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9:15 AM — November 20, 2022 — Thanksgiving Service ALIVE! Worship Service

INTRODUCTION

Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to God, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.





336 We Gather Together the Lord's bless - ing; to - geth - er 1 We gath to ask er with us join - ing, 2. Be - side guide us, God us to our 3 We all ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant, tens his chas - tens and has will to make known; dain - ing, main - tain ing his king - dom di - vine; pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis-tress-ing. from the be - gin - ning so the fight we were win - ning; con - gre - ga - tion trib - u - la - tion; cape Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own. thou, Lord, side; wast at our all glo - ry thine! name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make free!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS

KYRIE ELWp. 184

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Hymn of Praise:



Text and music: Melodie Tumney and Dick Tumney Text and music: © 1986 BMG Music Publishing A reading from Philippians.

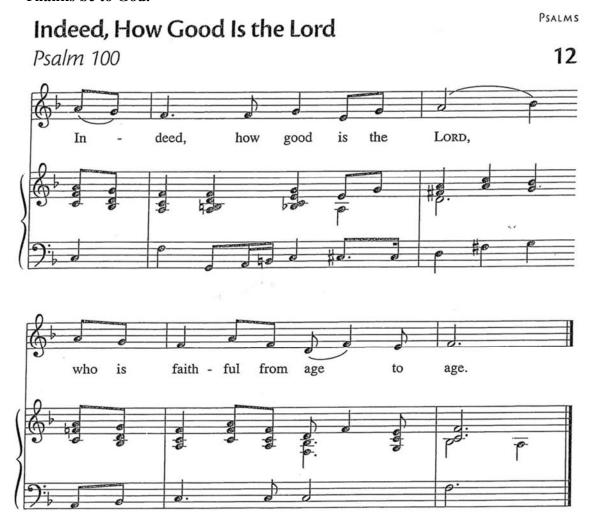
Paul urges the Christians at Philippi to rejoice, to be thankful, and to dwell on everything worthy of praise.

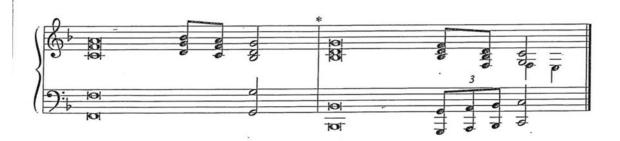
⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





¹Be joyful in the LORD, | all you lands;* serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence | with a song.
²Know this: The LORD him- | self is God;* he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep | of his pasture.

Music: Leon C. Roberts, refrain; Psalter for Worship, tone 37 Refrain ○ 1999 and tone ○ 1996 Augsburg Fortress

³Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his | courts with praise;* give thanks to him and call up- | on his name. ⁴For the LORD is good; his mercy is | everlasting;* and his faithfulness endures from | age to age.

GOSPEL:

John 6:25-35

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you. O Lord.

The day after he multiplies bread to feed five thousand people, Jesus is pursued by the crowds clamoring for more bread. Recalling the image of manna in the wilderness, Jesus promises to provide the true bread from heaven that will never fail. Jesus himself is that bread of life.

when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

SERMON

ANTHEM Give Thanks Henry Smith

Chorus

Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son

Verse

And now let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us

Ending

Give thanks

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

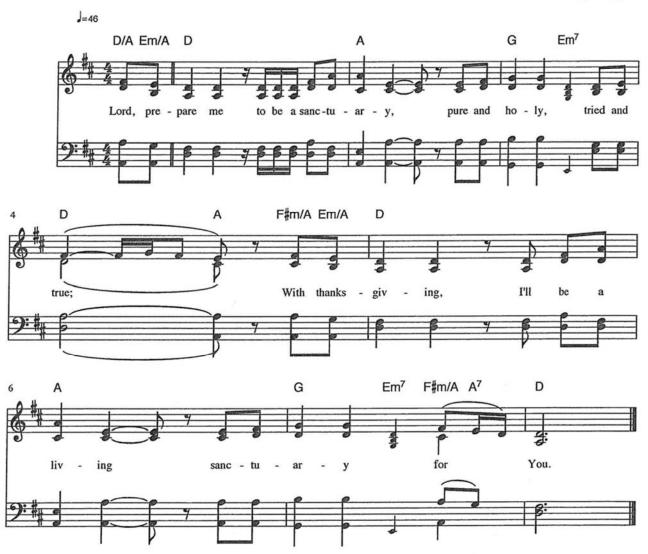
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.**

