

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 am Communion Service
McKee Chapel



10 am Worship Service
Sanctuary
Service is also live-streamed each Sunday beginning around 9:50am.
You can find a link at tabpres.org

Join us as we worship together!

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TAB'S TOWER CHIMES

This monthly newsletter is also available on the church website at: www.tabpres.org

All submissions should be emailed to the Tab offices at frontdesk@tabpres.org. The submission deadline is the 15th of each month for appearance in the upcoming month's Tower Chimes.

March 2024

Preaching Schedule

- 3** Sabbath: Making Room for God
Exodus 20:1–17 & Matthew 11:28-12:8
Rev. Terri Thorn, Preaching
- 10** 1,000 Touches A Day!
Isaiah 28.16–17a & John 2.13–22
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Preaching
- 17** Even Jesus
Psalm 119.1–8 & John 12.20–33
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Preaching
- 24** Palm Sunday
Transformative Leadership
Psalm 118.19–29 & Luke 19.28–40, 45–48
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Preaching
- 31** EASTER!
Jesus Is Not Where We Expect Him To Be!
John 20.1–18
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, Preaching

Event Schedule

SPECIAL

- 3** 11:00a Home Communion
- 4 & 18** 6:30p Special Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 9 & 16** 10:00a Fresh Stop Produce Mtg
Special Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 17** 11:00a Deacons' Chili Cook-Off
- 19** 10:00a Recreation 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting
- 23** 8:00a Session Retreat
- 28** 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service
- 29** 7:00p Good Friday Service
- 30** 10:00a Easter Egg Hunt
- 31** 7:30a Easter Sunrise Service
8:30a Youth Easter Breakfast

WEEKLY

- MWF** 11:00a Tab's Open Door
- MON** 6:30p Cub Scout Meeting
6:45p Boy Scout Meeting
7:00p Women's Bible Study
- TUE** 10:00a Women Alive
6:30p Prayer Group
- WED** 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study
- THU** 3:45p Tab Tutoring
6:00p Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- FRI** 3:30p Circle of Hope
- SAT** 8:00a Men's Bible Study
- SUN** 8:00a Communion Service
9:00a Education Hour
10:00a Worship Service
11:00a Youth IMPACT

MONTHLY

- 1st MON** 5:00p HR Committee Meeting
- 1st TUE** 7:00p Spiritual Growth & Dev.
- 1st WED** 5:30p Missions Comm.
- 2nd MON** 5:30p Facilities Comm.
- 2nd TUE** 8:00a Recreation Comm.
5:00p Budget & Finance Comm.
7:00p Children's Ministries Comm.
7:15p Worship, Music & Arts Committee
- 2 & 4 SAT** 10:00a Purls of Wisdom
- 3rd TUE** 7:00p Session Mtg
- 4th TUE** 3:30p Media Committee
5:30p Congregational Life Comm.
7:00p Deacons' Meeting

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events.

A Visit to Kenya

A Letter from John Gable

“It takes a village to raise a child,” has become a catch phrase in American culture; it is a daily reality in Kenya.

I am just returning from a twelve day journey to Western Kenya visiting the Umoja partnership. You will recall, Umoja is a ministry which Tab has supported for many years, serving orphaned and vulnerable children, and it is the ministry I asked you to support with gifts honoring my retirement which you did in an extraordinary way. Thank you so much!

My experience was both humbling and inspiring. Each day I met with children, teachers, guardians, pastors, and the Umoja staff and got a keen insight in to the needs of the children we serve. One of the phrases I heard repeatedly was “hungry children cannot learn,” which reminded me of the time Jesus fed the 5000 when he saw that they were too hungry to listen to his teaching. One day, while visiting a very remote school, we walked with 11 year old Brian to his home, which was a difficult 45 minute walk from the school. Sitting in his simple, mud hut home, we visited with him and his mother. They had not eaten breakfast that day, nor would they eat dinner; only the meal we would serve Brian and his classmates at lunch. Brian’s story is not unique. It is the oft repeated story of the over 5000 students Umoja serves each day while at school. The meal we serve them of about a cup and a half of maize and beans is sufficient to allow the poorest and lowest scoring children in the class to rise to the top. Besides a meal we also provide school uniforms, feminine napkins, solar lamps, blankets, girls and boys empowerment programs, as well as scholarships for those who are



able to continue their education all the way through university. All of which is again, both humbling and inspiring.

