



Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

# TIDINGS

June 2020

## Summer Events!

Music and Drama Camp  
**CANCELLED**

Campfirmation

June 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

(for youth who have finished their first year of confirmation)

Discipleship Camp w/ Ebenezer

June 28<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>

(open to children who have finished kindergarten - 9th grade.)

Graceworks

July 12<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

(for middle and high school youth)

VBS

July 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

(open to children and adults of all ages)

*(These events are tentative & may change based on recommendations/mandates for COVID-19.)*

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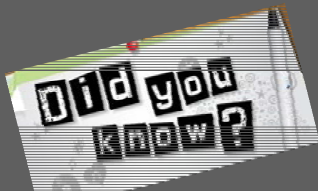
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Pastor Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor



**Goal: \$44,000.00**  
**Received: \$25,911.64**

# Council Highlights

- ◆ Minutes were approved unanimously.
- ◆ Pastor Emily is resigning her call at Mt. Tabor. June 14<sup>th</sup> will be her last day. She will be sending a letter of resignation to the congregation.

## A Note from Vicar Justin

*<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. <sup>25</sup>Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. <sup>27</sup>No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.*

-1 Corinthians 9:24-27

We are working on our third month of living under the fear of the Coronavirus. It seems that our patience is growing thin, we are getting tired of living this way. I miss the hugs, I miss the handshakes, I miss the personal connection. We still have our social media platforms like Facebook, Youtube, Instagram, and Zoom, but it still feels like something is missing. I find myself looking to obtain more patience just for another couple weeks until we can be together for worship again. This patience requires discipline on our part. I find myself thinking, "If only I had more discipline, this process would be easier."

Is that the proper definition of discipline? Is discipline something that we have that makes our life easier? I do not think I have it right. I think Paul's definition in his letter to the Corinthians could help shine some light on our definition of discipline. I like the part when he mentions that we need to make our bodies a slave. What a violent way to depict the subjection of our mind over our bodies. Paul is calling us to work hard and actively train ourselves. Discipline is not a thing we obtain, it is something we are actively struggling with. When we have discipline, we are constantly working hard to push through a situation or improve ourselves. Kent Hughes, an author of many books relating discipline to God, defines discipline as "spiritual sweat." So if we define discipline as a 'spiritual sweat,' we find that it is something uncomfortable that consistently challenges us. Discipline enables us to wake up extra early so that we may find time to read the Bible. Discipline inspires us to work out when we get home from work when we feel like we have no more energy in us.

So the answer is yes. That is exactly what we need in a situation like this. We need that discomfort to get us across the finish line when we will all come together again. Living through the Coronavirus is not easy, so we need some of that spiritual sweat to challenge us to live out these last couple of weeks when we will finally worship as one community again. Then we can once again come together as "one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4).

~Vicar Justin Marx

## Discipleship Ponderings, Stewardship and COVID-19 again...

It's hard to believe that we have not physically worshipped face to face since March 15<sup>th</sup>. That was the last day that we were in the sanctuary together. Does it seem that long to you? While we haven't been physically in the sanctuary, we are still worshipping together. The church is a building built of brick and mortar. It has many places for us to worship but who is really the church? The church is the people, not the building.

While we are apart for what we hope is only a little longer, no matter what happens, we are the church. We have all stepped up during this time to help one another and take care of so many things. We have healthcare workers and first responders who are on the front lines every day. But, what about those of us who are not on the front lines? We have been there to take care of so many others. We have called each other, sent cards, worshiped online together, picked up things at the store for our neighbors and the list could go on and on. Most of all, we have not forgotten that through all of this time, we are God's children. We have prayed together in ways that we might not have imagined just 6 months ago.

We have been good stewards to God and to one another. We have been the hands and feet of Jesus in this crazy time. And in a world where we can be anything, we are kind. We share God's love with one another and we will continue to do that as we learn to adapt back into our lives and coming together again. Isaiah 43:1 reminds us "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; You are mine."

## Phased Return To In-Person Church Activities

*“Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”*

Joel 2:13

Beloved People of God,

Today it is with joy and excitement that I write to you about our plans to return to “in-person Church Activities.” While we cannot know or anticipate every detail of our return back together, we are putting in place a phased return, and what we believe will be helpful guidelines, to begin coming back together as a congregation.

