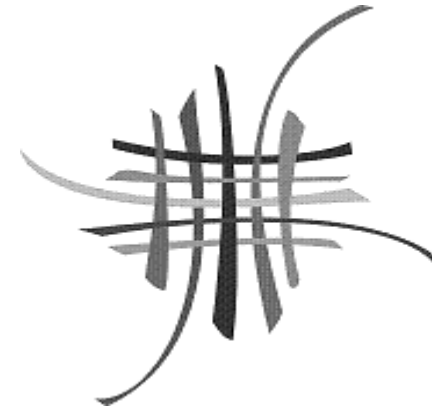


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October 2016

Stewardship Dates

Here are the important stewardship dates and deadlines. We hope to see you in the weeks ahead! May God's peace and generosity flow freely through our lives this season. ~Pastor Katie

- **Oct. 16 – Nov. 13** *Stewardship Season*
- **Nov. 6** - *Stewardship Sunday* - Time and Talent forms and Pledges are due.
- **Nov. 20** - *Budget Draft Meeting (11:45 am)* - All are welcome to ask questions and give input on our budget for 2017.
- **Nov. 29** - *Council Meeting* – Council will review and approve the budget.
- **Nov. 28** - *Annual Report Deadline*
- **Dec. 4** – *Annual Congregation Meeting* - All Tab members can vote on the budget for 2017.

About TAB: Staff

MinistersTAB congregation
PastorKatie Aikins
Youth Pastor.....Meagan McLeod
Nursery Caregiver Amanda Martinez
Office Manager..... Asha Lindsey-Suggs
Minister of Music Pax Ressler
Sexton Patrick O'Brien

Council Corner

Two members have had to leave Council: Don Wargo, due to conflicts with his teaching schedule, and Katie Day, who attended in her role as Parish Associate, due to her move to Maryland. We will miss their wisdom.

Todd Koser presented the treasurer’s report, which showed that our expenses are very close to the budget. The major expense recently is for significant roof repair, which was included in this year’s budget. We gave thanks to Geneva Butz, who contributed so much time and grace in providing music since January, and to Todd for his uncountable hours adapting the new record-keeping software.

We discussed making formal arrangements with another congregation, Ark of Refuge, which will be worshiping at Tabernacle on Sunday afternoons for a while because their previous worship location burned down this summer. We also explored ways to welcome the younger people who have been attending recently, such as seeking a balance of spiritual formation and community-building events.

Pastor Katie reported that the website team has hired a designer to redesign our site. The staff has also worked to improve the assignment of tasks, especially for weekly worship. Katie will continue to call for wider participation, especially for coffee hour and greeting. *~Deb Burnham*

About TAB: e-newsletter

The Tabernacle e-newsletter is published monthly around the first of the month. It is available at www.tabunited.org/news and also sent to everyone on the tab-news email list. Please contact the church office at tabernacle@tabunited.org to submit content. The November newsletter will be in Tab mailboxes on **October 31**; send all material for the NOVEMBER newsletter to the church office by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24**.

October Service & Bulletin Roles

	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
Preaching	Lauren Giaconne	Katie Aikins	Meagan McLeod	Katie Aikins	Susan Wargo
Prayers	Lucinda M. Legendre	Mark Rader	Susann Wargo	Lucinda M. Legendre	Chris Purdom
Liturgist	Ken Gritter	Meagan McLeod	Susan Wargo	Lynn Lees	Lauren Giaconne
Children’s Time	Susan Pierce	Katrina Culley	Todd Koser	Eloise Chevrier	Deb Burnham
Sunday School	Geneva Butz	Trudy K.	L. Megill Legendre	Verona Stern	Nicole Diroff
AV Tech	Peter Mowen	F. Chmara-Huff	F. Chmara-Huff	Barbara Purdom	Katrina Culley
Quote	H. Bargeron	P. Abernathy	Todd Koser	Susan Pierce	Sarah Hill

October Supporting Roles

	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
Greeters	B. Tilley & H. Bargeron	N. Diroff & P. Mowen	Sarah Hill & G. Navarro	Ginny & John Rice	Deb Ahrens & Jim Gerhard
Coffee Hour	Katrina & J. Culley	Charlene & Vic Compher	Mike Ehling & Jean Erb	D. Burnham & K. Gritter	Mike Ehling & Chris Purdom
Counters	J. Gerhard & D. Wargo	Jean Erb & Mike Ehling	P. Abernathy & D. Burnham	G. Butz & M. Gibson	Sarah Hill & Angela Kent
Recycling	Katie Aikins	Lynn Lees	Jim Gerhard	Verona Stern	Geneva Butz
Food Pantry	D. Burnham	Ginny Rice	Jim Gerhard	Mark Rader	Lee Pugh

October Communion Rotations

DATE	CO-OFFICIATING	SET-UP	CLEAN-UP	BREAD +
Oct 2	Katie Aikins & Nicole Diroff	Jim Gerhard	Ken Gritter	Mark Rader

+ Bread donated by Four Worlds Bakery, 47th & Woodland.; it should be picked up the day before.

Digging Deeper in Bible Study

The Bible study group at Tab will be exploring the seven deadly sins in their weekly study this fall! Join us on Wednesday nights at 5:30 pm. The October themes and texts are below. Contact Jean Erb with any questions: jeanerb@verizon.net

- **October 5:** SLOTH/APATHY – DILIGENCE - *Psalm 42:1-5 and Matthew 11:28-30*
- **October 12:** WRATH and FORGIVENESS – TBA
- **October 19:** LUST, PURITY, and SEX! - *Matthew 5:27-30, Song of Songs 1:1-5, 2:1-7, 7:6-7, and 1 Corinthians 13*
- **October 26:** GREED and GENEROSITY - TBA

Clothing Closet News

Thanks to everyone for your contributions to the clothing closet, which offers items to those in need who come to our door. Based on our evaluation of what has been most helpful in the last year, we have scaled back to just the most needed items. Here's what we will happily and gratefully accept:

- T-shirts, cotton, clean and folded, L and XL
- Hoodies and sweatshirts, cotton, clean and folded, L and XL
- Warm hats and gloves, no wool
- Winter jackets, washable, no wool

Thank you!

Workshop Opportunity

The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network is hosting workshops on Empowering Older Adults, October 22, 8:30 am to - 1:00 pm at Wayne Presbyterian Church, 125 E. Lancaster Ave., Wayne, PA 19087. Registration Fee: \$10 (includes continental breakfast). Registration Deadline: October 15. Brochure: http://michaelehling.net/empowering_older_adults.jpg.

If you have difficulty with transportation, let me know and we may be able to arrange car-pooling. ~Mike Ehling

PASTOR'S NOTES:

Stewardship Season is Here! Are You Ready?

Our fall theme at Tabernacle is Cultivating *Wholy* Habits. We are exploring the seven deadly sins and their corresponding virtues in sermons, Bible study, tab.edu and beyond! We are asking questions such as “How do we cultivate habits that help us in our journey toward greater love of God, our neighbor and ourselves?” In order to cultivate wholy habits, we must also learn to look at what stands in the way of our ability to love God, neighbor and ourselves. During the season of stewardship we will explore how greed (one of the seven deadly sins) can captivate us and live in our hearts, and we will reflect on how cultivating the practice of generosity can help us fight this heart problem.

We will be asking you in this season to consider what Tab has meant to you and to consider giving generously of your time, your talent and resources to help us BE THE CHURCH at Tab. Would you consider helping teach our kids in the Sunday School program? Or would you be willing to serve on the Communications team or the Outreach team to help plan ways for us to reach out more intentionally to our neighbors? We need your help and your voice with all our teams at Tab. So we ask that you prayerfully fill out the Time and Talent forms that are available to you during the season and consider joining a team in order to help us be and become the church we are called to be. We also need your financial help, and so we also ask that you prayerfully consider making a financial pledge to help us continue our work into 2017.

In love and gratitude for you,
Pastor Katie

TAB.EDU Schedule

- **Oct. 2 –Church Potluck / Exploring Membership Class** Are you interested in becoming a member of Tabernacle United Church? Or just curious about it? Is membership at Tab like being a member of a gym or a country club or is it (hopefully) something different? Join us today to learn about membership at Tab. Come and hear from others who decided to become members and why they made that decision. We will meet in the sanctuary and you are welcome to bring coffee and refreshments with you from downstairs.
- **Oct. 9 – Genderful: A Reflection** - Join us for a time of self-reflection on gender and its role in our lives. This session will provide resources on gender identity and expression and give each of us an opportunity to look inward at our own experience of gender. Through this session, we hope to expand our mind's limits of gender to make space for more colorful, genderful ways of walking in the world. *~led by Patrick Ressler*

About TAB: Join us for worship!

Sunday Worship is at 10 am, ALL YEAR ROUND! Children and youth attend Sunday School during the service; childcare for children under 6 is provided. Worship is followed by Coffee Hour.

Wanted: Tab Song Leaders

Do you like to sing? Are you looking for a low-pressure way to sing and lead with a group? We're looking forward to finding new and creative ways to sing as a congregation.

We're reframing the idea of a TAB Choir to **TAB Song Leaders**, in hopes that this group can contribute to congregational singing in new and creative ways—allowing us to do more songs in canon, a cappella and with call and response.

If you're interested in joining the group of TAB Song leaders, we will have brief rehearsals on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, to sing and lead in the following Sunday. No prior knowledge is necessary; please join us!

We will rehearse at 7pm at TAB on these dates:

- October 4 and 18
- November 1 and 15
- December 6 and 20

Thank you!

Pax, TAB Minister of Music

Prison Ministry

Our next Prison Ministry Meeting is December 6, 6:30-8:00 pm at Tabernacle United Church. Our primary focus is developing friendship and relationships with people in jails and prisons through letter writing and visitation, and collaborating with others to work for an end to mass incarceration. Our group is studying the book *A Church of the Second Chance* by Jens Soering. We will look at Chapter 2 at our next meeting. Consider joining us in this meaningful work! The Prison Ministry is a joint ministry with members of St. James UCC in Havertown. Speak to Pastor Katie for more information.