

TABOR TIMES

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

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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 8 - Souper Bowl Sunday
- February 9 - LCW meets at 10:30am in the conference room

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

“Come Join Us For A Sunday Or A Lifetime”

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, Carter Dominick, Derek Bowers, Henry Childs, and Wayne Koon.

Family and Friends: Celeste Bowers, Will Nobles, Beckham Waters, Alston Slater, Larry Danford, Andy Wessinger, Susan Wicker, Cindy Mace, and Jack Owens.

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

A NOTE FROM PASTOR (CHAPLAIN) CHRIS:

Mt Tabor,

I am incredibly grateful to have had the time to serve and get to know you all. You have, in many ways, been my family. We have safely arrived in Oklahoma at 1909 Meadowview Dr, Duncan, OK 73533. Thank you for everything. You are incredibly faithful and generous. I keep you all in prayer and look forward to seeing you all again.

*In Christ's love,
Christopher Wendel, Nicole, Asher,
Alaina, Evelyn, & Charlotte (the dog)*



INCLEMENT WEATHER UPDATES

Winter is upon us! Please remember to check the church website (www.mttaborlutheran.com) and/or our Facebook page (Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Little Mountain SC) for updates on church closing or adjustments in the event of severe weather.



PLEASE SHARE YOUR PICTURES!



We love seeing the life of our church in action! As groups meet and events take place, please share your photos with Amy or Daniel by texting them to 803-924-3366 (Amy) or 803-924-3828 (Daniel). Please include the group name and event. Be sure to check out photos from 2025 in the Photo Gallery under News & Events on our church website. Thank you for helping us share these special moments with our church family!

PALMETTO GARDENS

Many, many thanks to all of you who helped make Christmas brighter for the residents at Palmetto Gardens in Prosperity. Whether you provided a toiletry bag, a personal gift, or monetary donation, all was appreciated. Thanks to Marlene McCormack and Daniel Werts for donating one of their Thrivent cards for us to use to help buy gifts for 33 residents.



On December 22nd, about 25 children and adults delivered the gifts and sang some familiar Christmas carols with the residents. They enjoyed singing along with us. With your help, each resident received a gift bag full of toiletry items, an oversized blanket for their bed, a personal gift and some socks. They were very excited to receive all their gifts and goodies. This year we also gave the 5 staff workers a blanket and a Wal-Mart gift card. They expressed many times how much they enjoyed us coming. A good example for all of us, "It is better to give than to receive". We came away with a little more Christmas spirit just seeing the smiles on their faces and the excitement of receiving gifts.





C.I.A. YOUTH NEWS

In December, our youth group enjoyed Christmas caroling to our Golden Agers and Shut-Ins. They also gathered for a Jammies & Jesus Christmas party at the home of Amy and Daniel. During this time, the youth enjoyed a meal and devotion, played games, wrapped presents for our "angels" that we adopted, and participated in a gift swap.

Looking ahead, the youth will host a "Soup"-er Bowl Luncheon on Sunday, February 8th, serving soups and sandwiches for the congregation. Monetary donations will be collected to support our Backpack Ministry.



THANK YOU NOTES TO THE BUSY HANDS GROUP

BUSY HANDS GROUP,

Thank you so much for the lovely handmade goodies you delivered for our Residents. May your hearts be filled with as much joy as the handmade items brought to ours. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Sherri Derrick

Activity Director, Generations of Chapin

To The Busy Hands Group,

Thank you ladies for thinking of my mother, Linda Dowd during this Christmas Season. She appreciated the card and beautiful handmade shawl. Your love and kindness is truly appreciated. God Bless!

Love,

Leann London

If anyone in the congregation knows of someone that can use any of the items the Busy Hands group makes, please let Anna or Lynn know.

THANK YOU TO THE CHILDREN AND ADULTS INVOLVED IN THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM “AN ANIMAL’S TALE”.





FAITHFUL FOR A LIFETIME

The Rev. Dr. Amy Little

General Secretary

North American Lutheran Church

When I traveled to South Carolina for a women's program, I had the joy of meeting Carolyn Torrence—a woman whose life quietly tells a powerful story of faithfulness.