First and foremost, before I get into our phased plans, I would ask that you be in prayer for your pastoral staff, your Council leadership, and your fellow congregational members. Every one of us has an opinion about how this should happen, and each person has to decide how they will personally engage with this plan. While some people will be very conservative and slow in how they deal with returning to church, work, and society, others will want to move faster and hurry the process along. This is our chance to practice grace and love with each other, and to give each person enough space (literally and figuratively) to ease back into worship, as they are comfortable. This is not a time to judge each other, but a time to lift each other up for the building up of the body of Christ.

Everything outlined in the phases below is subject to change as the Church leadership continues to monitor and adjust to the state of this pandemic and to the health and safety of our congregation. These protocols, unless otherwise specified, will stay in place until further notice.

### GENERAL PROTOCOLS

- ◆ The Church office and buildings will be cleaned and sanitized on Mondays and Fridays. This process will happen more often as the need for cleaning and sanitizing increases.
- ◆ 11:00 Online Sunday Worship will continue for any and every one who wishes to stay home. Facebook Live, YouTube, and our DVD ministry will continue for anyone who does not want to participate in-person. The full worship service will be offered online, along with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month.
- ◆ Any and all gatherings of people at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church will be required to observe Social Distancing protocols of at least six feet. Immediate families may sit together.
- ◆ We strongly recommend each person on campus wear a mask that covers both your nose and mouth. As of now, we ask that each person bring their own. Please wear your mask at all times while on the Church campus; this includes, but is not limited to, wearing your mask while we sing and worship.
- ◆ Please avoid lingering, especially inside, but also outside too. How you gather off campus is your prerogative, but while on campus, we ask that you sit with your immediate family only (spouses and children) and as soon as worship is over, return to your cars without contact of other people or families. Please maintain social distance.
- ◆ VBS is canceled for the summer of 2020.
- ◆ Sunday School is suspended for the months of June and July.
- ◆ No committee meetings or group meetings will happen on Mt. Tabor’s campus in June or July.
- ◆ No coffee, food, or refreshments will be served during June or July.
- ◆ The sharing of the peace will only be done by waving to one another. Please do not offer or accept a handshake or other physical contact.
- ◆ Bathrooms will be available for emergency use only. Please see ushers for access.
- ◆ The kitchen, nursery, and all other sections of the facilities are closed to the public during the months of June and July.
- ◆ Council reserves the right to change or amend any and all of these dates and our scheduled return.

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**PHASE I (June 1 – June 30)**

- ◆ In-person worship will begin on Sunday, June 7, at 9:00 am.
- ◆ In-person worship will happen outside as weather permits.
- ◆ In-person worship will be canceled for inclement weather. (It will not be moved inside.)
- ◆ In-person worship will not have Holy Communion during June. You may join with us online on June 7 for “Online Communion.”
- ◆ Anyone who falls into the high-risk categories according to the CDC, or anyone who is caring for someone who is in the high-risk categories, are highly recommended to stay home and worship through online means. This includes, but is not limited to, senior citizens and those with existing health conditions.
- ◆ Masks are strongly recommended even for outdoor worship, especially while singing.
- ◆ There will be limited singing and a shortened worship format for the month of June.
- ◆ Sunday School, Music and Drama Camp, and all other committee and group meetings on campus have been canceled for the month of June.

**PHASE II (July 1 – July 31)**

- ◆ In-person worship will be moved indoors.
- ◆ Three or more worship services will be offered to reduce the number of people in each space. Service times will be 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am.
- ◆ Wednesday Noon Worship will be offered for any senior citizens only. Social distancing is required and masks are strongly recommended. This service is so that our senior citizens will have a specific service they can come to so that they may avoid the larger crowds and mitigate their risk of infection.
- ◆ The sanctuary will be cleaned between each worship service to mitigate the risk of others coming in contact with COVID-19.
- ◆ No more than 50 people will be allowed at each worship service. Members of Mt. Tabor will RSVP during the week prior to attending worship.
- ◆ Anyone who falls into the high-risk categories according to the CDC is highly recommended to stay home and worship through online means. This includes, but is not limited to, senior citizens and those with existing health conditions.
- ◆ Masks are strongly recommended for everyone on the Church campus, especially while we sing and worship.
- ◆ VBS, Sunday School, and all other committee and group meetings on campus have been canceled for the month of July.

