

TABERNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# TOWER CHIMES

*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." — JOHN 13:34-35*



SPRING/LENT 2025

## 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.



# Sunday Morning Worship

**8 AM Communion Service**

*McKee Chapel*

**10 AM Worship Service**

*Sanctuary*

*Live-stream the 10:00 AM worship service every Sunday at [tabpres.org/Worship](http://tabpres.org/Worship)*

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# A Season of Renewal

## INTRODUCING THE 2025 SPRING/LENT CHIMES

We are thrilled to introduce the first issue of our newly revamped seasonal Chimes, designed to keep you informed, connected, and inspired. After years of being a monthly publication, The Chimes will now be published seasonally, offering more timely and relevant content that aligns with the rhythms of the church year. This strategic approach will allow Tab friends and family to look ahead and plan ahead, fully embracing the many opportunities to engage with the church. Just as spring ushers in new life, we hope this new format opens fresh avenues for growth in faith, service, and community.

As you explore these pages, take a moment to reflect on your involvement at Tab and how God might be inviting you into a deeper relationship with Him. We look forward to walking alongside you in this new season and can't wait to see how God will continue to use each of us to impact lives and bring glory to His name in the seasons ahead.





## MARCH

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### FRESH STOP WINTER PROGRAM

**March 1 and 15** | 10-11 AM | Dining Room  
Order at [freshstop.org](http://freshstop.org)

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### HOME COMMUNION

**March 2** | 11:15 AM

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### AN INTRODUCTORY WALK THROUGH LENT

**March 2** | 9 AM | Parlor

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### ASH WEDNESDAY †

**March 5** | 7 PM | McKee Chapel

Drive-thru ashes also available at 7:30a and 4:30p under the port cochère.

Learn more at [tabpres.org/Lent](http://tabpres.org/Lent)

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### LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ

**March 9 - April 13**

“Leaning In, Letting Go”

Group signup & book pickup through March 9

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### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

**March 9** | 2 AM | Set your clocks ahead one hour to “spring forward”.

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### 2025 A-MAIZING LUNCH

**March 9** | 11:15 AM | Dining Room

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### EASTER FLOWERS

**March 16 - April 13**

Honor a loved one with a donation

Form available on the back cover of Chimes.

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## APRIL

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### PALM SUNDAY †

**April 13** | 8 AM & 10 AM worship

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### MAUNDY THURSDAY †

**April 17** | 7 PM | McKee Chapel

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### GOOD FRIDAY CHORAL SERVICE

**April 18** | 5 PM | Sanctuary

Experience a moving musical service based on Michael John Trotta’s “Seven Last Words”, featuring Tab’s Sanctuary Choir, orchestra, and guest soloists Patrick Lord-Remmert and Toria Sigafos.

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### GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE †

**April 18** | 7 PM | Sanctuary

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### EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 19** | 10-11:15 AM | Tab Park

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### EASTER SUNDAY †

**April 20** | 7:30 AM & 10 AM worship

Youth Breakfast | 8:45-10 AM | Dining Room

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### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

**March 5 - April 20**

Give online at [tabpres.org/Giving](http://tabpres.org/Giving) or during worship on April 20.

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### DIALOGUE SERMON †

**April 27** | 8 & 10 AM worship

Led by Commissioned Ruling Elders, Mark John & Bart Ost

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† Worship services



## MAY

### ME IN MOSAICS! ART & FAITH

May 3

led by Jacquie Green

Register: bartonbost@gmail.com

### MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY †

Sunday, May 25 | 10 AM worship only | Sanctuary

No Education Hour

### MEMORIAL DAY: OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, May 26 | All day



## WEEKLY

<b>MWF</b>	11:00am	Open Door Café
<b>SUN</b>	8:00am	Communion Service
	9:00am	Education Hour
	10:00am	Sanctuary Worship
	11:00am	IMPACT Youth Group
<b>MON</b>	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop
		Cub Scout Pack 72
	7:00pm	Women's Bible Study
<b>TUE</b>	10:00am	Women Alive
	6:30pm	Tuesdays in Prayer
<b>WED</b>	9:30am	Pastor's Bible Study
<b>THU</b>	2:30pm	Tab Tutoring
	7:00pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRI</b>	3:30pm	Circle of Hope
<b>SAT</b>	8:00am	Men's Bible Study

