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Tab Connections

The newsletter of Tabernacle United Church
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About TAB: Staff

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About TAB: e-newsletter

The Tab e-newsletter is published monthly around the first of the month. It is available at www.tabunited.org and also sent to everyone on the tab-news email list. Please contact the church office (tabernacle@tabunited.org) to submit content. Instructions about how to join the various TAB email mailing lists are available at <http://www.lists.tabunited.org>.

Peace, Justice and Reconciliation

Thanks to those who volunteered to be on our new Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Group: Susan Teegen-Case, Beverly Dale, Mia King, Nicole Diroff, Susan Wargo and Jessica Culley. This group will help coordinate Tab's involvement in and support of peace, justice and reconciliation efforts.

Patricia on Study Leave and Vacation Time

Patricia will take her study leave and vacation time from July 21-Aug. 31. Thanks to those who have offered to be on call for pastoral emergencies:

July 20-31	Susan Teegen-Case
August 1-9	Katie Day
August 10-20	Suzanne Spaulding
August 21-31	Maurine Doggett

Backup, as needed, by Jean Erb and Suzanne Spaulding.

July Service & Bulletin Roles

DATE	PREACHING	WRITING	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S TIME	QUOTE
July 5	Patricia Pearce	Patricia Pearce	Bob Case	Patricia Pearce	Chris Purdom
July 12	Kip Leitner	Beverly Dale	Jessica Culley	Barbara Purdom	Katherine Huseman
July 19	Patricia Pearce	Deb Burnham	Ginny Rice	Patricia Pearce	Mia King
July 26	Beverly Dale	Vanessa Cardinale	Chris Purdom	Ken Gritter	Jen Gleeson Blue

July Supporting Roles

DATE	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR	COUNTER(S)	RECYCLING	COMPOST
July 5	Mike Ehling & Todd Koser	S. Collins & M. Ehling	Larry Singh	Verona Stern	Deb Burnham
July 12	Nicole Diroff & Susan Collins	Jim Gerhard, Lee Pugh	Jean Erb	Todd Koser	Kip Leitner
July 19	B. Case & S. Teegen-Case	J. Goldstein & L. Line	Erin Hayes	Bob Case	Josh Goldstein
July 26	J. Goldstein & L. Line	Katie Day & Nicole Diroff	Bob Case	Susan Collins	Todd Koser

Rotations

Extra copies of the rotation schedule are available on the Greeter's table every Sunday and copies are hanging on the refrigerator in the kitchen and on the bulletin boards in the office and community room. Please contact the office immediately if you need one or download it from the blog (*see page 3*). Remember to also contact the office when you switch Sundays with someone (the information above reflects changes already made), and don't forget to check the schedule before you go out of town!

Summer FUN! with Tab Friends

Mann Center Orchestra Concerts and Picnic - This year, as in previous years, the Mann Center has kindly provided us with tickets via their Access the Arts program for some of this summer's orchestra performances. It is a gift in this time of budget cutbacks to have this opportunity once again!

One night in particular - Friday, July 24 - we've set aside as "Tab Night at the Mann." Join us for a lovely picnic and concert under the stars. The concerts start at 8; we'll start our picnic by 6:30 or earlier to make sure we get a good spot.

The other tickets/dates are available for anyone at Tab to use, first come, first served. All tickets are for the open, grassy area, which is uncovered (the concerts go on, rain or shine). Picnic blankets and small coolers are permitted but no lawn chairs (unless you are willing to sit in the far back area of the lawn).

Tickets will be available for pick-up on Sundays during Coffee Hour. Please contact Susan Collins for more information.

Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors* - Thursday July 30, Clark Park, (enter at 43rd & Chester Ave.) Bring a picnic supper at 6 pm so that you can secure good "seats" (actually on your blanket in "The Bowl"--look for Tab folks). Rain date: Sunday August 2, same time and place.

A local paper said, "If Shakespeare had written a sitcom, *The Comedy of Errors*, one of his earliest, shortest and snappiest plays, would surely be it."