**PHASE III (August 1 – August 31)**

- ◆ Hopefully the pandemic has tapered off enough to relax our guidelines and protocols and we can return to “normal Church Activity.”

This is all best case scenario, and we will adjust these plans as it best suits the safety and health of our congregation. Further communication about Church activities will come as we get closer to June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please know we have you in our prayers and cannot wait to see you in person.

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” Phil 4:4*

It is with great joy and pleasure I write to you about some of the exciting things going on at Mt. Tabor since you have been home in quarantine. So often lately, it feels like we have been stifled, but today I proclaim to you that the Holy Spirit is alive and well at MTLC, and calling us to some incredible things.

- **Your Council Leadership is Awesome!**
  - In the face of a worldwide pandemic, your church Council leadership has risen to the challenge. People of God, I want you to know that those you elected to lead your church have been working hard to make sure that this place continues to be God’s light during this dark time. Much discernment, countless prayers, and many hours have gone into listening to God’s Spirit, and addressing the issues facing us right now. Thank you to everyone on council for being so flexible and trying hard to meet the demands of this difficult time head on.
- **Your Online Worship Team is Amazing!**
  - While online worship is not ideal, the people of Mt. Tabor have stepped up in amazing ways to make sure God’s Word is proclaimed and that we offer quality worship for God’s people.
  - Elise Helms, Sandra Lindler, Max Witherell, Olivia Witherell, Erin Hall, Karen Shevenell, Isaac Shevenell, Pam Hoskins, Paul Jacobs, Kendrick Kerr, Vicar Justin Marx, and Pastor Emily Willhide. These people have worked tirelessly to plan, adjust, and carry out worship on a weekly basis. I am very proud of the work they have done as well as the worship that we have put out to help our people connect with God during this difficult time.
- **God’s People are Responding, and Meeting Christ in New and Incredible ways!**
  - You would not believe how many people are worshipping with us online! During our weekday morning devotions we are seeing between 800 to 1000 devices connecting and joining us for Morning Prayer. During Evening Devotions we are connecting with 500 to 700 individual devices. And Sunday Morning Worship averages between 1500 to 2000 separate devices. We assume an average device has 2-3 people on each one, which makes this an incredible evangelism tool for spreading and proclaiming God’s Word to God’s people.
- **The Church Office Staff have been a Godsend to our Congregation!**
  - I want to send out a very special thank you to Niki Crolley and Stella McGee. Without their help and willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty, our congregation would not be where it is today. Please take time to thank them for their hard work and dedication to Mt. Tabor during the 2020 pandemic.
- **The Music Director’s Search Committee is Hard at Work!**
  - While this process is not over, the search committee for the Director of Music has put in some long hours discerning God’s will and direction to fill this position. There have been a lot of very qualified candidates who have applied, many hours of interviews, and more time in prayer than anyone of us could have imagined. As we are getting close to finding our next Director of Music, I ask that Mt. Tabor lift up our congregation, our search committee, and the final candidates in your prayers and ask that God bless us with the right person to join us in our faith journey. We’re in the final stages of this process and we look forward to celebrating the person God will bring us.
  - A heartfelt and deep thank you goes out to our Search Committee: Nancy Stone-Collum (Chair); Jimmy Williams (W&M Committee and Council Rep); Elise Helms; Irelou Moye; Nick Skorzewski; Leah Conrad; and Justin Marx. Thank you for your faithful service.
- **New Worship Opportunities!**
  - As we plan our phases of returning to in-person worship, we do so carefully discerning God’s path for us to walk back together. Tentatively, as of July, we will be offering at least three worship services that you can attend. Service times will be 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00, and will spread out the congregation to allow for social distancing. With an increase of worship services, several of our very talented members of Mt. Tabor have offered their gifts to help lead worship musically. We are looking forward to those volunteers leading us as we come back together. Please discern which worship time is best for you. See letter titled Phased Return to In-Person Worship (p.4/5) for more information.
- **South Carolina Synod Assembly**
  - On July 25, 2020 the SC Synod Assembly will be held at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC for the purpose of electing a new Bishop. Please be in prayer for our Synod and for the person God has set apart for this position.
- **In-Person Worship Starts Back on June 7**
  - We cannot wait to see you again! Please refer to the other congregational letter to see our three phase approach to returning to in-person worship (p.4/5).