## MONTHLY

1 <sup>st</sup> <b>MON</b>	5:00pm	HR Committee
1 <sup>st</sup> <b>TUE</b>	7:00pm	Spiritual Growth & Development
1 <sup>st</sup> <b>WED</b>	5:30pm	Missions Committee
2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>MON</b>	5:30pm	Facilities Committee
2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>TUE</b>	8:00am	Recreation Committee
	5:00pm	Budget & Finance Committee
	7:00pm	Children's Ministries Committee
	7:00pm	Worship, Music & Arts Committee
2 & 4 <b>SAT</b>	10:00am	Purls of Wisdom
3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>TUE</b>	7:00pm	Session Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> <b>TUE</b>	5:30pm	Communications Committee
	7:00pm	Deacons' Meeting

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

# What's Happening?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### FRESH STOP WINTER PROGRAM

**March 1 and 15 | 10-11 AM | Dining Room**

There's still time to support your health and community with Fresh Stop, a ministry of Tab that provides affordable, fresh, local produce based on income. Shares include a variety of organic or near-organic produce, and everyone receives the same share. Shares are \$30, \$15 for low-income households, and \$10 for SNAP card users. Don't miss the final order deadline this season—Sunday, March 9 at midnight, and bring a bag to the Dining Room on March 1 and 15 from 10-11am to pick up your order. Enjoy recipes, food samples, and cooking demonstrations by chef Koby Bluitt. Order today at [FreshStop.org](http://FreshStop.org) or contact Sally John at [sallybjohn@gmail.com](mailto:sallybjohn@gmail.com) to learn more.

### HOME COMMUNION

**March 2 | 11:15 AM**

On Sunday, March 2, our Elders and Deacons will be bringing Communion to our homebound members. If you or someone you know would like a visit, please contact the church office at 317-923-5458 to let us know. We would be honored to share this special time with you.

### 2025 A-MAIZING LUNCH

**March 9 | 11:15 AM | Dining Room**

Mark your calendars for the 2025 A-Maizing Lunch, following worship on Sunday, March 9, at 11:15am in the Dining Room. This annual lunch featuring githeri (maize and beans) raises funds to support food security for the Umoja Partnership in Kenya. Come enjoy a spiced-up version of the meal our children have for school lunch every day, and learn about the school Tab helped become the 21st partner school. You've made a difference in the lives of these children—come see how your support is impacting them!



**Repairing the breach**  
ISAIAH 58

Give online at [tabpres.org/Giving](http://tabpres.org/Giving) or during worship on April 20.

Please give generously—  
for when we all do a little,  
it adds up to a lot.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT  
MARCH 5 - APRIL 20, 2025

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

**March 5 - April 20**

This Lent, join us in making a tangible impact through One Great Hour of Sharing. From March 5 to April 20, your generous gifts will support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-Development of People. These initiatives work together to fight hunger, rebuild after disasters, and empower communities to lift themselves out of poverty. Every donation, big or small, brings hope and healing to those in need. Be part of the solution—your action can help transform lives.

### ME IN MOSAICS! ART & FAITH

**May 3 | time TBD**

Join us for a creative workshop making mosaic art while exploring faith, spirituality, and artistic expression. Enjoy fellowship, fun, and reflection as we learn about mosaics in religious contexts, discuss the spiritual significance of art, and express our beliefs through artwork. No prior experience is needed, and all materials are provided. Come, discover the beauty of faith and creativity!



## Children & Families

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 19 | 10-11:15 AM | Tab Park**

Tab's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, April 19 from 10-11am in Tab Park. We'll have crafts, games, cookie decorating (and eating), the Resurrection Story, and of course, the big hunt for eggs. No registration is required, there's no fee to participate, and friends are welcome. We'll be setting up activities and hiding about 1500 eggs beginning at 9:00 that morning and would welcome help from any teens or adults who would like to be part of the preparations and fun!

