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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.

Did You Know?

by Matt Kauffman

Session has recently approved a much-needed restoration and renovation project for the Sanctuary organ.



Our instrument has been well-maintained and has faithfully served the congrega-

tion for 40 years, but now major components are beginning to show their age and fail. The project that Session has approved will remove, restore, and reinstall every part of the organ and its systems, including keyboards, pedals, blowers, air reservoirs, all 3,603 pipes, and the cables and connections to each individual pipe. In addition, some prudent additions will expand the usefulness of the instrument.

We are excited to have signed contracts with two firms who will collaborate on this undertaking: the original builder of our organ, *Casavant Frères of Quebec, Canada*, and Indianapolis-based organ builders, *Goulding & Wood*. You will see signs of work beginning very soon, and the entire scope of the project is expected to last around 24 months.

If you would like to find out more information about the project or learn how you can support this exciting opportunity, there will be an informational meeting held following the 10:00 am service on Sunday, August 13.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

- -Matt Kauffman, matt.kauffman@tabpres.org
- -Adam Packer, adamfpacker@gmail.com
- -Drew Childs, drew.childs@gmail.com



Tab Financial Report

JUNE 2023	PLAN	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
YTD Income	\$ 1,282,689	\$ 1,245,312	\$ (37,377)
YTD Expense	\$ 1,380,856	\$ 1,381,452	\$ (596)
Difference	\$ (98,167)	\$ (136,140)	\$ (37,973)

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



You Are Loved!

by Rev. L. John Gable

Retirement 🥠

Dear Friends,

The Apostle Paul writes to the Church in Philippi:

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now." (1:3)

I have read and written those words many times before, but now they take on special meaning for me as this will be the last time I will write them to a congregation I have loved and served.

"I thank my God for you" (and indeed I do) "every time I remember you" (and indeed I will), "constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you" (which I assure you I will).

Paul was writing to a congregation he dearly loved, and I sense in his words a feeling I can only describe as homesickness. He was missing the friendships and relationships he had shared with them.

I know that I will feel the same once I step away from my role as your pastor. I have been asked many times by many of you, "What will you miss the most?" and I can honestly answer "I will miss YOU and the friendships and relationships we have formed." Of course there will be other parts of ministry I will miss: preaching and teaching, the hospital visits, the baptisms, the privilege of serving communion, even the funerals, because it is in those settings I have had the opportunity to share in ministry with people, yet I honestly think what I will miss the most are the relationships we have built simply by doing life and ministry together as a part of the Tab family.

Paul writes of his gratitude for the Philippian congregation's *"sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now."* I can say the same. When we came to Tab in November 2007, we knew only a very few of you, and some of you will remember that I was called as a "designated" pastor on a three-year contract. No one knew if this relationship was going to work at all. (So uncertain were some of you that I got "more than the usual number of 'no votes' at the congregational meeting that called me.) But those three years turned into 15 wonderful years of sharing the Gospel together...and I am grateful.

I am writing this before the July 30 celebration which I know will be a wonderful day of worship and fellowship, and before my final service with you on August 6 which I anticipate will be meaningful, holy and emotional. So, even without those two very special and memorable events, I want to say "thank you" for the privilege you have given me to serve as your pastor. You have welcomed me into your hearts and your homes. You have listened to my teaching and respected my leadership and for that I will always be tremendously grateful. Through the years I have told so many of my colleagues that I have had the privilege of serving with people I enjoy and by whom I am inspired. Thank you!

Please know, that while we will not be able to be part of the Tab family, Kristin and I will continue to hold you in our thoughts and hearts, "constantly praying with joy in every one of our prayers for you."

I leave you with the charge and blessing I have given to the staff every week for the past 15 years:

"YOU ARE LOVED!

Now, go do something great for the Kingdom of God!"

—John



August₂₀₂₃

Preaching Schedule

6 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Remember and Give Thanks Deuteronomy 1:1-5; 34:1-4 Philippians 1:3-6

Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

13 11th Sunday after Pentecost

What Next?

Faith to Proceed 1 Kings 19:9-18 Matthew 14:22-23

Matthew 14:22-23 Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching

20 12th Sunday after Pentecost

What Next? Bold to Ask and Willing to Learn Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Matthew 15:21-28 Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching

27 13th Sunday after Pentecost

What Next? More Questions than Answers

Genesis 12:1-9 Luke 24:13-35 Rev. Alan Thames, preaching Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley



About the cover photo: NMPHX Youth Mission Trip 2023: Pictured is Tab's own Heidi Harmless, working at one of the Kids Club favorite activity—bead work.

