

# Tidings

March 2026

## Mt. Tabor

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Growing a deeply connected family of faith*



**Saturday, March 28, 2026**

**6:30 - 8:15 PM**

Join us for an exciting evening of glowing fun, sweet treats, and egg hunting!

### *Preschool Egg Hunt*

10:00 - 11:00 - In the Nursery Area of Mt. Tabor

Sing some songs, hunt some eggs and meet the Easter Bunny!



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

We will have a meeting at 10:00 AM on  
March 8<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with our monthly breakfast.  
The 2026 Yearbook will be distributed during the meeting.  
There will be NO Lenten Sunday School Class on this day.

## Congregational Council of Mt. Tabor

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## 2026 Congregational Council Executive Committee

Travis Spainhour, President  
Bob Livingston, Vice President  
Julie Ann Payne, Secretary  
Tom Smith, Financial Secretary  
Stella McGee, Recording Secretary  
Pastor Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor

### Committee Assignments

Property - Travis Spainhour  
Stewardship - Bob Livingston  
Community Outreach - Amanda Driggers  
Youth Ministry - Megan Lyons  
Worship & Music - Joyce Riley

Christian Education - Beth Branham  
Fellowship & Recreation - Scott Wilson  
Information Technology - Clark Ebener  
Marketing/Social Media - Julie Ann Payne  
Evangelism - John Matthews

## Council Highlights - February 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### Council Highlights:

- Minutes were unanimously approved.
- After a recommendation from Todd Sease, Finance Chairman, Council voted to set the Easter Offering Goal to \$22,000 with 25% to be distributed among 3 charities: Sister Care, Midlands Orphan Relief and Palmetto Place. The other 75% will be at Council discretion, focused on outreach, property improvements, staffing. The motion was unanimously approved.
- After accepting Nick Skorzewski's resignation from council, a motion was made to remove Nick Skorzewski as Treasurer and to change the account signature authority for the General Fund and Cemetery Fund to the following: Travis Spainhour, Joe Jones, Randy Klapman and Tom Smith. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Deadlines - Email articles to: [Admin@mttaborlutheran.org](mailto:Admin@mttaborlutheran.org)

Weekly Snap: *Wednesdays at 9:00 am*

Bulletin: *Wednesdays at 10:00 am*

Tidings: *15<sup>th</sup> of each month*

# Pastoral Ponderings

*“My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.” Psalm 84:2*

I’m always a little nervous when we start new adventures and programs at the church; not knowing if they will be accepted, welcomed, or even if they are always wanted or needed exactly how we’ve dreamed them up. I felt these nerves in the pit of my stomach as I offered the invitation to Bishop Yoos and Pastor Leone to come to Mt. Tabor and teach an 8-week course on contemplative prayer. Would anyone show up? Is this type of thing needed in the lives of the saints at Mt. Tabor? Is anyone interested in learning an ancient prayer practice, and if so, will anyone be willing to continue this experience for 8 whole weeks? Is Lent something anyone really takes seriously anymore?

I’m so proud, as your pastor and as your fellow brother in Christ, to say that the answer to all these questions is a resounding and faithful, “YES!” What I witnessed during the first two weeks of this class was that we almost didn’t have enough room for all the people that showed up. And what that tells me is you are not only taking the invitation and season of Lent seriously for your lives of faith, but that you are yearning and longing for a deeper relationship with Christ.

This is our mission as the children of God, to grow deeper into the heart of God through a life of prayer, service, and worship. As the 40+ people of this class continue to dive deeper into the blessing of prayer, they are learning to listen to the voice of God speaking in their lives. God wants to speak back to you! Learning to listen to the “small, still voice” of God is not something that comes naturally or easily to most of us but takes practice and repetition. As we remember that prayer isn’t a one-sided conversation, but a dialogue between God and us. Maybe the most amazing thing that we learn together is that the God, who created the whole universe, cares about you. He also wants to hear what is on your heart, and wants to speak back with you, personally, about the things you care about the most.

If you missed this opportunity to join into this class, for whatever reason, I hope that we can offer it again. There will also be other opportunities for each of you to grow into your faith in many different and exciting ways in the future. I’m energized by the openness of this congregation to show up and try a new thing, and to want God’s grace and love in our lives fresh every day.

Mt. Tabor, keep working hard this Lent for it will pay off. Your faith will be deepened, your hearts will expand, and the grace and mercy of our loving God will fill you all. May your Lenten journey finish strong, and may we stand together on Easter, as we praise our Risen Lord! Amen.



