

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 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 Financial Report & Year-End Updates

OCTOBER 2023

	PLAN	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
YTD Income	\$ 1,873,552	\$ 1,845,628	\$ (27,924)
YTD Expense	\$ 2,099,184	\$ 2,066,976	\$ 32,208
Difference	\$ (225,632)	\$ (221,348)	\$ (4,284)

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

2023 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

SUN, DEC 31, is the final day that Tab is able to physically receive contributions in the Finance Office for credit to your 2023 giving statement. Checks dated, postmarked and sent via the US Mail on or before December 31 will be credited as 2023 giving even if received in 2024. Online giving must have a December 31 processing date for credit in 2023. All of the above is in accordance with IRS rules and regulations. Those interested in donating securities should contact Kristine Green at ext. 111 in the Finance Office, well in advance of year end.

2024 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

Thanks to all who have responded to our 2024 Stewardship Campaign. If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2024, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Your pledged gifts of support assist the Session in planning for the coming year. We thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Tab. If you have indicated that you would like pledge envelopes for 2024, they will be available in McKee Hallway for pickup on **SUN, DEC 10**.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The annual Christmas Joy offering will be taken at Tab's Worship Service on **SUN, DEC 17**, or you may give online anytime at tabpres.org/giving. By giving to the Christmas Joy offering, you will be helping families of active and retired church workers. The offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related, racial ethnic schools and colleges for education. Special envelopes will be available that morning for your convenience. Please give generously.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCD)

When planning your IRA withdrawal strategy, you may want to consider making charitable donations through a QCD. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met. In addition to the benefits of giving to a charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare. See your tax professional for full details.



Season's Greetings, Friends!

Rev. Terri Thorn, Associate Pastor

As we turn our calendars toward Advent and Christmas, I find myself reflecting over the many holiday traditions that I have “treasured in my heart” over the years. As my life shifted through various stages, so did the holiday traditions and the circle of family and friends with whom we shared them.

From childhood, to parenthood, to empty-nest-hood, the various traditions and festivities have been just right for our family at the time. I anticipate that new ways of celebrating the holiday will continue to emerge in the future, and I will look forward to an ever-expanding circle of beloved friends and family to join with the saints of my past who will hold a special place in my heart forever.

In ministry, I have also been blessed to participate in the traditions of several congregations through the years. Each church family I've served has held their unique holiday fellowship events, learning

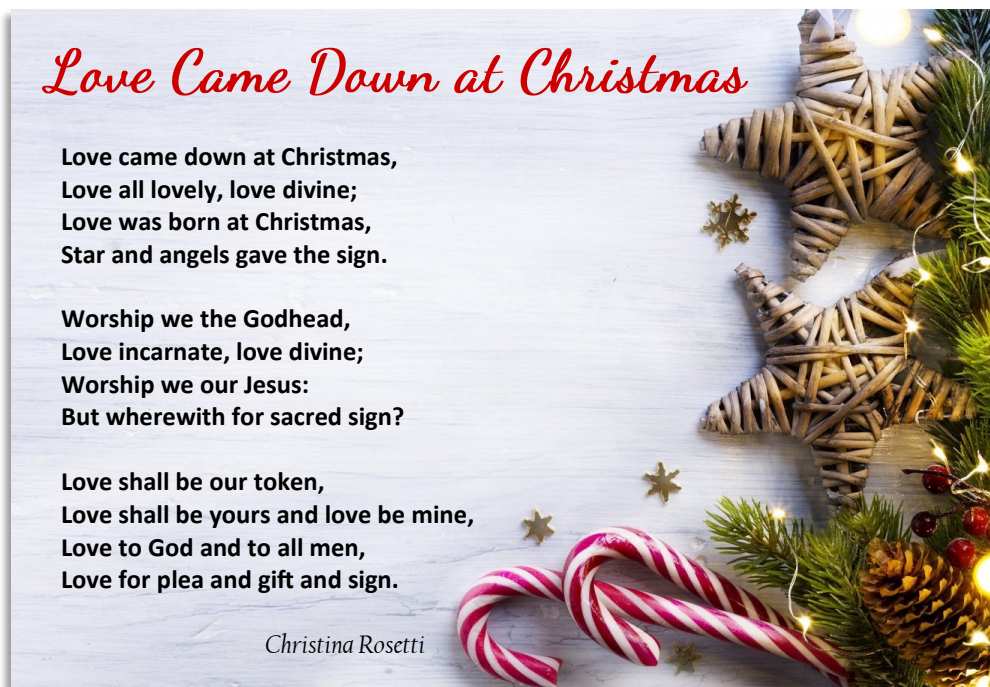
opportunities, and worship services. There have been various cookie exchanges, Christmas concerts and cantatas, children's programs, and worship service themes. Every church has had their non-negotiable “It's-not-Christmas-Eve-without-it” traditions, yet, many have been willing to try new things, including collaborative ecumenical services for the community. I have treasured them all!

