

WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

December 8, 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:

Malachi 3:1-4

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 8

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. Children's Christmas Pageant (MPR)
11:30 a.m. Youth Ministry (TBD)
11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Room 411)
7:00 p.m. UMM meeting (Room 413)

Monday, December 9

9:00 a.m. All Thingz Academy (FH)

Tuesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 11

12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch (Fellowship Hall)
3:45 p.m. All Thingz Academy (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Dinner for Book Study (MPR), Good News Bears & 180 Youth (MPR)
6:30 p.m. Book Study (Room 411 & Zoom)
6:30 p.m. Good News Bears & 180 Youth (Classrooms)

Thursday, December 12

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group (Library)
10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Library)
12:00 p.m. AA meeting (Room 414)
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 413)
5:30 p.m. Bells Choir practice (FH)
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Praise Band practice (MPR)

Friday, December 13 – No events.

Saturday, December 14

7:30 a.m. AA meeting (Room 112)
1:00 p.m. Holly Jolly Holiday Hangout (MPR)

"Children's Choir will continue to meet from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. for the rest of December. We will take the time to sing Christmas songs and requests are encouraged! Join us in Room 404 on Sunday, mornings. In January, we will shift our focus to Missions. Children's Choir will start up again on February 2nd. We look forward to seeing the kids on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.!"



Lunch Bunch will be meeting on **December 11th** @ Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Holiday treats are the focus of our meal. Please feel free to join us for this amazing time of fellowship. You are welcome to bring a side dish for dessert, but it is not required.

Our December Micah meal will be a very special blessing for our homeless neighbors. We will be serving a Christmas dinner catered by Cracker Barrel. This meal has brought so much joy to those we have served for the past few years. You can help by sponsoring a meal for \$15 (designated Micah) and joining us to serve at Shiloh Baptist New Site church at 4:30 p.m. on **December 20th**.

The Giving Tree is an Advent Season tradition for Tabernacle. There are so many ways to show Jesus's love. We would love to overflow the Giving Tree with items needed by our local neighbors. Wishlists for Micah, the Resource Closet, and the Thurman Brisben Center are located by the tree. I love this anonymous quote, "Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most."

United Women in Faith is part of a global movement that unleashes the power of radical generosity. Together, we have the power to create a brighter future for women, children, and youth around the world. All women of the church and community are welcome to join us on **December 21st** at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the Coming of the Baby Jesus. We will experience the Hope, Love, Peace and Joy of the Season, and prepare ourselves for the coming year ready to pass it on to our family, friends, neighbors and the World.

Food and Resource Closet items of the month: toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, and laundry detergent.

World Thank Offering celebrates God's abundance and the joy in your life. It is a way for you to show gratitude for God's blessings and a meaningful way to raise funds to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. Containers to collect your coins from now through the rest of 2024 are located on a table in the MPR. Anyone is welcome to join the UWFaith in giving from your abundance to change the lives of women, children and youth within the US impacted by the 200+ missions this offering supports. This is a way to help Love In Action change lives.

Assistance Needed - Larissa Leaper is one of our church members who lives at Chancellor Village Assisted Living facility. When Larissa is transported to her doctor's appointments, she needs someone to meet her at the appointment, take her into the doctor's office, and sit in on the appointment to help keep track of details. Please contact the office if you are available to help with this.

TUMC Office Hours

The TUMC office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each Monday through Thursday & 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. Our staff coordinates their schedules to ensure a building presence and makes every effort to ensure access to the building is available during these hours. With that in mind, each staff person has responsibilities that require tasks outside the building, so there may be occasions when the office is briefly unstaffed during normal office hours. Therefore, feel free to call before you visit to ensure access.

Letter from Staff Parish Committee:

Dear Members and Friends, 2024 was an amazing year of connecting and reconnecting! Our Pastor and church staff worked extremely hard this past year. If you'd like to honor our pastor and staff during the Christmas season, you may wish to contribute a cash gift which will be evenly distributed to all church staff during the week of Christmas. If you would like to make a contribution to this special recognition fund, we ask that you send your monetary gift no later than Monday, **December 19th**. Envelopes marked with "Staff Christmas Gift" will be available in the entrance of the Sanctuary and the MPR beginning Sunday, November 24th. Your gift may be left in at the church office, dropped in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Checks should be made payable to TUMC. Please be sure the contribution is marked "STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT." These gifts are not tax deductible and will not be reported in your annual statement of giving. Your thoughtfulness serves as a way to show appreciation to our staff for their devotion and work in Christian service. Please accept our gratitude for your participation in this special endeavor. Peace be with you! Staff Parish Committee



Home for rent. Tabernacle has their eastside rental home for rent (Old Parsonage). Three bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, combine kitchen and dining room, living room, office, and full basement (storage), one-car garage.

Rent \$1,700. Deposit \$1,000. 2-year lease agreement.

Our Communion and Mission Focus for December is the Thurman Brisben Center. This is a local shelter whose mission is to provide temporary shelter and equip residents for employability to resolve poverty and obtain housing. Tabernacle serves lunch to the residents there the first Thursday of each month. A list of their most urgent needs is by the Giving Tree. To be part of this ministry contact missions@tabumc.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024	
Budget Donations	28,523.40
Budget Expenses	33,447.56
Budget Balance – November	(4,924.16)
Budget Balance to Date	5,242.46
Other Donations – Partial List	
Building Fund	325.00
SECA	140.00
Communion (Micah Ministry)	185.65
Prj. James 2:16 / RAH Meals	70.00
Prj. J. 2:16 / Thanks. Gift Cards	525.00
Give Ye Them To Eat (GYTTE)	40.00
UMCOR	1,100.00
Imagination Library	760.00
Youth Ministries	1,785.20
Abukloi School	100.00
Youth With A Mission (YWAM)	200.00
Children's Ministries	300.00
Resource Closet	735.00
Micah Ministry	1,290.00
Thanksgiving - Maintenance	1,230.00
Military Outreach Ministry	400.00
Food for Thought: God's generosity inspires me to serve others.	

Attendance for December 1, 2024

In-Person 137
Livestream 33

Counters Schedule

December 8 – Melissa K. and Angie P.
December 15 – Vedi E. and Margaret K.

Greeters Schedule

December 8 – Tanya
December 15 – Pablo and Donna