Photo courtesy of Rev. Terri Thorn

Event Schedule

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events

SPECIAL AUGUST EVENTS

6	8 & 10a	PASTOR JOHN'S LAST SERMON @ Tab
12	10-11:30a	FRESH STOP PRODUCE
13	6-8p	TabJAMS CONCERT w/Staci McCrackin
20	11:30a 1:30p	CM Musical "MORE POWER TO YOU" ICE CREAM SOCIAL (after CM Musical)
26	10-11:30a	FRESH STOP PRODUCE

WEEKLY

MWF	11a	Tab's OPEN DOOR CAFÉ
MON	6:30p	CUB SCOUT PACK 72-DEN MTG
TUE	6:30p	PRAYER GROUP
WED	9:30a	PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY
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	7р	SPIRITUAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT
2nd MON		FACILITIES COMMITTEE DIVERSITY & JUSTICE TEAM
2nd TUE	7p	BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS COMMITTEE
2nd WED	5:30p	MISSIONS COMMITTEE
3rd TUE	7р	SESSION MEETING
3rd WED	6:30p	MOMS OF Tab
4th TUE	5:30p	MEDIA COMMITTEE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MEETING DEACONS' MEETING
2nd & 4TH SAT	10A	PURLS OF WISDOM

Member Spotlight

Sara Heitman: A lady of the people, for the people! *by Maya Wagle*

If you're stepping into Tab for the first time or if you are a member, one person you will see on Sundays, either in the Front Office or ushering you into worship is **Sara Heitman**. We know God is omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent, but when it comes to Tab, Sara is omnipresent serving the church and the community.

So *who* is Sara Heitman? Sara radiates faith in every aspect of her life; she lives it. She is like the lonic, Doric or Corinthian column holding up the church structure, in that, she is so totally engaged in church life. She is indispensable. Her unwavering faith in Christ and His Sovereignty over her life has kept her going, whether it was teaching 4th and 5th graders at IPS for 38 years or volunteering at Tab. Her faith has allowed her to survive losing her beloved father to ALS when she was 14, her mother and her only sister, and just last year, a personal bout of breast cancer.

She grew up at Tab from the age of four and has been a member for 65 years. Growing up in the neighborhood on Pennsylvania Street, her education began at School 60 and ended at Shortridge High School. Sara recalls seeing the spire and cross at Tab as she lay in bed. She and her sister attended Sunday school classes through middle school and high school. Sara remembers Tab youth camps at Winona Lake and Hanover. After graduating from Purdue in Education, she received her Master's at Butler University. She met her beloved husband, Don, when he sauntered up to her as the boys' chaperone at an education camp at Bradford Woods. Since then he has chaperoned her for 45 years! Where did they tie the knot you might ask? At Tab, as you see in the photo.

In general conversation, the commonly asked question is "*What* do you do, Sara?" If you ask

Sara that, you will be taken aback at the scores of jobs that are/ have been on her plate in her tenure at Tab. Sara has been a Deacon and an Elder, on the Missions, Worship and **Congregational Life Committees** (which encompasses TabFest, church celebrations and retreats). Her current responsibilities include Wedding Coordinator, Funeral Coordinator, Usher at Worship, and decorating the Sanctuary at Easter and Christmas. She is also involved in the Pastors' Bible Study and Small Group studies.

Past activities include tutoring, Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School and KidsGames. She was a permanent fixture at the Mozel Sanders' Thanksgiving Dinners for over 40 years and cleaned the grounds on Tab work days.

Mission trips have included those to Romania, Israel, Greece, and Phoenix to serve the "poor, naked and hungry women and orphans," as our Lord commanded us to do.

What does she do in her spare time? Amazingly, she finds time for her hobbies of travel (Oberammergau to see a passion play, Scotland and all 50 states); season

-Sara's story continues on page 10





Be Still and Know

Mission Trip Reflections

by Rev. Terri Thorn



"Be still and Know" was the theme for the 2023 Tab Youth Mission Trip to Neighborhood Ministries in Phoenix, Arizona. But, when you're traveling with 13 young people, that theme seems a bit far-fetched. There's not much stillness in airports, much less at Kids Camp - where more than 300 children eventually passed through the very popular craft room staffed by our team. On most days, the closest thing to being still was the motionlessness of our exhausted team on the van ride back to our rental house at the end of the day.

