

TABOR TIMES

Mount Tabor Lutheran Church - Come Join Us For A Sunday Or A Lifetime

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For pastoral support, Brad Shealy may be contacted at 803-240-5869. While he may not be able to respond to emergencies, he is glad to help as needed or find someone who can.

- Please visit us online at www.mttaborlutheran.com
- Sign-up to receive the newsletter via email.
- Share your ideas and/or stories with us

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEWSLETTER STAFF

LYNN SHEALY,
WANDA RUMFELT,
PAUL RUMFELT, AND
MARSHA MEETZE

The Tabor Times is published monthly.

If you have any announcements, articles, special events, etc. please get that information to the newsletter staff by the Monday before the last Sunday of the month.

Information may be left at the church office or emailed to mttaborlutheran@gmail.com

- December 1 - Program Practice at 6pm
- December 6 - CIA Jesus and Jammies Party
- December 7 - Council Meeting at 6pm
- December 8 - LCW meets at 10:30am
- December 8 - Program Practice at 6pm
- December 13 - Program Practice at 9am
- December 14 - Christmas Program (during service)
- December 21 - Christmas Caroling starts at 2pm
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

The deadline for submitting announcements for the Sunday bulletin is Thursdays by 10:00 a.m. This includes if you want your altar vases designated in memory or honor of someone or for a special occasion. Announcements can be emailed to mttaborlutheran@gmail.com or called in to the church office (803-945-2333).

Mount Tabor Lutheran Church
(803) 945-2333

Sunday School at 9:00 am each Sunday
Worship at 10:00 am each Sunday

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Thanks

LCW - LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The LCW will meet Monday, December 8th at 10:30 am. We will have devotions and prayer and continue planning for 2026.

CHURCH NEWS - WEBSITE

We are excited to announce that our church website has a fresh new look and improved features. Visit <https://mttaborlutheran.com/> to:

- watch and listen live on Sunday mornings at 10 am. The service will automatically pop up on this site each Sunday at 10 am.
- watch and listen to past services
- stay up-to-date with upcoming events with both a calendar and announcements page
- submit prayer request

We hope the new site will make it easier to stay connected and informed.

YEARBOOK

If you have any additions or changes to make to your contact information in the church yearbook, please contact the church secretary at 803-945-2333 or mttaborlutheran@gmail.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2026 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up!


B&B Florist is now able to deliver to the church. If anyone knows another florist interested in delivery, please let the office know. We will contact them and discuss. We now have a lock box with a key we can give them the combination to. We plan to change the combination every couple of months.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Several votes occurred at the annual Congregational Meeting held on November 9, 2025. The congregation approved our new Church Constitution to be aligned with the NALC. The congregation also approved several amendments that were up for review in the NALC. Four new council members have been elected: Mark Gosnell, Brandon Shealy, Gwen Davenport, and Billy Lindler. Congratulations! New council members are invited to attend the December 7th Council Meeting at 6pm.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

All ages are invited to participate in our upcoming Christmas Program, “The Animals’ Tale.”

 Program Date: Sunday, December 14 — during regular service

To Participate:

☎ Please contact Amanda Long at 803-924-4184 (call or text) or email a_r_stockman@hotmail.com.

Practice Schedule (tentative):

- Monday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m.

We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with this special program and hope you’ll join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and joy!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mt. Tabor Members: Scott Frick, Melvin Bowers, Ann Bowers, Troy Shealy, Jane Speight, Dick Shealy, Shane Stroud, Micheal Torrence, Linda Dowd, Todd Frick, Carter Dominick, Debbie Rister, Derek Bowers, Henry Childs, and Carolyn Torrence.

Family and Friends: Celeste Bowers, Will Nobles, Dean Stribble, Beckham Waters, Alston Slater, Larry Danford, Andy Wessinger, Susan Wicker, John Carroll Swygert, Cindy Mace, and Charles Shealy.

Note: Please help us keep the Prayer list up-to-date. Let us know if someone's name needs to be removed or added.