Join us for this FREE, fun! evening with the cast playing original music on everything from kazoos to the kitchen sink (just in case you thought Shakespeare might be too much culture for a summer night). For more information go to the Shakespeare in Clark Park website: <http://www.shakespeareinclarkpark.org/>

Other Events -- YOUR choice - Summer's the time when you might go to one of the many wonderful things happening in the City (or nearby) and say, "I wish were here with me." If you think of it before, just send an email to Tab-News and invite some Tab friends to join you. It's often much more FUN! that way!

One Book, One Tabernacle

Patricia has invited everyone at Tab to join in on a One Book, One Tabernacle event this fall. We will read a new book by Marcus Borg - *Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary*, which is a fascinating, accessible summary of Borg's understanding of Jesus' spirituality and teachings and the religious and political context in which Jesus lived.

We will gather in neighborhood clusters two or three times in the fall to discuss the book, and if we have acquaintances of ours who aren't Tab members but who we think would be interested in the topic we can invite them to join us as well.

You can order it from your local bookstore or on Amazon (see the online version of the newsletter for the link) and include it in your summer reading. Thank you to those who have offered to be hosts for the discussion clusters: Nicole Diroff, Deb Burnham, Katherine Huseman, Susan Pierce, Jean Erb & Amy Mann with Ginny Rice, Jessica Culley (not yet confirmed), Lee Pugh, and Susan and Donald Wargo.

There will be sign-up sheets in upcoming weeks for people to sign up with the cluster group closest to them. (Each group will set its own schedule of meeting times.)

All Church Retreat - Save the date!

Tab's all-church Retreat will be at Appel Farm, New Jersey, from Friday evening, October 23 until midday on Sunday, October 25. In order for us to respond with a realistic headcount, and because we must pay a portion of the fees ahead of time, we are asking everyone to sign up now using the Retreat Registration Form (see the center of this newsletter). Forms and deposits can be dropped off at or mailed to the church office.

If you have questions contact any member of the planning team (names are at bottom of the Registration form). This is going to be a weekend full of fun, fellowship, and meaningful experiences you don't want to miss!! Be sure to get your form completed and send it in as soon as possible.

Paperless Sundays

The third Sunday of each month (usually) is paperless (no printed bulletin, shown on the grids by the shading on July 19). Contact the office for tips on creating a paperless liturgy.

About TAB: Mission Statement

We are called into compassionate community following Christ, advocating for peace, justice and reconciliation, and celebrating God's loving embrace of all creation.

About TAB: Join us for worship!

Sunday Worship is at 10 am, ALL YEAR ROUND! Children and youth attend Sunday School during the service and childcare for children under 6 is provided. Worship is followed by fellowship time during Coffee Hour. Hope to see you in church!

About TAB: Tab Online

Tab's website, www.tabunited.org, has info about affinity groups, events, news, a calendar, sermons, and more! If you are part of a team/committee/affinity group, please help monitor website content about your group. Contact the office or webmaster@tabunited.org with corrections, additions, ideas, etc. Tab's blog (<http://tabunited.livejournal.com/>) has "breaking news"; all blog posts are embedded on Tab's News page and appear on the Tab Facebook page via an RSS feed. (Enter "Tabernacle United Church" in the search box on Facebook.)

About TAB: Sunday Parking

Meter parking on Market, Ludlow and Walnut is FREE Sundays. *Walnut & 38th garage* - Enter on 38th Street, northbound, between Walnut & Sansom Streets; the Greeter will validate garage tickets at Tab. *Until 1 pm* meter parking on Chestnut, 37th, 38th and Sansom Streets is FREE to those with a Tab ID on the dashboard. (You can get the ID ahead of time by going to the Tab website: http://tabunited.org/images/TAB_Parking.pdf, or you can get it from the Greeter.) To dispute a ticket received during a service contact Hilda Belecki, Philadelphia Parking Authority, at 215-683-9786, or the PPA Public Advocate, Frank DeAngelis, at 215-683-9614.