TOWERCHIMES





OUR MISSION

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is called by God, led by faith in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to demonstrate the Kingdom of God through worship, discipleship and outreach. Honoring our heritage at 34th and Central, we will faithfully serve our community, city and world in the present and prepare expectantly for the future.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 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 Monday, August 7 (the day after former Senior Pastor, Reverend L. John Gable, retired), the Interim Transition Team (ITT) met to discern and discuss next steps in calling an Interim Senior Pastor.

The ITT was elected by Session and is composed of:

- Kyle Ems
- Peter Harding
- Linda McCabe
- Debby Wessel
- **Rev. Terri Thorn** (Associate Pastor)
- **Sharon Marshall** (Clerk of Session)
- **Rev. Ruth Moore** (Whitewater Valley Presbytery Committee on Ministry Representative)

With input from Session, the ITT completed and submitted the Ministry Discernment Profile on the PC(USA) website, which is used to present the interim opportunity at Tab to potential candidates across the country. The ITT will be reviewing potential candidate information, and interviews for this contract position will be occurring soon.

Please keep the Interim Transition Team, the process and the person with whom God is calling to Tab in your prayers.



Tab Financial Report

AUGUST 2023	PLAN	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
YTD Income	\$ 1,504,163	\$ 1,476,299	\$ (27,864)
YTD Expense	\$ 1,735,382	\$ 1,729,506	\$ 5,876
Difference	\$ (231,219)	\$ (253,207)	\$ (21,988)

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



Pastoral Reflection

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

A friend of mine refers to this time of the year as the "brrr" months: SeptemBRRR, OctoBRRR, NovemBRRR and DecemBRRR! I tend to refer to them as the "blur" months, in that they go by so quickly. The days blur together and before you know it, we are entering a new year!

This has certainly been the case in September and October is looking just as busy. Even as I write this article, my calendar reminds me that September closes out with the annual Tab Golf Classic on the 30 and October opens with one my favorites — World Communion Sunday on October

1. From then on, the calendar is filled with meaningful activities and occasions to gather, worship and build relationships in the Tab family and in this community. I hope you, too, will find ways to participate that feed your soul and bring you great joy.

One opportunity to consider this month is **Staff Appreciation Sunday**. Tab's Human Resources Committee has designated **Sunday**, **October 15**, as a day to recognize the staff for their years of



Photo courtesy of Dave Streit: taken 9.26.2023 at the Open Door Café Volunteer Luncheon. service and to thank them for their contributions and dedication to the mission and ministry of our congregation.

Tab is blessed with a deep well of spiritually mature, diversely experienced and creatively-gifted staff. They are truly an asset that cannot be measured. This staff cares about the worship and work of Tab, the Tab family, and they care about each other.

I have always felt such gratitude to serve alongside this team, but in these last several weeks as the transitional Head of Staff, I have come to appreciate them more than words can cap-

ture. Every member of the Tab staff inspires me and brings such joy to our collaborative work. They, along with many others in the church, have helped carry the load of this transitional time with me, and sometimes for me. Without question, every day I look forward to being among my colleagues, who are also my friends.

Staff appreciation Sunday will give all of us the opportunity to say thank you...not just with recognition in the worship services and cake afterwards, but also with notes of gratitude and encouragement. The congregation will be invited to write notes, using cards provided in worship or on the back page of this issue of the Chimes, to let the staff know -collectively or individually-just how much they are genuinely appreciated. Feel free to use as many cards as you would like!

Speaking of staff, please also take time to welcome our most recent team member, **Janae Woodson**, who is our part-time Community Ministry Coordinator. She is a great addition who brings a wealth of experience, demonstrates a heart for Christ, and shares Tab's vision for *Greater Faith*, *Deeper Relationships and Stronger Community*. You can find more about her on page 7.

Friends, it is such blessing to serve God with you this and every day!

October 2023

Preaching Schedule

1 18th Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday

SERMON SERIES: **Becoming Imitators of Christ**

With Perspective

Ezekiel 18:1-4; 25-34 Philippians 2:1-13 Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching

8 19th Sunday after Pentecost

SERMON SERIES: **Becoming Imitators of Christ With Humility**

Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46 or Isaiah 5:1-7 Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching

15 20th Sunday after Pentecost

SERMON SERIES: Becoming Imitators of Christ With Peace/Responsibility/Assurance

Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14 or Isaiah 5:1-7 Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching

22 21st Sunday after Pentecost

SERMON SERIES: **Becoming Imitators of Christ With Gratitude/Joy**

Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13) 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching

29 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday / All Saints Day

SERMON SERIES: Becoming Imitators of Christ With Holiness/Love of Neighbor/Righteousness/Justice

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Matthew 22:34-46 Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching



About the cover photo:

Pictured on front cover is LaNisha Clark with FreeWheelin' Bikes and Tab member, Jim Babcock.