As chaperone and daily van driver of these incredible youth, I soon discovered that I actually had numerous opportunities to be still on our trip; to be still and know that God was present in all aspects of the mission; to be still and observe the joy and love overflowing from hearts of all ages; and to be still and know that God was at work in my own heart. You see, like many folks at Tab, prior to this trip, I always viewed Tab's connection to Neighborhood Ministries to be through Tab members, the Reel family. Post mission trip, I now see how God uses Tab's relationship with Neighborhood Ministries in ways far beyond keeping Tab connected to Katy Reel's legacy.

In the stillness of my own reflection, I discovered that God uses this partnership in ways that are as valuable, beneficial and meaningful to Tab's own mission legacy as to NMPHX. In fact, as the mission committee continues to discern what constitutes a good mission partnership for Tab, NMPHX rises to the top in several ways.

For example, unlike any other current partners, NMPHX provides our youth with a unique hands-on experience God in service and through community. The annual mission trip is





also a "ready-made" opportunity to prepare and endear Tab's future leaders to be missional and relational in ministry – in keeping with Tab's own legacy.

Serving at Kids Camp also gives Tab youth the rare opportunity to participate in a model of mutual mission and ministry where "power" is balanced. Often mission trips rely on the "missionaries" to be the main providers of resources, time and talent; however, at NMPHX, the Kids Camp leadership - local teens and young adults who live in the neighborhood or grew up in the program - are the ones who have that role.

Tab youth are, in essence, the outsiders and must quickly learn to integrate with and learn from the NMPHX leaders in order to serve the Kids Camp children together.

NMPHX Kids Camp is also intentional about teaching their leaders (of all ages) how to comfortably talk about Jesus with others. Children and youth learn at a relatively young age how to share their own faith stories. Our youth have the chance to quickly become more skilled at sharing in ways that many adults are still not comfortable.

NMPHX is also an incredible example of how to grow a legacy of leaders in ministry such that there is never a lack of leaders for the programming. Some of the key young adult leaders and mentors at this year's Kids Camp were once children in the program. They worked their way from participant, to junior leaders, to work crew, then to group leaders. Following this pathway eventually affords young people the chance to become a program intern who will undoubtedly provide mentorship to the generations coming up next. This "growing your own" pattern was common and created relational bonds that were both powerful and heartwarming to witness. I believe this is a model worth exploring for our own Tab ministries.

Finally, NMPHX is indisputably, a model of a faith-based, holistic, communal and social betterment ministry that is transformative across generations. They minister to the whole person, the whole family, and the whole neighborhood, in a way that creates Greater Faith, Deeper Relationship and Stronger Community. What better definition of a Tab mission partner could there be? ¹/₄







Other Tab News Announcements & Upcoming 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.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

So you think that maybe it is time to brush off the vocal chords and try out your singing voice?

The Sanctuary Choir is looking for folks in all sections to come and join in the fun as we learn new music and lead worship each Sunday morning. **Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, August 31, at 7p** and will continue each Thursday evening. Start singing in the car, shower or anywhere else you would like to get your voice into shape and consider being a part of this exciting ministry as we prepare for Sunday mornings and a few specials throughout the year!

Questions?

Contact Matt Kauffman at ext. 102 or email him @ matt.kauffman@tabpres.org.



November 10, 11, 12 at Brown County State Park.

Please mark your calendars for a wonderful weekend to gather the church family in the ever beautiful Brown County State Park at the Abe Martin Lodge. It will be a full weekend of great fun and fellowship while growing deeper in our faith and in relationship with one another. You will also have time to enjoy all of the amenities of the park and sweet little town of Nashville, Indiana.

We encourage you to join us for this inter-generational weekend that will be something you just do not want to miss — registration will open up soon.

Stay tuned for more info soon!



