

# WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

March 24, 2024

 **TABERNACLE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## WORSHIP SERVICE:

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

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 14:1-14 & 43-51

MESSAGE: "The Same Old Story"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, March 24

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:30 a.m. RFour.org Studies (Sr. High Room)  
9:30 a.m. Leon Anderson Discovery (FH)  
9:30 a.m. Mary Thomas Sunday School (Room 412)  
9:30 a.m. Seekers Sunday School (Room 411)  
9:30 a.m. Kids Connection (Room 404)  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (MPR/YouTube)  
10:30 a.m. Kids For Christ (Room 403)  
11:30 a.m. Youth Ministry (MPR)  
4:00 p.m. Easter Party (MPR & parking lot)

### Monday, March 25

7:00 p.m. Evangelism meeting (Room 411)

### Tuesday, March 26

12:00 p.m. AA meeting (Room 414)  
6:00 p.m. Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day (Library)

### Wednesday, March 27

6:00 p.m. Dinner – Book Study (FH)/Good News Bears & 180 Youth (MPR)  
6:30 p.m. Good News Bears & 180 Youth (Classrooms)

### Thursday, March 28

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group (Library)  
12:00 p.m. AA meeting (Room 414)  
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 414)  
5:30 p.m. Bell Choir practice (FH)  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice (Sanctuary)  
7:00 p.m. Praise Band (MPR)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts meeting (Room 411)

### Friday, March 29 – No events.

### Saturday, March 30

7:30 a.m. AA meeting (Room 112)  
9:00 a.m. Resource Closet (Room 407)  
7:00 p.m. Movie Night – The Chosen (MPR)

**RESOURCE CLOSET - New! Each month the Resource Closet will spotlight an item needed.** Resource closet items of the month: laundry/dish detergent, bathroom/floor cleaner, Brillo pads, Clorox wipes, dish cloths, etc.

## Movie Night



Join us at 7pm  
in the MPR

Episodes 1 & 2  
Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Episodes 3 & 4  
Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

More episodes available in April  
Contact Matt Kapus at [librarian@tabumc.org](mailto:librarian@tabumc.org) for info



**Annual Easter Party** for everyone in the church

When: **March 24** from 5 – 7:00 p.m.

Includes: dinner, craft lesson, and egg hunt

Wonderful Tabernacle Family, our annual Easter Party is coming soon, and I would love your help in being a blessing for this event. Our first need is individually wrapped Easter Candy for the egg hunt. If you are able, please bring in Easter candy and place it in the basket outside the fellowship hall or the basket outside the MPR on March 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. The second need is for you to help spread the word to families who would enjoy this event. We will be having a hot dog dinner that night, but we ask anyone attending to please bring a side or dessert to share. If you have any questions, please see Rhonda Kapus.

**The 24-Hour Prayer Vigil** begins Good Friday at 7:00 p.m., March 29 to Holy Saturday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. During this prayer time, individuals are asked to pray for people and matters of concern. Please sign up for an hour or a half hour to pray. The sign-up sheet will be outside the sanctuary at the 8:15 service and in the MPR at the 10:30 service. You may pray in the sanctuary or at another location. When you sign up, indicate sanctuary or home. I would also invite you to make specific prayer requests for yourself, friends, financial situations, etc. These requests will be provided to the individuals praying during the Vigil. **For questions, sign up, or to make prayer requests, you may call the church office at 540-786-6162 or email [spleasants@tabumc.org](mailto:spleasants@tabumc.org).**



## Graduation Recognition

If you have a senior graduating from high school or college this spring, please let us know. We will be recognizing them on Sunday, **May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Matthew Kapus at [education@tabumc.org](mailto:education@tabumc.org) or call the church office at 540-786-6162 no later than **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please provide the following information: Student's name, graduating school, and future plans. If they will not be attending May 12<sup>th</sup>, please also provide a mailing address where a gift may be sent.



**June 3-7**

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Ages preschool – rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Hello wonderful church family! Our church is gearing up for this summer's VBS, SCUBA – diving into friendship with God! This announcement is an invitation for you to join this amazing event by volunteering! We need you and have a volunteer job that is perfect for you! VBS positions that are open for volunteering include: nursery worker, crew leader, and station leader. Other helpful ways to volunteer include food donations, monetary donations and help in building decorations. VBS is a blessing to all who participate!! Just come ask Rhonda Kapus how you can be involved and let's make this the best year yet with our children and teaching them about Jesus' love.

## GYTTE – AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

Agricultural Development at GYTTE (Give Ye Them To Eat) helps landowners and land users preserve and enhance the condition of the land in order to boost agricultural production, improve family nutrition, and increase family income by teaching sustainable agricultural methods – both ancient and modern. The Livestock Development program provides people and concerned churches with an opportunity to become involved in a development ministry to combat hunger and poverty through the distribution of food and income producing animals. The GYTTE staff teaches soil and water conservation techniques to help convert eroded hillsides into productive agricultural land. Some of the courses offered include terracing, cover crops, erosion control structures, drip irrigation systems, use of organic fertilizers, composting, and much more. Families can earn additional income by selling produce from their increased agricultural production. GYTTE teaches from experience having turned a very eroded, unproductive 40 acres of land, that was purchased many years ago by GYTTE, into the Tree of Life Training Center near Tlancualpican, Mexico. These techniques have turned the 40 acres into a very productive Demonstration Farm and Training Center. Livestock Development is also demonstrated and taught with hands-on learning experiences at the Tree of Life Training Center. Participants learn how to care for livestock which in turn provides them with milk and meat and an additional source of income through the sale of milk and

offspring. Your donations through the TUMC Annual Easter Offering helps GYTTE continue these very successful programs. Please use the envelope provided with Pastor Ted's recent Easter Letter or mark another envelope "Easter Offering" or "GYTTE". E-giving also has these same choices. Muchos Gracias.



Photo Caption: Resident goats at the GYTTE Tree of Life Training Center and Demonstration Farm. Other livestock at the farm include sheep and chickens.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Budget Donations	29,648.40
Budget Expenses	33,485.72
Budget Balance – February	(3,837.32)
Budget Balance to Date	33,968.10

### Other Donations – Partial List

Building Fund	375.00
SECA	650.00
Communion Offering (SECA)	115.00
Imagination Library	596.94
Micah Ministry	325.00
Project James 2:16 / RAH	300.00
Abukloi School	100.00
Youth With A Mission (YWAM)	545.00
Children's Ministries	665.00
Resource Closet	690.00
UMCOR - Ukraine	100.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry	40.00
Military Outreach Ministry	500.00

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4 (NRSV)

## Attendance for March 17, 2024

In-Person 127

Livestream 38

## Counters Schedule

March 24 – Terry S. and David R.

March 31 – Pam S. and Greg B.

## Greeters Schedule

March 24 – Sandy

March 31 - Tanya