Event Schedule

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events

SPECIAL OCTOBER EVENTS

6		MISSIONS TEAM LEAVES FOR ROMANIA
7	10a	FRESH STOP PRODUCE
15	8a & 10a 11:30a	STAFF APPRECIATION AT BOTH SERVICES STAFF APPRECIATION RECEPTION
16		MISSIONS TEAM RETURNS FROM ROMANIA
21	10a	FRESH STOP PRODUCE
23	6:30-9p	CUB SCOUT PACK 72—HALLOWEEN PARTY
28	7a-12p	MONUMENTAL MARATHON (Building Closed)
29	All day 12-1p	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY TREATS AT TAB

WEEKLY

MWF	11a	Tab's OPEN DOOR CAFÉ
MON	6:30p	CUB SCOUT PACK 72—DEN MTG
TUE		WOMEN ALIVE PRAYER GROUP
WED	9:30a	PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY
THU	•	TAB TUTORING SANCTUARY CHOIR
FRI	7р	CIRCLE OF HOPE
SAT	8a	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SUN	9a	COMMUNION SERVICE EDUCATION HOUR
		WORSHIP SERVICE Youth IMPACT
		WOMEN'S COVENANT GROUP

MONTHLY

1st TUE	7р	SPIRITUAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT
2nd MON	5:30p	FACILITIES COMMITTEE
	6р	DIVERSITY & JUSTICE TEAM
2nd TUE	5p	BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
	•	CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE
	7:15p	WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS COMMITTEE
2nd WED	5:30p	MISSIONS COMMITTEE
3rd TUE	7р	SESSION MEETING
3rd WED	6:30p	MOMS OF Tab
4th TUE	5p	MEDIA COMMITTEE
	5:30p	CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MEETING
	7p	DEACONS' MEETING
nd & 4TH SAT	10A	PURLS OF WISDOM

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HURSH, Dan & Jean Andrew, Daniel



Member Spotlight

THE HURSH FAMILY: "Let the little children come to me..." by Maya Wagle

To paraphrase **Matthew 19:14**, Jesus wants us to take care of little children; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Jean and Dan Hursh**, anchor members of the Tab family follow this edict in their lives. They love children- theirs and those belonging to others — and strive to help them in every way, whether it is the Boy Scouts, Sunday School or Special Education.

Jean, the youngest of three sisters, was born in Indianapolis. The family moved to Denver, Milwaukee and finally settled in Rome, New York. Returning to Indy to attend Butler University in 1975, for a degree in Elementary and Special education, Jean's life was shattered that first year, when her beloved mother, Rhea, succumbed to cancer after a four-year battle. Jean and Dan met in the "Young Life" group at Tab, run by George Moore, while on a ski trip, in college. That was the beginning of a 40-year romance! They were married at Tab in June 1984. Joe and Julie Kukolla, their close friends were part of the Hursh wedding party. The Hurshes reciprocated two months later in the Kukollas wedding.

Jean always wanted to be a teacher and has devoted herself to elementary and special education. Her first job was in Washington Township. Following the birth of their two sons, Andy and Dan, Jean gave up teaching for a while but returned to it after the boys were in school. She still works with Special Ed kids at St. Monica's who need extra help with reading and math. It is even more special because she, herself, suffers from Multiple Sclerosis which affects her balance and movement.

Jean served as a Deacon for two terms. She and Barb Babcock taught Sunday school for ten years to three-year-olds. She has volunteered in the nursery and at Vacation Bible School and currently serves on the Women's Committee at Tab.

And Dan? His affection for children is reflected in his leading the Boy Scouts as Scout Master for more than 25 years (alongside Mike O'Banyel and Chris Fedor); he has missed only two campouts!. He also taught Sunday school to the high school groups. His other duties have included Elder, Deacon, golf tournament, organizer, etc.

With such busy lives, what do Jean and Dan do in their "time off?"



They like to travel within the continental United States. Other hobbies include hiking, reading and babysitting their only granddaughter, Adalyn Rhea, (who has her grandparents wound around her little finger!). Both sons live only minutes away and are always around to take their dad to music concerts at the Ruoff Center (a secret – he keeps up with the latest music trends!).