## June Love Offering

The SCNG Foundation  
via the National Guard Association

The SCNG Foundation is a support organization for service members and family care. The foundation helps fund programs for National Guard Service members and their families, such as survivor outreach, which is in support of our fallen service member's families, seminars for PTSD, youth camps, military spouse appreciation, and much more.

*Congratulations*  
CLASS OF 2020



### High School Graduates:

**Cooper Redmond**—River Bluff High School—His future plans are yet to be determined.

**Taylor Hash**—White Knoll High School—She plans to attend Newberry College in the fall.

### College Graduates:

**Evan Wise**—University of South Carolina with a major in Elementary Education.

After much consideration and brainstorming, it has been determined that Mt. Tabor cannot, in good faith and conscience, safely host Music & Drama Camp for our members and community.

Please be on the lookout for future posts about other summertime activities.



**The MT Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 9, at 6 pm. The book discussed will be *Trouble the Water* by Rebecca Dwight Bruff. For information about future books and meetings, contact Norma Riddell at 803-319-4802 or email her at [riddelln@aol.com](mailto:riddelln@aol.com).**

## Zoom Meetings During COVID-19 Quarantine

### Positively Fit Workout

Every Monday and Thursday at 5:45 pm

Join this Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98833355039>

Meeting ID: 988 3335 5039

### Mt. Tabor Men's Prayer Breakfast

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 am

Join this Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/227684038>

Meeting ID: 227 684 038

### Mt. Tabor Wednesday Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 11:00 am

Join this Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/100237061>

Meeting ID: 100 237 061

### Mt. Tabor Pub Theology

Every Thursday at 8:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96369745365>

Meeting ID: 963 6974 5365

### Mt. Tabor Coffee Hour

Every Sunday at 10:00 am

Join this Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/524463110>

Meeting ID: 524 463 110

### Mt. Tabor Youth Group Meeting

Every Sunday at 8:00 pm

Join this Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95930726509>

Meeting ID: 959 3072 6509

# Prayer List

## 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 month:* Michael Cole, Sarah Cole, Steven Cole, Pam Corbacho, Clark Ebener, Anna Evans, Kay Fulmer, Patsy Gambrell, Ricky Glass, Whitney Glass, Landon Harrelson, Lisa Havens, Kelly Hawkins, Charlotte Jeffcoat, Karter Jeffries, Sally Kleber, Johnathan Marchant, Michael Marchant, Brice Mathews, Liliana Metts, Miriam O'Neal, Rachel Paetow, Ryan Paetow, Dallas Phillips, Joe Popkowski, Joe Popkowski Jr., Aaron Prim, Barbara Raulerson, Berley Rister IV, Jordan Sease, Korbin Seay, Joy Smith, Sarah Smith, Stacy Sutton, Chuck Taylor, Shirley Thomas, Fred Vallejo, Thomas Walker, Olivia Williams, Chris Wilson, Gabrielle Wilson, Bobby Wise.

## Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Freddie Fulmer, Cheryl Hall, Elise Harmon, Ray Conrad.

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Robert Cromer Jr., Brenda Smith, Alice Pollock, Penny Timmerman, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Hazel Rauch, Matthew Hook, Mary Hamson, Ann Callison, Adele Rodgers, Faye Smith, Lisa Long.

## Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Sydney Richardson, Betsy Adams, Emily Cobb, Chris Riggins, Bernice Collins, Nancy Reed, Tommy Roof, Isabelle Sundlie, Bill Hunnicutt.

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

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Mike Willhide, Scott Hash, John Post, Dallas Phillips.

## Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Tom Bryant, 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, Adam Mintz, David Mathews, Bernd Koehler, John Ward.

## The Family Of:

Rev. George Rushe, Martha Trotti, Johnny Owen Jr., Howard Kleber Sr., Robert Smith.

*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.*

## Sympathy to the Family of:

*Howard Kleber, Sr.*  
father of Wolfgang Kleber

*Johnny Owen, Jr.*  
husband of Mary Beth Owen

*Martha Trotti*  
former Mt. Tabor member

*Rev. George Rushe*  
former Mt. Tabor member



2020 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	1 5:45 – Positively Fit/Zoom	2 10:00 – Bulletin Deadline	3 9:00 – E-News Deadline 11:00 – Bible Study/Zoom 11:00—1:-00 – Sanctuary open for Self-Guided Worship	4 5:45 – Positively Fit/Zoom 8:00 – Pub Theology/Zoom
7 Holy Trinity 9:00 – Outdoor Worship 10:00 – Coffee Hour/Zoom 11:00 – Online Worship (communion) 1:00—3:-00 – Sanctuary open for Self-Guided Worship 8:00 – Youth Meeting/Zoom	8 5:45 – Positively Fit/Zoom	9 7:00 – Early Risers/Zoom 10:00 – Bulletin Deadline	10 9:00 – E-News Deadline 11:00 – Bible Study/Zoom 11:00—1:-00 – Sanctuary open for Self-Guided Worship	11 5:45 – Positively Fit/Zoom 8:00 – Pub Theology/Zoom
14 2nd Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 – Outdoor Worship 10:00 – Coffee Hour/Zoom 11:00 – Online Worship 1:00—3:-00 – Sanctuary open for Self-Guided Worship 6:00 – Council Meeting/Zoom 8:00 – Youth Meeting/Zoom	15 5:45 – Positively Fit/Zoom  <b>TIDINGS DEADLINE</b>	16 10:00 – Bulletin Deadline	17 9:00 – E-News Deadline 11:00 – Bible Study/Zoom 11:00—1:-00 – Sanctuary open for Self-Guided Worship	18 5:45 – Positively Fit/Zoom 8:00 – Pub Theology/Zoom
21 3rd Sunday After Pentecost Father’s Day 9:00 – Outdoor Worship 10:00 – Coffee Hour/Zoom 11:00 – Online Worship 1:00—3:-00 – Sanctuary open for Self-Guided Worship 8:00 – Youth Meeting/Zoom	22 5:45 – Positively Fit/Zoom	23 7:00 – Early Risers/Zoom 10:00 – Bulletin Deadline	24 9:00 – E-News Deadline 11:00 – Bible Study/Zoom 11:00—1:-00 – Sanctuary open for Self-Guided Worship	25 5:45 – Positively Fit/Zoom 8:00 – Pub Theology/Zoom
28 4th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 – Outdoor Worship 10:00 – Coffee Hour/Zoom 11:00 – Online Worship 1:00—3:-00 – Sanctuary open for Self-Guided Worship 8:00 – Youth Meeting/Zoom	29 5:45 – Positively Fit/Zoom	30 10:00 – Bulletin Deadline	<b>Emphasis for God’s Helping Hands</b> Canned or Powdered Milk Jello Gelatin Cups or Mix Jello Pudding Cups or Mix  <b>Love Offering</b> SCNG Foundation	<b>Morning &amp; Evening Prayer</b>  Please join Pastor Wade on Facebook Live for Morning Prayer around 7:15 AM and Evening Prayer around 9:00 pm each week day.

