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Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

OUR MISSION

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

IN-PERSON SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 AM | COMMUNION SERVICE
McKee Chapel

10:00 AM | WORSHIP SERVICE*
Sanctuary

* This service is 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.



CONGREGATIONAL CALL

*In accordance with the By-laws, a Meeting of the Congregation is hereby called for **Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** for the purposes of reviewing the proposed 2024 Operating Budget, electing church officers, receiving an update from the Interim Transition Team and any other business that may be properly discussed. The Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and all members are encouraged to attend.*

Rev. Terri Thorn, Moderator
Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session



Tab Youth's pumpkin-carving night, October 22

Tab Financial Report

SEPTEMBER 2023

	PLAN	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
YTD Income	\$ 1,734,516	\$ 1,701,901	\$ (32,615)
YTD Expense	\$ 1,926,158	\$ 1,902,922	\$ 23,236
Difference	\$ (191,642)	\$ (201,021)	\$ (9,379)

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



A Thanksgiving Challenge

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

Several years ago I was part of a group of clergy women who accepted a mutual friend's social media challenge to post an expression of gratitude every day in November. The hope was that we, personally, would experience the increasing joy that comes when hearts are grateful and that our posts also would inspire others to practice gratitude as well.

In addition to the obvious things, such as family, friends and good health, most of us were intentional about naming our thankfulness for the ordinary things of life that might be discounted or easily overlooked. As sociologist and researcher, Brene Brown, suggests: *"We practice gratitude to honor what's ordinary about our lives, because that is what's truly extraordinary."*

Initially, it was easy to identify things for which I was thankful— things that brought a smile to my face, made my day better, caused happiness, or gave me a renewed sense of hope. One of the guidelines of the challenge, though, was to make each post unique. A new day meant a new gratitude.

As the month progressed, this no-repeat caveat forced my "gratitude posts" to first become a time of prayer. Each evening I would set aside time to quietly reflect on the activities of the day and to remember the people I had encountered along the way. This "naming" became a Prayer of Examen for me...a chance to examine my days, looking for the ways that God had been present in the ordinary - whether I noticed in the moment or not. It also became an opportunity to be grateful for (and learn from) all that had happened and all the people whose life path crossed mine.

Since then I've tried to practice gratitude all year long, although I must confess two things; 1) by no means am I faithful at the daily examen prayer outside of November, and 2) I'm most intentional about naming my gratefulness when something specific is happening with family and friends or when things are particularly difficult, and I desperately need to experience renewed joy.

I have learned that practicing gratitude, meaning that I approach it with intentionality and consistency, joy and peace will always emerge. In fact, this is why, when asked to offer a stewardship verse for this year, I chose one from the first letter to the Christians in Thessalonica that I believe captures the intertwined relationship among prayer, gratitude and joy:

***"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."***

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

November holds a special significance for me, one that goes beyond the Thanksgiving holiday. It serves as a yearly reminder for us to live in a spirit of gratitude, not just during the holiday season, but throughout the year. In our Tab congregation, we take this opportunity to appreciate the many ways in which God has blessed us with generations of kingdom-building ministry. We celebrate with joy the fact that as stewards of God's blessings, we are called to be a blessing to others and promote Greater Faith, Deeper Relationships, and Stronger Community.

Some folks rightly call this "Stewardship Campaign" season in that we raise awareness of the need for the faithful financial support of the congregation's work and worship. I, however, hope that we will also experience it as a joyful "Celebration of Tab's Stewardship" of God's provision and kingdom work.

Friends, there is much that deserves our gratitude. I pray that November will be a time of intentional, prayerful practice of gratitude that leads to great joy in your life and for those whom you love. In that, God will rejoice, I'm sure.

With tremendous gratitude for the opportunity to serve all of you, in Christ's name,

November 2023

Preaching Schedule

- 5** 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching
- 12** 24th Sunday after Pentecost
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE (10a)
Rev. Jim Pfeiffer, preaching
> **ON LOCATION @ TAB FAMILYFEST (9a)**
Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching
- 19** 25th Sunday after Pentecost
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching
- 26** Christ the King Sunday
Deacon Rob Springer, preaching