#### SUMMER MUSICAL KICKOFF

**Tryouts: May 18 | Rehearsals begin June 1**

This year's summer musical, "Cool in the Furnace" (about the experiences of Daniel and his friends in Babylon) will kick off with simple tryouts beginning on May 18. Rehearsals will begin Sunday, June 1, with Wednesday rehearsals beginning on June 11. The big performance will take place August 17. Don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable performance.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 16-20 | 9 AM - 12 PM**

**Register at [tabpres.org/VBS](http://tabpres.org/VBS) (opens in March)**

Tab Children's Ministries will be offering a Marketplace-themed Vacation Bible School from June 16-20 from 9am until noon. "Egypt: Joseph's Adventures from Prison to Palace" will teach students about God's faithfulness and love for His people. Activities will include Bible lessons, crafts, music, games, snacks, and fellowship, with a visit to the marketplace for Egypt-themed activities each day. This VBS is open to all students who have completed grades K through 6. There is no fee to participate, but pre-registration is required so we can be sure to have enough supplies, snacks, and volunteers. Registration via a link on the Tab website will begin at the beginning of March. We'll need many adult volunteers to serve as Marketplace "shop owners" who will lead activities twice during the week, as well as adults who would be willing to participate in daily dramas about the life of Joseph. Sign-up sheets will be in McKee Hallway beginning in April.

***Learn more at [tabpres.org/Children](http://tabpres.org/Children).***

# The Season of Lent

## JOURNEY WITH CHRIST THROUGH THE CROSS TO RESURRECTION

Lent is traditionally a season of reflection, self-discipline, and a journey alongside Jesus toward the cross. For 40 days, excluding Sundays, Christians often focus on sacrifice and repentance as they prepare for the joy of Easter. Yet, Lent also reveals something profoundly abundant: the overwhelming compassion of God. This year, our Lenten sermon series, *Overwhelmingly Tipped Toward Compassion*, will focus on how God's boundless grace and compassion are poured out through the words and actions of Jesus and his disciples. God's love overcomes scarcity, offering healing, forgiveness, and hope.

As we explore biblical texts, we will also draw inspiration from Walter Brueggemann's *Grace Abounds: God's Abundance Against The Fear of Scarcity*. Together, we will reflect on how God's gracious abundance reaches its fullest expression in the Resurrection, inviting us into a deeper experience of divine compassion.

Come be a part of our Lenten journey at Tab, and let the themes and spirit of the season fill your heart with hope.

### Preaching Schedule

**MARCH 9**

**KEEPING SABBATH**

Exodus 20:1-17 | Mark 12:28-34

**MARCH 16**

**MAKING DOXOLOGY**

Psalms 146:1-10 | Mark 10:46-52

**MARCH 23**

TBD

**MARCH 30**

**OFFERING FORGIVENESS**

Hosea 4:1-3 | Ezekiel 36:22-30 | Matthew 9:1-8

**APRIL 6**

**BESTOWING BLESSING**

Genesis 18:1-14 | Luke 8:40-48

**APRIL 13 (PALM SUNDAY)**

**THE TRUTH OF GRACE**

Leviticus 6:1-7 | Matthew 5:23-24

See service and event details at [tabpres.org/Lent](http://tabpres.org/Lent).

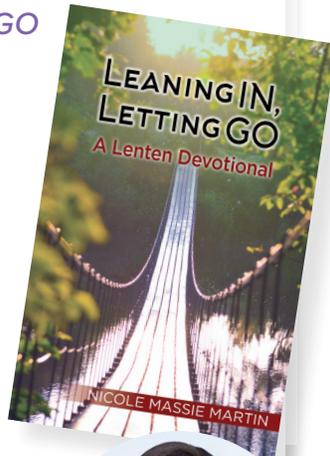
# 2025 LENTEN ALL-CHURCH READ

MARCH 9 - APRIL 13

*“SOMETIMES, YOU NEED TO LET GO  
TO LEAN IN CLOSER TO GOD.”*

Deepen your faith through individual or small group readings in this year's Lenten All-Church Read.

In this daily devotional for the Lenten season, bestselling author Nicole Massie Martin guides us on a hope-filled journey of releasing what keeps us from experiencing the joy of the resurrection. Daily reflections and prayers encourage us to lean into God's grace, letting go of our own agendas that hinder us from embracing the abundant life God calls us to enjoy and share with the world.



**GROUP SIGN-UP & BOOK PICKUP  
FEBRUARY 9 - MARCH 9**  
Sunday mornings in McKee Hallway

## AN INTRODUCTORY WALK THROUGH LENT MARCH 2 • 9 AM • PARLOR

In preparation for our All-Church Lenten Read, come explore the origin and meaning of Lent, from Ash Wednesday to The Three Days (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Great Vigil of Easter), leading to the Easter celebration: He is Risen! Whether Lent is new to your faith journey or a familiar tradition, all are welcome to join in this time of personal and communal reflection on the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

Visit [tabpres.org/Adults](http://tabpres.org/Adults) for more information.