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**WELCA Sunday is coming!**

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Our guest, Pastor Maria Perez, will share an insightful message shaped by her work as a pastor to those receiving hospice care.

After our 11:00 AM service we invite the women of Mt. Tabor to enjoy some fellowship time and learn about how you can get involved in WELCA.

Join us in the assembly room for fellowship, food and focus!

# Thank you!



## Candyman Homeless Outreach

2814 Blossom Street  
Columbia, SC 29205  
(803)254-7900

*Aiding not Advertising/Outreach not Overhead/Exemplification not Exhortation*

Name: Pastor Wade Roof

Address: 1000 B Ave, West Columbia, SC 29169

Dear Pastor Wade Roof:

I will be honest: 13 years ago, when I left Oliver Gospel Mission and launched this unproven outreach effort, I was terrified. It was truly my "first rodeo". But after just one night of intense prayer and contemplation, I knew what I needed to do. I knew I needed to serve those most desperately in need: The shelterLESS homeless who have not as much as a temporary roof over their head. And I needed to do so WITHOUT REGARD to their Religious Affiliation or lack thereof, gender, social status, sexual orientation, etc... In other words, reach those on the true FRINGE of society. In my humble estimation, I felt this focus was more along the lines of the apostolic Christian church in the first century. And it was a HUGE need in the Midlands.

Additionally, I honestly did not foresee the tremendous beneficial effect Candyman Homeless Outreach would have on the needy, nor the credibility and respect it would garner over time, both inside & outside of the Homeless Community itself.

None of this...NONE... would have been possible, nor could continue the success of this Homeless outreach mission without your generosity.

Please let this letter serve as an unconditional statement of my gratitude to you on my behalf, and on the behalf of those truly representing "the least of these."

Gratefully,

James Bubba Cromer  
President & CEO, Candyman Homeless Outreach

*Pastor Roof & H.V.G.S. are the lifeblood of the Ministry. Thank you on behalf of the scores of homeless in the Midlands!  
JC*

*"Preach the gospel daily; use words only when necessary." - St. Francis of Assisi*

Note left in  
Mt. Tabor's Blessing Box  
Thank you for your kindness.  
God Bless you,  
~ Sarah Fisher

Love Offering  
In 1896, Epworth's mission to provide help and healing to children began.  
**EPWORTH**  
— Children's Home —

## THANK YOU!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for honoring my past 20 years of ministry at Mt. Tabor as Parish Administrator. I am truly blessed and think of each one of you as family. I really appreciate the love offerings, cards, kind words and the wonderful reception in my honor. I especially appreciate Linda Spainhour and Elizabeth Klapman for organizing the reception and to those who also helped make it possible. I look forward to continuing in the years to come to serve here as Parish Administrator and pray for God to bless Mt. Tabor to continue to be a thriving congregation, reaching out to those in need. ~ Stella

## Music for Lent

Lent has already brought a return to Holy Communion Setting One and also more introspective music. In keeping with the more somber mood during Lent, there will be no postludes. Palm Sunday will see all three of our Children's Choirs join together to sing a Palm Sunday anthem at the 11:00 Service. The Seraphs will participate in the Alive Service as well. Easter Sunday will feature Mt. Tabor Ringers, Choir and Instrumentalists. Please prayerfully consider joining us for the Triduum (Maundy Thursday through Easter!).



## Lutheridge Handbell Retreat

Mt. Tabor Ringers will attend the Lutheridge Handbell Retreat this weekend. Unfortunately the director that was scheduled, Hart Morris, had to cancel due to his recovery from shoulder surgery. His replacement will be Kevin McChesney. We will play several of the Lutheridge pieces for Holy Week Services and Easter. Look for a complete update on our experiences in next month's article!

## Consider Joining the Choir!

Even if you can't make a long term commitment to the choir, please consider joining us for the remainder of the year. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays and begin at 6:30. Please contact Kevin Davis at (803)796-5948 Ext. 21 or [music@mttaborlutheran.org](mailto:music@mttaborlutheran.org) for more information.

## ALIVE NEWS!

Please join us for our March Sunday services as we're "...Going on a Journey" through the season of Lent. Our journey will include some changes to the usual ALIVE service schedule. Please see the following information:

### Updates for ALIVE worship schedule:

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – NO ALIVE Service this week** (due to handbell retreat)

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Worship Service with Holy Communion**

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday with Holy Communion and Seraph Singers**

The **ALIVE Service starts at 9:15** with pre-service music beginning between 9:10 and 9:15.

**Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month and at festival services.**

If you are interested in joining the ALIVE music group, please see any ALIVE musician, or contact Gale McLeod at [gwmcleod7@gmail.com](mailto:gwmcleod7@gmail.com) or IreLou Moye at [irene.moye@gmail.com](mailto:irene.moye@gmail.com) for more information.

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. Psalm 28:7*

**Easter  
Offering**

**Our Easter Offering Goal is \$22,000**

25% to be distributed among 3 charities:

Sister Care, Midlands Orphan Relief & Palmetto Place.

The other 75% will be at Council discretion, focused on outreach, property improvements, staffing.

The Sunshine Club will meet at Noon on March 5<sup>th</sup>!



Rev. Jorge Leone of Cristo Rey Lutheran Church will tell us about the Hispanic ministry and how we can assist in that ministry.

Please bring a covered dish to share.

Join us for fellowship and new information!

**Welcome to the world Hollis Steven Charles Baney!**

Born January 28, 2026

Congratulations to Arielle Goldsmith and Sean Baney

Proud sister - Hazel

Ecstatic grandparents - Chuck & Ruth Goldsmith



**Congratulations to Jody & Arlette Glance**

**on the birth of their daughter Jacy Dracaena!**

born on February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Delighted Big Sister - Arwynn

Happy grandmother - Carol Glance

Proud great-grandmother - Jilda Ward



**With heartfelt joy we welcome Theodore Joel Smith!**

Congratulations to Joel & Courtney Smith on the birth of their 3<sup>rd</sup> child born on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Proud grandparents - Franklin & Jennifer Smith

Happy great-grandmother - JoAnn Jones

Rejoicing Uncle - Ben Smith



## Positively Fit: Body, Mind and Soul

*We meet on Monday and Thursday at 5:30 in room 121, walking at 4:30. All ability levels are welcome! Variations of exercises are offered! (Join our group. If you have questions, please ask Tammy O'Quinn, Brennen Hutto or Carol Busbee)*

### Body:

Is yard work a form of exercise? It sure is! Thirty minutes of gardening can burn up to 300 calories. Not only does it burn calories, it also builds strength and improves health. Activities such as raking or pushing a lawn mower strengthen the arms. Squatting to pick up branches and pine cones work the quads in the legs and stretch the back. Reaching to prune limbs can give a full body stretch! Here are some gardening activities that can improve overall health!

Major muscle groups: ex: digging, mulching, planting annual plants/bulbs, raking, lifting yard waste from the ground as long as you squat and are not bending at the waist (bending at the waist to lift is bad for the back), digging a deep hole, bagging leaves, cultivating or hoeing a garden, pushing a loaded wheel barrow.

Cardiovascular health: (activities to raise the heart rate) ex: raking, pushing a lawn mower.

Flexibility and Strength: ex: weeding provides stretching, pruning shrubs provides stretching to reach far places.

Harvard Health tells us that “regular yard work can lower blood pressure, reduce anxiety, and decrease the risk of dementia.”

“The U.S. physical activity guidelines call for doing at least 150 minutes per week of moderate-intensity exercise. You can meet that goal doing garden or yard chores — whether you do it all in just two days on the weekend or spread it throughout the week.” (Harvard Medical School)

### Mind:

Regular gardening is good for mental health too. It is therapeutic which lowers cortisol and reduces feelings of anger, anxiety and fatigue. In turn, this alleviates symptoms of depression. Gardening stimulates the brain, which is proven by planning the garden and focusing on the details of carrying out the plans. Studies have shown that it reduces the risk of dementia by 36%. Seeing the plants grow and flourish gives a sense of well-being.

### Soul: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

<sup>19</sup>Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup>you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.



## Wednesday Lenten Schedule

5:15 PM Lenten Meal  
(Served in the assembly room)

6:15 PM Lenten Service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b> Second Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:00 - Matins Service - Holy Communion 9:15 - Traditional Service - Holy Communion 10:00 - Fellowship time - Assembly Room 10:00 - Lenten Sunday School Class/ECR 10:15 - Sunday School 12:00 - Youth dinner/AR</p> <p>Handbell Retreat/Lutteridge</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:30 - Quilting Ministry/interm house 4:30 - Positively Fit/New Seekers 7:00 - Mt. Tabor Ringers</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:30 - Staff Meeting 5:30 - Pipers Practice/AR 6:30 - NA Meeting/ECR 6:30 - ALIVE! rehearsal</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00 - <b>Weekly Snap Deadline</b> 10:00 - <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 11:00 - Bible Study/ECR 12:00 - Noon Eucharist 3:15 - Drop off begins S&amp;C 3:30 - Sing &amp; Celebrate 4:45 - Children's Chorus 5:15 - Lenten Meal/AR 5:30 - FCHM/ECR 6:15 - Lenten Service 7:00 - Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>12:00 - Sunshine Club 4:30 - Positively Fit/New Seekers</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> Third Sunday in Lent</p> <p><b>Spring Forward</b></p> <p>8:00 - Matins Service - Holy Communion 9:15 - ALIVE! Service - Holy Communion 10:00 - Fellowship breakfast/AR 10:00 - Congregation Meeting (yearbooks)/AR 10:00 - <b>NO! Lenten Sunday School Class</b> 10:15 - Sunday School 10:45 - Endowment/Library 11:00 - Traditional Service - Holy Communion 12:15 - 3:30 - Confirmation/ECR 6:00 - Church Council</p> <p><b>New Members Received</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30 - Quilting Ministry/interm house 4:30 - Positively Fit/New Seekers 6:30 - 125th Circle/ECR 7:00 - Mt. Tabor Ringers</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:00 - Men's Breakfast/Lizard's 10:30 - Staff Meeting 5:30 - Pipers Practice/AR 6:30 - NA Meeting/ECR 6:30 - ALIVE! Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00 - <b>Weekly Snap Deadline</b> 10:00 - <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 11:00 - Bible Study/ECR 11:30 - 1:30 - Milley Rhodes/SCR 12:00 - Noon Eucharist 3:15 - Drop off begins S&amp;C 3:30 - Sing &amp; Celebrate 4:45 - Children's Chorus 5:15 - Lenten Meal/AR 6:15 - Lenten Service 7:00 - Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>3:00 - Book Club/ECR 4:30 - Positively Fit/New Seekers 6-8:00 - Sarah Rybicki/AR</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> Fourth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:00 - Matins Service - Holy Communion 9:15 - ALIVE! Service 10:00 - Fellowship time/AR 10:00 - Lenten Sunday School Class/ECR 10:15 - Sunday School 11:00 - Traditional Service - Holy Communion 11:00 - WEI CAVA/AR</p> <p><b>WEI CAVA Sunday</b></p> <p>Scriptals &amp; Cherub Sing</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:30 - Quilting Ministry/interm house 4:30 - Positively Fit/New Seekers 7:00 - Mt. Tabor Ringers</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>10:30 - Staff Meeting 4:30 - Pipers Practice/AR 6:30 - NA Meeting/ECR 6:30 - ALIVE! rehearsal</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:00 - <b>Weekly Snap Deadline</b> 10:00 - <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 11:00 - Bible Study/ECR 12:00 - Noon Eucharist 3:15 - Drop off begins S&amp;C 3:30 - Sing &amp; Celebrate 4:45 - Children's Chorus 5:15 - Lenten Meal/AR 6:15 - Lenten Service 7:00 - Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>2:00 - Tea Time Circle/ECR 4:30 - Positively Fit/New Seekers</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>10:00 - 4:00 - Jim Tohill 803 - 261-0454 Lambada Chh Alpha/AR</p>
<p><b>22</b> Fifth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:00 - Matins Service - Holy Communion 9:15 - ALIVE! Service 9:30 - 1st Communion Class/AR 10:00 - Fellowship time/AR 10:00 - Lenten Sunday School Class/ECR 10:15 - Sunday School 11:00 - Traditional Service - Holy Communion after 11:00 Service - Youth visit Home Centered members 1:00 - 6:00 - Mary Davis/AR</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:30 - Quilting Ministry/interm house 4:30 - Positively Fit/New Seekers 7:00 - Mt. Tabor Ringers</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7:00 - Men's Breakfast/Lizard's 10:30 - Staff Meeting 10:30 - Ladies Aid Society/ECR 5:30 - Pipers Practice/AR 6:30 - NA Meeting/ECR 6:30 - ALIVE! Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:00 - <b>Weekly Snap Deadline</b> 10:00 - <b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 11:00 - Bible Study/ECR 12:00 - Noon Eucharist 3:15 - Drop off begins S&amp;C 3:30 - Sing &amp; Celebrate 4:45 - Children's Chorus 5:15 - Lenten Meal/AR 6:15 - Lenten Service 7:00 - Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>4:30 - Positively Fit/New Seekers 5:30 - Centennial Circle</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>5:00 - FFF - Gather COLA Decorate for egg hunt/ entire church</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>All day - Egg hunt/ entire church 10:00 - 11:00 - Nursery Easter Egg Hunt 6:30 - 8:15 - Elementary Egg Hunt</p>
<p><b>29</b> Palm Sunday</p> <p><b>1st communion</b></p> <p>8:00 - Matins Service - Holy Communion 9:15 - ALIVE! Service - Holy Communion 10:00 - Fellowship time/AR 10:00 Lenten Sunday School Class/ECR 10:15 - Sunday School 11:00 - Traditional Service - Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:30 - Quilting Ministry/interm house 4:30 - Positively Fit/New Seekers 7:00 - Mt. Tabor Ringers</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>10:30 - Staff Meeting 5:30 - Pipers Practice/AR 6:30 - NA Meeting/ECR</p>	<p>Love offering Epworth Children's Home</p>			



**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:* Harper Yoder, Hudson Yoder, Mattox Fleming, Lee Riley, Everly Insabella, Matthew Addy, B.J. Boone, Jody Glance, Terri Roberts, Andrew Wooten, Dennis Rybicki, Sr., Charleigh Davis, Elizabeth Klapman, Paige Jeffcoat, Charlotte Gable, Lauren Jureka, Christina Bradshaw, Kelly Carrion, J.C. Day, Julie Smith, Natalie Nolan, Sandra Baker, Brynn Young, Brittany Raven BJ Roof, Betsy Hayden, Jennifer Latham, Rick Maxheimer, Justin Cegelis, Jana Payne, Paula Taylor, Bobby Long, Lucy Scarborough, Paul Carter, Mike Buchanan, Robert Cromer, Jr., Michael Gayden, Hampton Miller, Janice Livingston, Michael Frye, Pierce Taylor, Rebecca McQuillen, Alice South, Jilda Ward, JoAnn Jones, Rue Jeffcoat, Michael Price, Evan Wise, Mary Caroline Gray, Britt Belch, Rex Bozard, Dottie Ford Betty Jo Cato, Stephen Roos, Dennis Shealy, Virginia Hamson, Andrew McQuillen, Elizabeth Caulder, Rus Stilwell, Cory Smith.

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

James Campbell, Earl Macaulay, JoEllen Anderson, Nancy Smith, Charles Epting  
Jeanie & Paul Jacobs, Grace Kelly, Murray Hoskins, Paul Dufries, Karen Holton

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Sandra Baker, Natalie Cook, Carolyn Dufries, Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, John Conrad  
Bruce Merchant, Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams  
Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy  
Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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

Ronnie Crim, Claudia Medlin, Shirley Spruill, Crosby Adams, Russell Altman  
Tim Hopkins, Eddie Porter, Eddie Broughman, Trace Wingard, Julie Johnson, Lewis Tankersley, Danny  
Baker, Suzanne Oxner Stello, Dr. Chris Wicker, William & Janet Wood  
Judy Lazarczyk, Robbie Burgess, Ronnie Boland, Tonia Boland, Andy Rauch, Peggy Roessler, John Bailey  
John Sharpe, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Bobby Brown  
Steve Blake, Zach Wash, Tyler Corbitt, Nancy Waugh, Emily Waugh, Sam Waugh  
Laura Ann Merrill, Anne Moye

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

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

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

Justin Casteel, Cory Fabian, Zachery Gayden, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Borgan, Caleb Neff

**The Family Of:**

John Gray, Vicki Duval, Deborah Marie Glenn Wilson, James Smith



Touchdown Mt. Tabor!

Together we raised \$1065.00  
To help those with food insecurities.

Thank you for helping us SCORE big for those in need!  
~ The Youth of Mt. Tabor



- 1 Stephen Bradshaw, Mel Newman  
Blythe Baxter, Auston Rich
- 2 Brittany Looby
- 3 Paul Jacobs
- 4 George Minor, Larry Davis, Grace Kelly
- 5 Charlotte Gable, Cory Smith, Ashlyn Baxter
  
- 6 Abigail Caulder
- 8 Ashleigh Christine
- 9 Patsy Gambrell
- 10 Stephen Hamilton, Robbyn Young, Mollissa Padgett, Baker Morris, Becky Fleming
- 11 Judy Dawson, Chuck Taylor, Kaitlyn Neff  
Christina Bradshaw
- 12 Vicki McFarland, Ashlynn Busbee
- 13 Jennifer Allen, Derek Monts, Charlotte Rister
- 14 Carol Busbee, Toby Wiggers, Bobby Wise  
Jackie Macaulay
- 15 Thomas Walker, Debra Morris
- 16 Kayla Sox, Janice West, Tanner Anderson, Christie Cook  
Annie Grace Cothran
- 17 Wendy Spainhour, Michael Cole, Steven Cole
- 18 Gabrielle Wilson, Tim Self, Russell Pauly, Korbin Seay
- 19 Emilie Jeffries, Ryan Risinger
- 21 Franklin Smith, Shirley Thomas, Lee Wooten, Jordan Sease, Brooklyn Glass
- 23 Sally Kleber, Amy Carlton, Mallory Phillips
- 24 Sarah Smith, Scott Smith, Charles Taylor, Charles Stearns
- 25 Wanda Addy, Jessica Tablas, Barbara Livingston, Hanna Sharpe, Thomas Shealy  
Nathanael Rich
- 26 Kayla Newman, Tina Harrison, Tripp Owen, Irina Roof
- 27 Ford Carlson, Sue Jones, Chris Wilson
- 28 Veronica Hutto, Elmer Sundlie, Kasey Davis
- 29 Paul Addy, Jolene Marchant, John F. Geiger, Marion Lusk, Betty Senn
- 31 Freddy Vallejo



# March Worship Assistants

## ALIVE!

### Communion assistant

Rachel Bundrick

### Lector

Assistant needed

### Usher

Ray Conrad

### Acolyte

KateLynn Parker

## 11:00 AM

### Communion assistants

Ann Spainhour, Docia Jones

### Lector

Docia Jones

### Ushers

Hampton Miller, Joe Jones

Jill & Chris Iser

### Greeter

Laurie Culpepper

### Acolyte

Anna Iser

### Crucifer

Mason Iser



# March

## Communion Preparers

Docia Jones & Joy Gray

*11:00 Worship Coordinator*

Chris Sox

## March

### Altar Greenery & Bulletin Covers

<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Covers</u>
1 - Docia Jones	1 - Betty Jo Cato
8 - Rue Jeffcoat	8 - Available
15 - Randy Klapman	15 - Randy Klapman
22 - Kevin Davis	22 - Rachel Bundrick
29 - Mitzi & Charles Epting	29 - Available

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 Sunday or call the office during the week.

## ATTENDANCE

	8:00	9:15	11:00
1/24	Saturday Service		44
1/26	Friday Service		91
2/8	25	105	114
2/15	23	60	90
2/22	23	104	106



## MT TABOR EARLY RISERS BREAKFAST

March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 7 AM

Lizard's Thicket ~ Augusta Rd, Lexington

## YOUTH HELPING YOUTH

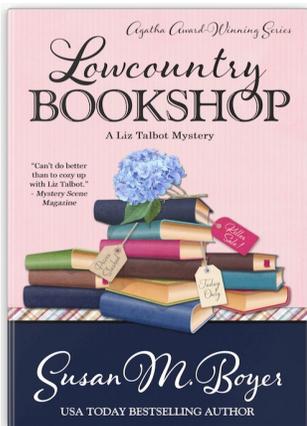
Palmetto Place Children and Youth Services need donations and Mt. Tabor's Youth Group is here to help. We are encouraging our members to bring in a snack or personal care item that can be given to a child in need. We will be collecting through March 15<sup>th</sup>! Bins can be found in Assembly Room:

### Snack & Food Items (Individually Packaged):

- Granola bars/ Protein bars/Cereal bars
- Chips (single serve bags)/Crackers Packs
- Popcorn (microwave or single serve)
- Fruit snacks
- Applesauce, Pudding or Jell-O cups
- Instant oatmeal packs
- Ramen cups or instant noodle bowls
- Bottled water
- Juice boxes or sports drinks

### Personal Care:

- Tissues
- Hand soap
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes



Join the Tabor Readers  
on  
March 12<sup>th</sup>  
for a lively discussion of  
the  
mystery  
Lowcountry Bookshop.  
They meet in the  
Easley Conference Room at 3:00 PM.