ONE
SERVICE SUNDAY

JOIN US FOR ONE SERVICE
Sunday, November 12 @ 10a



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

November 23-24, 2023

Event Schedule

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events

NOVEMBER EVENTS

4	10a	FRESH STOP PRODUCE
5	2a 9a 11a	DST ENDS / FALL BACK CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THE PROBLEM OF PAIN
6	4:30p	ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT CMTE MTG
10-12		TAB FAMILYFEST
12	10a Only	DEADLINE— <i>Operation Christmas Child</i> ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
13	4:30p	ENDOWMENT FUND TRUSTEES MTG
18	10a 10a	FRESH STOP PRODUCE SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL
19	8a & 10a 11a	STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY THANK-OFFERING DINNER
23	7a-3p All Day	MOZEL SANDERS DINNER OUTREACH THANKSGIVING (<i>Church Office Closed</i>)
24	All Day	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
29	6:30p	MOMS CRAFT NIGHT

WEEKLY

MWF	11a	Tab's OPEN DOOR CAFÉ
MON	6:30p	CUB SCOUT PACK 72—DEN MTG
TUE	10a 6:30p	WOMEN ALIVE PRAYER GROUP
WED	9:30a	PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY
THU	3:45p 6p 7p	TAB TUTORING HANDBELL CHOIR SANCTUARY CHOIR
FRI	7p	CIRCLE OF HOPE
SAT	8a	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SUN	8a 9a 10a 11a	COMMUNION SERVICE EDUCATION HOUR WORSHIP SERVICE Youth IMPACT

MONTHLY

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

Member Spotlight

DON McMURTRY

by Maya Wagle

Should you go to the Open Door Café or other events, you would see Don McMurtry serving Tab's neighbors and members respectively. Don has been at Tab since 2009. He also is a regular attendee at the Pastor's Bible Study each week.

Born in Indianapolis on April 11, 1940, Don was brought up in a Christian home alongside a brother ten years his senior. Their father worked at Allison's making fighter jet engines during WWII and their mother stayed home to take care of the family. Don attended IPS School 50 and graduated from Ben Davis High School.

After graduating from Eastern Oklahoma A&M College with an Arts & Science degree, Don worked in retail knowing that he would be drafted soon for the Vietnam war. After basic training at Fort Knox he was stationed at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia as a Signal Supply Specialist until 1965 when he left the army. Don then worked in Fort Wayne in retail management for fourteen years and made his return to Indy in 1980 starting his own cleaning business for commercial and residential properties. Don retired after 30+ years at the age of 67.

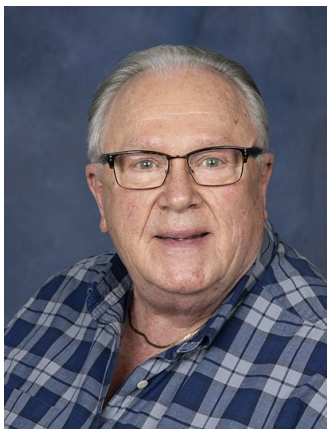
Brought up in the Methodist Church, Don always believed in God. His spiritual journey ceased when he graduated from college through 1994. God, however, was active behind the scenes though because Don felt that gnawing sensation of something lacking in his life. He joined a Westfield church, rededicated his life and was soon "on fire" for Jesus! After attending St. Luke's United Methodist Church for seventeen years, he found Tab on a church hunting trip. He was mesmerized by its devotion to service in its neighborhood to the poor and needy.

That was the beginning of another chapter in Don's life. What appeals to him is Tab's multi-faceted approach to serving people in its neighborhood in every possible way; the servant attitude of its members and its many activities such as tutoring, legal aid, health clinic, and sports for kids.

The two Bible verses engraved in his heart is John 14:6, "**in my house there are many rooms;**" and Matthew 25:35, "**I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and you invited me into your house.**" Don looks at Tab as sharing its mansion of "plenty" with the poor and needy. His faith journey has seen a hyperbolic rise in adulthood, unlike others who "grew up in the church."

And what does Don do on the side?

He is a connoisseur of art and fine china; his home is filled with exquisite Dresden, Royal Doulton, Waterford and the like! Cooking, gardening, and listening to classic music are his other loves. Don has a lens for beauty on all levels! ✚



Photos of Don from top right down: pictured at age four with his mother; as a high school graduate; as an Army Specialist; and as a debonair 40-year-old; 2022 Tab Directory Photo.

A Giving Heart, A Giving City

The Mozel Sanders Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

by Mike O'Banyel



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In the 1960s, 70s, and 80s, the Rev. Mozel Sanders served as pastor at Indianapolis' Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church where he was known widely as a tireless champion for families in need. As part of his outreach in 1971 he started providing hot dinners on Thanksgiving Day to any and all who came to receive them.

