

WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

November 14, 2021



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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: Isaiah 43:19
SERMON THEME: "New Seasons"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 14

11:30 a.m. Youth Group – Rake and Run (Homes)
2:00 p.m. UMW Meeting (MPR)
7:00 p.m. UMM Meeting (Room 413)

Monday, November 15

7:00 p.m. Education Committee (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 16

3:00 p.m. Emmaus – 4th Day (Library)

Wednesday, November 17

10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
7:00 p.m. Book Study – *Mere Christianity* (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, November 18

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group (Library)
5:30 p.m. Bells Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Women Encouraged Group (Zoom)

Friday, November 19

1:00 p.m. Micah Ministries
7:00 p.m. Youth Group – Friendsgiving (Lock-in w/ Hillcrest UMC)

Attendance for November 7, 2021

In Person 106
Livestream 45

Counter Schedule

November 14 – Dick Carmichael/Linda Acors
November 7 – Vedi Ellis/Anita O'Toole

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

THANKSGIVING FOOD – PROJECT JAMES 2:16

Tabernacle will be providing gift cards this year for families in need of help for Thanksgiving food rather than packing and distributing baskets of food. There are currently only 17 gift cards still available. **If you know of a family or individual that could use some help with their Thanksgiving food needs this year, please contact Susan Pleasants at the church office, 540-786-6162, or email Susan at SPleasants@tabumc.org.**

The shift to gift cards is being made because there are many dietary and health challenges that vary from family to family – dietary restrictions, gluten free foods, peanut allergies, etc. Rather than us buying what we think each household should have, this allows the recipients of the gift cards to purchase what they really need, plus they can decide to purchase more fresh food if desired, and less processed, pre-packaged food in order to meet their health and family needs.



The 67th Annual Thanksgiving Auction is happening! On November 23rd, in the MPR, the always anticipated sausage/ham biscuit dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by the auction starting at 6:30 p.m. To make it a success, items for the auction are needed. Crafts, homemade food items, local produce, tickets to an event are only a few suggestions for auction items. As always, our Methodist Men will have pork products for auction. Pies are needed for the dinner and the auction. Our church is blessed with many talented members. Let's share with our community this tradition of fun and hospitality by making this auction the best-ever!

MICAH Meal for November - We will be serving about 90 meals prepared by our generous team. We'll also need snacks, packets of hot chocolate, hand warmers and other items. Please be watching for the sign-up sheet.

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.

ATTENTION LADIES!! ALL ARE INVITED!

Please join us today at 2pm in the MPR for food, fun and fellowship, as we prepare for the busy season ahead. Let's keep Christ in Christmas! Bring a friend!

Men of God – The Methodist Men's Christian Group will meet November 14th, in room 413, at 7:00 p.m. The agenda: Biblical man of the month, Thanksgiving Auction, Spiritual moment and more. COME AND JOIN US. - Dave Kellison, President

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 9:15 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 -

As of November 1st, we are suspending the Children's Sunday Connection Groups (grades pre-K- 5) that have been meeting from 9:15-10:15. 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 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 -

We like to remind our college students that God is always there for them, and that they are loved, supported, and prayed for by their church family. If you have a student who would like to receive notes, gift cards, and care packages, or you're interested to be part of our college care ministry, please contact Judy Schrader at missjudy18@gmail.com. Donations are always appreciated. **SPECIAL NOTE:** We would love to have donations of homemade cookies for the Christmas care packages. If you can donate some goodies, please bring them November 28th. Thanks so much!

KIDS CARE - Our Mission is to teach kids that they are an important part of God's plan, and to help them learn that God loves them and wants them to love and care for others. Kids ages 4 through 5th grade meet during the 10:30 Contemporary Service. It's a time of fellowship and service, and we have a great time. We learn about the ongoing missions of the church, and other service projects related to the interests and concerns of the kids. We love their caring hearts and eagerness to serve! For more information or to be a part of this exciting ministry, please contact Judy Schrader at missjudy18@gmail.com

KIDS CARE about children suffering from serious illnesses and are sponsoring "Letters to Santa" to support the Make a Wish Foundation. All letters will be mailed at the special mailbox in our local Macy's store. Macy's will donate \$2.00 for each letter sent. Please write a letter to Santa and mail them in the special red mailbox in the MPR. Bring letters from family and friends. This is a very fun, easy, and meaningful Christmas project.



All kids and youth: You are invited to an ornament/pizza party after the Contemporary Service on November 21st. We will be making Christmas ornaments together, enjoying a pizza lunch and possibly dessert will be involved.

Parents, the event will end at 12:45 p.m., and if you are the parent of an elementary aged child, you will be provided with more information about our upcoming Good News Bears program! See you there!! For questions, please contact Rhonda Kapus at rhondakapus8@gmail.com or 540-656-0199.

YOUTH NEWS - We are gearing up for November and the time change will give an extra hour to rest up. Rake and Run is right around the corner as well as Friendsgiving with our friends from Hillcrest UMC. The Youth will begin their Advent study looking into the story of The Grinch and his struggles and

how that has to do with faith. 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 9:00a.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