One of the primary reasons I returned to Kenya is because your gift to me allowed Umoja to adopt a 21st school and I was able to be there for the inaugural celebration and meal. Eluhobe Consolidated School is one of poorest in the region. The day began with a meeting with the lead teacher who welcomed us in prayer before introducing us to the other teachers, followed by a tree planting ceremony marking the occasion. Then began a three-hour long celebration including a prayer and sermon by a local pastor, speeches by government officials, local educators, guardians and parents, singing, dancing and presentations by each of the classes, all attended by hundreds of children. This then was followed by our serving the inaugural meal to those hungry children. The energy and excitement was palpable, humbling and inspiring.

Not only did I get to experience the ministry of Umoja in a practical, hands-on way, I also found it inspiring to me spiritually. Every day, in every visit, we were prayed for by our Kenyan friends: by lead teachers welcoming us to their schools, by parents and guardians welcoming us to their homes, by Umoja leaders before each meeting and meal, and even by students when called upon to pray. I cannot tell you the number of times I heard the call and response: “God is good....all the time; All the time...God is good for that is his nature.” Umoja is a ministry faithfully serving a faithful and grateful people.

When asked, “When did we see you hungry?” Jesus answered, “As you did it to one of the least you did it unto me.” I am so grateful that I got to see how Umoja is doing this work of Jesus and I am grateful to the Tab family for honoring my ministry in this life-changing way. I am both humble and inspired.

Asante sana.

John Gable



Member Spotlight

Meet Mike & Pat Cracraft!

by Maya Wagle

Three words that resonate through the Bible—“water” “fishing” and “the law” are those that describe Pat and Mike Cracraft. An avid fly-fisherman, Mike was born in Indianapolis into a family of lawyers; his brother, sister and father, all lawyers. Mike was a “Tab off-spring” i.e. he lived round the corner from Tab, played at Tab Recreation; and studied at Shortridge, North Central, landing at Miami University of Ohio. It was there he “hooked” the beautiful Pat, who was born in Georgetown and grew up in Arlington, VA.

They married in 1967 and Mike enlisted in the National Guard. Two children followed: son Jim in 1968 and daughter Megan, in 1971. With a young family to support, he attended Indiana University Law School at night, while working as the youngest ever Executive Director of the State Scholarship Commission. At their first home at Cold Springs Manor, they reconnected with Jim Babcock (his Cub Scouts’ partner in crime, from when they were in shorts!). Jim shepherded them back to Tab from their then spiritual home at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. At Tab, they were immediately welcomed into The Mariners, a group of young families—Babcocks, Harveys, Fledderjohns, Simonels and Gilroys—for the next 15 years. Mike’s responsibilities have included Elder and Deacon. Pat was a Deacon and taught Sunday School for more than 25 years. A passionate photographer, Mike took Tab Recreation team pictures, as well as new member photos for many years.

Behind every successful man is a woman—that was Pat who kept the home fires burning as Mike became a litigation attorney for various utilities. After 50 years in law, Mike recently retired in 2023. Jim, their son, now teaches at Vanderbilt, while Megan, with a Masters in Anthropology, used her talents at the American Museum of Natural History in NYC. Both have two lovely daughters.

Fly-fishing (Mike), kayaking and traveling are their pursuits now. Mike ties his own “flies,” a true art. They have traveled to Greece and Israel (Tab trips), Brazil, Venezuela, Chile, Patagonia (for Brown Trout in the Rio Grande!) and Mexico. Mike attends the Saturday Men’s Bible Study, when he’s not walking in the sand at Vero Beach, their holiday get-away in Florida.