Family, whether it's at Tab or at home, at school or with the Boy Scouts, remains the center of Jean and Dan's life, just as our Lord would have it. Thank you, Jean and Dan! &

Celebrating Our Fabulous Team

Join us Sunday, October 15 for Staff Appreciation Sunday!

JANNA CLEGG

Front Office Administrator, 1 year

ROBERT COWLES

Kitchen Assistant, 1 year

LEAH CRANE

Contemporary Worship Leader, **9 years**

JEFF EARNEST

Facilities Manager, 5 months

NIGEL FOREMAN

Recreation Chaplain, 17 years

KRISTINE GREEN

Finance Director, **21** years

BEN HUGHES

Recreation Director, 18 years

GREG KASHMAN

Custodian, 7 months

MATT KAUFFMAN

Music Director, 32 years

SEAN O'BANYEL

Custodian, 8 years

JAMES PAYTON

Custodian, 2 years

DAN & AMY REXROTH

Youth Directors, 7 years

DAVE STREIT

Media Director, 27 years

STEVE SUMMERVILLE

Recreation Assistant, 15 years

TERRI THORN

Associate Pastor, 4 years

JENNIFER WIRT

Children's Director, **21 years**

JANAE WOODSON

Community Ministry Coordinator, 2 months



Tab is many things

to its members, visitors and our broader community

At its essence, Tab is an experience; an experience in faith, fellowship and, yes, community. It is an evolving tapestry that enriches the lives of everyone that it touches.

We are blessed to have a dedicated and committed staff to support our efforts. These are often unseen heroes who help create the experience that we, and the community at large, call Tab. A small but extraordinarily dedicated group, collectively they have more than two centuries of accumulated services on behalf of all of those things we hold dear at Tab. Without them, our lives and the community Tab serves would be less meaningful.

Please join in thanking, honoring and celebrating those who have given so much to so many for so long. Cards are provided on the back of this newsletter, available at the Front Desk and inside your October 15 bulletin. You may use these cards to express your thanks to an individual employee or the whole group.

We hope you will join us for cake in the parlor **after the 10a** service on October 15. ⊕



Organ Renovation Update

My, oh my! Where have all the pipes gone?!

If you have looked up in the back balcony lately you will notice all of the organ pipes are missing! As part of our renovation and restoration project the pipes from the back chamber have been removed and are in process of being repaired and refurbished. The opening in the wall will soon have a new support system installed and an additional opening on the west side will be made for new, additional pipework to complete the organ in the back balcony. The work in the back balcony is scheduled to be completed by late spring or early summer 2024. Upon completion of the balcony organ work, repairs and refurbishing of the main organ in the front of the Sanctuary will begin. We will continue to keep you up-dated on the progress of the work. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Matt Kauffman at matt.kauffman@tabpres.org.

Introducing, Janae Woodson

Tab's New Community Ministry Coordinator

anae's love, respect and appreciation for Tab started at a young age when her mother enrolled her in Tab's soccer program. Her family on both sides, maternal and paternal, are also long-time residents of the Mapleton-Fall Creek area, of which, her grandfather, Alford Polin, was president! Her mother, Denise Taylor Murray, used to attend weekday religious education and won a prayer contest which placed her prayer and picture in the newspaper at a young age. Needless to say, her family is rooted in the Mapleton -Fall Creek area and she considers Tab a pillar of that community.

Janae has always had a heart to serve but had no idea what God had in store for her. She was reminded of Jeremiah 29:11 which says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

In 2021, she stepped out in faith and left corporate America's insurance industry to begin working in the community. She is the happiest she has ever been and has not looked back. People are her passion and if there is something she can do to make someone's day better and shine God's light, she will do it.

Janae is a mother of five amazing children who teach her something new every day. She is amazed at their strength and willingness to go above and beyond to assist her as she works in the community, always striving for improvement.

She says, "I look forward to what God has in store for me as I begin my future with Tab having a greater faith, building deeper relationships and assisting with creating a stronger community." \P



Questions?

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

TREATS AT TAB

No tricks, just treats!

This year's **Treats at Tab** (formerly Trunk or Treat) will take place in Lower Level A and B from **12-1:30p on Sunday, October 29**. We will serve lunch, play carnival games, face painting, goodie bags, a terrific DJ and of course, lots of Tab folks will give out candy to Tab's children and children of our neighbors.

All are welcome and there is NO COST for this event.

We will need MANY VOLUNTEERS willing to give out candy, help serve lunch and oversee games. We also need members willing to donate candy and treats, individually—wrapped, please! A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available each Sunday morning in McKee Hallway beginning October 1.