For more than 50 years, Carolyn has served as the secretary at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church in Mt. Tabor, South Carolina. Her ministry extends far beyond a desk and a job description. Over the years, she also served faithfully at the South Carolina Synod Office (ELCA) and continues to teach adult Sunday School, nurturing faith and grounding others in God's Word.

Now 94 years old, Carolyn radiates joy. There was a gentleness and warmth about her that made it immediately clear: this is someone who loves the Church and loves serving God's people. During our time together, she lamented that she can no longer continue in her role as secretary.

What stood out most was not the ending of a role, but the enduring call that remains.

Carolyn's story is a reminder that our service to God's kingdom is not defined by a single position or title. While one chapter may be closing, her life bears witness to a deeper truth: as long as we have breath in our bodies, God continues to use us for His kingdom work. Faithfulness does not retire. Calling does not expire.

Look who showed up in the NALC Newsletter for December 2025!

Whether through decades of administrative leadership, teaching Scripture to fellow believers, or simply offering joyful presence and wisdom, Carolyn's life reflects the quiet, steady faith that sustains the Church across generations.

Her story invites all of us to reflect on how God is using us—right now, in this season—and to trust that He remains at work through us for as long as He gives us breath.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

(December 2025 & January 2026)

SPECIAL FUND

In memory of Melvin Dominick by Johnny & Amanda Riddle
In memory of Wayne Richardson by Johnny & Amanda Riddle
In memory of Dean Stribble by Marlene McCormack

In memory of Robert Morris by:

Heyward & Barbara Shealy
Johnny & Amanda Riddle
Newberry Road Runners Club
Judy Morris

In memory of Rev. Andrew Eargle by:

Johnny & Amanda Riddle
Alpha Sunday School Class
Marlene McCormack
Wanda Son

In memory of Roger Long by:

Warren & Karen Davis
Mike & Mary Jane Lindler
Wanda Son
Marlene McCormack

In memory of Todd Frick by:

Bruce & Debbie Rister
Mike & Mary Jane Lindler
Wanda Son

ORGAN FUND

Donation of Thrivent Choice Dollars
In memory of Dean Stribble by Bruce & Debbie Rister
In memory of Roger Long by Gloria Danielowski
In memory of Todd Frick by Gloria Danielowski

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Everett & Janice Metts by Melvin Metts
In memory of Claude & Rachel Frick by Jake & Linda Frick
In memory of Everett & Janice Metts by Von & Khristie Metts
In memory of Claude & Rachel Frick & Ernest & Cleo Metts by Paul & Lynn Shealy
In memory of Todd Frick by Bobby & Betty Counts
Donation of Thrivent Choice Dollars

In memory of Rev. Andrew Eargle

Bobby & Betty Counts
Bruce & Debbie Rister
Paul & Lynn Shealy
Jake & Linda Frick
Clarice Evans
Warren & Karen Davis
Edgar & Cathy Lindler

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – Parsonage Fund

Lindsey & Kerry Stribble

ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED FOR THE BACKPACK PROGRAM

Kool-Aid/Capri Sun drink pouches	Soup
Peanut Butter	Vienna
Jelly	sausages
Easy Mac	Jello cups
Chef-Boyardee meals	Fruit cups
Poptarts	Pudding cups
Instant grits/oatmeal	Crackers
Beanie Weenies	Cookies
Ramen Noodles	Goldfish
	Popcorn

CONDOLENCES

The Reverend Andrew David Eargle, 83, of Newberry, died December 25, 2025 at Prisma Health Baptist.

Born on August 27, 1942 in Newberry, he was the son of the late Willie Andrew and Lurleen Halfacre Eargle.

Reverend Eargle was a 1960 graduate of Mid-Carolina High School and a 1964 graduate of Newberry College. He graduated from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in 1968. He was ordained by the South Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church of America in 1968 at Colony Lutheran Church in Newberry, SC.