Quickly, the annual dinner grew beyond something he and his congregation could do alone. To meet the need, "satellite" locations opened throughout the city. One of the first satellite locations (and now the longest running!) was at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church.

Soon, Tab became the dinner's largest distribution point. Over the years, Tab volunteers have provided more than 900 meals to area residents per year, dishing them up for

people who came to Tab to pick up their meals or delivering them to homes. Each meal was accompanied by; bakery items donated by Taylor's Bakery; pies made, and donated by Tab members; and bags of commodities donated by Gleaners that include: toiletries, canned goods, and other items.

As you might imagine, this is a massive undertaking, requiring many hands and hearts. That's where *you* come in. **Tab needs volunteers to make this day a blessing to hundreds of hungry families.**

Sign Up For A Well-Oiled Machine

Here are some things you might like to know as you consider serving this Thanksgiving:

- > The Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving Dinner serves some 40,000 meals from more than 50 locations.
- >> Citywide, the dinner will serve about 15,000 pounds of turkey and 10,000 pounds of dressing.
- >>> Here at Tab, Mozel Sanders is a well-oiled machine thanks in large part to processes created by Ted & Eileen O'Banyel and carried forward today by Mike O'Banyel and his family.

One key to a smooth operation is the pre-event volunteer sign-up. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up and include the names of anyone you plan to bring with you. If people show up without signing up beforehand, we'll try to put them to work, but job priorities will go to those who have signed up first.





These Are Our Guests

While we are proud of our well-oiled Thanksgiving machine, we don't do it to seem machine-like to our neighbors who receive meals. We also don't want to treat them like *"needy people getting a handout."* On the contrary: we want them to feel like guests in our home.

To emphasize this welcoming feel, we create a space where people can sit and either have a piece of pie and cup of coffee, or enjoy a complete meal, all with a team of people with the sole job of being "Hospitality Hosts."

Even if you're not one of those designated hosts, we ask that



everyone serving on that day treat our guests as, well, *guests*. Greet them and wish them a Happy Thanksgiving. Share your name. Ask about their families. Ask if there's anything we can pray about for them.

In other words, in joining this massive undertaking, don't treat it like a massive undertaking. Instead, remember the heart of the man who started it all; a man who believed he didn't represent his church, or his annual event, but who felt instead that he represented Christ.

Serve with that heart, and you certainly will be a blessing to those you serve, and those with whom you serve.

Watch for Minute-for-Missions on upcoming Sundays and opportunities to sign up in McKee Hallway.



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS COMING SOON

Contact **Mike O'Banyel** at mike.obanyel@tabpres.org or call **317-459-0560**

Tab Tutoring

by Carol Newell

Tab tutoring has been in session for about a month now, and we are so excited to see so many familiar, as well as, new faces in the program, both tutors and students. We currently have 24 students in the program ranging in ages from Kindergarten through 6th grade, which is a blessing! We also have 8 students on a waiting list, which is something we would like to address. We would like you to consider if this is a ministry in which you would like to serve. Or maybe you know of someone, not part of our congregation, that is looking for a way to serve the Lord. Tutors can be either an adult or high school student. We would love to have more tutors join us in this ministry. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about Tab Tutoring please call Barb Babcock (317-730-3898) or Carol Newell (540-597-0794). As always we are thankful for all your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for the students, the volunteers and the ministry of this program. ☩

Organ Renovation Update

by Matt Kauffman

This month the cantilevers that held the trumpets on the back balcony wall have been completely removed and are in the shop for a complete rebuild and re-leathering. The trumpets are on their way to the Casavant facility in Quebec where they will be re-voiced and restored along with other pipework that was removed from the east chamber.

Also this month we received the report from the structural engineer working on our project. The wooden supports in the east balcony chamber will be replaced with more structurally sound steel beams and the back wall of the west balcony will soon be taken out and supported with steel beams that will be placed to make way for a new section of the organ that will be installed in that space. The floor of the west side of the back balcony will also be reconfigured to make space for a new 4-manual console that will have the capability to play both the back and the front organs when all of our work is completed.

We are excited to see the progress being made this early in the project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Matt Kauffman at matt.kauffman@tabpres.org or ext. 102. Adam Packer and Drew Childs are also available to answer any questions that you might have. ☩



THANK-OFFERING DINNER

SUN, November 19

Following the 10a Service in the Dining Room

Plan now to give thanks with your Tab family with the return of the Annual Thank-Offering Dinner where Tab Deacons will serve a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

You can RSVP in McKee Hallway on Sundays.

Additional reservations can be made to frontdesk@tabpres.org (limit of 200 dinners).

There is no cost for this meal, however, a free-will offering will be collected to help cover costs.



BOXES AVAILABLE
*Pick up at the table
in McKee Hallway on Sundays
or at the Front Office
through the week.*

DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS:
SUN, November 12

Thank you to those of you who are participating in this year's OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD by filling boxes for children in developing nations. Boxes **MUST BE BACK AT TAB BY NOVEMBER 12** so we can take them to the central collection site for mailing overseas. If you'd like to know more about OCC, check them out at samaritanspurse.org.



NOVEMBER

JUST FOR MOMS CRAFT NIGHT | All Tab moms are invited to attend a "Just for Moms" mini-workshop and special night of crafts and fellowship on **WED, NOV 29, 6:30-8:30p in LLB**. We will have five crafts available to do in a child-free environment, as well as dessert and holiday music. Childcare will be available in the Preschool room for children ages four and younger.

DECEMBER

ADVENT WORKSHOP | This year's Advent Workshop will take place on **SUN, DEC 3, 9-11a in LLB**. We will have eight crafts for older children and adults, and a separate room with several crafts for children ages five and younger. We will also have a group craft to prepare Christmas cards for Tab's homebound members.

PRETEEN SERVICE PROJECT | **TUE, DEC 6, 7-8p**, Tab's 5th & 6th grade students are invited to a fun event combining a service project and some great fellowship. They will assemble holiday bags for the guests of Tab's Open Door Café, play the ever-popular "hide and seek in the dark"; refreshments provided. No RSVP needed—friends are welcome!

PRETEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY | **SUN, DEC 10**, immediately following the 10a worship service at Buca di Beppo. Please RSVP to Mrs. Wirt by **SUN, DEC 3**, if your student plans to attend.

JANUARY 2024

2024 MISSIONS' UNIT | The annual Missions' Unit begins on **SUN, JAN 7** with visits to Brazil, Lebanon, Puerto Rico, Scotland, South Africa, Thailand and the Netherlands. We will need many adult and teen volunteers to join the team as we help Tab's children learn about the people, customs, religious practices, art, food, games and history of the featured countries, but most importantly — about the men and women spreading the good news about Jesus around the world. **Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available beginning SUN, NOV 19**; please contact Jennifer Wirt if you have any questions.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT | **FRI, JAN 19, 6:30-9p**. This is open to all kids from birth through 6th grade. They will do a craft, watch a movie (*for elementary-age students*) and a separate childcare room will be available for infant/toddler/preschool ages. There is no fee, but please feed your children dinner beforehand.

Other Tab News

Announcements & Upcoming Events

FRESH STOP PRODUCE

November distribution dates: **Saturdays, November 4 and 18**. Do you want more local, fresh produce in your diet? Are you concerned that Tab is located in a “food desert?” Would you like to do something to help those with low food access? You can order a Fresh Stop share **before midnight the prior Sunday** by visiting freshstop.org/tab. Everyone gets the exact same array of freshly harvested, local produce but pays differently according to income. For more information, contact Sally John at sallybjohn@gmail.com.

REMINDER: November 18 is the last distribution date this season.

BLANKET DONATIONS

Please join us in helping to keep our neighbors warm this winter and donate a blanket or comforter **by November 13**. We have found that twin, full and queen sizes are perfect for their needs. You can bring these new or gently-used items to the Front

Office so they may be included in our annual distribution. The temperatures have gotten chilly and we want to assist keeping our Open Door Café friends warm through the winter months. Many thanks!

HANDBELL CHOIR RESUMES

After a complete refurbishing of our 5-octave set of Malmark Handbells, they have finally arrived “home” from the

factory! Handbell rehearsals resume on Thursday evenings at 6p and you are invited to join us as we begin looking toward ringing in the holiday season! If you would like more information, you can contact Matt Kauffman at x102 or email him at matt.kauffman@tabpres.org, or just simply show up on Thursday and give it a try! Hope to see some new faces join us as we lift our bells in worship!



