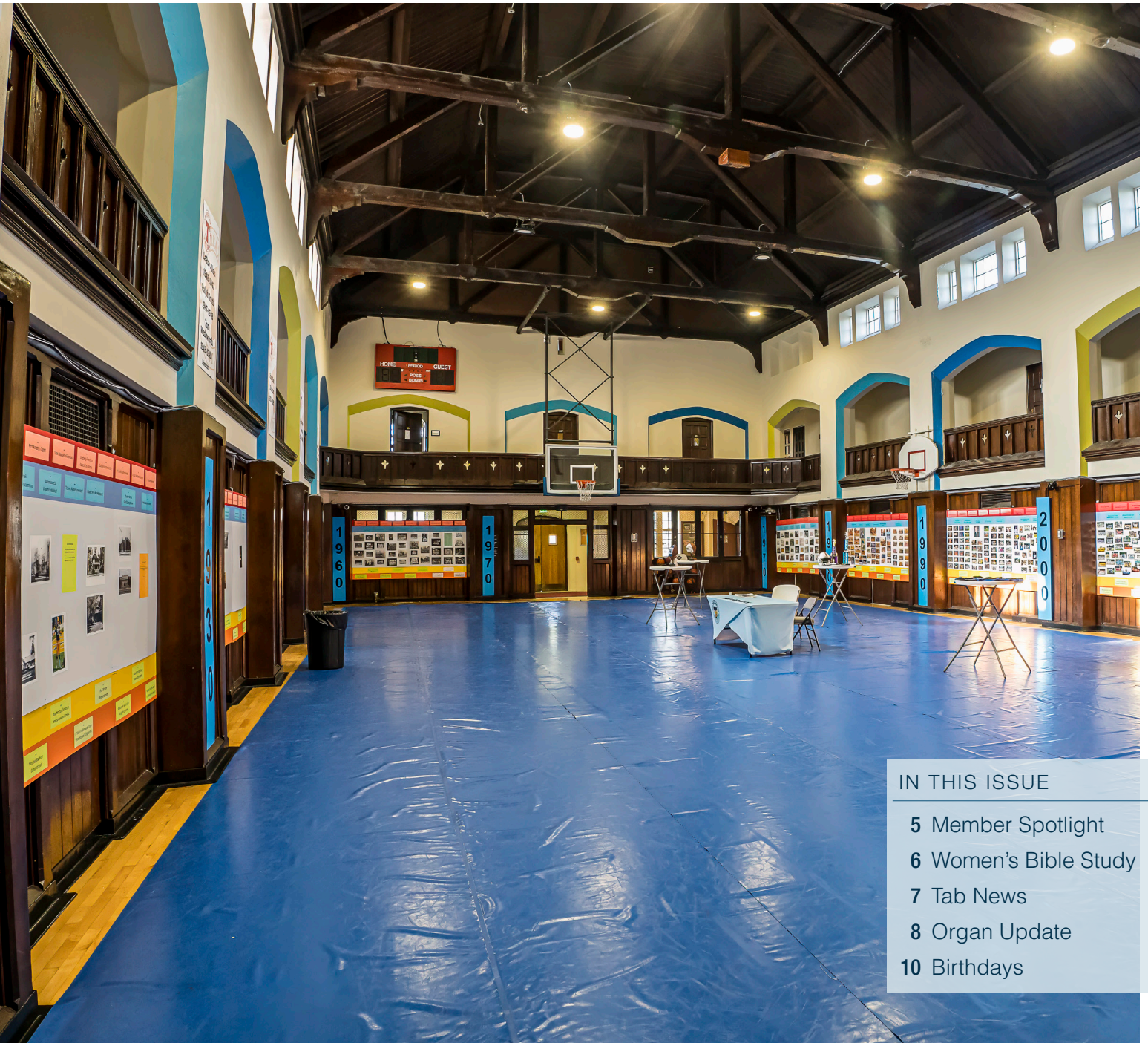


TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# 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](http://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](http://www.tabpres.org)