*Please note that at the time of printing this issue, all in person meetings and activities (other than Outdoor Worship on Sundays) have been cancelled. The events listed on this calendar are tentative and may change based on recommendations and advisories. Please watch for email updates from your church staff.*

*Please note, also, that Fridays and Saturdays were intentionally omitted from this month’s calendar due to no scheduled events or activities on these days as well as limited space in this issue.*

# June Birthdays

2– Charles Shull, Jennifer Smith, Joy Smith, Marie Taylor  
 3– Amaya McCoy  
 4– Beth Branham, David Conrad, Heath Hutto, Roxanne Rich  
 5– Lynn Cain, Katelyn Hilton, Alex Morris, Kyle Rabon  
 6– Jane Eubanks, Harris Hall  
 7– Gale Gantt  
 8– Emma Lou Easley, Carol Merchant, Joel Smith, Allen Wise  
 9– Brandon Haltiwanger  
 10– Travis Spainhour, Reggie White, Karen Wiggers  
 11– Ken Ebener, Michael MacInnis, Michael Scyphers  
 12– Rick Dinkins  
 13– Pat Carter, Ann Hendrix, Garry O’Neal  
 14– Tex Davis, Evan Rybicki, Carolyn Taylor, Ben Willhide  
 15– Jason Addy, Erica Collum, Chris Dawson, J.C. Day, Allison King  
 16– Butch Swygert  
 17– James Campbell, George Caulder, Ray Conrad, Tom Stork  
 18– Hailey DuVall, Brice Mathews  
 19– Bobby McLeod, Trent Myers, Larry Sease, Kelsey Skorzewski  
 20– Pam Burnett  
 21– Matthew Hook, Melvin Manus, Brad Phillips, Blake White  
 22– Georgia Loadholt, Clyde Nelson  
 24– Chuck Jones, Jensen Redmond  
 25– Natalie Shealy, Chris Sox  
 26– Selena Metts  
 28– Bruce Busbee, Scarlet Rybicki-Knorr  
 29– Lynn Hostetter, Sadie Howard  
 30– Carter Elledge, Tiffany Senn



If you are not listed on the birthday list,  
 please call the church office at 796-5948 or  
 email [niki@mttaborlutheran.org](mailto:niki@mttaborlutheran.org).

## Dear Mt. Tabor...

Thank you so much for your donation of \$258 distributed as your April Love Offering. Your gift to Sistercare allows us to continue with our mission to assist Midlands residents subject to interpersonal violence. We are always grateful for your support and your concern for families and individuals who receive our services.

—Nancy Barton, Executive Director

Thank you for your HUGS donation of \$500 to Killingsworth. Please know that the residents, staff and Killingsworth board greatly appreciate your generosity. Your ongoing support makes an immediate impact.

—Rev. Schrendria Robinson, Executive Director

just married

**Ashlee Bennett & Brandon Cato**

March 28, 2020

They were married in a small private ceremony due to COVID-19. Brandon & Ashlee Cato now live in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

A big thank you to Pastor Wade and Vicar Justin for performing the ceremony during these difficult times.

## T-Shirts Still Available



All proceeds from the sale of these shirts will be donated back to Mt. Tabor's Reserve Fund. Orders are made through the following link:

<https://www.bonfire.com/mt-tabor-lutheran-church-discipleship-shirts/>.

There are several different types of shirts and colors available with various prices. See additional information in the Discipleship Ponderings article in the March issue of the Tidings. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Hoskins at:

[pamhoskins@gmail.com](mailto:pamhoskins@gmail.com) or 803-546-5655.

## Worship & Giving Opportunities During COVID-19 Quarantine

- ◆ Online worship through Facebook Live @MountTaborLutheranChurch or on our YouTube channel

If you need help setting up either of these options, please contact the MTLC office and they will be happy to assist with this.

- ◆ DVD Recorded Worship

If you would like to receive a copy of worship, please let the MTLC office know. There is no charge for this, but a \$10/month donation is suggested to cover supplies and postage.

- ◆ Self-Guided Worship in the Sanctuary

The MTLC Sanctuary will be open for prayer on Wednesdays (11 am 'til 1 pm) and Sundays (1 pm 'til 3 pm) for self-guided prayer and meditation. A special worship bulletin will be provided for you.

- ◆ Online Daily Devotional

This devotional will be sent out through email and posted on Facebook.

- ◆ Morning Prayer (around 7:15 am) & Evening Prayer (around 9 pm) on Facebook Live @MountTaborLutheranChurch

- ◆ Email updates

If you do not already receive email updates, contact the church office to be added.

