

# WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

December 21, 2025

 **TABERNACLE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## WORSHIP SERVICE:

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (MPR, Facebook, & TUMC YouTube page)

Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (M -TH); 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (F)

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READING:

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46-55

MESSAGE: "Opening the Door"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, December 21

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/Choir (Room 404)

10:30 a.m. Kids For Christ (Room 403)

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (MPR/YouTube)

11:30 a.m. Youth Group (Room 414)

### Monday, December 22

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

### Tuesday, December 23

12:00 p.m. AA meeting (Room 414)

### Wednesday, December 24 – Office Closed

### Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day

### Friday, December 26 – Office Closed

### Saturday, December 27

7:30 a.m. AA meeting (Room 112)

9:00 a.m. Resource Closet (Room 407)

**The Communion and Mission Highlight** for December is the Thurman Brisben Center. This is a place for homeless families with children and single adults dedicated to working their way back to independence. Tabernacle prepares and serves dinner there on the first Thursday of every month. We also work together to donate their most needed items. The snowflake tags on the Giving Tree are for Thurman Brisben. We invite you to join the dinner team. You will be blessed by serving others.

**Evangelism** - The Evangelism committee would like to thank everyone who donated their time and talents to make the Lights and Love event a success. We would also like to thank those who donated Christmas decorations and lights to the event. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**It's a God Thing!** Amazingly, more than 20 pairs of brand new men's jeans were left in the Micah cart! Every pair was given out on one day! What a blessing! Thank you to the church mouse who donated them. We are in need of men's coats and any warm clothing.

**Meals for our Hungry Bears!** We're looking for families and groups to provide meals for our Wednesday evening ministries. If you can help in any way, please contact [missjudy18@gmail.com](mailto:missjudy18@gmail.com). Thank you!

**Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service** can be viewed on our website beginning on **December 21<sup>st</sup>**. This Service is designed for individuals who have experienced some type of loss and may find Christmas difficult. Pastor Mandy will deliver the message. Please join us for this Service to bring light to the midst of our darkness.

## Youth Group



# Youth Activities

6th-12th grade

**This Sunday, Dec 21-**

- Christmas Party!

**Youth 180-**

- Wednesday's (on school days) 6-7:30pm dinner & activities

**Coming up-**

- January 11- First meeting for 2026!

If you would like to be included in our weekly email please contact Laura Dooley at [Laurasdooley@gmail.com](mailto:Laurasdooley@gmail.com)



**Join us!**

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**Micah and Community Missions** - The Finance Committee and the Church Council have both approved a name change and expanded reach for one of Tabernacle's designated fund ministries. "Micah Ministry" at Tabernacle will now become "Micah and Community Missions". Both committees believe that this change more clearly reflects the intended purpose of the account and allows Tabernacle to be more inclusive of those most in need in our community. People who are homeless or need a helping hand reach out to Micah for help. In addition to those who are Micah clients, there are others in the community that need assistance. Changing the name of

this Tabernacle ministry and expanding its reach helps us to be more flexible to those in need that are not connected to Micah as well as helping those that are Micah clients. Thank you for your past and future support of this vital ministry in our community.

**Christmas dinner for the homeless on December 19<sup>th</sup>!** Join us to serve or donate dinner items. Dress with holiday cheer! For more information contact [missions@tabumc.org](mailto:missions@tabumc.org).

**SPRC** - This Christmas, the Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to recognize our amazing, dedicated staff with a Christmas gift from our congregation.

- As in years past, we are collecting money to be divided equally among all paid staff, including Pastor Mandy.
- There are envelopes labeled "Staff Christmas Gift" available in both worship spaces. Contributions can be made by cash, check, or through e-giving.
- This gift is not tax deductible and will not appear on your Giving statement.
- Be sure to make your gift by **December 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Thank you for your generosity! And may God bless you during this wonderful season. ~Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) **Please note: The SPRC will not meet in December.**

**The Giving Trees** are overflowing with gifts for our local neighbors! We thank you all for the love we see at Tabernacle. There will be new tags on the family trees this Sunday for three sisters with no other family, working together to make it on their own. Please help us bless their Christmas. Gifts are needed by **December 21<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you!



**Contemporary Worship** – For those who would like to, please wear your PJs to Contemporary Worship on **December 28<sup>th</sup>**. Join us for carol singing, Christmas quizzing, and donuts!

### January Happenings:

**Kids Connection on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** The play practice is over and the program was beautiful! Thank you to our wonderful children and to Mrs. Meghan! Starting in January, we'll continue the hands-on service projects, crafts, stories, and games during this time.

**United Women in Faith Meeting** - Mark your calendars for our next United Women in Faith gathering on **January 18<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:30 service. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship and inspiration!

**Missions** planning meeting on **January 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. in Room 402. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please join us!

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025</b>	
Budget Donations	37,849.73
Budget Expenses	35,491.60
Budget Balance – November	2,358.13
Budget Balance to Date	8,502.25
<b>Other Donations – Partial List</b>	
Building Fund	150.00
Communion Offering	95.00
Resource Closet	1,040.00
Give Ye Them To Eat (GYTTE)	30.00
SECA	215.00
Youth With A Mission (YWAM)	50.00
Children's Ministries	100.00
Micah Ministry	575.00
Youth Ministries	1,308.67
Project James 2:16, R.A. Hunger	1,100.00
Project James 2:16, Gift Cards	180.00
Thanksgiving Offering	2,315.00
Imagination Library	760.00
A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)	

**Resource Closet items of the month:** toilet paper, household cleaners and garbage bags.

### Attendance for December 14, 2025

In-Person 160  
Livestream 87

### Counters Schedule

December 21 – Pam S. and Greg B.  
December 28 – Margaret K. and Justine Y.

### Greeters Schedule

December 21 – Meghan B.  
December 28 – Tanya M.

**Notice for Spotlight Submissions:** Please ensure that your article submissions are no longer than 150 characters to help us manage space effectively. Thanks!

## **Holiday Office Closure Notice**

The Church Office will be closed for the holidays on the following dates:

- December 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>
- December 31<sup>st</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>

Regular office hours will resume on December 29<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year!

