

# MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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11:00 AM—January 29, 2023 — Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

**Traditional Worship Service** 

# **Holy Communion - Setting Five**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Air

Eric Thiman

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#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.** 



5 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*  6 Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore: the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. *Refrain* 

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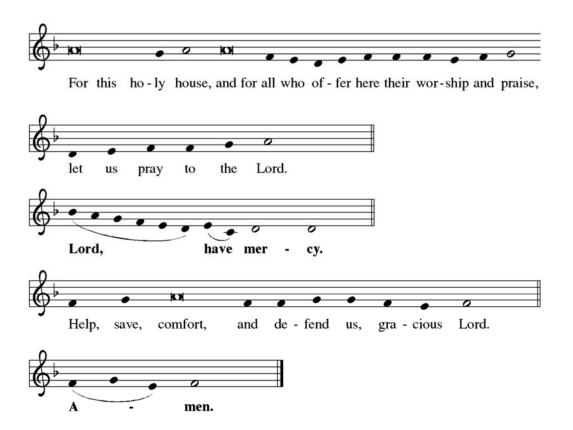
#### GREETING

ELW p. 156 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# And also with you.

#### **KYRIE**





**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** 

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| 1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be          |
| 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's |
| 3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we             |
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| giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -           |
| au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes              |
| name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one                |
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| will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al-might - y,         |
| sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to              |
| liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord              |
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| heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we      |
| ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -       |
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| praise you for your glo - ry.                                    |
| ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.                                 |
| God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.                           |
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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### FIRST READING

#### A reading from Micah. With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service. <sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." <sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

#### The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### Micah 6:1-8





<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

#### <sup>2</sup>Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; R

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;

they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

#### <sup>4</sup>In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word. R

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown. **R** 

#### SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

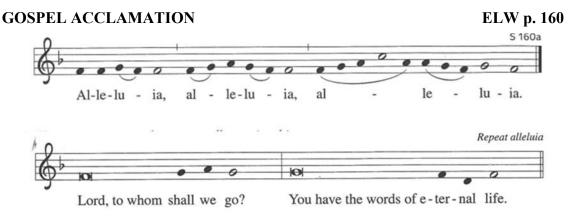
<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

#### 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

# The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



#### GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God. <sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### **Matthew 5:1-12**

streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on 1 Let the earth; 2 peace that will end, For heal - ing of the na - tions, for not 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek; give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth. love that makes us lov - ers, God for grant us grace to mend. har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we your are the words you speak. hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the The work - ers claim their rights, Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun; faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams, Our the mourn-ers long for laugh - ter, the blind-ed seek for sight. till our thread of life is on your loom of time en - roll us run. our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams. Make lib - er - ty а bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r; O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one; scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way-the path un - tried; In bol - ish an-cient ven-geance: pro - claim your peo-ple's hour. а dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun. your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life-the Cru - ci - fied.

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#### CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

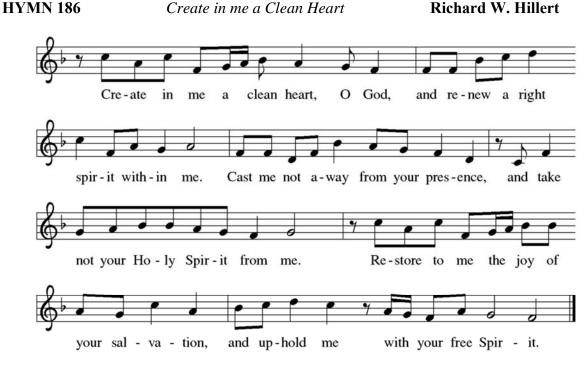
#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.



Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace Charles Lee Williams



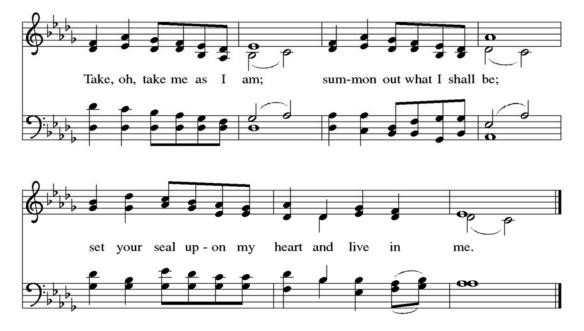
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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

#### Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 



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#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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TAKE ME AS I AM

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

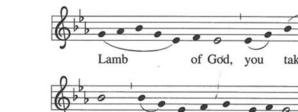
# HYMN 814Take, Oh, Take Me As I AmTAKE ME AS I AMAgain, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:<br/>This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness<br/>of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.TAKE ME AS I AM

HYMN 814 Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

LORD'S PRAYER Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION** Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

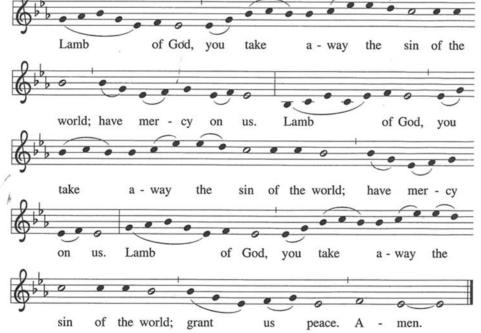
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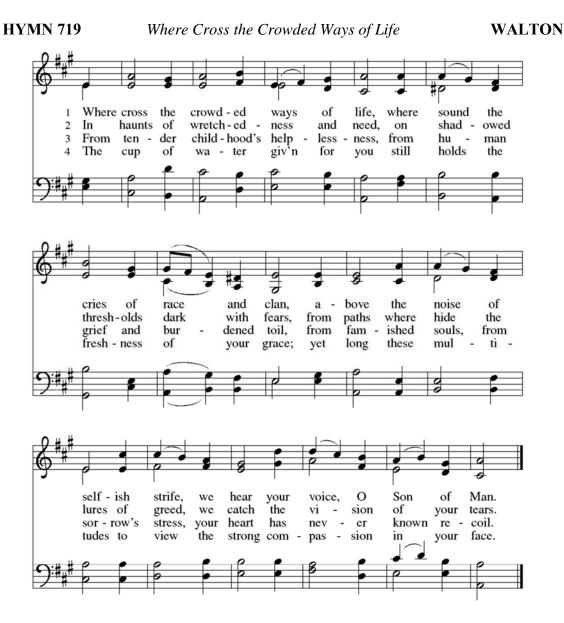


#### **COMMUNION SONG**

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5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850–1935, alt. Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878 Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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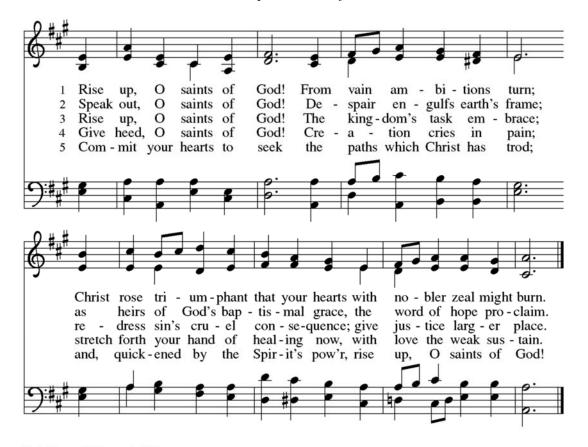
Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

#### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 



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**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.** 

POSTLUDE

Toccata

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**Gaston Belier** 

#### This Week at Mt. Tabor...

Sunday, January 29 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 am Matins Service Holy Communion 9:15 am ALIVE! Service 10:00 am Coffee/Fellowship/AR 10:15 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service Holy Communion