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

# October 2024

## Event Schedule

### SPECIAL

- 4** 6:00p Parents' Night Out
- 6** 11:00a Home Communion
- 12** 9:00a Deacons' Golf Outing
- 12 & 26** 10:00a Fresh Stop Produce
- 13** 11:30a Recreation Task Force Presentation
- 27** 12:00p Treats at Tab

### WEEKLY

- MWF** 11:00a Tab's Open Door
- MON** 6:30p Boy Scout Troop  
Cub Scout Troop  
7:00p Women's Bible Study
- TUE** 10:00a Women Alive  
6:30p Prayer Service
- WED** 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study
- THU** 3:00p Tab Tutoring  
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 WED** 5:30p Missions Committee
- 1st THU** 7:00p Spiritual Growth & Dev.
- 2nd MON** 8:00a Facilities Committee
- 2nd TUE** 8:00a Recreation Committee  
5:00p Budget & Finance Comm.  
7:00p Children's Ministries Comm.  
7:15p Worship, Music & Arts Committee
- 2 & 4 SAT** 7:00p Purls of Wisdom
- 3rd TUE** 7:00p Session Meeting
- 4th TUE** 5:30p Congregational Life Comm.  
7:00p Deacons' Meeting
- 4th SUN** 11:00a Parishioners Without Partners Women's Group

Please visit [tabpres.org](http://tabpres.org) for a complete calendar of events.

## Preaching Schedule

### OCTOBER

- 6** Psalm 90:1–2, 13–17 & Matthew 5:6  
“A Good Appetite”  
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, preaching  
World Communion Sunday
- 13** Jeremiah 29:1–7 & Matthew 5:9  
“Finding Our Place”  
Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, preaching
- 20** Mission Prayer Service
- 27** Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz, preaching

# A Spiritual Snack

## Are Spiritual Snacks Really A Thing?!

from Interim Pastor Bill Smutz

We all have questions! Questions that continually rumble around in our minds and in our hearts. Questions that invite us to ponder important, weighty topics of meaning and purpose, of life and death, of values and priorities—especially for we who consider ourselves to be children of God and disciples of Jesus.

If you have a moment and would like to tackle some of these questions through the lens of a Psalm, here is a spiritual psalm snack that may be a useful resource.

### Snack Enhancing Ideas

- Find a comfortable place that offers quiet for reflection
- Light a candle if desired
- Read the psalm. An NRSVUE translation is provided. Additional translations may enhance your experience
- Note on a piece of paper, words, ideas, feelings, and images that rise up or stand out
- Read the brief reflection provided, set it alongside your observations, and consider how the Holy Spirit may be speaking to you in the present through this psalm
- Spend a few moments thinking about individuals and situations for which you feel led to pray
- Close with your own prayer or the one provided
- DON'T FORGET TO BLOW OUT THE CANDLE!

### Psalm 147 (NRSVUE)

#### A Song of Ascents

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God,  
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- <sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.
- <sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.
- <sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.
- <sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre.
- <sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds,  
prepares rain for the earth,  
makes grass grow on the hills.
- <sup>9</sup> He gives to the animals their food  
and to the young ravens when they cry.
- <sup>10</sup> His delight is not in the strength of the horse  
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,

<sup>11</sup> but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

<sup>12</sup> Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem!  
Praise your God, O Zion!

<sup>13</sup> For he strengthens the bars of your gates;  
he blesses your children within you.

<sup>14</sup> He grants peace within your borders;  
he fills you with the finest of wheat.

<sup>15</sup> He sends out his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.

<sup>16</sup> He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters frost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup> He hurls down hail like crumbs—  
who can stand before his cold?

<sup>18</sup> He sends out his word and melts them;  
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup> He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

<sup>20</sup> He has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know his ordinances.

Praise the LORD!

### Reflection

The editor or editors who assembled the book of Psalms wanted the book to end on a high note of praise; and so, I invite us to see that the last five psalms (146–150) share the opening line—“Praise the Lord”. The focus on praise, this reminder for God’s people to stop and praise the Lord, is always timely and important to hear. The reminder to praise is important, because we so easily get caught up in our busyness, caught up in our head games, caught up in our pessimism, caught up in our self-import that we forget to Praise God.

When we say, “God I don’t have time to pray.”

The psalmist says, “That’s nice, but you still have to make time to praise the Lord!”

When we say, “God, my candidate didn’t win, so I have no praise within.”

The psalmist says, “That’s no reason to forget our responsibility to praise the Lord!”

When we say, “The journey through life is all about me.”

The psalmist says, “Get over yourself, and never stop praising the Lord!”

When we say, “Hear my praises God, and know how special I am.”

The psalmist says, “Put a sock in it. Praise is always about God and never about you!”

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Psalm 147 imagines God as the one who has a hand in all the forces of nature (see also Job 38 & 39), as the one who is deeply concerned for the peoples of the earth, and as the one who is ultimately clothed in mystery.

The psalmist makes clear that God does not need our praise, as much as we need to offer it. Praise keeps us humble and balanced and focused on God's purposes. A song of praise from God's people is always fitting (v1).

Let us pause for a moment over verse 11, especially the first phrase: "but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him." I believe the intent here is to encourage our "awe" before the Lord. The psalmist is not telling us to be afraid of the Lord. Instead, we are invited and encouraged to have great respect for the Lord, to hold the Lord in our highest regard, to be in awe of the Lord's love for us. We need to be very skeptical of anyone who ever encourages us to be scared of our God!

### Closing Prayer

*Lord of All, we hold you in awe today and every day. Thank you for creating us. Thank you for loving us so completely in Jesus. May our praises always ring in your ears. Amen!*

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# Stewardship 2025

## Going Deep...In Trust!

### The theme for the 2025 Tab Stewardship Appeal is "Going Deep...In Trust!"

This invitation is based on Luke 5:4–6, where Jesus asks the fishermen who will soon become his disciples to trust him after a long night of fishing where they have caught nothing, by rowing out to deep water and casting their net one more time. The resulting catch is so large, that they struggle to pull the overflowing net into the boat!

In the coming weeks, we the friends and members of Tab will be invited to pray and consider how we will faithfully share the spiritual gifts and financial resources which God has given us in such great abundance. Our faithful response to these important questions is what allows Tab's ministry and mission to be so consequential in our neighborhood, our world, and our lives.

Soon you will be receiving stewardship information for 2025 in the mail. Thank you in advance for support in continuing God's ministry at Tab.

*Stewardship Dedication Sunday is November 24, 2024.*

# Member Spotlight

## Meet The Lingemans

by Maya Wagle

**Our Lord Jesus is a God of restoration—of souls, bodies and resources. The Lingemans, Jim and Rita of Tab and their offspring are in the business of restoration. Learn more about them!**

Jim, a true native of Indiana, was born in Indianapolis in 1949, one of seven children. Rita's parents immigrated from Holland after WWII to Michigan. The second of four children born in 1952, she grew up in a conservative Christian home (Hamilton Reformed Church). Both accepted Christ in their teens. Rita was an accomplished piano player in high school, participating in the choir and other groups. She taught piano for 7–8 years. Jim took part in the Shortridge acapella choir.



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Graduating as a Registered Nurse in 1973 from Grand Rapids' Mercy Central School of Nursing, she met Jim in Grand Rapids in 1974. Jim attended Cornell for his undergrad and IU School of Medicine following that. Sparks flew, they married in 1975 and moved to Indianapolis in 1980. Jim is a Urologist and Professor of Urology at IU School of Medicine. Four children followed—John, Jennifer, Laura and Christine. This is where we see the family's dedication to healing and conservation.