Mike’s love for Christ was rekindled at Tab in 1973 by Fellowship of Christian Athletes member Bobby Richardson, who spoke of Christ’s sovereignty in his life. They attribute their growth in Christ to pastors (Martin, Crozier, Hunter



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and Gable), people and places.

Pat’s anchor verse is John 3:16 while Mike hangs on to Romans 8:38–39, Matthew 6:33 and Isaiah 40:31.

Water, fishing and the law play an important role in their lives with Christ at the head. After all, if Christ used water, fishing and the Word to make himself known, nothing can supersede that!

Tab Recreation: 1950s Boom

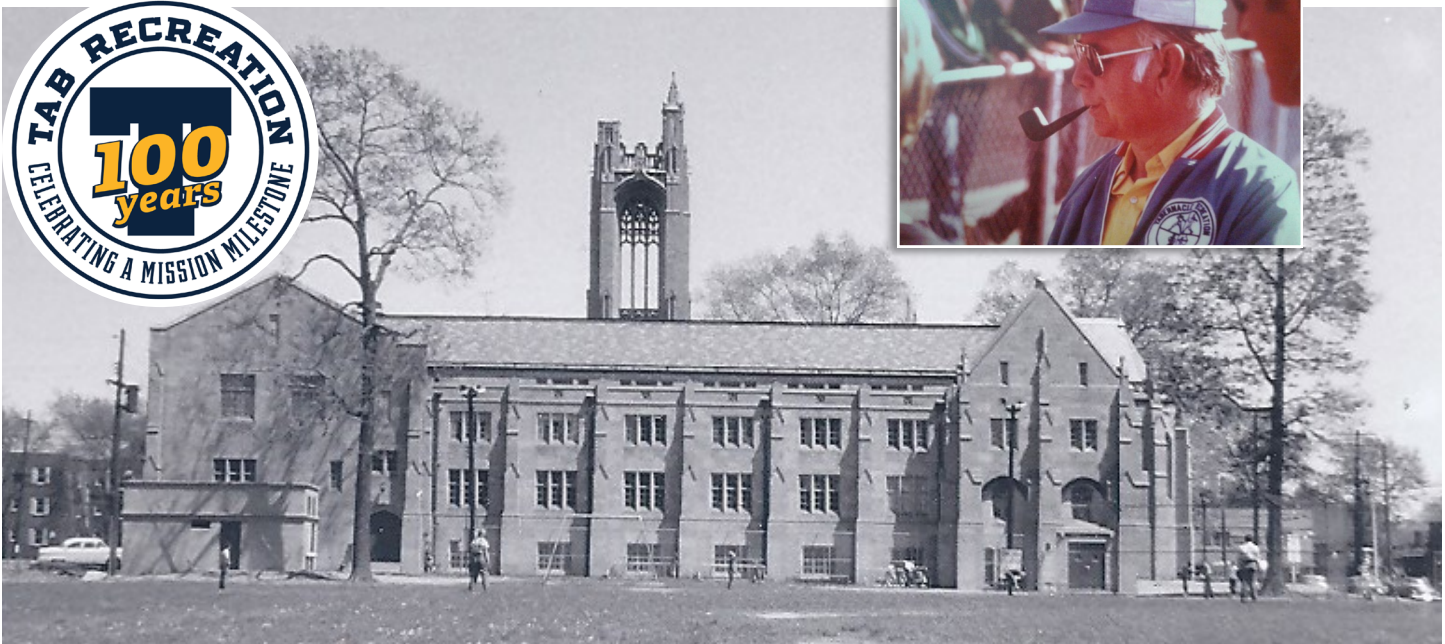
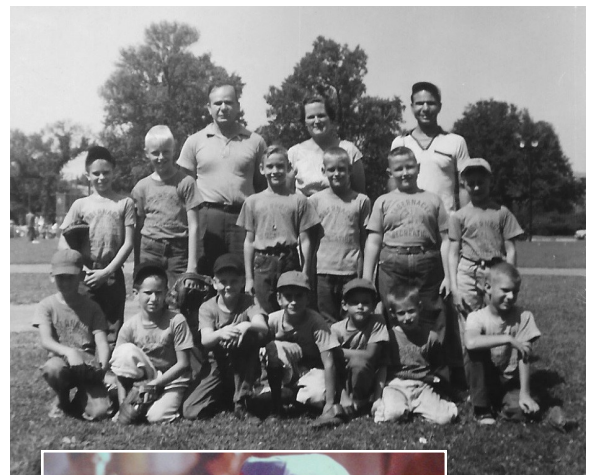
100 Years of Outstretched Arms Into the Community