#### Monday, January 30

9:30 am Quilting Ministry 5:30 pm Positively Fit/AR 7:00 pm Mt. Tabor Ringers

#### Tuesday, January 31

10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Pipers Practice/AR 6:30 pm NA Mtg/ECR 6:30 pm ALIVE! Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 1 9:00 am E-News deadline 10:00 am Bulletin deadline 10:30 am Sunshine Club 11:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Noon Eucharist 3:30 pm Sing & Celebrate 4:45 pm Children's Choir 6:30 pm Adult Choir

#### **Thursday, February 2** 5:30 pm Positively Fit/**AR**

Saturday, February 4 9:00 am -12:00 pm Council Retreat/AR 10:00 am -2:00 pm ECR Reserved

#### Sunday, February 5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 am Matins Service Holy Communion 9:15 am ALIVE! Service Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Fellowship/AR 10:15 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service Holy Communion

#### Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] Psalm 112:1-9 [10] 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16] Matthew 5:13-20

# MOBILE GIVING

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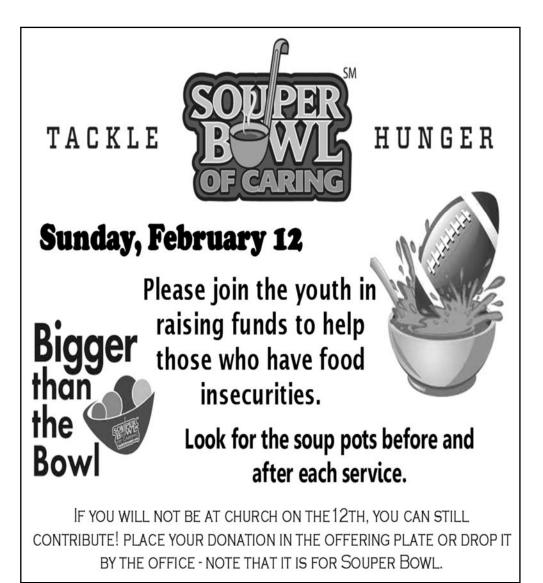


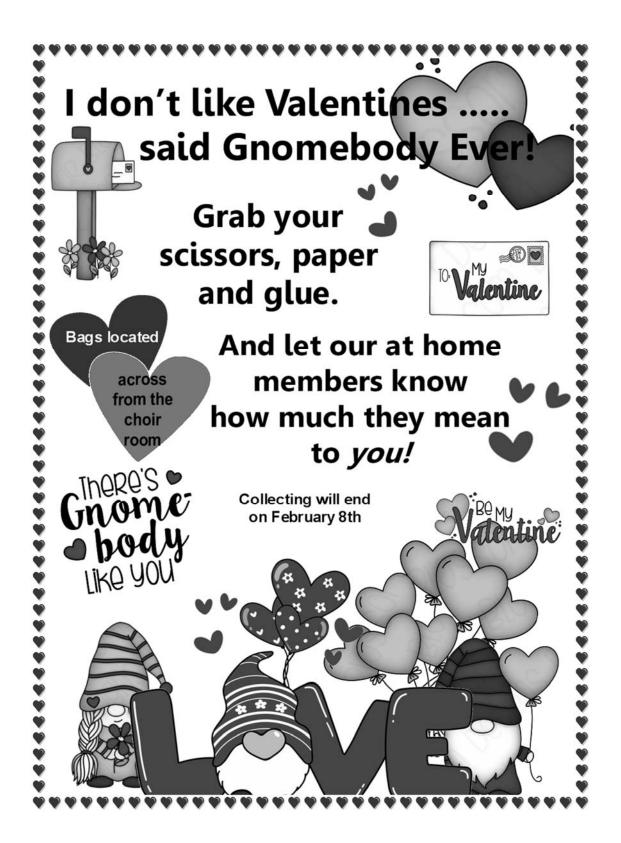
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Don't forget about our **Blessing Box** by the Park. This box is to be filled with any blessing that someone else could use: food, blankets, water, etc... anything that could communicate God's love to God's people. Please bring something to add to our box & may God bless you for it! Please do not donate opened food items or things that will melt.







