

WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

November 28, 2021

October Sermon Series: Seasons & Changes Focus: Facing Life's Challenges and Changes

WORSHIP SERVICE:

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (MPR/YouTube)

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jeremiah 33:14-16 & Ezekiel 11:19

SERMON THEME: "Change is a Sign"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 30

3:00 p.m. Emmaus – 4th Day (Library)

Wednesday, December 1

10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
6:15 p.m. Adult - Advent Study (Fellowship Hall & Zoom)

Thursday, December 2

5:00 p.m. Bells Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Friday, December 3

7:00 p.m. Youth – Advent Study (Senior High Room)

Saturday, December 4

8:30 a.m. Youth Rally – Ashland, VA

GIVING - After careful consideration by the Church Staff and Finance Team, we are staying with Elexio Giving. If you are giving through Faithlife, we ask that you please move back to Elexio. We will close down Faithlife on January 1, 2022. But we have some good news, Elexio is offering a Donor Match Program for all new RE-OCCURRING GIVING. For every new recurring gift that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, Elexio will match the gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021. Please go to the Tabernacle website and click the E-Giving button in the upper right corner then click on E-Giving. Mike Reardon, Finance Committee Chairman and Angie Pitzer, Financial Secretary, finsec@tabumc.org

SECA - During the month of October, we helped 102 families with 10,600 lbs. of food. We also helped 10 families with their utility bills, 14 with clothing and 3 with emergency housing. November 1st began heating season for our clients. Due to lack of funds, we are not able to help as many clients as in previous years. SECA is also in need of volunteers to help in the office, food room and run the register. If you know anyone looking to volunteer, please send them our way.

UMW and MISSIONS - GIVING TREES are in the Sanctuary vestibule and in the MPR with tags for giving requests. Some of our gifts this year will be given to our new Resource Closet, serving the needs of our church family and neighbors. Others will be given to our Micah friends. For our SECA friends, we are asking for cash donations

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marked "SECA" to help with heating costs. We are always amazed by the love, kindness and generosity shown by our Tabernacle family. This year, the needs are greater than ever before. All gifts are greatly appreciated as we share the love of Jesus during the Advent Season.

SUNDAY CONNECTION GROUPS - We are excited that Tabernacle is connecting and reconnecting. Sunday Connection Groups started on September 12th. Adult groups meeting at 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. include: the Leon Anderson Discovery Class (Rm 411); the Mary Thomas Class (Rm 412); and the Seekers (Rm 413). Class curriculum will be determined at that time. You are welcome to drop in on any of these groups. If you are interested in facilitating a class, offering a prayer group, or have an idea for another connection group, please contact Eileen David at eileendavid15@yahoo.com.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY CONNECTION GROUPS - The Children's Sunday Connection Groups (grades pre-K- 5) has been suspended. We are looking at other options. If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see in terms of Sunday School for our children, please let us know. Miss Judy is offering Kids Care at 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. during the Contemporary Service. This is not Sunday school, but rather focused on mission work. We will also be offering a children's ministry program called the Good News Bears beginning in January 2022. Keep reading the Spotlight for more information. If you would like to be on our mailing list for children's worship bulletins, please contact me at eileendavid15@yahoo.com and give me your mailing address. We want to hear from you as what we can do in terms of religious education for our children, but also for adults.

CARING FOR OUR COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS - Donations for the Christmas/exam week packages are due on November 28th. Christmas cards are available by the coffee time area for signing and words of encouragement. Thank you for caring for our students!

CONNECT AND RECONNECT - We are making every effort to Connect and Reconnect with our college/trade school students and active duty military members and friends. Please send Active Military and college/trade school contact information to SPleasants@tabumc.org.

LETTERS TO SANTA

KIDS CARE is asking EVERYONE to write a letter to Santa and mail it in our special mailbox. Macy's will donate \$2.00 for each letter to the "Make a Wish Foundation."





CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & LOVE. Come and experience the joy of Christmas at our newest community event in December. This evening family drive-thru will host a display of hundreds of Christmas lights along with music, a Nativity, special gifts, a hot chocolate warm-up, and a visit by Santa himself! The program, in the Tabernacle parking lot, will run from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 11th and again on December 18th. We look forward to sharing love and joy with each other and with our community as we celebrate the Christmas season!

Paul Study - Let's begin the New Year with a new understanding of letters from the apostle Paul that were controversial 2000 years ago and remain controversial even today. Together we'll examine what Paul said and why Paul said things that could seem hurtful, harsh, and judgmental. Our study begins Wednesday, January 5th with a light supper at 6:15 p.m. for in-person participants. The study for Zoom and in person participants begins at 7:00 p.m. Contact Matt Kapus at kapus72@gmail.com for further information, for the Zoom link, or to get a copy of the book.

YOUTH NEWS - The Youth had a wonderful time at Rake and Run on Sunday. After finishing up MICAH lunches with the Kids Care group, the Youth gathered up rakes and sneakers to head out for an afternoon of leaves and fellowship. Friday, we start the Advent study, *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes* by Matt Rawle. There will be a lot of fun at the Friendsgiving Lock In with our friends from Hillcrest UMC. EPIC meets on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and Youth Group meets on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to join the Youth group for activities or meetings, and if you have questions, please contact Melissa Keylor at needingserenity@gmail.com. Also, she can be reached by text at 703-201-4795 or visit us at #tabumcyouth. If you know a Youth who would like to attend, please feel free to invite them as well.



YOUTH ADVENT STUDY - During the season of Advent, the Youth will be studying, *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes* by Matt Rawle. This study looks at the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole*

Christmas. Why did he dislike Christmas so much? How did his heart change and grow three sizes? Could it be the thing we hate the most is the thing that will change our lives? Matt Rawle's study utilizes humor and concepts for young people to understand. The Youth will discuss how the Grinch struggles in life and his redemption. We will meet on Fridays for 4 sessions to complete the study. Each session consists of music, discussion, activities, and snacks. The first session begins on Friday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior High Room at Tabernacle United Methodist Church. We will be using the Youth version of this study. You may obtain a book from the leader or purchase one from Amazon bookstore/online.

THE RESOURCE CLOSET opened October 30th and five families were served. What a blessing to share our resources with the community in such a special way. We provided food, paper/cleaning products and Giant gift cards for items we do not provide. As expected, a few items were greatly needed, and we would like to replenish our supply. If you would like to donate, the items are laundry/dish detergents, paper towels, and toilet paper. As always, all donations are greatly appreciated. Volunteer opportunities are available during our operating hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the last Saturday of each month in room #101, in the former preschool area. Contact Vedi Ellis with any questions at 540-455-6076 or email vediellis@comcast.net.

TREASURER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2021

Budget Donations.....\$30,667.67
 Budget Expenses.....\$28,376.03
 Budget Balance for October.....\$2,291.64
 Budget Balance to Date.....\$13,821.99
Other Donations – partial list

Building Fund.....\$540.00
 SECA.....\$195.00
 YWAM.....\$597.94
 Communion (Prj. James 2:16).....\$580.00
 Project James 2:16.....\$190.00
 Blessings Fund.....\$150.00
 Micah Ministry.....\$220.00
 UMCOR.....\$116.26
 Resource Closet.....\$200.00
 World Communion Sunday.....\$170.00
 Community Drive Through.....\$450.00
 Memorial Endowment.....\$5,225.00

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10

Attendance for November 21, 2021

In Person 113
 Livestream 37

Counter Schedule

November 28 – Greg Brown/Bev Graham
 November 21 – Katy Little/Terry Sullivan

Pastor Ted Leave Notice:

From the afternoon of November 28th through December 1st, Pastor Ted will be on leave. In the event of an emergency, please contact Susan Pleasants @ SPleasants@tabumc.org.