by John Byers

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 1950’s brought us innovations in science and medicine: the first successful human organ transplant; an effective vaccine for polio; and the first correct model of the double helix of DNA. U.S. servicemen once again headed off to war, this time in Korea. The space age dawned with the launch of Sputnik 1 by the Soviet Union. A young Elizabeth II was crowned Queen of England. The United States and the Soviet Union faced off with the birth of the Cold War. The U.S. economy boomed, as did the birth rate for babies. Families started moving to suburbs. Here in Indianapolis the pace remained familiarly slower. The Robert’s Dairy man made home deliveries from his route truck and the Omar Man brought fresh bread to your door.

In entertainment, families gathered around the TV set in their living rooms to watch “I Love Lucy.” CBS broadcast the first color TV program, but unfortunately, almost no one had a color set, so it went unnoticed. The Catcher in the Rye was published. Disneyland opened in Anaheim, California. Elvis Presley appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show. The Sound of Music opened on Broadway, and Clark Gable starred in the movie “To Please a Lady,” filmed at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.





Crispus Attucks Team, Front Row: Oscar Robertson, Willie Merriweather, Shedrick Mitchell, Willie Hampton, Bill Scott, Bill Brown. Second Row: Coach Ray Crowe, John Gipson, Stanford Patton, Johnny Mack Brown, William Burnley, Sammy Milton, John Clemmons, Assistant Coach Al Spurlock.

In sports, Ben Hogan won the 1951 U.S. Open. Floyd Patterson won the New York State Golden Gloves Championship as a middleweight and in the same year he earned a gold medal at the Helsinki Olympics. Roger Bannister broke the 4-minute mile record. Crispus Attucks won the Indiana State Basketball Tournament. Bill Vukovich died in a crash during an Indianapolis 500 mile race, and Jackie Robinson retired from the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Tab Recreation had five short-term directors between 1947 and 1951. But in 1951, Tab selected Russ Earl, a young man with a heavy Boston accent to be the next director. Russ guided the program through 34 years of growth and change. The experiment of opening the program to community boys, and shortly thereafter to girls, was key to rapid growth during the 1950's. Kids played basketball, baseball, softball, and football at Tab. The kids were almost exclusively white, protestant and upper-middle class, but as the decade drew to a close, a migration of families away from Tab's neighborhoods to new suburbs on the north side was underway. The 1950's were good years at Tab recreation.



Tab News

Announcements & Events

THANK YOU TO OUR MISSIONS UNIT VOLUNTEERS!