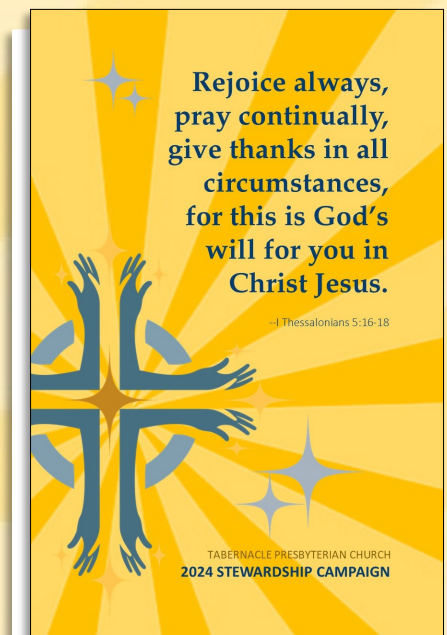
STEWARDSHIP 2024

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.

You will receive stewardship information for 2024 in the upcoming week. A presentation of the 2024 Operating Budget draft will be presented at the Congregational Meeting on **SUN, November 5, at 9a**. Please prayerfully consider the ways in which God has blessed you in the past and present and how you can help in continuing God's ministry through Tab!

Plan to return your 2024 Stewardship Pledge Card on **SUN, November 19**, during the morning worship services, to the Front Office, or by mail. We thank you in advance for your support of the ministries of Tab! ✝



Tab Family

Anniversaries, Baptisms, Births, Birthdays, and Deaths

Happy Birthday!

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|--|---|---|
| 1 Bill BATT
Rich KLOPP
Shirley SMITH
Judy TRABUE | 11 Shelley CHAMBERLAIN
Julie HOWARD
Angelise SUTHERLAND | 21 Kennedy CATES
Makenzie KING
Pete MORSE
Harry PEYTON
Clyde TOWNSEND |
| 2 Sheila GRIGDESBY | 12 Kathy KERN
Stephanie SHERRARD | 22 Ray ALBREKTSON
Gayle PITTS |
| 3 Joe KUKOLLA | 13 Brittany BARNETT | 23 Peg PADGETT
Erin SEARS |
| 4 Chris EGAN | 14 Jack DAYMON
Dan HURSH
Sadie REXROTH
Caroline WHALEY | 24 Liam BARNETT
Jim McCLELLAND
Nikita McKENNA |
| 5 Jason DeARMAN
Dirk DOUGLAS
James DZUBAY | 15 Katy CUMMINGS
Jon DOUGHERTY | 25 George DAVIS
Katy HOWE
Kyle MILLER |
| 7 Mike CRACRAFT
Marian MARLOWE | 16 Michelle BROWNING
William DIETERICH
Kathy DONALDSON
Liz STRODTMAN | 26 Paul COOMES
Janice DeHART |
| 8 Nancy RUSSELL | 17 Ian FLANAGAN
Eleanor LANGE | 27 Emily BOITS
Meghan KRUEGER |
| 9 Rachel BRALY
Don FLEDDERJOHN
Chris MOORE | 18 Dash RODRIGUEZ | 28 Nancy MORRIS |
| 10 Betsy BRUNETTE
Ernesto CARRASCO
Jacob CROUCH
Kaye DIENER | 20 Ezekiel JOHN
Sally REEL
Sandra REID
Cosette WADE | 29 Brian KING
Sara McFARLEN |
| | | 30 Richard BOITS
Joseph SCALES |

Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Erica FLEDDERJOHN & NOLAN SMITH, 20 years
Ted PLANJE & Lee LANGE, 15 years
- 11 Trip & Carol NEWELL, 28 years
- 21 Keith & Stephanie DeTRUDE, 36 years
- 24 Paul & Shannon WOLLER, 16 years
- 25 Todd & Amy McLEAN, 23 years
- 27 Paul & Adina COOMES, 19 years

Deepest sympathies
go out to the family and friends of:

10.6 | DALLAS MOORHEAD



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Purchase a poinsettia and donate "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone you love. Poinsettia's will decorate our beautiful Sanctuary and McKee Chapel throughout the Christmas season.

COST FOR EACH IS \$25.

Given by: _____
please print clearly

☐ IN MEMORY OF

☐ IN HONOR OF

I would like: _____ (Please list how many.)

Please return this form to the Front Office
no later than **SUN, December 3.**

Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church
with "Poinsettia's" in the memo line.

Total enclosed: \$ _____

☐ Cash

☐ Check

CK# _____