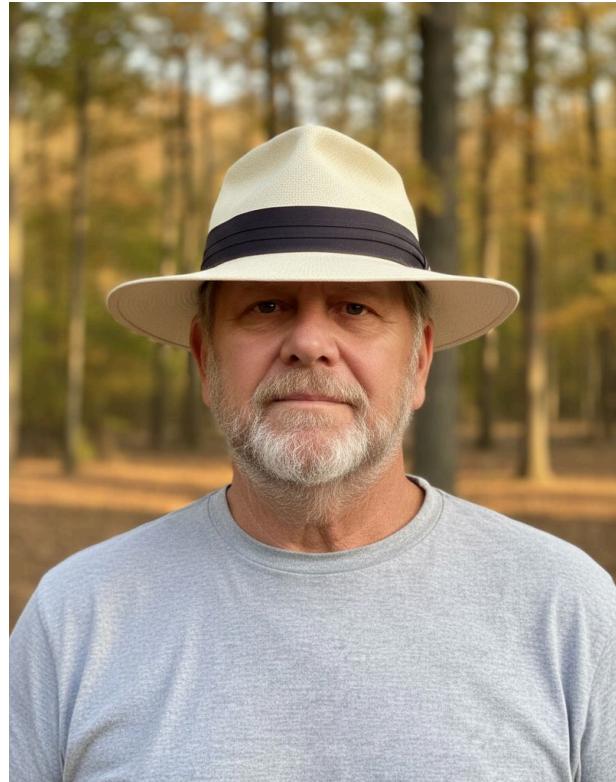
Reverend Eargle served as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Gilbert, SC from 1968-1979. He then served as pastor at St. Jacob's Lutheran Church in Chapin, SC from 1979-2006. He was later made Pastor Emeritus at St. Jacob's. He served as necrologist of the South Carolina Synod for 25 years. Reverend Eargle was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Prosperity, SC. He was proud to be a retired pastor with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Reverend Eargle enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved helping others with projects and was an excellent story teller. He also enjoyed cooking and especially baking. Most of all, he was devoted to his wife Janie and to his family.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Janie Mayer Eargle; a son, David (Sarah) Eargle of Little Mountain; a daughter, Dee Ann (Dave) Tickner of Fincastle, VA; grandchildren, Alana (Owen) Eargle, Colin (Hailey) Tickner, Julia Eargle, and Gabriella Tickner.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:00 PM, Sunday, December 28, 2025 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in Prosperity, SC by the Rev. Jason Schafer. Interment followed in the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Cemetery, in Little Mountain, SC. The family received friends from 1:00 until 2:30 PM on Sunday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Active pall bearers were Melvin Metts, Mike Swygert, Grant Mays, Tim Mahon, Nate Mayer, and Doug Shealy.

CONDOLENCES

Roger Edward Long, Sr., 73, of Prosperity, passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Prisma Health Richland.



Born on November 7, 1952, in Newberry County, he was a son of the late James Leland and Mary Ruth Boland Long. Roger was a graduate of Newberry College and served fifteen years in the South Carolina National Guard where he was in the National Guard Band. He was a “jack of all trades” and accomplished many things in his lifetime. Upon graduation from college he was a band director for one year, operated Jimmy’s Service Station, was a carpenter, was a stump grinder and was a band member with Fresh Air and Change of Heart for many years. While a member of the bands he was able to travel to many destinations playing top 40 music and beach music.

He was a member of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church. He was also a member of the Mid Carolina Country Club. His loves in life were golfing, fishing, playing music and old cars.

Roger is survived by his wife, Barbara Sligh Long; a son, Eddie (Cindy) Long of Newberry; a daughter, Jamie (Tim) Long of Roanoke, VA and a granddaughter, Lucy Lutterman. He was predeceased by a sister, Rosemary Metts and brothers, Kenny Long and Don Long.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Young Life of Newberry (SC 57), 1211 Calhoun Street, Newberry, SC 29108.

The family held a private service on January 7, 2026 at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church.

CONDOLENCES

John Todd Frick, 63,
of Little Mountain,
died January 11, 2026
at Prisma Health
Richland.



Born on March 15, 1962 in Newberry, he was a son of Hilda Bouknight Frick and the late John William “Billy” Frick. Todd worked for the SCDOT and was a lifelong member of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church. He loved his family, especially his nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his mother of Little Mountain; sisters, Brenda Shealy and her husband Jerry of Little Mountain and Cathy L. Frick of Little Mountain; a brother, William “Bubba” Frick and his wife Beth of Little Mountain; nieces and nephews, Candi, Kayla, Brandy, Joe, and Aaron; and a number of great-nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were conducted at 3:00 PM, Saturday, January 17, 2026 in the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Cemetery by the Rev. Steve Counts. The family received friends following the service in the fellowship hall.

