

WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

October 3, 2021

October Sermon Series: Faith Focus: Faith as Important to Life

WORSHIP SERVICE:

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS: John 20:29

SERMON THEME: "Faith Testimonials"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 4

7:00 p.m. C.Council (Fellowship Hall)

MERE CHRISTIANITY – Tabernacle is quickly developing weekday and Sunday morning small groups for everyone. Among our newest Connection groups is a study of the C.S. Lewis book *Mere Christianity*. There are two group study opportunities led by Matt Kapus. We invite you to take a look at the following link to learn more about the book. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DF-RDPxAS0&t=4s>

The first meeting is on October 3rd, at 11:30, following the Contemporary Service. We will discuss the preface and chapters 1-2 and then watch the first video for this study. For those attending the Wednesday night Zoom sessions instead, our first session will be October 6th at 7pm Eastern. Here is the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/92619534045>. Contact Matthew Kapus if you need a copy of the book, so we can order enough. kapus72@gmail.com.

NOTE BURNING SERVICE - Sunday, October 10th, at the 10:30 a.m. service. Tabernacle's loan was paid off in July. Pastor Hay will be our guest preacher for both services. A cornerstone will be set outside the new building entrance after the 10:30 service. Cake will be served at both Coffee Times.

MISSION MESSAGE - SECA has an urgent need for volunteers! Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. They also need donations of non-perishable food items, clothing, and household items. MICAH also has many ways to volunteer. Please go to their website for more information. Check out their new app called "Purposity". It's a great way to quickly connect with the needs of our homeless neighbors. They also have an Amazon wish-list. Our Micah sign-up sheet will be just inside the multipurpose room. It's time to start collecting 18-hour hand warmers!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE IS REACHING OUT - Local Afghan refugees need our help. Catholic Charities are asking for donations of sofas, dining sets, cash for purchasing mattresses, Wal-Mart and Target gift cards in increments of \$50, and gently used strollers. The gift cards can be left in the church office. If you are able to help, please contact Judy Schrader at missjudy18@gmail.com or 540.847.8243.

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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.

SUNDAY CONNECTION GROUPS - We are excited that Tabernacle is connecting and reconnecting. Sunday Connection Groups started on September 12th. Adult groups meeting at 9:15am - 10:15am 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. We currently do not have any connection groups planned for 11:30am - 12:30pm. If you are interested in facilitating a class, offering a prayer group, or an idea for another connection group, please contact Eileen David at eileendavid15@yahoo.com.

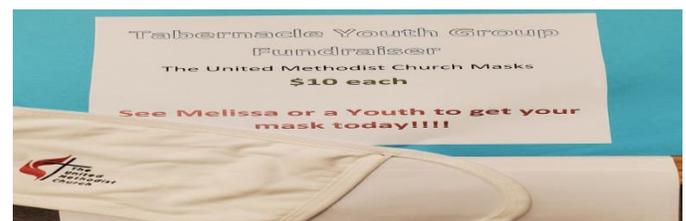
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY CONNECTION GROUPS

In order to make sure we have teachers and establish classes, we need to know if your Pre-k to 5th grader will be attending our **Children's Sunday Connection groups**. Please email Eileen David (eileendavid15@yahoo.com) or call the church office with the following information: child(ren)'s name, age, and grade in school. If you have a 3rd grader, we especially want to know. All Tabernacle 3rd graders are presented a Bible, and we want to make sure we have one available for them. We hope you are interested in connecting with one of our Sunday Groups. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact me. We are looking forward to reconnecting with you!

COLLEGE STUDENTS - If you have a college student, or would like to be part of our college care ministry, please contact Judy Schrader at missjudy18@gmail.com.

YUMMY PECANS are now available through the UMW. They are \$11 for a one pound bag. If you would like to place an order, please contact Judy Schrader at missjudy18@gmail.com.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - The Youth Group will once again be selling masks with the United Methodist Church logo on them. As we head into fall and a need for masks has increased, it's a great time to get yourself one of these super nice comfortable masks for \$10 each. Please see Melissa or a Youth for more information.



YOUTH NEWS - The Youth started Sunday School and named the group EPIC (Encouraging People In Christ). The theme is to learn from others and share our excitement about God with everyone. Last week, the group went apple picking and the apples were plentiful. Keep your eyes "peeled" for those apples in the future. October is right around the corner and we are headed into pumpkin/Halloween/Homecoming season. The Youth will be doing Box City/30 hour famine October 9-10th. As normal, they are on the move and the group has started a new study for this year. Youth will be studying the Book of Revelation during Friday Night Faith until the Advent season. Youth Group meets on Sundays at 11:30am and Friday Night Faith is at 7pm. If you would like to join the Youth for activities or meetings or have questions, please contact Melissa Keylor at needingserenity@gmail.com or text her 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.

BOXES, BOXES, BOXES! If you have any large boxes you would like to donate to the youth for Box City, we would be glad to take them. They can be dropped off at church any time and placed in the Youth Sunday School Room.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 23 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. We need 8-10 volunteers to cook, set up, clean up, and meet-n-greet. Arrival time 7 AM and departure 11 AM. Please contact Beth DiDonato at 540-717-2622 or bigredsoh@aol.com to help. If you have information about TUMC programs, missions, and/or events, please try to come to pass on the good news to connect and re-connect.



Community Breakfast

FAITHLIFE E-GIVING

Beginning September 1, 2021, Tabernacle UMC is shifting over to a new giving platform called Faithlife. If you currently participate in e-giving through the Elexio System, please note we are changing platforms to Faithlife. The Elexio system will continue to take money until you either cancel it yourself, or we cancel our contract with Elexio, which will be on or around December 1, 2021. You are encouraged to go to Elexio www.elexiogiving.com, STOP RECURRING GIVING, then set up new giving under Faithlife (<https://faithlife.com/tumc-g/give>) as soon as possible. It's easy to make one-time and recurring gifts and view your giving history with this platform. Simply go to our website at <http://www.tabumc.org/>, click on E-Giving (upper right), then follow the prompts on the Faithlife website. For a recurring gift, you'll need to create a Faithlife account so you can keep track of your giving methods. Contact our church Financial Secretary at apitzerspl@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Thank you for being part of what God is doing at Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

Attendance for September 26, 2021

In Person	87
Livestream	66

Counter Schedule

September 26 – Angie Pitzer/Linda Acors
 October 3 – Katie Little/Terry Sullivan