John, a Purdue Materials Engineer, is married to Samantha and runs his own medical device engineering service company in Plainfield. They have two children Raleigh (10) and Evy (8). Jennifer, a Tab member, has a 14-yr old daughter, Leona. She advocates for a “greener society,” promoting the use of alternative fuels in Indy fleets and in fueling infrastructure, as

a Project Manager for Drive Clean, Indiana. Laura is a paramedic in Reno, Nevada, while the youngest, Christine is an outdoor design architect, espousing more beauty outdoors. Thus, you see, the Lingemans are in the business of healing—bodies and our earth!

Jim and Rita joined Tab in the 1990s, took a sabbatical and rejoined Tab in 2017. Jim enjoys communing with his Men's Covenant Group with stalwarts like Jim Babcock and Ron Harvey. What else do they do? Rita is a Tab deacon; volunteering at Open Door and attending the Pastor's Bible Study. They love to vacation in their cottage in Holland, Michigan with their kids and grandkids. They are rabid Purdue football fans and have been tailgating at Purdue since 2002. With Jim's profession taking them to international conferences, travel is a hobby, and they have enjoyed visiting numerous countries through the years.

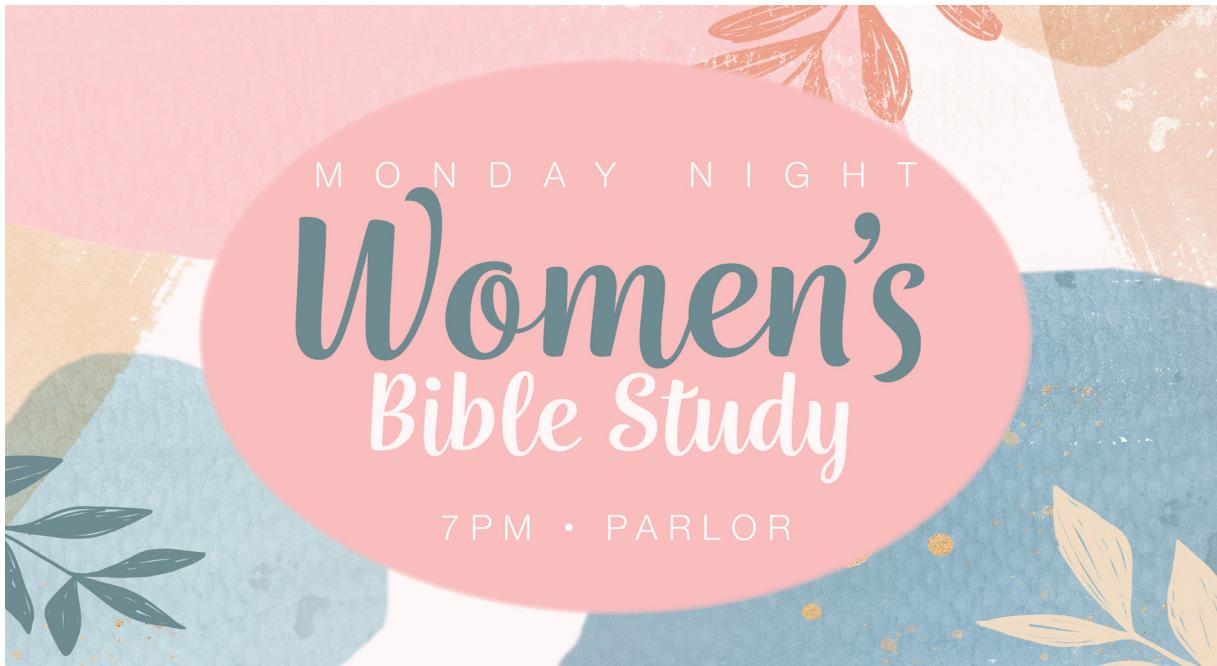
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Their anchor verse is Deuteronomy 31:8, “The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you”.

# Women's Bible Study

Mondays, beginning September 30



Ladies, you're invited to deepen your faith and fellowship with us at our Monday Night Women's Bible Study! We're excited to dive into the Gospel of John and explore Jesus' profound "I Am" statements through the engaging study guide, "Believe I Am" by Megan Marshman. This small group setting is the perfect opportunity for personal growth and meaningful discussion as we seek to understand and live out the powerful truths found in God's Word. Come with an open heart and a readiness to connect with other women in faith. We can't wait to see you there!



