

WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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WORSHIP SERVICE April 25, 2021

9:45 A.M. In-Person Worship (Multi-Purpose Room)

10:00 A.M. Livestream Worship joins In-Person Worship

SUNDAY GOSPEL READING "John 10:11-18"

SERMON THEME: "The Hired Hand"

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25

9:45 a.m. In-Person Worship Service (MPR)

10:00 a.m. Livestream Service (YouTube)

11:00 a.m. Sunday School (Adult and Children's) ZOOM

April 28

7:00 p.m. Screwtape Letters Book Study ZOOM

April 29

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group

7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

May 2

9:45 a.m. In-Person Worship Service (MPR)

10:00 a.m. Livestream Service (YouTube)

11:00 a.m. Sunday School (Adult and Children's) ZOOM

May

7:00 p.m. NOW Meeting ZOOM

May 5

7:00 p.m. Screwtape Letters Book Study ZOOM

THANKS FROM GYTTE

Thank you, Tabernacle members and friends, for your generous annual Easter Offering donations for GYTTE. At last count the amount donated totals \$2,675.00. Please see the following note from our friends at GYTTE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Tabernacle UMC,
All of us at GYTTE are very grateful for the love offering that this program has received from all of you. We wish that all of you could see the reach that your donations have. It is a chain of blessings that touches and changes lives and hearts. As children of God we would like to obey, literally, the great commission that Christ left us (Mark 16:15); however, many times we are unable to do so. But, the good news is that, through these offerings you make the body of Christ work and reach places and people who are in need. We thank God for your lives and for giving us the opportunity to work together in this ministry. God bless you!

Clara Palacios, Catalino Sanchez, Nan McCurdy, Miguel Mairena and all the GYTTE Staff

Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena
Missionaries, Global Ministries
United Methodist Church

APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING SUPPORTS GYTTE

To build the body of Christ by growing mature disciples through:
Prayer, Worship, Evangelism, Fellowship, Study, and Christian Service

WHAT'S NEXT WITH TABERNACLE'S VISIONING PROCESS?

Your Vision Team is excited to announce that after the months-long Discovery Phase, we are about to enter the Discernment Phase! We will launch this new phase on the week-end of May 7-9, bringing our spiritual leadership coach, Kathleen Bynum Lalor, into town to facilitate our **first Vision Convocation on Saturday, May 8 from 9:45 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**—with pandemic safe practices in place, of course. Two things to note: 1. That day, incoming Pastor Ted Smith will join us for the morning. 2. That day, the Vision Team will expand to include more members who feel called to this sacred task of spiritual discernment. No prior experience with communal discernment is required; the only requirement is an open heart and a willingness to trust that God will be with us and bless our effort!

Could it be that God's Spirit is nudging you to join the Vision Team in May? There are two crucial roles for you to prayerfully ponder: **Discernment Prayer Partner**—*Anyone who will covenant with us to pray daily for those who commit to doing the Vision Discernment work; or perhaps as a Discernment Companion*—*A few additional folks of diverse ages who feel nudged by the Holy Spirit to be a part of listening for God's voice in the Discernment Convocation on May 8 and then again in June (TBD).*

Please contact Susan Pleasants @ 540.786.6162 by Friday, April 31, if you will commit to either being a Prayer Partner or a Discernment Companion. Prep materials will then equip you for your role in this holy, energizing endeavor!



GRADUATE RECOGNITION – MAY 16th during the Livestream portion of worship. We know this is a particularly difficult time for our graduating high school and college seniors as they missed so many rites of passage. If you have a senior graduating from high school or college this spring, please let us know. Contact Eileen David at eileendavid15@yahoo.com or call the church office at 540-786-6162 no later than **April 19th**. Please provide the following information: Student's name, graduating school, and future plans, and if you are planning to attend in person worship on May 16th at 9:45.

YOUTH NEWS The Youth Group has been working hard at clearing out the Prayer Garden for the spring. They are making progress! Last month we had a can food drive for the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank, and it was a MAJOR success! Thank you everyone! The group attempted to build a light-bulb out of the cans. We had so much fun and more youth joined our group to help the cause. This weekend, the Youth are gathering for a movie night and cooking over a campfire. Friday Night Faith starts at 6:30p.m. for Junior High and 7:30p.m. for Senior High. This month we are discussing the parables in Matthew. We will continue the magnet fundraiser as long as we have them. The magnet can be hung on refrigerators, cabinets, or filing cabinets. They are great for introducing people to church without saying a word. Grab one while you are in the MPR or stop by the church office. If you would like to join the Youth for activities or meetings, please contact Melissa Keylor at needingserenity@gmail.com or text her at 703.201.4795. Other Youth Group News and happenings can be found on Instagram at tabumcyouth. If you know a Youth, feel free to invite them as well.



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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (GRADES K-5) Are your children learning about Jesus? Do your children know the Bible stories of David and Goliath or Jonah and the Whale? How about the Easter story? Do you need help? We have the answer. Children's Sunday School has resumed via ZOOM at 11:00 a.m. after our Livestream worship service. If interested, contact Eileen David at eileendavid15@yahoo.com. She will answer any questions you have and send you a ZOOM link and activity materials. Miss Carol and Miss Sherri are very excited to have your children participate!

STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS: We all face life challenges during this pandemic, but we don't have to go through it alone. If you or someone you care about is experiencing difficulties, our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, encourage, and offer support. Stephen Ministers offer care, comfort, and hope in a safe, private setting. Find out more from Karen Flanagan (540.729.9342) or Bob Gallagher (540.809.7988). All Stephen Ministry support is confidential

TUMC BLESSING FUND: Pastor's Discretionary Fund is now named to the TUMC Blessing Fund to better state the purpose and encourage contributions. This fund is available to members and friends of TUMC who need financial assistance. Help is given at the discretion of the Pastor and is confidential. Our E-giving site reflects this change.

SERVANT KEEPERS Tabernacle is changing over to a new Church Management System – Servant Keepers/Faithlife. Watch the Spotlight and website for information regarding any changes this may bring to e-giving. If your email or address has changed, please call the church office @540.786.6162 to make sure we have your most up-to-date information for the new system.

Attendance April 18, 2021

Livestream	80
In-Person	44

Counter Schedule

May 2, 2021	Dick Carmichael/Linda Acors
May 9, 2021	Rhonda Trahern/Terry Sullivan



Need Prayer?

Call the church office @ 540.786.6162 or drop your written request in the prayer box in the lobby

The church office is open for phone and email business. Hours are 9-4 M-Th & 9-1 on Friday.