Sanctuary

Words and Music by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs



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OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW p. 145

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.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

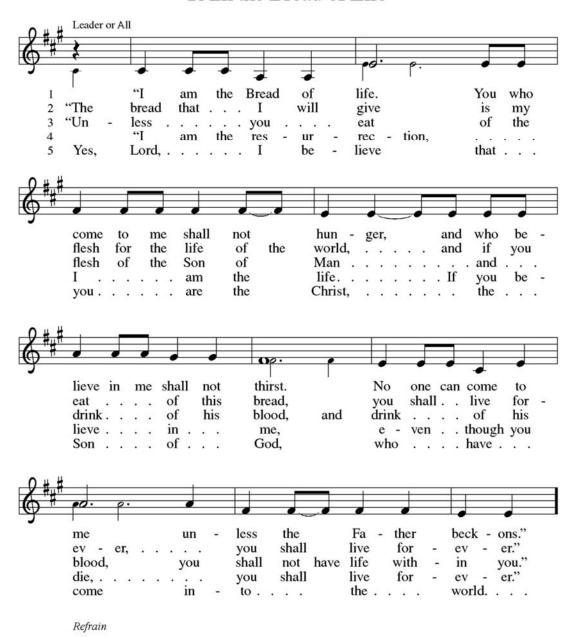
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

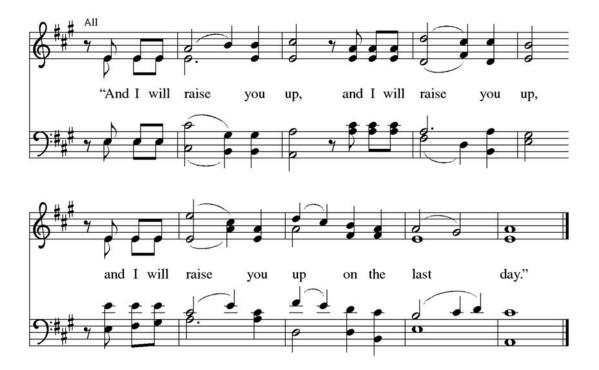
IVITATION TO COMMUNION

ELW p. 146

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

I Am the Bread of Life





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ELW p. 146

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING ELW p. 146

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



Text: African American spiritual Music: African American spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953 Arr. © 2003 Augsburg Fortress WELCOME TABLE Irregular

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Altar Flowers. Today's Altar Flowers are given by Joe and Docia Jones in honor of Docia's brother, William A. Sox.

Bulletin Covers. Today's Bulletin Covers are given by Joe and Docia Jones in honor of our children, Allison King and Adam Jones and their spouses Jeff King and Brooke Jones

ALIVE! Musicans

Gale McLeod, Co-Director	Clark Ebener	Mary Katherine King
Irelou Moye, Co-Director	Lyndsey Ebener	Ricky Lusk
Beth Branham	Hannah Fogle	David Moye
Leah Conrad	Erin Hall	Ed Redmond
Brett Ebener	Vaughn Hall	Roxanne Rich

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music

Worship Assistants

Lector Cathy Crawford
Greeter
Usher Paul Jacobs

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

November 20, 2022

FALL PARISH NOTES

This Week at Mt. Tabor...

Sunday, November 20 Thanksgiving Service

- 8:00 am Matins Service/Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee/Fellowship /MT Cafe
- 9:15 am ALIVE! Service Holy Communion
- 10:00 am Christmas Play Practice
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Congregational Mtg Vote
- 11:00 am Traditional Service/Holy Communion 12:00 pm Congregation Meal/MINISTRY FEAST

Monday, November 21

- 9:30 am Quilting Ministry/Intern house
- 5:30 pm Positively Fit/ECR 7:00 pm Mt. Tabor Ringers