This year's Missions Unit was well-attended and went very smoothly thanks to so many dedicated volunteers. Thank you to Maya Wagle, John Murrell, Emily McClelland, Sarah Pike, Megan Pike, Emily Wirt Summers, Bethany Chatelain, Sara Heitman, Jill O'Banyel, Linda Costlow, Sean O'Banyel, Heidi Hoopingarner, Chad Lynn, Stephanie Lynn, Jamie Turman, Terry Turman, Lucas Urfalian, Emma Lynn, Austin Woller, Tate Turman, Claire Turman, Caitlin Teague, Peg Padgett, Kathy Fowles, Todd McLean, Amy McLean, Billy White, James Fowles, Mike O'Banyel, Jennifer Lingeman, Ali Meils, Ellen Moeller, Christen Prible, Charlotte Prible, Madeline Prible, Liz Strodman, Scott McClelland, Emily Boits, Beth Buchanan, Libby Pike, Betsy Brunette, Brittany Barnett, Phil Teague, Christine Gall, Matt Gall, Ruth Miller, Ann Ost, Bart Ost, Sarah Noel, Julie Earnest, Kerry Mitchell, Jacquie Green, Kristine Crouch, and Karen Murrell. It's no exaggeration to say that we couldn't do our Missions Unit without you!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Tab's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, March 30, from 10a until 11:15a-ish in Tab Park. We will have crafts, games, cookie decorating (and eating!), the Resurrection Story, and of course, the big hunt for eggs. No registration required, and friends are welcome. We will be setting up activities and hiding about 1500 eggs beginning at 9a that morning, and would welcome help from any teens or adults who would like to be part of the preparations and fun.

SPICE UP YOUR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Get ready for the Deacons' Chili Cook-off! We invite you to join us on Sunday, March 17, at 11a in the Dining Room. This is a chance to enter your best chili recipe to tantalize everyone's tastebuds.

If you do not have a recipe to enter, no problem. Come taste and vote on your favorite chili! Whether you are a fan of mild or spicy, vegetarian or meaty, there will be something for everyone. So mark your calendar for the Deacons' Chili Cook-off and enjoy delicious food, great company, and festive cheer!

PRAYER AND PANCAKES

Prayer, pancakes, butter, syrup, and fellowship! Mark your calendars for Monday evening, April 15! Tab's Missions Committee is planning a brief prayer service for our mission and ministry partners starting at 6p in the Sanctuary (which will be live-streamed) followed by a delicious pancake supper in the Dining Room. This is a great opportunity to learn about our partners and have "Breakfast for Dinner!" In order to

plan appropriately, we are asking for RSVPs for the pancake supper portion of the evening. Go ahead and reserve the date now; please RSVP to frontdesk@tabpres.org

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

Plan to join us on Palm Sunday, March 24, as we gather in the parking lot at 9:50a for a palm procession around the building and into the Sanctuary as we begin the start of Holy Week. This procession will be led by piper, Rufus Campbell, and is for all friends and members of Tab, including our children and youth! If you prefer not to join the procession, an organ prelude will be provided before the beginning of the service in the Sanctuary as we gather to worship! Come celebrate the beginning of Holy Week with your Tab family.

ORGAN UP-DATE

Progress continues to be made on our organ project. The new blower racks have been built and installed behind the stage in the Dining Room, the west wall of the back balcony has been opened up for the new organ chamber, new electrical has been run to accommodate additional needs in the back balcony for the new console, air reservoirs (pressure regulators for the pipes) are under construction at Goulding and Wood Organ Builders and pipework is being fabricated and restored at Casavant Frères in Quebec. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Matt Kauffman at matt.kauffman@tabpres.org.





KIDS GAMES

2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 17-21 | 9:00a—1:30p

The Children's Ministries and Tab Recreation are once again joining forces to host **KIDS GAMES** as our 2024 Vacation Bible School (VBS). **KIDS GAMES** includes sports, games, Bible lessons, crafts, music and snacks. This VBS is open to all students who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade.

There is no fee, but pre-registration is required so we can plan for supplies, snacks and volunteers.

Registration via a link on the Tab website



SERMON SERIES: LENT: A MIRROR OF OUR ANXIETY

Lent is a time when Christians traditionally join with Jesus on pilgrimage; going with him on his way to Jerusalem and all that awaits him there. One of the realities of his journey is that it made everyone around him very anxious. Jesus' constant talk about dying greatly unsettled his supporters. His constant talk about God overthrowing and revamping the way Judaism was practiced, greatly unsettled the Jewish religious leaders. Speaking such unsettling truths also proved to be stressful and anxiety producing for Jesus himself.