A letter is coming to you soon on behalf of the Deacons of Tab. They are inviting you to be a part of the annual Tabernacle Golf Classic at Eagle Creek Golf Club on Saturday, September 30. All proceeds from the outing support both the Deacons' Benevolence Fund and the Tab Community Care Fund, which provide individuals in the Tab church family and in our surrounding neighborhood with short-term financial assistance to cover special needs during times of unemployment, disability or other critical setbacks.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

While we would love for you to play and have lunch with us that day, there are several other ways you can participate. You can sponsor one of the holes, which is key to the event's financial success (registration fees cover the greens fees, cart rental, lunch and awards at the end of the event, from which only a small portion actually contributes to the aforementioned Tab funds), through the 'silent auction' (a wide variety of auction items and services are offered in different price ranges), and lastly—as in years past, 'special opportunities' will appear throughout the course. These friendly competitions or unique advantages (think mulligans, gimme putts, etc.) are offered to players for a cash donation. Players and teams are encouraged to take advantage of any or all of these opportunities with a playful and generous spirit behind them to help increase the financial success of the event.

So — regardless of your skill level — we invite you and others to join us for the festivities that day or to sponsor a hole to support these vital funds in the ministry of Tab. Contact info, details and registration forms are available in the mailing or you can pick one up at the Front Desk starting August 6.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity in helping us meet this critical need in our church and community. Thank you!

TabKids Children's Ministry

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



Tab's elementary students will be performing our annual Summer Musical, "More Power To You," on **August 20 at 11:30a in the Sanctuary**. "More Power To You" is a fun and funny show that uses heroes from the Bible to talk about difficult challenges we each face and the ways that God helps and strengthens us. No reservations are required. There is no fee to attend, and the performance will probably run slightly less than one hour. We will provide ice cream sodas in the Dining Room afterward for any audience members who would like to stay for some fellowship (and maybe some autographs from the stars of the show). See you there!

3rd & 7th GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY

As is Tab's tradition, the Children's Ministries will be presenting Kids Adventure Bibles to our



students entering 3rd grade, and leather-bound Student Bibles to our students entering 7th grade. **The Bible Presentation will take place during the 10a service on August 27.** Parents of students entering 3rd grade or 7th grade will be contacted by Jennifer Wirt to make arrangements for their child's participation.

TEEN HELPER

We again encourage all students in grades 6-12 to participate in our 'Teen Helper' program.

Being a Teen Helper involves serving once a month in one or more nursery or preschool classes as an Assistant (i.e. in the Preschool class the second Sunday of every month, etc.) This is not only a wonderful way to serve the Tab family, but it's also a good way to earn service hours for school, Scouts, or other organizations.

And as a bonus, the little kids think that you are AMAZING!!

We will have Teen Helper training and sign up for rooms and weeks on Sunday, August 27, in Lower Level B immediately after worship and we will also have refreshments and door prizes. Hope to see Tab's teens there!

JESUS JUSTICE advocacy conference

The Jesus & Justice Advocacy Conference, hosted by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), will be held this fall in Louisville, Kentucky. This conference benefits college students and seminarians who want to learn effective ways to stand up for causes they believe in.

Taking place from **October 20-22** at the Presbyterian Center near Waterfront Park, this free event will be held annually. Learn more at **justiceconferencepcusa.org**.

—Sara Heitman conclusion from p5

tickets for Colts football games since 1984 and the POPS series at the Symphony. And, she finds time to play euchre with church friends (no gambling though!).

All of this lead us to the *why*. Because the Lord told us to. Loving the Lord as she does, she finds it easy to follow His edicts, accepting others for who they are (Agape-defined), giving of her time and money, and serving to lift others up at church and in the surrounding Tab neighborhood.

So should you see a happy friendly face in the Church office greeting you as you enter, know that's Sara Heitman, the "cogwheel" that keeps Tab going.

Faith and Works in action, dignified with a smile. Thanks for all you do, Sara! ⊕

Tab Family | Baptisms & Births

BAPTISM(s)

6.25 | PENELOPE JEAN SCALES (dau%hter of William Alexander ↔ Kylee Kathryn Scale:

(daughter of William Alexander & Kylee Kathryn Scales ; granddaughter of Rich & Christine Scales)

7.9 | SUOMO AMPONSAWA DARKU (daughter of Anthoni Nii Dodoo & Mansa Doamekpor Darku)

7.9 | JACK and CHRISTI DAYMON (son and daughter of William Ryan Daymon & Kelly Kay Cobb; grandchildren of Gary & Judy Daymon)

7.23 | ANDREW JOSEPH and ALLISON ELIZABETH BOITS (son and daughter of Richard & Emily Boits)

7.23 | THEODORE JAY LIPANA MILLER (son of Kyle Loren Miller and Nicole Balmaseda Lipana; grandson of Greg & Kathy Miller)

WELCOME LITTLE ONES

6.27 | REMI JANE ARNOLD (daughter of Tyson & Samantha Arnold; granddaughter of Greg & Kathy Miller)

7.4 | "CHANCE" - CHAUNCEY JOHN KING (son of Chris & Kate King and grandson of Eric & Anne King)

Tab Family

Anniversaries, Birthdays, and Deaths

Happy Birthday!