# Faith, Fun & Fellowship

Friday, March 27, 2026  
5:00 pm

## Gather COLA

2191 Pickens Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

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- Laurel Crest** - Emma Lou Easley, Judy Jordan
- Still Hopes** - Sandra Baker, Larry Sease
- Veteran's Victory House** - Elmer Sundlie
- Spring Arbor** - Margurite Culberson (located in Virginia)
- The Harmony Collection** - Roberta Wessinger (Apt. 3037)
- Presbyterian Home** - Charlie Sharpe

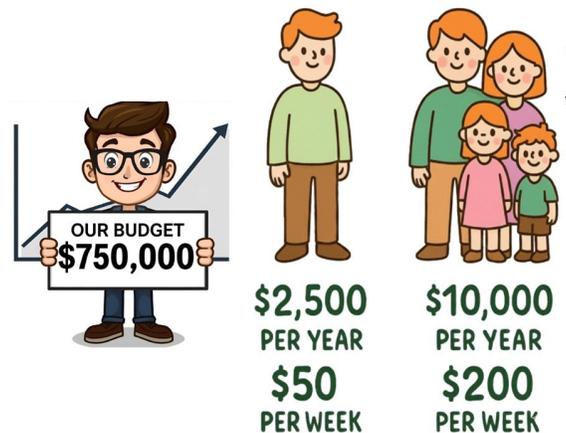
*So then,  
while we have opportunity,  
let us do good to all men,  
and especially to those  
who are of the  
household of the faith.*

Galatians 6:10

# JANUARY FINANCIAL NEWS

Funds Received for Budget		BUDGET
Envelope System	41,522.00	
Envelope System Cash	688.75	
Memorials	1,005.00	
Initial Offering	160.25	
Bulletin Covers	30.00	
Loose Offering	135.00	
Sunday School	40.00	
Simply Giving Envelopes	15,097.24	
	<b>58,678.24</b>	<b>59,913.90</b>
<b>RESERVE FUND:</b>		
Peggy & Larry Sease Endowment	18,509.39	
Easter 2026/Split	1,600.00	
	<b>20,109.39</b>	
<b>DEDICATED FUND</b>		
Birthday Party	10.00	
Blessing Box	100.00	
Choral Scholars	800.00	
Fellowship & Recreation	245.00	
HUGS	40.00	
Ladies Aid	220.00	
Love Offering/Stella's Reception	1,965.00	
Microphones	40.00	
Music	220.00	
Pickle Jar	90.00	
Paraments-Rose	1,678.17	
Quilting Ministry	25.00	
Use ECR/AR	25.00	
Waterproof Church	10,000.00	
Youth Projects	128.00	
Sing & Celebrate/Splits	60.00	
Birthday Party/Splits	80.00	
Youth Projects/Splits	15.00	
Youth Trips/Splits	55.00	
Music/Splits	15.00	
Love Offering/Splits	130.00	
Ladies Aid/Splits	70.00	
Memorial/Simply Giving	25.00	
Choral Scholars/Simply Giving	50.00	
Stella's Reception/Simply Giving	50.00	
Pastor's Disc/Simply Giving	100.00	
Youth Trips/Simply Giving	103.00	
Evangelism/Simply Giving	25.00	
	<b>16,364.17</b>	

Funds Received for Budget	
<b>CEMETERY FUND:</b>	
Memorial	170.00
Cemetery Memorials/Splits	0.00
Grave Income	0.00
	<b>170.00</b>
<b>MUSIC AND ARTS FUND:</b>	
Memorial/Simply Giving	3.00
	<b>3.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND</b>	
Memorials/Gifts	150.00
Splits/Capital Improvements	50.00
Simply Giving	310.00
	<b>510.00</b>
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND:</b>	
	0.00
<b>Total Received for All Funds</b>	<b>95,834.80</b>



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# In memory of ...