Your continued support during this time of need is greatly appreciated. Giving options are as follows: online giving on our website; QR code (located on back inside cover of this issue); electronic giving through the Simply Giving Program; Square credit/debit card donations in-person or pay by phone options available through the church office; US mail; or drop your donation by the church office during office hours. If the office is closed, you may slide your offering under the door and our staff will get it upon return. You may also place your offering in the offering plate if attending self-guided worship on Wednesdays or Sundays. If you need assistance with any of these giving options, please contact our church staff.

## Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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### Memory of

Edith Shealy  
Gregg Avedisian  
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Harriet Wingard  
Hazel Stilwell  
Howard Kleber, SR.  
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John Mark Swicegood  
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Linda Vallejo  
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Manell Lown  
Maurice Dunlap  
Melton "Bub" Bundrick  
Pamela Shumpert  
Poppy & Mommy Livingston  
Raye H. Livingston  
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Robert "Bob" Wise  
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### Given By

Daniel, Leah, Tina & Ray Conrad  
Bruce H. Rhodes  
Debbie & Foster McLeod  
John & Clara Conrad  
Patricia Elledge  
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Rus & Barbara Stilwell  
Bruce Rhodes  
John & Clara Conrad  
Patricia Elledge  
Russell & Pat Shealy  
Bruce H. Rhodes  
Fred Vallejo  
Jilda & Sidney Ward  
John & Clara Conrad  
Mickey & John Geiger  
Rachel Bundrick  
Wayne & Brenda Smith  
BJ Roof  
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Edna O Holton  
Janice G. West  
John & Clara Conrad  
Judy & John Fisher  
Nancy Allen  
Patricia Elledge  
Rachel Bundrick  
Russell & Pat Shealy  
Wayne & Brenda Smith  
Fred Vallejo  
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Freda & Fred Fetner  
Faye Smith  
John & Clara Conrad  
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Daniel, Leah, Tina & Ray Conrad  
Anita & Mitchell Stokes  
Fred Vallejo  
Mr. & Mrs. Silas C. McMeekin, Jr.  
Daniel, Leah, Tina & Ray Conrad  
Alvin & Loretta Haigler  
Anita & Mitchell Stokes  
Ann Callison  
Augsburg SS Class  
Baxter & Sally Donaldson  
Bill & Jerrie Galardi  
Bill Galardi  
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Docia & Joe Jones  
Dottie Ford  
Edna O. Holton  
Faye Smith  
Frank & Pat Chapman  
Franklin & Jennifer Smith

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Worship Assistants for June 2020

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Leah Conrad	Amelia Hilton
<b>Crucifers</b>		Hunter Dinkins
<b>Lectors</b>	Rachel Bundrick	Kendrick Kerr
<b>Greeters</b>	Rachel Bundrick	BJ Roof
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Moorer	Jimmy Williams
	Sherri Moorer	
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Rachel Bundrick	Pam Burnett
<b>Worship Assistant Coordinators</b>	Paul Jacobs	Jimmy Williams
<b>Altar Guild for the month</b> Pam Hoskins		
<b>Communion Preparers for the month</b> Pam Hoskins & Tammy O'Quinn		

- 8:30
- 7- Linda Spainhour
  - 14- Whitney Glass
  - 21- Patsy Gambrell
  - 28- Megan Lyons



- 11:00
- 7- Kim Redmond
  - 14- Wanda & Lauren Addy
  - 21- Elizabeth Klapman
  - 28- Whitney Glass

**Altar Greenery & Bulletin Covers for June 2020**

<u>Altar Flowers</u>		<u>Bulletin Covers</u>	
7- Kristi Hall	7- Lucy Scarborough	7- Lucy Scarborough	7- Lucy Scarborough
14- Nancy Stone-Collum	14- Rachel Bundrick	14- Rachel Bundrick	14- Rachel Bundrick
21- Kay Yonce	21- Kay Fulmer	21- Kay Fulmer	21- Kay Fulmer
28- Bruce Busbee	28- Bruce Busbee	28- Bruce Busbee	28- Bruce Busbee

The Flower & Bulletin Calendars are posted on the bulletin board near the Sanctuary. If you would like to reserve a date, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the Church Office.