- 1 John HULEN Jacob RUSSELL
- 2 Maxwell GALL Angeles HILL Janna WADE
- 4 Bill WHITE
- 5 Adam JEFFERIES Philo LANGE
- 6 Jody DAVIS Hoagy ELLIOTT Evan FEDOR Jan FRASER Brenda LUMMIS
- 7 Shidaa DARKU Stacey GROVE
- 8 Manny BUCHANAN Brian GRANER Nina KAUFFMAN Grace REXROTH
- 9 Caroline HART Pam SMITH Emily SUMMERS
- 10 Scott BRANNON Ellis CATES Matt KAUFFMAN
- 11 Kohen GILLESPIE Hugo SMITH Dave STERCHI
- 12 Taylor BROWNING Oakley McFARLEN
- 13 Bob MAYES
- 14 Susie CRICHLOW
- 15 Suzanne SHAW

- 16 Ezra GROVE Lee SHAFER
- 17 Abraham KUPKE Amy McLEAN Jackie VELASQUEZ
- 18 Zach CANTERBURY Wendy WILKERSON
- 19 Frank SCHUBERT
- 20 Carlos PADGETT Barbara SUMMERS John THOMAS
- 21 Doug BRALY Ryan BRENNAN Judy DAYMON Kara DeARMAN
- 22 Marcia BELT Joshua BRUNSTING Ryan MILLER
- 23 Kristin GOSS Lynne NEEL Finn SEARS
- 25 Amos LANGE Susan-Amber SPRINGER
- 26 Ali MEILS
- 27 Cynthia BLASINGHAM Walker WEST
- 28 Kathy WADDELL
- 29 Becca CHILDS
- 30 Jim LINGEMAN31 Alice CRONER31 Alice FOMULES
- Miles FOWLES Maryann KING Linda McCABE

Happy Anniversary!

- 2 Tom & Becky LAPP, 49 years
- 3 Tony & Sarah MALITO, 9 years
- 4 Joe & Julie KUKOLLA, 39 years
- 8 Joseph & Brooke KUKOLLA, 3 years
- 10 Pete & Betsy MORSE, 32 years Tyler & Madison HROMADKA, 10 years
- **12 Mark & Jennifer HAMILTON**, 9 years **Mark & Sally JOHN**, 45 years
- 13 Kenny & Valerie PHELPS, 29 years
- 14 Dan & Jenny STURGIS, 14 years
- **15 Don & Linda FLEDDERJOHN**, 59 years Charles & Carol Hartman-HANKEY, 3 years
- 16 Matt & Debbie KAUFFMAN, 48 years
- 17 John & Judy FRAPS, 55 years
- 18 John & Marilyn KENDRICK, 67 years
- 19 John & Debbie STRACK, 23 years
- 21 Robert & Katie ORR, 19 years
- 22 Ron & Jane HARVEY, 59 years Jeff & Joyce PEIPERT, 36 years
- 25 Mike & Janet McCASLIN, 22 years Mike & Betsy TERRY, 45 years
- 26 Ron LANUM & Joan BLADES, 62 years Scott & Jackie BRANNON, 16 years Rob & Susan-Amber SPRINGER, 42 years
- 27 Gary & Jane MILLER, 57 years Dan & Brenda SWEENEY, 40 years
- 28 Kyle & Annie COSTLOW, 13 years Dave & Maryann KING, 41 years
- 30 Dan & Honi-Jean SCHROEDER, 43 years
- **31** Al & Becky MAYO, 27 years Jeff & Sharon POOLE, 49 years Justin & Janna WADE, 9 years

OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO THE FAMILIES OF:

- **6.30 | BENJAMIN O. HUGHES** (Father of Ben Hughes, Tab Recreation Director)
- 7.17 | BOB MESSER
- 7.26 | SUZANNE SELB-WHITE
 - (Sister of Peg Strodbeck and Carol Hartman-Hankey)



POSTMASTER: Return Service requested.

