

# WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

November 7, 2021

 **TABERNACLE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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### WORSHIP SERVICE:

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

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**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Genesis 1:6-8 & 8:22  
**SERMON THEME:** "Nature Shows Us"

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, November 7

2:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Program Meeting (Library)

#### Tuesday, November 9

3:00 p.m. Emmaus – 4<sup>th</sup> Day (Library)

#### Wednesday, November 10

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Book Study – *Mere Christianity* (Fellowship Hall)

#### Thursday, November 11

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group (Library)

5:30 p.m. Bells Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

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### ADULT ADVENT STUDY – *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*



"The Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What is Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store . . . What if Christmas means a little bit more!" Matt Rawle's study is based on the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. His study makes us take a closer look at faith. *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes* will begin Wednesday December 1 through December 22. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a meal at 6:15 p.m. and begin the study at 7:00 p.m. Come join us and don't allow the Grinch to steal your Christmas. For books and more information, call the church at 540.786.6162.

**HELP US RECOGNIZE AND SHOW OUR APPRECIATION OF OUR VETERANS** during worship on Sunday, November 14th! Please email the names of veterans to [secretary@tabumc.org](mailto:secretary@tabumc.org). We'd like to include them in our TUM Veterans Honor Roll. Be sure to email names by November 1st. We look forward to honoring veterans on Sunday, November 14th!

### THANKSGIVING FOOD – PROJECT JAMES 2:16

Tabernacle will be providing 40 gift cards this year for families in need of help for Thanksgiving food rather than packing and distributing actual baskets of food. The gift cards can then be used by families or individuals to purchase the items they specifically need or desire to fit with their meal plans. If you know of a family or indi-

vidual 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](mailto: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 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Auction** is happening! On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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!

**WOMEN OF FAITH** will meet on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. in the Library to discuss possible studies, so please come with some ideas and to reconnect. For questions, contact Janet Geer at 540-295-2891.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!!** Next Sunday, November 14th, at 2 p.m. we will be gathering for food, fun and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the Advent Season. How do we keep Christ in Christmas? We'd love for you to join us! To RSVP, please contact Judy Schrader at [missjudy18@gmail.com](mailto:missjudy18@gmail.com) or 540-847-8243, or Teresa Crisafulli at [crisafulli7@verizon.net](mailto:crisafulli7@verizon.net).

**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](mailto:SPleasants@tabumc.org).

**SUNDAY CONNECTION GROUPS** - We are excited that Tabernacle is connecting and reconnecting. Sunday Connection Groups started on September 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:eileendavid15@yahoo.com).

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY CONNECTION GROUPS -

As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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. Donations are always appreciated. 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](mailto:missjudy18@gmail.com).



**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](mailto:missjudy18@gmail.com)

Our **KIDS CARE** about the homeless and are making blessing bags to hand out to those in need. There is a small giving tree by the coffee and donuts with items needed to make the bags. Thanks so much for your support!



**All kids and youth:** You are invited to an ornament/pizza party after the Contemporary Service on November 21<sup>st</sup>.



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](mailto: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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:vediellis@comcast.net).

#### **Attendance for October 31, 2021**

In Person	82
Livestream	68

#### **Counter Schedule**

October 31 – Ruth Kidd/Terry Sullivan  
November 7 – Vedi Ellis/Anita O'Toole