Tuesday, November 22

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast/Lizard's Thicket
- 10:00 am-12:00 Noon Chrismon Circle Ministry/Rm 124
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting5:30 pm Pipers Practice/AR
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Chrismon Circle Ministry/Rm 124
- 6:00 pm Youth Saluda Shoals Bell Stroll
- 6:30 pm NA Meeting/ECR 6:30 pm ALIVE Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 23

Office closed

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Office closed

Friday, November 25

Office closed

Saturday, November 26

Sunday, November 27 First Sunday in Advent

- 8:00 am Matins Service
- 9:00 am Coffee/Fellowship /MT Cafe
- 9:15 am ALIVE! Service
- 10:00 am Christmas Play Practice
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Service
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Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

Love Offering

Harvest Hope

God's Helping Hands Needs

Oatmeal, Mac n' Cheese, Grits, Jelly, Fruit Juice, Cookies, Rice, and Beans

FOR HOME SELF-STUDY & REFLECTION

SECOND READING:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. As they bring their offerings, worshipers remember and proclaim God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

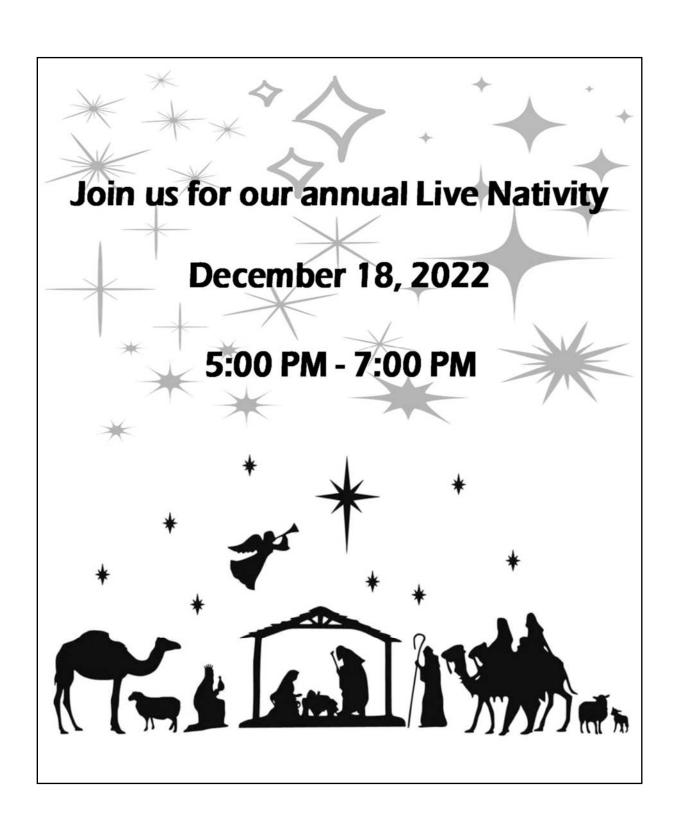
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reminder: Please return any church or office keys not in use. Thank you for your cooperation.



Thanks to Mt Tabor Early Rising Men's HUGS Program and your generous donations, the Homeless of Columbia and Lexington are wearing warm clothes and sleeping more comfortably! Over 200 hoodies, 120 sleeping bags, 60 blankets, 60 gloves hats and socks have been distributed through Candyman Homeless Ministry and Christ Central Ministries Veterans Transitional Retreat. We plan to also work with MIRCI and Washington Street UMC. The HUGS program will continue through December. You may contribute by making a check to Mt. Tabor, 1000 B Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29169, For HUGS. Or online https://secure.myvanco.com/YNAH/campaign/C-11XC4



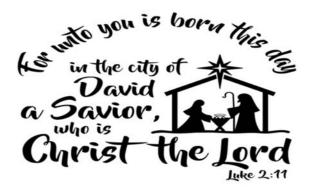
Christmas Play News Practice & Production Dates

Practice:

Sunday, November 20th & 27th 10 am Saturday, December 3rd 9:30 am

Production:

Sunday, December 4th 10 am



Poinsettia, Greenery & Advent Wreath Orders

This year, we have received 30 Poinsettias (\$18.50 each); 2 Pots of Greenery (\$18.50 each); and 4 Advent Wreaths (\$75.00 per week each). If you would like to assist in beautifying Mt. Tabor this holiday season by providing any of the above items, simply fill out the below form and place in the offering plate or return to the Church Office. If there is not sufficient space on the form, please write your information on a separate sheet of paper. If you wish to provide an Advent/Christmas Wreath, please contact the Church Office concerning the date you wish to provide this. (These will be placed in the Sanctuary each Sunday in Advent – November 27; December 4, 11 & 18. A list of these donations will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Please print clearly the name(s) as you wish them listed in the bulletin.		
# of Poinsettias @ \$18.50 each		
# of Greenery @ \$18.50 each		
# of Advent Wreaths @75.00 each week (contact the Church Office with date)		
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The deadline for placing orders is December 9th.

Kids of Mt Tabor grab your friends & join us for



Dec 9th from 5pm-9pm

PARENTS! Drop the kids at the Assembly Room and have a date night, go on a Christmas shopping excursion, or just rest for a few hours! We will provide dinner, snacks, and entertainment. All Ages welcome!!

We encourage kids to come in there Pjs and bring a blanket for the movie!!

Get a registration form today!! Walk-ins are welcome the more the merrier, but if you register early you can drop &go!!

WE CAN'T PROVIDE THE KIDS A FUN NIGHT AWAY FROM THEIR PARENTS WITHOUT VOLUNTTERS!!

If your older than 5th grader & this sounds like fun, sign up to volunteer through the Church Office or contact Megan Lyons meglyons09@gmail.com

You can wear your PJs too!

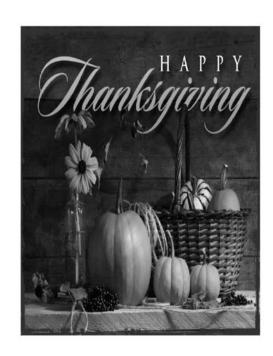
Ministry Feast

Let's face it. We all know Mt. Tabor is an amazing place to worship. We love the ways our church family lifts us up and helps us all week long. But do we really know all the different ministries Mt. Tabor has to offer? If someone asked, would you honestly be able to tell them how to get to the New Seekers' Sunday School classroom? Have you seen the neon Jesus or even know what that is? November 20th, Mt. Tabor will host a Ministry Feast in conjunction with a Congregational meeting and a luncheon. During the Ministry Feast, you can learn about all the ministries that are alive and well at Mt. Tabor and find new ways to grow your faith with the family you love!

WE ARE HAVING A CONGREGATIONAL THANKSGIVING MEAL

Sunday November 20, 2022 after the 11:00 Service

Mark your Calendars!



Our Chrismon Circle Ministry is hard at work to get our Chrismons done in time for the Advent and Christmas Season. As you may know, we have to redo all of our Chrismons due to the fire in April of this year. We have made great progress in remaking our ornaments and while we won't have all of them completed this year, we think you will be surprised at the work that our amazing group has done. Our circle is not just for a season but we will be working on Chrismons year round. We have already started identifying our plan for 2023. We meet on Tuesdays from 10am-12pm or 6pm-8pm. We have two groups times and you are welcome to either of the groups. If you would like to be part of our circle, please contact Pam Hoskins at 803-546-5655 or pamhhoskins@gmail.com.

Finally, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Thursday, December 1st!!!! We will be decorating our Chrismon Trees. Plan to meet in the sanctuary at 5:45pm and we should start decorating by 6pm. This is a family event so please come be part of the fun evening. The decorating process takes about an hour and we will go to Zestos afterwards for food and fellowship.

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: Jenny Osterhaus, Clay Crawford, Peter Crawford, Georgia Loadholt, Emily Richardson, Barbara Popkowski, Georgia Popkowski, Caroline Osterhaus, Frazier Redmond, Jimmy Williams, DeeDee Fogle, Rachel Popkowski

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Gale McLeod, Edna Holton, Foster McLeod, Janet Smith, Pete Davis, Mary Davis, John Conrad, Paul Addy, Melvin Manus, Ronnie Hutto

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

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

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

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:

James Self, Bonita Taylor, Valerie Jan Brazell, Oscar Rabon, Jean Jones, William Florence, Bobby Lunn, Nancy Butler, Carroll Hutchinson, Rosemary C Roddy.

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

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