In the same way that each congregation has its

own personality, so do their seasons of Advent and Christmas. Tab is no exception, and I am looking forward to all that is planned for us this year! Still, at the heart of all the traditions - in our families and our congregations - is a single theme, one that I believe is captured in the words of Victorian poet Christina Rossetti in her poem “**Love Came Down at Christmas.**”

Friends, this month will pass quickly. I pray you will savor the many holiday traditions of your families and those that you share with your Tab family. May they bring you hope and joy as you treasure them in your hearts. May you also find quiet moments to reflect on the love held within each tradition and may that love bring you peace.

In Christ's love,



December 2023

Preaching Schedule

- 3** First Sunday of Advent
Rev. Terri Thorn, *preaching*
- 10** Second Sunday of Advent
"CHRISTMAS WITH TAB" Taping for TV
ONE MORNING SERVICE @ 10a
CHRISTMAS TEA (*immediately following service*)
Rev. Terri Thorn, *Preaching*
- 17** Third Sunday of Advent
Rev. Terri Thorn, *preaching*
- 24** Fourth Sunday of Advent
ONE MORNING SERVICE @ 10a
NO EDUCATION HOUR
Rev. Terri Thorn, *Preaching*
- 31** First Sunday of Christmas
ONE MORNING SERVICE @ 10a
NO EDUCATION HOUR
Rev. Terri Thorn, *preaching*

Celebrate Christmas at Tab

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

10a Worship
5p Children & Family Service
8p Candlelight Service

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

10a Worship



Event Schedule

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events

DECEMBER EVENTS

3	9a-11a 11:30a	ADVENT WORKSHOP HOME COMMUNION
6	5:30p	ADVENT PRAYER (& PIE) SERVICE
9	9a	"CHRISTMAS WITH TAB" (Rehearsal)
10	10a 11a 11:30a	"CHRISTMAS WITH TAB" (Taping) CHRISTMAS TEA & COOKIES PRETEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY
14	4p	TAB TUTORING CHRISTMAS SING
20	11a	OPEN DOOR CAFÉ'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH
22	NOON	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
24	ALL DAY 10a 5p 8p	CHRISTMAS EVE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
25	ALL DAY	CHRISTMAS DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
29	NOON	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
31	ALL DAY 10a	NEW YEAR'S EVE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

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	BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE
2nd WED	5:30p	MISSIONS COMMITTEE
3rd TUE	10a 7p	TAB REC 100th COMMITTEE SESSION/DEACONS' MEETING
3rd WED	6:30p	MOMS OF Tab
2nd & 4th SAT	10a	PURLS OF WISDOM

Tab FamilyFest

November 10-12, Brown County State Park

Photos submitted by Dave Streit, Jeanne Morton





Tab Recreation

100 Years of Outstretched Arms Into the Community

by John Byers



So the story goes, soon after the Sanctuary wing of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church was completed, and years before the Gymnasium wing was finished, some of Tab's boys made a practice of playing basketball in the coal bin. Whether or not this influenced Pastor Dunkle, in 1924, to ask young Tab member, J. Dwight Peterson, to organize a recreation program with a \$50 allocation is a matter for conjecture. But it is a fact that he did. So during all of the year 2024 Tab church will celebrate the milestone event of its oldest outreach program, **Tab Recreation**, turning 100 years old.