**Nursing Homes/Retirement Centers/Rehabilitation Centers**

Brian Center—St. Andrews – Faye Smith (Rm. 317)

Carolina Gardens – Jane Eubanks

Generations-Batesburg-Leesville – Charles Shull

Heritage at Lowman Home – Carolyn Smith (Bolick Apt. 201)

Laurel Crest – Pastor Charles & Emma Lou Easley (Apt. 320); Al & Judy Jordan (Apt. 312); Lottie Gregg

Morningside of Lexington – Hazel Price (#133), Lib Manus (#110)

NHC—Parklane – Mary Hamson

Oakleaf Village – Adele Rodgers (#119)

Still Hopes – Ann Callison; Jean Latimer





## Budget Report For April 2020

### Funds Received for Budget

Envelope System	39,387.35
Memorials	3,579.00
Bulletin Covers	30.00
Faith Lutheran	3,913.00
Simply Giving Envelopes	9,455.63
Square Credit Card donations	247.38

### MONTHLY BUDGET

**56,612.36      59,498.42**

### RESERVE FUND:

Easter	13,654.55
Easter from General Fund	1,500.00
Easter from Simply Giving	1,800.00
Easter from Square Credit Card	341.00
Memorials	75.00
Birthday Envelopes	95.00
Other donations	460.00

**17,925.55**

### DEDICATED FUND

Choral Scholars	450.00
Synod Assembly	65.00
Broadcast Service	10,000.00
Cristo Rey	200.00
Flowers/Plants/Poinsettias	60.00
Ladies Aid	100.00
Love Offering	183.00
Love Offering from General Fund	75.00
Pastor Disc Fund	500.00
Pastor Disc Fund from General Fund	100.00
HUGS From General Fund	50.00
DVD Ministry	250.00
Pickle Jar	35.00
Faith Lutheran/Simply Giving	25.00
World Hunter from General Fund	100.00
Evangelism/Simply Giving	25.00

**12,218.00**

### CEMETERY FUND:

Memorial	30.00
	<b>30.00</b>

### MUSIC AND ARTS FUND:

Music and Arts from General Fund	25.00
Music and Arts from Simply Giving	25.00
Memorials	100.00
	<b>150.00</b>

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

Gifts	1000.00
Memorials	105.00
Pledged	80.00
Pledged from General Fund	1,100.00
Pledged from Simply Giving	750.00
	<b>3,035.00</b>

### ENDOWMENT FUND:

0.00

**Total Received for All Funds      89,970.91**

### Deadlines

E-News: *Wednesdays at 9:00 am*  
 Bulletin: *Thursdays at 10:00 am*  
 Tidings: *15<sup>th</sup> of each month*  
 Email articles to:  
 niki@mttaborlutheran.org

### Attendance

**8:30      S S      11:00**

NA due to COVID-19

### God's Helping Hands Needs

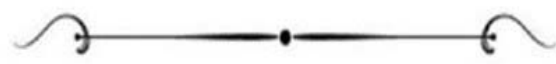
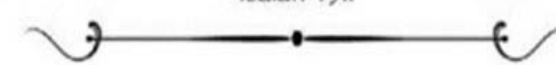
Canned or Powdered Milk  
 Jello Gelatin Cups or Mix  
 Jello Pudding Cups or Mix

### MOBILE GIVING



Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the above image using your phone's QR code reader. If you do not have a QR code reader app, here is how to get one and make your mobile donation:

- Go to iTunes store or Google Play store.
- Download a free QR code reader app.
- Use the app to scan the above QR code.
- Follow the steps to make your donation.

  
 Fear not,  
 for I have redeemed you;  
 I have called you by name,  
 you are mine."  


Isaiah 43:1

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### Mt. Tabor's Weekly Schedule

At this time, our regular schedule has changed.

Please see inside calendar for this month's tentative schedule of services, meetings and events.

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

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[www.mttaborlutheran.org](http://www.mttaborlutheran.org)

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[www.sclutheran.org](http://www.sclutheran.org)

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[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

*Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is committed to being a safe place for children and youth. Our congregation has enacted policies and procedures designed to minimize the risk of abuse. Copies of our Child Protection Policy are available in the narthex, and in the Church Office.*