## SUNDAYS

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

9 AM | Parlor

“Parables of Jesus”, led by Mark John  
April 27 - June 22

### SG&D BIBLE STUDY: EPHESIANS

11:20 AM | McWhirter Resource Center

led by Dr. Tim Mackie

Begins April 27

Contact: Bart Ost  
bartonbost@gmail.com

## MONDAYS

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7 PM | Parlor

“The Wonder of Grace”

Through March 17

Contact: Ruth Miller  
mrs.ruth.miller@gmail.com

## TUESDAYS

### WOMEN ALIVE

10 AM | Parlor

Contact: Sally John  
sallybjohn@gmail.com

### TUESDAYS IN PRAYER

6:30 PM | McKee Chapel

Contact: Jim Babcock  
jim.barbbabcock@gmail.com

## WEDNESDAYS

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

9:30 AM | Parlor

Contact: Dr. Bill Smutz  
bill.smutz@tabpres.org

## SATURDAYS

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

8 AM | Parlor

Contact: Doug Conrads  
dlconrads@yahoo.com

### PURLS OF WISDOM

2nd & 4th Saturdays

10 AM | Session Room

Contact: Nancy Koehring  
nlrmk@hotmail.com

# Worship with a Twist

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Join us on Sunday, April 27, for a unique worship experience as we host a Dialogue Sermon led by newly authorized Commissioned Ruling Elders **Mark John and Bart Ost**. A Commissioned Ruling Elder (“CRE”) is a person called to serve in a local church for one or more purposes such as preaching, administering the sacraments, and other duties usually undertaken by an ordained pastor. Mark and Bart were approved for this ministry, following over a year of seminary course work and training, by the Whitewater Valley Presbytery and Presbytery of Wabash Valley in November of 2024 by unanimous vote of pastors and elders present. Mark and Bart have been added to these Presbyteries’ Pastor Supply lists to conduct worship services for churches without an ordained pastor.

Unlike traditional sermons, this interactive format features a conversation between Mark and Bart as they explore together a particular passage from Scripture. This will be a special time for our long-serving Tab members to share with us their passion for a teaching ministry. We look forward to seeing you in worship!