This article, and others to come throughout the year,

will take a peek by decades at what was going on in the nation; in entertainment; in the world of sports; and highlights about "Tab's outstretched arm into the community" as former pastor James Martin was fond of referring to Tab Recreation.

The Roaring 20's described the early years of the decade. Women got the right to vote in 1920; The Charleston became the dance craze of the nation, and The Cotton Club was the place to be. In 1927 Lindberg flew solo across the Atlantic and The Jazz Singer, the first 'talking picture,' was in theaters. By 1929 the Great Depression was underway.

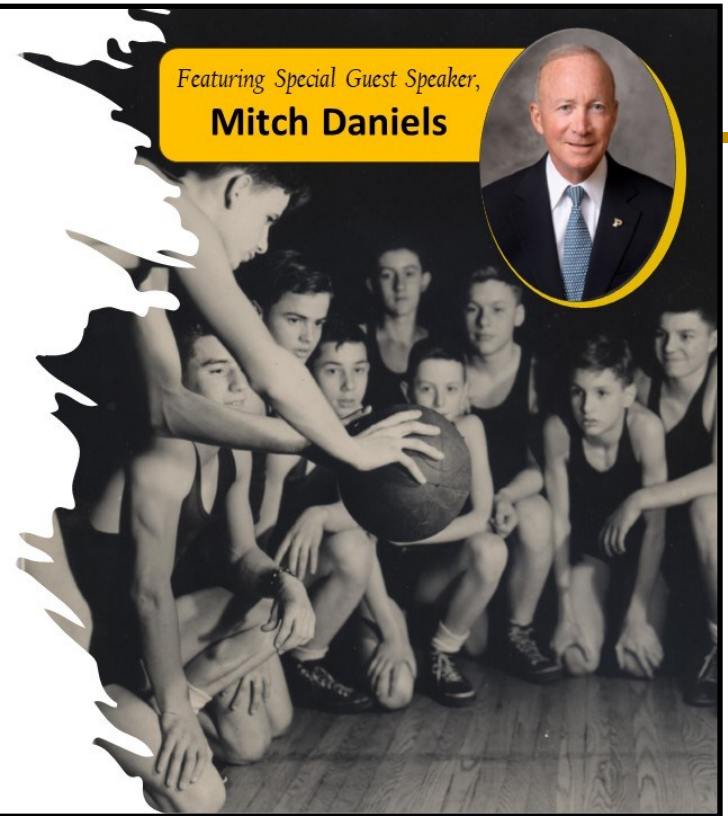
It was 1920 and Babe Ruth's first season with the



Kick-Off Sunday

JANUARY 7 | 10a

Sanctuary



Featuring Special Guest Speaker,
Mitch Daniels

Yankees. Lou Gerrig, the Yankees' first baseman, was his sensational rival. Yankee Stadium was constructed in 1922. The first winter Olympics took place in Chamonix, France in 1924. The Toronto Granites took the gold medal in hockey, beating the United States 6-1, and, Red Grange, the "Galloping Ghost," was the Chicago Bears sensational halfback.

During the 20's, in addition to sports, Tab Recreation's outreach included Boy Scout Troops 72 and 36, Girl Scout Troop 22, and Roki Camp Fire Girls. The Tab Players Club, did productions on the fully equipped stage in Tab's Gym. James B. Martin was hired as the first Director of Tab Recreation in 1926. Tab's basketball teams played teams sponsored by other churches and organizations around the city and beyond.

