

WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

December 7, 2025

 **TABERNACLE**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Mandy Newman

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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:

Philippians 1:3-11

MESSAGE: "A Place at the Table"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 7

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)

2:30 p.m. Grace Circle meeting (FH)

Monday, December 8

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

2:30 p.m. 317th Recruiting Squadron (FH)

Tuesday, December 9

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

Wednesday, December 10

10:30 a.m. CAST – Caring and Sharing Together (Room 413)

11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch (FH)

6:00 p.m. Good News Bears (Classrooms)

6:00 p.m. 180 Youth (FH)

6:30 p.m. Book Study (Room 411)

Thursday, December 11

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

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

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl ministry (Library)

3:30 p.m. Bell Choir practice (FH)

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Praise Band practice (MPR)

Friday, December 12 – No events.

Saturday, December 13

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

1:30 p.m. Holly Jolly Holiday Hangout (MPR & parking lot)

5:30 p.m. Lights & Love (Parking lot)

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.

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.

 **Youth Group**

This Sunday, Dec 7- meeting in youth room

Join the team reach app to get access to our calendar and get involved in our upcoming activities

Join us!

Team Reach App
Code: tyouth2025





Lunch Bunch - We will be having our Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, **December 10th** at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for food and fellowship as we celebrate the Christmas season. All are welcome.



"Tis the Christmas Season" As we begin to enjoy Christmas, the Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to recognize our amazing, dedicated staff during the Christmas season with a Christmas gift from our congregation. As we have done in years past, we are collecting money for the staff Christmas gifts. The staff, including Pastor Mandy, will each receive from this fund. It's been such a great year for our church and we are grateful for your support and generosity. You may also contribute to the Christmas gift through e - giving. The staff Christmas gift is not tax deductible so you will not see it on your Giving statement. There are envelopes labeled, "Staff Christmas Gift" available at the entrance of the Sanctuary and the MPR. Please take one if you would like to give a monetary gift and place it in the offering basket. We are asking our church family to give their Christmas gift by **December 21st** so the gift can be delivered before Christmas Day. Thank you and may God bless all of you as we head into this wonderful season! ~Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Grace Circle Cookie Exchange & Fellowship - Grace Circle invites all members of Grace Circle and the United Women in Faith (UWF) to join us for a Cookie Exchange on Sunday, **December 7th** from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring two dozen cookies—some to share and some to take home—as we enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, games, prizes, and holiday cheer. This special gathering will mark the joyful conclusion of Grace Circle's first semester and celebrate the meaningful connections we have built together. We look forward to sharing sweet treats, laughter, and the spirit of community as we anticipate our next session in the new year. Please see Erin Sarver for any questions.

Evangelism - The Evangelism committee is hosting Lights and Love on Saturday, **December 13th** from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Tabernacle parking lot. Santa will be there along with a photographer, and we will have activities, hot chocolate, cookies, and lots of lights! All are welcome to drive or walk thru and help celebrate the birth of Jesus and the joy of the season. We look forward to seeing you there!!

The Giving Tree - As we enter the season of Advent, Grace Circle is delighted to share the spirit of giving with our Giving Tree initiative. You'll find tags on our tree, each representing gifts to bless families or individuals in need during this holy season. Bring your wrapped gifts with the tag attached by **December 14th** and place them under the tree. We will share Christ's love with those who need it most. For questions, see Erin Sarver. Let's come together in the spirit of generosity and make this Advent season truly meaningful! The Giving Tree offers many ways to share our blessings with our local neighbors in need. The Snowman ornaments will support the Tabernacle Resource Closet. The Christmas Tree ornaments will help provide warmth for our homeless neighbors. The Snowflake items will be given to the Thurman Brisben Center. Thank you for your support of our local missions.

Christmas dinner for the homeless on December 19th! Join us to serve or donate dinner items. Dress with holiday cheer! For more information contact missions@tabumc.org.

So many delicious COOKIES! Yes, we did some tasting! Thank you to all who baked cookies, decorated boxes, decorated Christmas stockings, and packed boxes for our College Students. I can't wait to hear from them.



Alexis Worthen is our missionary in Thailand. She attended TUMC as a youth and joined Youth With A Mission (YWAM) as a young adult. She has been in Thailand following God's call ever since. Scan the QR code to read her latest update! If you have any questions about how you can help support her financially or in prayer, or if you want to learn more about what she has done, contact Stacey Lawson at asklawson@aol.com.

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025	
Budget Donations	37,849.73
Budget Expenses	35,491.60
Budget Balance – November	2,358.13
Budget Balance to Date	8,502.25
Other Donations – Partial List	
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)	

Attendance for November 30, 2025

In-Person 172
Livestream 36

Counters Schedule

December 7 – Melissa K. and Angie P.
December 14 – Vedi E. and Margaret K.

Greeters Schedule

December 7 – Barry and Linda D.
December 14 – Larry and Mell D.