Boxes and Box Labels available in October (find them in McKee Hallway and LLB) Deadline for filled boxes to be returned to Tab: **Sunday, November 12**

Tab Children's Ministries is once again sponsoring "Operation Christmas Child." Through OCC, Samaritan's Purse ships boxes of Christmas love to children all over the world and follows up with medical care, food assistance and Bible study classes in each of the communities where the boxes we fill are sent.

The absolutely FIRM DEADLINE for boxes to be returned to Tab will be November 12. At that point, the boxes will be taken to a central collection location to be processed and shipped overseas in time for Christmas.

If you would like more information on what items are accepted to include or have other questions, please go to **samaritanspurse.org**.

Thanks in advance for your generosity to God's children around the world!



-OCTOBER

29 | Treats at Tab

-NOVEMBER

29 | Christmas Craft Night Just for moms! 6:30-8:30p, LLB

—DECEMBER

3 | Advent Workshop for all ages 9a-11a, LLB

5 | Service Project for Preteens **7-8p**, LLB

10 | Christmas Party for Preteens 11:30a-1:15p, Offsite

Tab Family

Anniversaries, Baptisms, Births, Birthdays, and Deaths

Happy Anniversary!

- 3 Mawuto AHIAFOR & Yao AKPALOU, 6 years Jon & Mary DOUGHERTY, 47 years Steve & Ann REYNOLDS, 42 years
- 4 Ben & Lisa HUGHES, 38 years
- 6 Bob & Kathy Brown-MAYES, 39 years
- 7 Mark & Teresa LUBBERS, 45 years Stuart & Katelyn LUZADER, 6 years Clyde & Rebecca TOWNSEND, 23 years
- 8 Patrick & Bethany CHATELAIN, 7 years
 Dave & Susan LIEBEL, 7 years
- 10 Ben & Kelly DONALDSON, 8 years
- 11 Chris & Katie MOORE, 15 years
- 13 Doug & Angela SHAW, 4 years
- 15 Bill & Martha Sue BATT, 57 years Ryan & Ruth MILLER, 7 years Jeff & Sally SUMPTER, 47 years
- 18 Diego URFALIAN & Heidi HOOPINGARNER, 15 years
- 21 Bill & Helen McGUIRE, 43 years
- **24** Nathan & Jennifer CHALLIS, 8 years Clayton & Katy CUMMINGS, 15 years
- 25 Bob & Peg PADGETT, 37 years
- **27 Don & Elly DOUGLASS,** 11 years **Dan & Amy REXROTH,** 22 years
- 30 Elnar & Lena STEFANSSON, 39 years

BIRTH 9.24 | LAINE ELIZABETH MURRELL

(Parents, Brad & Kirsty Murrell; Grandparents, Karen & John Murrell)

DEATHS 9.2 | MOLLY REDDING

9.13 | DAVID DUNNE

(Brother of Gordon Dunne and Ruth Dunne)

9.25 | DON WHITE

9.26 | DOROTHY CANTWELL

(Mother of David Cantwell)



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Colin McHUGH
- 2 Dick LUCHTMAN Christen PRIBLE Angela SHAW
- 3 Morgan BARNETT Mark JOHN Lucas URFALIAN
- 4 Chris FEDOR
 Jeffrey RIDENOUR
 Ben VanWINKLE
- 5 Paula MEANS
- 6 Kate ASE
- 7 Kelli COBB-DAYMON Diane TOLSMA Charles WARREN
- 10 Tiago BARBOSA Elijah CUMMINS Lenny REEL
- 11 Warren CAIN
 Anne DEMEREE
- 12 Tanya ERICKSON Peyton HART Peg STRODTBECK
- 13 Carter BOOKER
 Sally JOHN
 Nancy HESLER
 Greg MILLER
- 14 Zeke BORNS
 James FOWLES
 Bruce McGEATH
 Nick SCHROEDER
- 15 Scarlett GROVE

- 16 Marilyn DOWNEY
 Mallery LUZADER
 Maeve MOUDY
 Willa MOUDY
 Adam PACKER
 Mitch ROOB
- 17 Carolee BERRY
- 18 Steve WEYRETER
- 19 Paul ASARE
- 20 Ron LOPER
 Gilbert ORBAN
 Grayson PARSONS
- 21 Marion HOOPINGARNER
- 22 Mary ALLEN
 Westley JEFFERIES
- 23 Holly GAMAGE Justin WADE
- 25 Virgil BALDWIN
 Eliza HOWE
 Lisa HUGHES
 Stephanie MENZEL
 Sarah PIKE
- 26 Jonathan BURRIS
- 27 Kathy ALBREKSTON Colin BRANNON Al MAYO Janie PARR
- 28 Ben DONALDSON Eric FOOTE Eric GUION Brook JOHNSON
- 29 Joel PADGETT
- 30 Cathy SCHUBERT
- 31 Ben HUGHES

WHAT SAYS IT BETTER THAN FLOWERS?