This was the decade of the 1920's. Tab Recreation was given birth and was beginning to grow. ✚



J. Dwight Peterson - Tab member who founded Tab Recreation in 1924.

Organ Renovation Update

by Matt Kauffman

Work continues to progress as the organ project moves forward. Pipes and windchest components have been packed and are off for restoration at Casavant Frères in Quebec Canada. Work on the structure that will house the new blowers behind the stage in the basement, as well as new electrical and wind pipes, will be underway soon. Work in the back balcony will begin soon after the holidays. Parts for the new consoles have been ordered and should be arriving soon at the Goulding & Wood workshop here in Indianapolis. Lots of activity going on as the new year approaches. We are looking forward to some exciting times in 2024 as our project begins to take shape.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Matt Kauffman at matt.kauffman@tabpres.org. ☎



You are all invited to the annual Christmas Lunch with Open Door Café volunteers and Tab's neighbors. Hang out, listen to some jazzy Christmas music and get into the festive spirit while having a delicious lunch made by Chef André.

We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you!

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 5, 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 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-ups are happening now**— please contact Jennifer Wirt if you have any questions.

PRETEEN LUNCH & A MOVIE | **MON, JAN 15, 11:30a**. 5th & 6th graders are invited to the annual MLK Day "Lunch & A Movie" outing. We'll have lunch at Culvers and then see a movie at either the Glendale Landmark theater or AMC Castleton theater.

Tab Reminders

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Gracious Gifts

Stop by the table in McKee Hallway
STARTING SUN, DEC 3

The Gracious Gifts Christmas Market table will be in McKee Hallway **DEC 3, 10, and 17**. Consider giving a monetary gift in honor of someone special in your life for the holiday season.

Choose to give to one or more of the following ministries:

Katy's Kids, Mid North Food Pantry, Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, Indy Grace Place, The Oaks Academy, Open Door/Community Closet, and Raphael Health Center. Global Ministries are: Colombia Sports Ministry (Wittig), Kellers and Missio Link.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Libby Pike, elizabethmpike@icloud.com or Wendy Wilkerson, lobsterlady2@gmail.com.

special time of celebration. Please bring these “goodies” to church on December 10, or drop them by the Front Desk the week before. Thanks for your help in making this special Tab tradition a great time of fellowship!

2024 MEETING & EVENT REQUESTS

There's always something happening at Tab—and it is that time of year that, for planning and promotion purposes, we take a look ahead at the coming year. In order to make sure we have a clear picture of all events and meetings—we respectfully request that you email your ministry events and meeting schedules to frontdesk@tabpres.org (please include your event name, date, time, contact person/info, and room request).



HOME COMMUNION

If you or if you know of a Tab member who is unable to attend worship and would like to receive communion, our Elders and Deacons will be available for Home Communion on **SUN, DEC 3**. Please call the church office, 317-923-5458, if you would like a visit from one of our Home Communion teams.

LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS!

SUN, DEC 3, is the last day to turn in your orders for poinsettia's. Stop by the Front Desk soon to order one “In Honor Of” or “In Memory Of” a special loved one. Cost is \$25 and plants may be taken home after the Christmas Eve services.

CHRISTMAS WITH TAB

Join us on **SUN, DEC 10**, for our annual “Christmas With Tab” Service at 10a. This year's program will feature Tab's Sanctuary Choir with special guest musicians. The service will be filled with some of your favorite Christmas carols as well as some new and exciting Christmas selections presented by the Sanctuary Choir, orchestra and returning Tab soloist, Patrick Lord-Remmert. Bring a friend and join us for a special morning of celebrating the Christmas season followed by the Annual Christmas Tea. As we have done in the past, we are looking for your special holiday, home-baked goodies to share during this

Upcoming Class Offerings

Spiritual Growth & Development

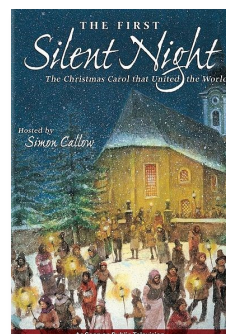


ADVENT SERIES

SUN, DEC 10, 9a, Parlor

Part of Tab's Advent worship tradition includes the lighting of the Advent wreath featuring candles associated with words of faith-filled promises: Hope,

Peace, Joy, and Love. These words from Scripture, in Hebrew or Greek (Yakha, Shalom, Chara, and Agape), have rich and deep meanings around the advent of our Lord and Savior.



THE FIRST SILENT NIGHT SUN, DEC 17, 9a, Parlor

Come join us as we watch the 45-minute PBS special, ‘The First Silent Night—The Christmas Carol that United the World.’ This will uncover the origins of Silent Night, from the Austrian village of Obendorf to the city of Salsburg, birthplace of this favorite carol.

Tab Family

Anniversaries, Baptisms, Births, Birthdays, and Deaths



Happy Anniversary!

- 4 Chad & Stephanie LYNN, 19 years
- 10 Dennis & Debby WESSEL, 1 year
- 18 Kyle & Brittany BARNETT, 13 years
Nick & Maggie BIRK, 13 years
Greg & Kathy MILLER, 47 years
- 19 Bill & Nancy McLANE, 26 years
- 20 Frank & Cathy SCHUBERT, 26 years
- 21 David & Paula MEANS, 10 years
- 23 Jeff & Julie SWIATEK, 10 years
- 24 Mike & Pat CRACRAFT, 56 years
- 26 Johnny & Dawn MILES, 23 years
- 28 Dave & Mary MILLS, 51 years
- 29 William & Karen JEFFERIES, 33 years
- 31 Todd HAULTER & Berniece CORLEY, 14 years

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Lily STURGIS
- 2 Jan LEWIS
- 3 Charlton BROWNING
Linda FLEDDERJOHN
Hannah MALITO
- 4 Mariah BUCHANAN
Ace RODRIGUEZ
Brodie SEARS
- 5 Kelly DONALDSON
Emma FRASER
Scott LEDGER
Philip LUZADER
- 6 Gayle BERGER
Hunter BROWNING
Mary DOUGHERTY
Jennifer HAMILTON
Ron HARVEY
Jim MOORE
- 7 Whitney BARBOSA
Thomas SUMMERS
- 8 Ethan DIETERICH
Vicki RUDE
Kate WARREN
- 9 John REYNOLDS
- 10 Hannah CANTERBURY
Karlee MOORE
- 11 Lily DONALDSON
Kathryn GILROY
Shannon WOLLER
- 13 Grace SCHUMM
Diego URFALIAN
- 15 Heidi HOOPINGARNER
Leona LINGEMAN-KISTLER
Missy MOCEK
Sarah SCHROEDER-MOHR
Margaret TEAGUE
John WOLLER
- 16 Dan BRUNETTE
Jane HARVEY
Robin PFEIFFER
Jessica WENTWORTH
- 17 Bloor REDDING
- 18 Sherry MITCHELL
- 19 Jane KUKOLLA
Carol LUKEMEYER
Jim PFEIFFER
- 20 Emily McCLELLAND
Grace SCHUBERT
- 21 Truman FINNELL
Greg KASHMAN
Bob SHAW
- 22 Emma LYNN
Jack THOMPSON
- 23 Lisa EVANS
Nick HILL
Carolyn REMBUSCH
- 24 Audrey HOWE
Carolyn QUEISSER
Theresa ROBERTS
- 26 Jeannie BYERS
Donna GARRETT
Johnny MILES
- 27 Gavin GREEN
- 28 Tom LAPP
- 29 Chris BUCHANAN-SCHWANKE
- 30 Kevin AHEARN
Jeff HOTCHKISS
Kathy MILLER
- 31 Yao AKPALOU
Sara BUTLER
Kate EMS
Rita LINGEMAN
Jeff MENZEL
Maya MOCEK



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POSTMASTER: Return Service requested.

Advent

PRAYER SERVICE

WED DEC 6 | 6p

Sanctuary

Join us afterward for Pie in the Parlor.