## AN 8-SESSION VIDEO BIBLE STUDY BY MEGAN FATE MARSHMAN

Join us for this study to respond to and really get to know Jesus in a personal and intimate way. This study through the Gospel of John will focus on dissecting His seven "I Am" statements, where we come to learn what Jesus wants us to know most about His character and love for us.

# Tab News

## Announcements & Events

### HOME COMMUNION

If you or a Tab member you know, is unable to attend worship and would like to receive communion, our Elders and Deacons will be available for Home Communion on Sunday, October 6. Please call the church office, 317-923-5458, if you would like a visit from one of our Home Communion teams.

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

#### October 4 | 6-8:30 PM | Lower Level B

Children's Ministries will be hosting a Parents' Night Out Friday, October 4 from 6–8:30pm in Lower Level B for Tab infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary students. We'll have games, make a snack, do a craft, and watch a family-friendly movie (with popcorn, of course!) We'll be offering a separate childcare room for children age 4 and younger. There's no fee and registration is not required, but please feed your child dinner before you arrive. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Wirt. [jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org](mailto:jennifer.wirt@tabpres.org)

### TREATS AT TAB

#### October 27 | 12-1:30 PM

Treats at Tab is a safe, welcoming, free Halloween event for Tab member families AND families from our community. We'll have games, face-painting, music, a light lunch, and indoor trick-or-treating. The trick-or-treating is for children 12 and younger; everything else is for all ages. Our goal is to offer a fun and family-friendly fellowship event.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

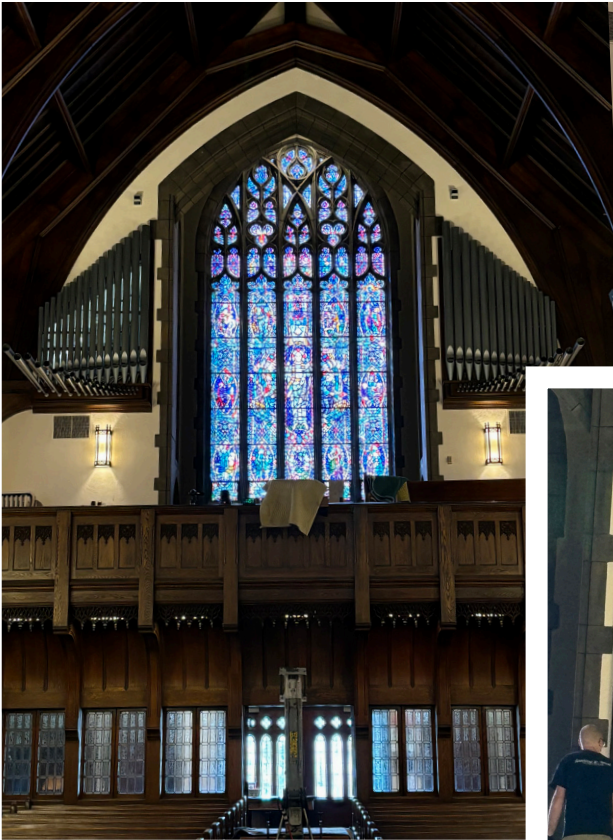
Children's Ministries is once again sponsoring "Operation Christmas Child" this year. Through Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse ships boxes of Christmas love to children all over the world, and follows up with medical care, food assistance, and Bible study classes in each of the communities where the boxes we fill are sent. Boxes and box labels will be available on Sundays in McKee Hallway and in Lower Level B beginning in mid-October. The firm deadline for boxes to be returned to Tab will be November 17; 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'd like more information, scan the QR code or visit [samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child](http://samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child).