As we all have learned in recent years, a pandemic produces a lot of lingering anxiety. Ever-present uncertainty, potential medical challenges, political upheaval, the threat of death – all these things increase our individual and corporate anxiety. Interim time also offers an additional layer of anxiety to the friends/members of Tab this Lent. A new and unfamiliar cog in the leadership team means expectations must be adapted or even changed.

As we seek to address our anxiety, the Lenten journey seems an unlikely resource. And yet following Jesus and observing the waves of anxiety that swirl around him, provides us both the opportunity to better understand what makes us anxious, and invites us to practice emotional skill-building designed to lessen our anxiety. Such resources encourage growth toward our being the emotionally healthy and faithfully vibrant disciples and congregation we all want to be.

Because the Gospel message always proclaims hope, we are able to celebrate that God does not abandon us to our anxiety. God instead promises to always be with us. Easter resurrection invites us beyond Lenten anxiety to God's new possibilities. Yet, Lent reminds us, that there is no straight line between anxiety and Resurrection. Instead, there is always a journey toward new learning and personal growth. A journey in which we are invited to embrace new ways of living and acting and loving and believing – all to the glory of God!

WELCOME LITTLE ONE

Scott Christopher Hand was born February 8, 2024 to proud parents, Dr. Taylor Browning and Matthew Hand; and is the grandson of Charlton and Michelle Browning and great-grandson of Virginia Browning

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$341,740
YTD actual income:	\$341,576
Actual exceeds budgeted by:	(\$174)

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$306,072
YTD actual expenses	\$285,722
Under budget by:	\$20,176

We thank you for your commitment to God's work here at Tab!

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

Craig Hammond
Julia Buchanan-Schwanke
Stephanie
Buchanan-Schwanke
Julie Foster
Aria Grove
Penny Phillips
Sandy Simonel
Tracey Krueger
Rosemarie Fraser
Jean Hursh
Bill Marshall
Robert Darku
Adina Coomes
Doug Conrads
William Scales
Boyce Ruegsegger
Isaac Niese
Xavier Niese
Rob Weller
Anna King
Chris Erotas
Margie Craft
Megan Pike
Patrick Brunette
Peter Harding
Christine Scales
Noelle Morrow
Jennifer Matthews
Nancy Hitchcock
Peter John
Molly Moore
Jennifer Lingeman
Cennie Scott
Louise Willson
Vivian Prible
Elaine Strickland-Berger
Nancy McLane
Randy Strouse
Mary Alice Moon
Steve Hoffer

Amy Rexroth
Robert Weyreter
Carol Wilson
Mike O'Banyel
Nancy Axelrad
Philip Woller
Dave Metzger
Gary Wright
Priscilla Elliott
Sara Heitman
Juliet Noel
Christopher Wirt
Scott Lummis
Miles Demeree
Nancy Koehring
Jeremy John
Julie Curtis
Xander Summers
Morgan Graner
Robert Bush
Rick Harker
Andy Phillips
Linda Hall
Jean Davis
Ann Reynolds
Kate Booker
Paul Burris
Sharon Poole
Clementine Costlow
Caryn Barnes
Byron Robinson
Marty Sullivan
Einar Stefansson
Jill O'Banyel
Holly Fraser
Glory Sief
Yara Sief
Carol Newell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MARCH

Steve & Heather Hoffer 33 years
Lee & Doris Shafer 28 years
JT & Deborah Turner 14 years
Stacey & Melissa Grove 16 years
Veigh & Barbara Summers 28 years
Dan & Amy Borns 14 years
Jeff & Stephanie Menzel 2 years
Jeff & Julie Foster 37 years
Chuck Summers & Emily Wirt 9 years
Tiago & Whitney Hatter-Barbosa 6 years
Omar & Amy Martin 9 years
Jim & Jane McClelland 44 years
Lyle & Deborah Mannweiler 39 years

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Easter FLOWERS

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Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.