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The newsletter of Tabernacle United Church
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November 2016

About TAB: Staff

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Pastor's Notes

Below are 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 at 11:45am - *All are welcome to ask questions and give input on our budget for 2017.*
- **Nov. 29** - Council Meeting to review and approve the budget
- **Nov. 28** - Annual Reports are due to the office
- **Dec. 4** – ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation. *All Tab members can vote on the budget for 2017.*

Council Corner

There are many exciting things going on in the life of the congregation so Council meetings have been busy lately. This month we reviewed the covenant agreement Katie worked on with Ark of Refuge (a small, LGBTQ-friendly church that lost their former building in a fire). We also discussed the ministry of having a Christmas Day service. If you will be here for Christmas contact Pastor Katie. There was an update on a potential partner for the Prison Ministry, Redemption Housing. And finally we discussed ways that we can welcome and encourage the group of young adults that have started attending Tab regularly. ~*Lucinda Megill Legendre*

Digging Deeper in Bible Study

The Bible study group at Tab will be exploring! Join us on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm. The November texts are below. Contact Jean Erb with any questions: jeanerb@verizon.net.

- **November 2:** GREED and GENEROSITY - Deuteronomy 6:4-15 and Matthew 6:19-21, 24 (Reference Psalm 86:11)
- **November 16:** Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:1-20; and Luke 23:33-43

Prison Ministry

Our next Prison Ministry Meeting is December 6, 6:30-8 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.

November Service & Bulletin Roles

	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27
Preaching	Katie Aikins	TBA	Katie Aikins	Katie Aikins
Prayers	Deb Burnham	Susan Wargo	B. Purdom	H. Bargeron
Liturgist	Ginny Rice	Chris Purdom	Deb Burnham	Ken Gritter
Children's Time	Todd Koser	Pauline Abernathy	Katherine Huseman	Katie Aikins
Sunday School	Trudy Kawal	Lucinda Megill Legendre	Geneva Butz	Verona Stern
AV Tech	F. Chmara-Huff	F. Chmara-Huff	F. Chmara-Huff	Chris Purdom
Quote	Chris Purdom	L. Megill Legendre	Todd Koser	K. Huseman

November Supporting Roles

	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27
Greeters	M. Ehling & L. Giaconne	Andy Lees & Lynn Lees	N. Diroff & L. Megill Legendre	Geneva Butz & Verona Stern
Coffee Hour	Jim Gerhard & G. Navarro	D. Ahrens & D. Burnham	Ginny Rice & Jim Gerhard	Lucy Miller & Russ Baldwin
Counters	Mike Ehling & Chris Purdom	Andy Lees & Ken Gritter	Ginny Rice & Sarah Hill	Russell Baldwin & Ken Gritter
Recycling	Jim Gerhard	D. Burnham	B. Purdom	H. Bargeron
Food Pantry	Ginny Rice	B. Purdom	Jim Gerhard	Verona Stern

November Communion Rotations

DATE	CO-OFFICIATING	SET-UP	CLEAN-UP	BREAD +
Nov 6	Katie Aikins & Jean Erb	Susan Wargo	Ginny Rice	Lee Pugh

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

November Tab.edu

- **November 6 - Church Potluck/Exploring Membership Class** - Are you interested in becoming a member of Tabernacle United Church? Or even just curious about it? Is membership at Tab like being a member of a gym or a country club or is it (hopefully) 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/refreshments from downstairs.
- **November 13 - Sing for Joy!** - To celebrate the end of the election season, let's sing together around the piano in the sanctuary! Pax will prepare some hymns and you can request your personal favorites from the purple hymnal. Come sing for joy!
- **November 20 - Parenting Conversation, Part 2** - Led by Nicole Diroff. We'll gather for continued conversation around these questions: What are we hoping for our children in bringing them to Tab? What are we hoping for ourselves? For the community? What are we doing at home to continue to nurture the spirituality they're developing at church? All are welcome – parents of young children, of not-so-young children, and anyone supportive of parents!
- **November 27 - Spiritual Resiliency: Leaning on God during times of crisis** - Lauren Giaccone will present what it means to be spiritually resilient and how we can develop tools to help ourselves navigate through times of crisis in our own lives and in the lives of others. Lauren is a chaplain at Penn Medicine, serving HUP and Presbyterian. She works with patients with psychiatric needs and previously served as chaplain of the Medical ICU. She also provides coverage as chaplain for the Trauma Center located at Presbyterian.

If you have ideas or suggestions for future Tab.edu sessions or series, please contact Deb Ahrens at bookwoman_da@Msn.com

It's Stewardship Season! Bring Your Offerings to Church!

During stewardship season at Tab, we ask you to consider how you can generously give of your time, talent and resources to our ministry at Tab. Every week through Nov. 13, you are invited to bring your completed Pledge card and your Time and Talent form. And we also invite you to bring clothing for the clothes closet and/or food items for the pantry (in partnership with the Episcopal Cathedral). Bring your gifts to worship this season! Bring your first fruits unto the Lord!

We are accepting the following items for our clothes closet:

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

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 December newsletter will be in Tab mailboxes on November 30; send all material for the DECEMBER newsletter to the church office by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Advent Event

Advent is coming! This year for Advent we're thinking about the themes of Incarnation and God with us. We're also thinking about enriching worship with home gatherings. If you have ideas for creative worship, seasonal decorating, or anything else to magnify the themes of the season please join us at Tab on Wednesday, November 9 at 6:45 pm. You can email Lucinda Megill Legendre (ms.megill@gmail.com) or Pastor Katie (pastor@tabunited.org).