## MARK JOHN BIO

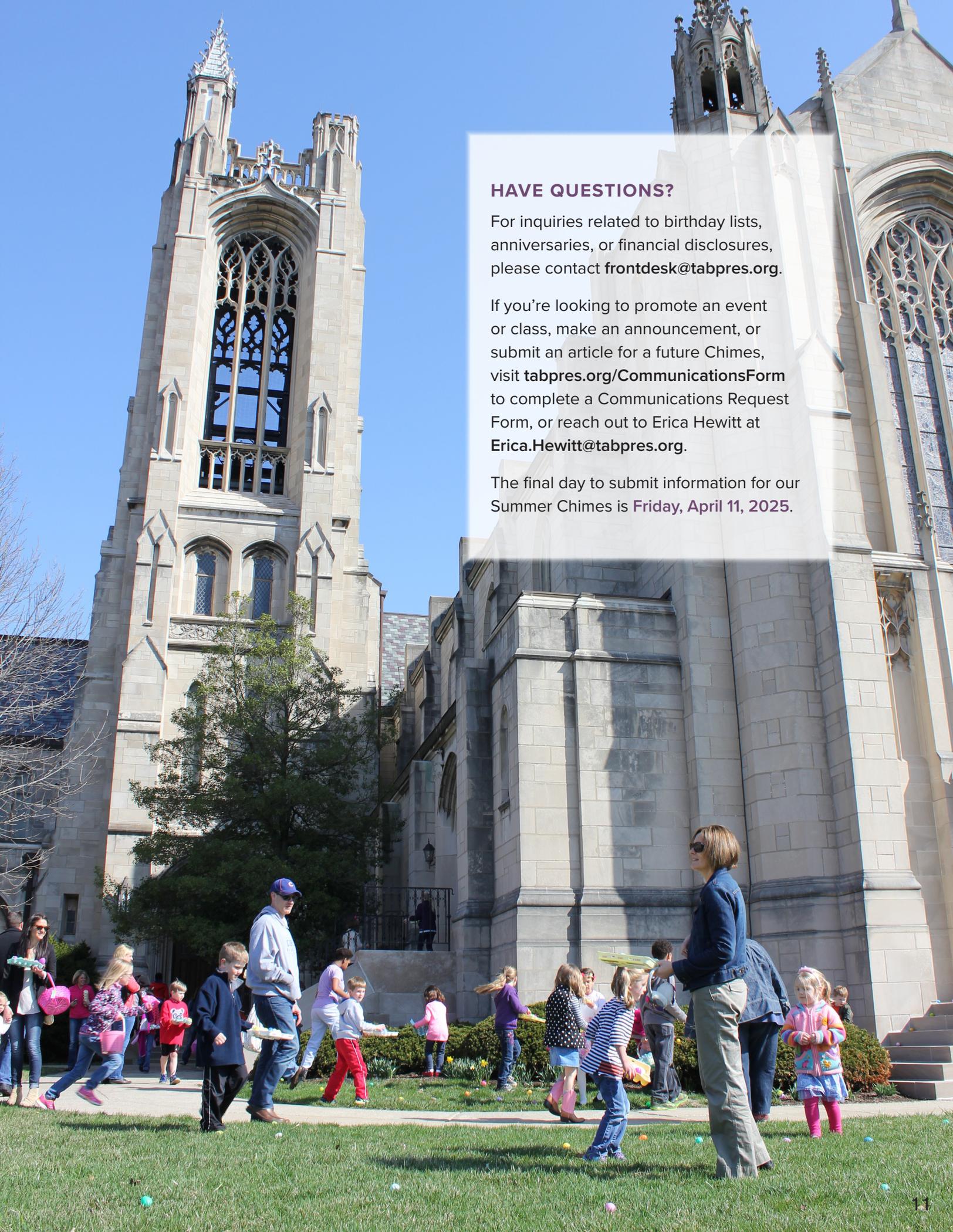
Mark John has been dedicated to his career and ministry at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church for many years. He met Sally Berns in the Youth Group, and after attending Wheaton College, they returned to Tab, except for a seven-year period when Mark started and sold a publishing business.

Throughout his 28-year career, Mark has remained committed to his faith and family. He has contributed to various ministries at Tab, including coaching, advising the youth group, and leading small groups. Mark’s passion for teaching led him to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder, sharing his love for Scripture with others in the Wabash Valley Presbytery and the community.



## BART OST BIO

Bart Ost and his wife, Annie, are deeply grateful for their home church, Tab, where they formed meaningful relationships, raised two children, and experienced significant life events, such as baptisms, confirmations, and weddings by their former pastors. Annie found her calling at Heart Change, a local outreach supporting women and children in generational poverty, now celebrating 18 years of service. Bart renewed his passion for ministry during a sabbatical, studying at North Park Seminary in Chicago and pursuing a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) role. Approved for CRE ministry in 2024, Bart currently serves churches without ordained pastors while continuing his work on Tab’s Spiritual Growth Team. His true passion remains teaching and fostering lifelong faith journeys.



## HAVE QUESTIONS?

For inquiries related to birthday lists, anniversaries, or financial disclosures, please contact [frontdesk@tabpres.org](mailto:frontdesk@tabpres.org).

If you're looking to promote an event or class, make an announcement, or submit an article for a future Chimes, visit [tabpres.org/CommunicationsForm](http://tabpres.org/CommunicationsForm) to complete a Communications Request Form, or reach out to Erica Hewitt at [Erica.Hewitt@tabpres.org](mailto:Erica.Hewitt@tabpres.org).

The final day to submit information for our Summer Chimes is **Friday, April 11, 2025**.

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# EASTER *Flowers*

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SPACES WITH  
AN ARRAY OF  
BEAUTIFUL POTTED  
PLANTS AND FERNS.

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of” or “in memory of”  
a special loved one,  
friend, or ministry and  
may be taken with  
you following the 10a  
service on Easter  
Sunday morning.

Cost for each is \$30.

IN MEMORY OF:

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I would like: \_\_\_\_\_ Potted, flowering plant \_\_\_\_\_ Potted fern

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Cash  Check | CK# \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this form to the Front Office no later than **SUNDAY, APRIL 13.**  
Include your check to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, marked “Easter Flowers”  
in the memo line.



*Scan to register online*