<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Given By</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Al Jordan	Gary & Ann Spainhour	Cemetery
Barbara Raulerson	Betty Jo Cato & Family	General
Barbara Raulerson	BJ Roof	Ladies Aid
Barbara Raulerson	Bruce Rhodes	Capital Improvements
Barbara Raulerson	Gary & Ann Spainhour	Cemetery
Barbara Raulerson	Paula & Charlie Taylor	General
Deborah Marie Glenn Wilson	Bill & Jerrie Galardi	General
Deborah Marie Glenn Wilson	Ellis & Tammy Quarles	General
Deborah Marie Glenn Wilson	Foster & Debbie McLeod	General
Deborah Marie Glenn Wilson	Tommy & Janet Smith	General
Evelyn Furtick	Betty Jo Cato & Family	General
Evelyn Furtick	BJ Roof	Ladies Aid
Evelyn Furtick	Bruce Rhodes	Capital Improvements
Evelyn Furtick	Gary & Ann Spainhour	Cemetery
Fred Fetner	Betty Jo Cato & Family	General
Gary Johnson	Gary & Ann Spainhour	Cemetery
Harry Melvin Manus, Jr.	Betty Jo Cato & Family	General
Harry Melvin Manus, Jr.	BJ Roof	Music & Arts
Harry Melvin Manus, Jr.	Bruce Rhodes	Capital Improvements
Harry Melvin Manus, Jr.	Gale McLeod	General
Harry Melvin Manus, Jr.	Gary & Ann Spainhour	Cemetery
Harry Melvin Manus, Jr.	Nancy Stone-Collum	General
Harry Melvin Manus, Jr.	Pat Shealy	General
Harry Melvin Manus, Jr.	Patricia Elledge	General
Harry Melvin Manus, Jr.	Paula & Charlie Taylor	General
Harry Melvin Manus, Jr.	Ray, Tina & Leah Conrad	Cemetery
Harry Melvin Manus, Jr.	Richard & Brenda Stewart	General
John Ray Gray	Carey & Mickey Roof	General
John Ray Gray	Carol Williams	General
John Ray Gray	Daniel Savrin	General
John Ray Gray	Edward Jones Team	General
John Ray Gray	Foster & Debbie McLeod	General
John Ray Gray	Janice Reiser	Ladies Aid
John Ray Gray	Jason Page & Dale Page	General
John Ray Gray	Rebecca, Robert & Christopher Ayer	General
John Ray Gray	Richard Kruger	General

# In memory of ...

<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Given By</u>	<u>Fund</u>
John Ray Gray	Tommy & Janet Smith	General
John Ray Gray	Rus & Barbara Stilwell	General
Josie Turner	Freda, Pam, Larry Fetner	Blessing Box
Leon Amick	Edna Holton	General
Manell Lown	Freda, Pam, Larry Fetner	Blessing Box
Mary Ellen "Mickey" Geiger	The Rabons & The Wrights	General
Michael Rodgers	Bruce Rhodes	Reserve
Michael Rodgers	Paula & Charlie Taylor	General

# In honor of ...

<u>Honorarium</u>	<u>Given By</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Annie Ruth Addy	Edna Holton	General
Stella McGee	Jilda Ward	General



## Attention Parents!

First communion class will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

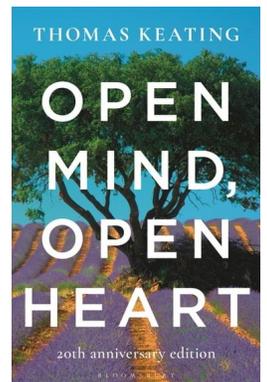
The class will meet at 9:30 in the kitchen.

First Communion will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday.

## **Lenten Contemplative Prayer Class**

Have you felt a hunger for a deeper prayer life with God? Are you interested in learning an ancient prayer practice that is spreading faster today than ever before? Have you realized that you don't yearn for more head knowledge about God but rather a deeper heart relationship with God at the center of one's life? If so, then you are invited to participate in an eight week course taught during Sunday School at Mt. Tabor starting February 15<sup>th</sup>. These classes will be taught by retired Bishop Herman Yoos who is a certified Spiritual Director and Dr. Andres Leone who recently published his first book on Contemplative Prayer entitled, Enter the Temple of Silence.

As part of these classes there will be assigned readings from the book, Open Mind, Open Heart, by Thomas Keating (20<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition) available at most bookstores, and weekly readings in class of original material from Pastor Yoos and Dr. Leone. In addition to exploring how and why this method of silent meditative prayer is so helpful amid our noisy 24 hour a day world, we will also have the opportunity to practice what we are learning. To be sure we have enough material for each person, please let the church office know if you plan to attend. Hope you can join us at 10:00 am Sunday mornings in the Easley Conference Room.



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## Worship Opportunities

### Sundays:

#### **Worship Services:**

- 8:00 am Matins with Holy Communion  
9:15 am ALIVE! Contemporary Service  
\*Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month and  
Festival Sundays\*  
11:00 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion

### Sunday School:

10:15 - 11:00 am Children and adult classes offered

### Wednesdays:

- 11:00 am Bible Study  
12:00 pm Noon Eucharist  
3:30 pm Sing and Celebrate  
4:45 pm Children's Choirs  
6:30 pm Adult Choir

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.

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