Active pall bearers were Joe Frick, Aaron Frick, Cody Lathrop, Gage Tebaldi, T.C. Shepard, and Ricky Shealy.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, 816 Mt. Tabor Road, Little Mountain, SC 29075.

CONDOLENCES

Hilda Bouknight Frick, 91, of Little Mountain, widow of John William “Billy” Frick, died Friday, January 23, 2026 at her residence.



Born on March 24, 1934 in Peak, she was the daughter of the late, Ryan H. and Blanche Counts Bouknight. She was a member of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church. She loved to go fishing and enjoyed eating the fish that she caught. Hilda loved her family and took great care of her husband Billy, for many years.

She is survived by daughters, Brenda Shealy and husband Jerry of Little Mountain and Cathy Frick of Little Mountain; a son, William “Bubba” Frick and wife Beth of Little Mountain; grandchildren, Brandy Kaiser, Missy Wooten, Candi Shealy, Kayla Seibert, Joe Frick, and Aaron Frick; a number of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, John Todd Frick and by a brother, Arlen Bouknight.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 pm Friday, January 30, 2026, at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church by the Reverend Steve Counts. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends following the service.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, 816 Mt. Tabor Road, Little Mountain, SC 29075 or to the Little Mountain Rescue Squad, PO Box 8, Little Mountain, SC 29075.

Active pallbearers were Joe Frick, Aaron Frick, Cody Lathrop, Gage Tebaldi, T. C. Shepard and Ricky Shealy.

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH FEBRUARY

Ushers

February 1, 8 - Daniel Wicker, Emma Wicker, Amy Wicker

February 15, 22 - Daniel Wicker, Jana Livingston, Michael Livingston



Lectors

Feb. 1 - Kerry Stribble
Feb. 8 - Gwen Davenport
Feb. 15 - Teresa Player
Feb. 18 - Janice Shealy
Feb. 22 - Kynley Mack

Flowers

1 - Debbie Long & Family
8 - Douglas & Ann Bowers
15 - Chandlor & Laken Williams
22 - Jake & Linda Frick

Offering Tabulators

Douglas Bowers, Lindsey Stribble, Bradley Shealy, Daniel Wicker

Acolyte

Brendan Wicker

Parament Color

Feb. 1, 8 - Green
Feb. 15 - White
Feb. 18, 22 - Purple

Candle Care

Amanda Long, Jennifer Lindler

Altar Care

Mary Jane Lindler, Nicole Frick, Emma Wicker

Communion Assistants

Feb. 1 - Meredith Achelpohl, Wayne Abbott, Kim Mack
Feb. 15 - Gwen Davenport, Alison Fulmer, Susan Fulmer
Feb. 18 - Marlene McCormack, Melvin Metts, Bruce Rister



ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

February Anniversaries

- 11 Jake & Linda Frick
- 15 David & Lavenia Simmons
- 17 Franklin & Rachel Cheeks
- 22 Doug & Ann Bowers



February Birthdays

- 1 Carroll Amick
- 1 Kellie Moore
- 2 Brady Davenport
- 4 Vickie Derrick
- 6 Kerry Stribble
- 8 Johnny Riddle
- 8 Vicky Lindler
- 9 Troy Shealy
- 10 Johnny Frick
- 10 Whitney Shannon
- 11 James Ray Bickley
- 11 Cindi Koon
- 11 Mary Jane Lindler
- 11 Ashleigh Rose Long
- 12 Teresa Riddle
- 12 Myra Willis
- 12 Luke Roland
- 13 Meredith Achelpohl
- 13 Donna Counts
- 14 Baylor Williams
- 15 Bentley Ard
- 15 Erin Ballentine
- 15 Chad McCormack
- 15 Paul Shealy
- 15 Betty Jo Sanders
- 16 Marla Gonzales
- 17 Paul Rumfelt, Jr.
- 20 Evan Longshore
- 21 Alford Smith
- 22 Amanda Childs
- 22 Betty Jo Sanders
- 23 David Simmons
- 24 John Daniel Frick
- 24 Leonard Shealy
- 25 Danny Metts
- 26 Cindy Gosnell
- 26 Wayne Koon
- 26 Marie Shealy