BAZAAR/YARD SALE

The Yard Sale Committee would like to thank everyone for their support of Mt. Tabor’s Annual Yard Sale. We appreciate everyone who donated yard sale items, those that came out to work and also those that came and shopped. This year we had seven vendors selling their handmaid crafts. It is always fun watching others shop for bargains. It may not have looked like it, but we sold lots of items. Some of the items that didn’t sell were boxed up and stored away in hopes that possibly we will have a spring sale. Others were donated to St. Frances Thrift Store and Hearts and Hands Thrift Shoppe. Ladies jewelry was donated to local nursing homes and flower vases to Newberry Health Hospital. All donations very much appreciated. This year our total sales was \$2,220.00. Once the amount for biscuits that was sold were taken out we cleared \$1,835.00. Thanks everyone for a very successful yard sale.



WE CARE GIFT CARDS

Mount Tabor pledged to provide 15 gift cards to We Care for their Christmas Child program. Due to an overwhelming response, we were able to provide them with 35 gift cards. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - PALMETTO GARDENS

We will again provide residents at Palmetto Gardens in Prosperity with a bag of toiletry items for Christmas. They currently have 24 men and 9 ladies. There are paper stockings hanging on the tree in the narthex with a list of needed toiletry items. You may add to this list if you wish. Each resident was asked to give us one suggestion of a clothing item they would like to receive for Christmas. An angel with their name and item is on the tree in the narthex. When taking an angel or stocking, please sign the name by the appropriate number on the list posted on the bulletin board. Each angel and stocking is numbered. This is just a way to help us know when all stockings and angels have been taken and gifts received.

All gifts need to be brought to the church by Sunday, December 14th . You may leave them under the tree in the Narthex. Please make sure you attach the stocking to your toiletry gift bag and angel to your gift. If you would like to make a monetary donation instead of shopping that is fine also. Please put your donation in an envelope marked Palmetto Gardens Christmas in the offering plate.

If you have any questions, contact Lynn Shealy or Katie Werts. We plan to deliver the gifts a few days before Christmas. Watch the bulletin for the date and time. We invite members to join us in delivering these gifts and join us in some caroling fun.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Members are reminded to consider using their Thrivent Choice Dollars to support our church. Our church is now listed as "Mount Tabor Lutheran Church of Little Mountain." When you make donations through Thrivent, please let our treasurer, Meredith Achelpohl, or our church secretary, Marsha Meetze, know so that the funds can be designated to the fund or area that you wish to support. Thank you for your consideration and support!

CONDOLENCES

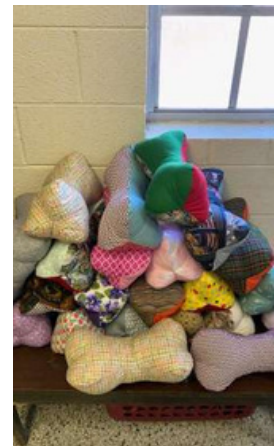
Our condolences go out to the family of Joe Grugan. Mr. Grugan died November 1st. Mr. Grugan was the great grandson of our church's first pastor, The Reverend Jefferson Allen Sligh. Mount Tabor presented the Rev. Sligh with a walking cane for his service in helping get Mount Tabor established. Mr. Grugan gave the walking cane of Rev. Sligh back to our church in 2022.

Mr. Grugan's funeral and burial was at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. His wife, Connie, notified us and said that Joe was so pleased to give the cane to us for its final resting place so people could see it and enjoy it. It gave him great pleasure. The walking cane is displayed in the display case in our narthex. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.



BUSY HANDS MINISTRY

Ladies of the Busy Hands Ministry have been busy finishing up some items to be distributed to We Care, local nursing homes, a local school and Disability and Special Needs. Items to be distributed are bibs, pillows, walker bags, lap quilts, afghans, and crocheted/knitted hats. We plan to deliver these items the first week of December. The nursing homes are always glad to receive these items. Some items are used for bingo prizes. We will meet in January and discuss items for the year. All are invited to join this ministry.



C.I.A. YOUTH NEWS

As we enter a season filled with gratitude and the celebration of Jesus' birth, our C.I.A. Youth are thankful for God's goodness and eager to share Christmas cheer with others!

On November 1st, our youth helped at the Church Yard Sale and Bazaar. We are so grateful for everyone who contributed baked goods for our table. Thanks to everyone, we raised a little over \$200.

On Monday, November 25th, the youth took a shopping trip to Walmart in Ballentine to purchase Christmas gifts for the "angels" we adopted this year. Our youth had a wonderful time picking out clothes, toys, and special surprises for children in need.

We are excited for our upcoming Jesus and Jammies Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6th. We will enjoy dinner, devotions, popcorn, a festive Christmas sock exchange, wrapping our Angel Tree gifts, and lots of Christmas fun together!

On Sunday, December 21st, we will go Christmas caroling to our Golden Agers and Shut-Ins. If you would like for us to stop by to share some Christmas cheer, please sign the list on the bulletin board, call Marsha in the church office, or contact Daniel Wicker at (803) 924-3828.

As we look ahead, we have some fun plans to kick off the new year. Youth are encouraged to stay tuned to GroupMe and check the church bulletin for upcoming events.

May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and may we all take time to celebrate the true meaning of the season—Jesus!



THANK YOU, PASTOR CHRIS

Our church family extends sincere thanks to Pastor Chris Wendel for his faithful service as our interim pastor. His guidance, care, and steady leadership have been a true blessing.

As he returns home to Oklahoma, we pray God's blessings on his future ministry. Thank you, Pastor Chris—you'll always have a place in our hearts.



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

This year our Backpack Ministry is serving 12 students at Little Mountain Elementary School. Each week these 12 students receive a generous bag of nonperishable food items provided by Mt. Tabor. These 12 students belong to eight families. For the Thanksgiving Holiday, we provided each of these eight families with a \$20 Food Lion gift card and a bag of side items for their Thanksgiving meal. Thank you for your generous donations to the Backpack Ministry! Because of you, we are able to ensure these children have the food they need -- AND we are able to do extra things for the holiday season! Please continue to donate on designated Sundays to the Backpack Ministry, or feel free to drop off food items in the designated boxes. We also appreciate Thrivent cards and are happy to use those to purchase food items. Thank you for your continued support.

Items that are always needed include:

Kool-Aid/Capri Sun drink pouches
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Easy Mac
Chef-Boyardee meals
Poptarts
Instant grits/oatmeal
Beanie Weenies
Ramen Noodles

Soup
Vienna sausages
Jello cups
Fruit cups
Pudding cups
Crackers
Cookies
Goldfish
Popcorn

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

(November)

Special Fund

David & Marylee Greene
In memory of Robert Morris by Johnsie Long
In memory of Eva Pearl Lewis by Bruce & Debbie Rister
In memory of John Wheeler by Bruce & Debbie Rister
In memory of Robert Morris by McSwain Evans Funeral Home

Organ Fund

In memory of Eva Pearl Lewis by Marlene McCormack
In memory of John Wheeler by Marlene McCormack

Capital Improvements - Parsonage Fund

Lindsey & Kerry Stribble

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH DECEMBER & JANUARY

Ushers

December 7, 14 - Doug Bowers, Paul Shealy, Ronnie Boland
December 21, 28 - Doug Bowers, Robert Long, Wayne Abbott
January 4, 11 - James Torrence, Janice Shealy, Ashley Lindler
January 18, 25 - James Torrence, David Holley, Kevin Shannon



Lectors

Dec. 7 - Gloria Danielowski
Dec. 14 - Emma Wicker
Dec. 21 - Tori Livingston
Dec. 24 - Rhonda Lindler
Dec. 28 - Bryan Stockman

Jan. 4 - Alana Stockman
Jan. 11 - Julianne Wicker
Jan. 18 - Teresa Player
Jan. 25 - Janice Long

Flowers

7 - Susan Richardson
14 - Lindsey & Kerry Stribble
21 - Daniel & Amy Wicker
28 - Murray & Janice Shealy

Offering Tabulators

Dec. - Douglas Bowers, Lindsey Stribble, Bradley Shealy, Daniel Wicker
Jan. 2026 - Amanda Long, Richard Player, Johnny Riddle, James Torrence

Acolyte

Avery Long

Parament Color

Dec. 7, 14, 21 - blue
Dec. 24, 25, 28 - white
Jan. 4, 6, 11 - white
Jan. 18, 25 - green

Altar Care

Dec. - Meredith Achelpohl, Susan Fulmer, Wanda Rumfelt
Jan. 2026 - Alicia Stroud, Cathy Lindler, Kristin Shealy

Communion Assistants

December 7 - Gwen Davenport, Kim Mack, Wayne Abbott
December 24 - Lindsey Stribble, Meredith Achelpohl, Bruce Rister
January 4 - Leonard Shealy, Murray Shealy, Steve Willis
January 11 - MelvinMetts, Marlene McCormack, Bruce Rister



Candle Care

Dec. - Lynn Shealy, Myra Willis
Jan. 2026 - Amanda Long, Jennifer Lindler

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

December Anniversaries

14 Voight & Peggy Counts
17 Zach & Ashley Long
17 Bobby & Edie Stockman
20 Lindsey & Kerry Stribble
23 Wayne & Anna Abbott
23 Wayne & Geraldine Koon
27 Melvin & Ann Bowers
28 Heyward & Barbara Shealy



December Birthdays

1 Austin Fulmer	19 Mark Gosnell
1 Donnie Stockman	20 Sandra Wessinger
2 Barbara Leaphart	21 Noah Bickley
5 Dillon Amick	21 Jean Greene
7 Ellarie Shealy	22 Emma Childs
8 Ethan Lindler	23 Neil Fulmer
9 Laken Williams	27 Beth H. Frick
11 Renae Long	27 Corey Stone
12 Tim Metts	27 Toby Rumfelt
13 Paul Morris	30 Shayla Counts
13 Lindsey Stribble	30 Michael Lindler Jr.
15 Megan Roland	31 Iris Frick
15 Brendan Wicker	31 Travis Holley
16 Jerry Wicker	31 Payton Livingston
17 Jason Frick	



ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

January Anniversaries

3 Donnie & Lynn Stockman
15 Murray & Janice Shealy
17 John Daniel & Linda Frick
17 Stanley & Jana Livingston
23 Kevin & Sandra Wessinger
30 Kevin & Luanne Boozer



January Birthdays

1 Mike Lindler	17 Amber Moore
1 Lawson Long	17 Jordan Sanders
2 Daniel Wicker	18 Sadie Grace Frick
3 Jenny Dowd	18 Peggy Counts
4 Jacob Riddle	19 Alan Stockman
6 Beverly Dominick	20 Wesley Boland
6 Nancy Huffstetler	20 Brandon Shealy
6 Ashley Lindler	21 Lauren Atkerson
6 Steve Stockman	22 James Ray Lindler
7 Terry Gearhart	23 Bryan Stockman
7 Rachel Cheeks	24 Robert Long
7 Gage Tebaldi	24 Bobby Stockman
8 Molly Lominack	24 Skyler Stroud
9 Max Boozer	24 Gracelyn Dominick
10 Jennifer Bickley	25 Kimberly Torrence
11 Jenny Morris	26 Cathy Lindler
11 Emma Holley	26 Preston Wise
12 Kassidy Lominack	27 Tina Frick
12 Teresa Player	27 Adriane Shealy
13 Katie Werts	29 Scott Frick
13 Justin Smith	30 Davis Shealy
14 Sharon Still	31 Andy Longshore
15 Randy Stockman	