Remember, honor or just say "thank you" by providing Chancel flowers on any given special Sunday morning. Two beautiful bouquets of seasonal or personal-choice flowers will come with your personal message in the bulletin. This is a wonderful way of recognizing those special times or people who have meant so much to you.

The two bouquets cost around \$90 and you can collect the flowers after the service if you wish.

Questions? Contact Linda Fledderjohn at fledder@comcast.net.

ATTENTION, PHOTOGRAPHERS!

We are looking for people to take photos at church events and gatherings. If you have your own camera and consider yourself proficient, we would like to put you on the list of those who could be called upon to capture the spirit of congregational life. These photos would be for use in publications, social media, signage and other media productions. If interested please contact Dave Streit, Director of Media Ministry, at dave.streit@tabpres.org

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Monday night now through November 20 (7-8:30p, in the Parlor or via ZOOM). Class participants will walk a journey through of the book of Ruth. We will discover the devoted love of God and His transformative power in our lives in a study by Bianca Juarez Olthoff on RightNow Media.

Questions? Contact Ruth Miller at mrs.ruth.h.miller@gmail.com.

FRESH STOP PRODUCE

Saturdays, October 14 and 28. Questions? Email Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com.

"THE PROBLEM OF PAIN" WITH MARK JOHN

In his book, C. S. Lewis offers a rational case for the problem of pain. Spiritual transformation begins with insight and awareness. There may be reason with no morality, but there is no morality without reason. Lewis speaks from the mind, but many of his examples arise from his own heart and life. This sixweek class that begins October 8 (through November 26), will offer a presentation of Lewis' key points in his own words. There will be scriptures related to the text and concepts ready to anchor us. Read the book in advance if you like, but it is not necessary since we will be covering what Lewis says closely.

STEWARDSHIP 2024

The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is "Rejoice and Give Thanks!" This phrase is so appropriate as we look to the future and wait joyfully and expectantly for the plans God has laid out for us. As we look at each of Tab's ministry and support areas, we are so blessed in so many ways and continue to see God's hand at work here at home and abroad.

Our faithful stewardship is an investment in the future of Tab and its ministries at 34th and Central. Whether it is through your financial gift, your time or your talents, our faithfulness is a direct response to God's faithfulness as he enables us to share the Gospel message with those at our backdoor and across the globe.

Soon you will be receiving stewardship information for 2024 in the mail. Please prayerfully consider the ways God has blessed you in the past and present and how you can help in continuing God's ministry at Tab!

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY **IS NOVEMBER 19, 2023.**



Please plan now for your whole family to enjoy a wonderful weekend together with your church family in the ever beautiful Brown County State Park's Abe Martin Lodge.

This will be a full weekend of great fun and fellowship while growing deeper in our faith and in relationship with one another.

In addition to the scheduled sessions and activities, 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 do not want to miss.

REGISTER IN McKEE HALLWAY **EACH SUNDAY!**

Saturday, September 23 | 8a



Nancy's Ride **UPDATE**

by LaNisha Clark

A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT to everyone who came out for the 6th Annual Nancy's Ride event on September 23. The weather was perfect and LaNisha Clark with FreeWheelin' Bikes said that Tab was the perfect host for the day.

103 cyclists registered, five community partners hosted information tables and there were over seventeen volunteers (one came from as far as Michigan) that participated. Tab's sponsorship and support made this year successful and they are so grateful to be partners with us in this community. The

Tab Community News

MAPLETON-FALL CREEK FOCUS GREAT INDY CLEANUP



Saturday, Oct. 7 | 9:00 AM

Come out and show some love to the Earth to clean up some litter in the Mapleton-Fall Creek neighborhood along community members. Cleaning litter beautifies landscapes while protecting wildlife and plant life, improves waterways, and protects soil and ecosystems from toxic and dangerous chemicals and materials!



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Due to the 2023 Indianapolis Monumental Marathon route, Tab's building will be closed on **Saturday, October 28 from 7a-12p**.



POSTMASTER: Return Service requested.