|                       |              | HUGS PROGRAM 2022 (We DID Som  | ething!)                          |
|-----------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| January               | \$ 6393 ca   | rryover from 2021 (\$7500 gift in Dec)   |                                   |
|                       | 3535 co      | ntributed by congregation and friends in 20  | 22                                |
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| Spent*                | 9,164*       |  |                                   |
|                       | 764          | Balance  |                                   |
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| Decemb                | er:          | 10,764Entering 2023  |                                   |
|                       |              | ess Ministry: 240 sleeping bags, 144 hoodie  |                                   |
|                       |              | nsitional Retreat: 53 hoodies, 60 stocking c   |                                   |
| -                     |              | al blankets, 325 boxers, 325 Tshirts<br>t UMC Soup Cellar: 180 hats, 180 Gloves,                     | 2,993                             |
| 180 socks             |              | Too hats, 100 Gloves,  | 782                               |
|                       |              |  | 9164.71*                          |
| In 2022 t             | the Mt Tab   | or HUGS program provided 240 sleeping ba   | gs, 197 hoodies, 1,180 socks, 240 |
| gloves, 2             | 40 hats, 32  | 5 t-shirts and boxers and 60 blankets!!  |                                   |
| HANES p               | provided (at | t no cost) 1,000 socks and some hoodies an   | d underwear. Bombas has           |
|                       |              | 2023. We are committed to provide needs  |                                   |
|                       |              | ons Homeless Center in Columbia early in 2   |                                   |
|                       |              | e Least of These our brothers and sisters and  | -                                 |
| blessing.<br>Grove 7/ |              | Early Rising Men. Meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.<br>Don Simmons HUGS coordinator. | AM's at Lizards Thicket Oak       |

# THE 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED!

You may pick up your 2023 Offering Envelopes located on a table in the hallway across from the choir room. If you don't see your box, let Stella McGee know and she will issue you a box.

Thanks for your patience!







Please join us in giving Blood February 12, 2023 10:00 AM -3:00 PM Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Assembly Room.

2/12/2023

#### Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Toby Wiggers, Annette Monts, Don Cole, Laureen Matthews, Beth Branham, Natalee Stover.

#### **Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Judy Jordan, Diane Wise, Linda Price, D. J. Rybicki, Edna Holton, Pete Davis, Mary Davis, John Conrad, Paul Addy.

#### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Janet Smith, Paul Jacobs, Jeanie Jacobs, Barbara Bradshaw, Sharon Mattern, Jackie Macaulay, David Mellichamp, Mary Hamson, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Jennifer Brazell, Ann Callison, Bill Hunnicutt.

#### Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Patricia Hyler, Linda Shull, David Baldwin, Family of Jeff and Regene Kenyon, Chuck Backman, Nancy Peters, Johnny Moore, William Sox, Brinlee Erwin, Molly Gilbert, Bob & Shirley Spruill, Henry Gainey, Stacy Carns, Jordan Mellichamp, Charles Hite, Tyler Carter, Rev. Dr. Paul Harmon, Steve Collum, John Bundrick.

#### Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash.

#### Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Eli McCracken, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, David Mathews.

The Family Of:

Hazel Price, Ronnie Hutto, James Self, Bonita Taylor.

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.

Altar Flowers. Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Ladies Aid Society.

Bulletin Covers. Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God by Barbara and Rus Stilwell in appreciation of all Mt. Tabor's musicians and choir members.

#### 11:00 Service Worship Assistants

Lector Greeter Ushers Communion Assistant Worship Assistant Coordinator

## Worship Leaders

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*  Irelou Moye Patsy Gambrell Hampton Miller Irelou Moye

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation