

Tabernacle United Church
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Tab Connections

The newsletter of Tabernacle United Church
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Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 am-3 pm

May 2017

Council Corner

Council had another productive meeting. Highlights include:

- Continued preparation for Easter Sunday Worship and the Easter Sunday Love Wins Brunch Party.
- Planning for 2 building improvements - making the elevator more accessible and AIR CONDITIONING for the community room!
- Celebrating the success of the collaborative Easter Egg hunt last Saturday.
- Looking forward to Stewardship season and the BLOCK PARTY!
- Voted to approve the baptism of Elizabeth Megill Legendre for Sunday, May 14, during worship.
- Received with joy the news that Meagan McLeod will be ordained on Saturday, May 13 at 4 pm.

~Megan Gibson

About TAB: Staff

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

TAB Songleaders

Do you like to sing? You can raise your voice to lead the congregation in singing by joining the TAB Songleaders! This ensemble of singers meets before the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month to learn and lead songs that will be used in the service.

We'll meet on May 7, May 21, June 4, June 18 and July 2 at 9:15am to rehearse for that Sunday's service. Let me know if you're interested in singing, and I'll add you to our Songleaders email thread. There's no obligation to come every time—we sing with whomever is available!

If you have an interest in sharing or leading in worship as a soloist or instrumentalist, contact me and I'll be glad to talk about how we can use your gifts in Sunday services. I can be reached at paxressler@gmail.com. Thank you! ~*Pax Ressler*

Celebrate!

We collected \$1,287 for One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday!

Bible Study

On **May 17** we will discuss Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21. On **May 31** we will discuss Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23. We meet at 5:30 pm in the Community Room. Contact Jean Erb with any questions jeanerb75@gmail.com.

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 May newsletter will be in Tab mailboxes on **JUNE 2**; send all material for the JUNE newsletter to the church office by **MONDAY, MAY 22**.

May Service & Bulletin Roles

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Preaching	Katie Aikins	Katie Akins	Naomi Leapheart	Katie Aikins
Prayers	Deb Burnham	Eloise Chevrier	Katie Aikins	Susan Wargo
Liturgist	Susan Wargo	Angela Kent	Todd Koser	Geneva Butz
Children's Time	Ken Gritter	Lucinda Megill Legendre	Pauline Abernathy	Todd Koser
Sunday School	L. Megill Legendre	Geneva Butz	Nicole Diroff	Verona Stern
AV Tech	Barbara Purdom	F. Chmara-Huff	G. Navarro	F. Chmara-Huff
Quote	Sarah Hill	Deb Ahrens	Chris Purdom	H. Bargeron

May Supporting Roles

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Greeters	A. Whiting & M. James	H. Bargeron & L. Megill Legendre	Andy & Lynn Lees	Ginny Rice & Den Ahrens
Coffee Hour	Andy & Lynn Lees	Ken & Martha Gritter	A. Kent & J. Gerhard	Russ Baldwin & Lucy Miller
Counters	A. Kent & L. Megill Legendre	Geneva Butz & Susan Teegen	C. Purdom & J. Gerhard	S. Hill & L. Megill Legendre
Recycling	Jim Gerhard	Geneva Butz	Deb Ahrens	Ginny Rice
Food Pantry	Anna Demaree	Sarah Hill	Jim Gerhard	Verona Stern

May Communion Rotations

DATE	CO-OFFICIATING	SET-UP	CLEAN-UP	BREAD +
May 7	Katie Aikins & Nicole Diroff	Chris Purdom	Heather Bargeron	Anna Demaree

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

Pastor's Notes

We are moving now past our 100 Days of Resistance at Tab! What have we been doing? We've been worshipping the God of Life and Liberation. We've been marching in the streets for justice. We've been supporting on another over shared meals and in hanging out. Those of us classified as white have been studying our White Privilege and we've been working on fighting the powers of White Supremacy in our lives. We've been seeking to follow the Black Jesus who leads us in paths of righteousness and justice. We've been doing all this in these past 100 days and we will not stop any of this work now that we approach day 101! The church is a faithful church when it is continuously living in resistance to Empire's death-dealing ways. And so we will continue to work to be people of resistance. But as Lauren Giaccone pointed out to me not too long ago, we need tools to keep us *resilient* in order to continue to be people of resistance. And so in this season of Easter and Resurrection we are going to shift our focus just slightly from "resistance" to "resilience." Our guiding questions in this season are, How do we stay grounded and resilient in our faith in this time of anxiety and fear in our country? What are the spiritual practices that help us build resilience so that we can be people of resistance? How do we live faithfully into our calling to be a "resurrection people," a hopeful people?

In our sermons during the month of May we are going to look at some of the spiritual practices that can help us build resilience in our work and our walk of faith. Psalm 23 will be one of our guiding Scriptures in this season. The message of Psalm 23 is that "the Lord is our Shepherd. Therefore we have everything we need." We will be meditating on this Psalm, singing this Psalm and teaching our children this Psalm so we can carry it with us in our hearts in this time.

We would like to hear from you! What keeps you resilient and grounded in faith and hope these days? Will you share your thoughts with us? Send a note to Pastor Katie (pastor@tabunited.org). We are also excited that Minister Naomi Leapheart will be sharing her thoughts on this theme when she preaches for us on May 21st. We give thanks for her ministry and look forward to hearing from her.

Know that I keep you in prayer and in my heart these days. May we continue to hear the good news of Easter – that God has called us by name, to be a people of hope and resistance to the powers of death all around us.

Peace, Pastor Katie

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Every Third Thursday** join Tab folks at 6 pm for fun and fellowship at Clark Park. Meet at southwest corner of 43rd and Baltimore. Rain plan: meet at Clarkville restaurant across the street from park. Next meet-up is **May 18!**
- **Thursdays 8-10 am:** Visit with Pastor Katie at Green Line Cafe (44th and Locust).
- **Sun, May 7:** Outreach Team Planning. At table in Community room following worship. Contact Lucinda Megill Legendre for details ms.megill@gmail.com
- **Fri, May 12, 7-9 pm:** Gospel Drag Show w/ Ark of Refuge
- **Sat, May 13, 4 pm:** Service of Ordination for Meagan McLeod
- **Thur, May 18, 6:30 pm:** Worship Team meeting. Location TBD. Contact Pastor Katie for details.