELLER, 43 years
- 3 Joel & Meagan NIESE, 20 years
- 5 Mark & Debbie MIDKIFF, 44 years
- 10 Eric & Cheryl HERZOG, 36 years
- 12 Nick & Sarah SCHROEDER, 5 years
Dennis & Brook JOHNSON, 33 years
- 14 Rob & Carol LUKEMEYER, 24 years
- 16 Brian & Kelly GRANER, 8 years
David & Cathleen PERRY, 42 years
- 18 Philo & Allison LANGE, 18 years
- 19 Ryan & Sarah NOEL, 22 years
- 20 Mitch & Cheri DANIELS, 45 years
- 22 Adam & Caryn Packer, 19 years
- 25 Tom & Jennifer WIRT, 38 years
Wayne WEBER & Carolyn DODD, 28 years
- 26 Jay & Anne STEGER, 38 years
Jim & Robin PFEIFFER, 50 years
- 28 Phil & Caitlin TEAGUE, 12 years
- 29 Andy & Linda COSTLOW, 41 years
- 31 Roderic & Judi TRABUE, 48 years

WELCOME LITTLE ONE

4.3 | CHARLOTTE MARIE MORTON

*(Born to proud parents, Brandon & Morgan Morton and
grandparents, Blake & Jeanne Morton)*

OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

3.31 | DAN POLLOM

4.14 | PATTY REEL



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POSTMASTER: Return Service requested.



You will not want to miss this wonderful evening of music and worship led by Dave Noel and his wife, Sandy!

Dave has led worship services in the past at Tab and we are excited to welcome him back for this special evening of praise.

Bring your friends and family. ***Childcare is available in the Preschool Room for birth through age 3.***