## ORGAN RENOVATIONS

Look behind you and you will see the pipework, both old and new, has been placed in the back balcony along with a brand new four manual console. This section of our restoration and addition should be finished sometime near the middle of October and soon after work will begin on the front chancel organ. Questions? Contact Matt Kauffman at [matt.kauffman@tabpres.org](mailto:matt.kauffman@tabpres.org).



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Income:

YTD budgeted income:	\$1,500,875
YTD actual income:	\$1,434,435
Actual under budget by:	\$66,440

### Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses:	\$1,693,110
YTD actual expenses	\$1,712,598
Actual over budget by:	\$19,488

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

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### OCTOBER

- Ayawa Mawuto & Yao Akpalou *7 years*
- Jon & Mary Dougherty *48 years*
- Steve & Ann Reynolds *43 years*
- Ben & Lisa Hughes *39 years*
- Bob & Kathy Brown-Mayes *40 years*
- Mark & Teresa Lubbers *46 years*
- Stuart & Katelyn Luzader *7 years*
- Clyde & Rebecca Townsend *24 years*
- Patrick & Bethany Chatelain *8 years*
- Dave & Susan Liebel *8 years*
- Ben & Kelly Donaldson *9 years*
- Chris & Katie Moore *16 years*
- Doug & Angela Shaw *5 years*
- Bill & Martha Sue Batt *57 years*
- Ryan & Ruth Miller *8 years*
- Jeff & Sally Sumpter *48 years*
- Diego Urfalian & Heidi Hoopingarner *16 years*
- Bill & Helen McGuire *44 years*
- Nathan & Jennifer Challis *9 years*
- Clayton & Katy Cummings *16 years*
- Bob & Peg Padgett *38 years*
- Don & Elly Douglass *12 years*
- Dan & Amy Rexroth *23 years*
- Einar & Lena Stefansson *40 years*

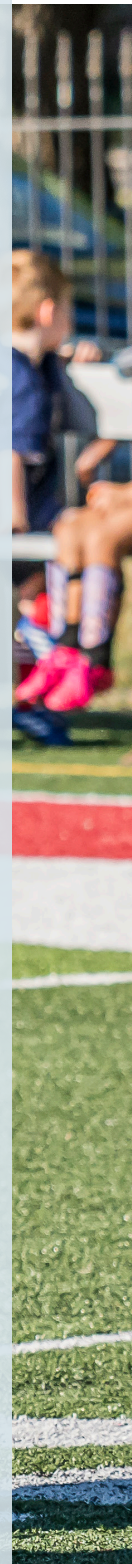




## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### OCTOBER

Dick Luchtman	Maeve Moudy
Christen Prible	Willa Moudy
Angela Shaw	Mitch Roob
Morgan Barnett	Mallery Luzader
Mark John	Carolee Berry
Lucas Urfalian	Steve Weyreter
Ben Van Winkle	Paul Asare
Jeffrey Ridenour	Laura Dunlap
Chris Fedor	Gilbert Orban
Paula Means	Grayson Parsons
Delia Pinero	Theodore Clement
Kate Ase	Ron Loper
Charles Warren	Marion Hoopingarner
Diane Tolsma	Bob Willsey
Kelli Cobb-Daymon	Mary Allen
Elijah Cummins	Westley Jefferies
Lenny Reel	Holly Gamage
Tiago Barbosa	Justin Wade
Anne Demeree	Eliza Howe
Warren Cain	Virgil Baldwin
Tanya Erickson	Sarah Pike
Peyton Hart	Lisa Hughes
Peg Strodtbeck	Stephanie Menzel
Greg Miller	Jonathan Burris
Carter Booker	Al Mayo
Sally John	Janie Parr
Nancy Hesler	Kathy Albrektson
James Fowles	Tommy Meils
Nick Schroeder	Ben Donaldson
Bruce McGeath	Eric Guion
Zeke Borns	Brook Johnson
Scarlett Grove	Joel Padgett
Adam Packer	Cathy Schubert
Marilyn Downey	Ben Hughes



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**NANCY'S RIDE 2024**