

**Tabernacle United Church**  
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**Philadelphia, PA 19104**

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## **Tab Connections**

The newsletter of Tabernacle United Church  
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Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 12:30-5:30 pm  
Pastor's hours: Monday-Thursday 10:00 am-3:00 pm

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### **About TAB: Staff**

Ministers.....TAB congregation  
Pastor.....Rev. Patricia Pearce  
Director, Arts & Spirituality Center.....Rev. Susan Teegen-Case  
Director of Music.....Holly Phares  
Office Manager.....Barbara Purdom  
Sexton.....Susan Lindsey

### **About TAB: e-newsletter**

The Tab e-newsletter is published monthly around the first of the month. It is available at [www.tabunited.org](http://www.tabunited.org) and also sent to everyone on the tab-news email list. Please contact the church office ([tabernacle@tabunited.org](mailto: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>.

### **Retreat Together**

The all-church retreat is coming soon: October 23-25 at Appel Farm in Elmer NJ. There are still spaces available for the full weekend or join us for a day. Some workshops and events to tempt you include: Nature walks, Sunday morning worship in the open air (weather permitting), lots of singing, exploring arts, movement, meditation, discussions, sports and board games, plus time to sit with a cup of coffee or tea and explore ideas by yourself or with others. Also, not to be missed: campfires and food crafted from the recipes of the Moosewood Restaurant cookbooks. Please join us!

To sign up: print out, complete and drop off the registration form (<http://www.tabunited.org/ljfiles/Retreat-Reg-Form.pdf>) at the Tab office. See Susan Collins if you have questions about signing up. Remember--scholarships are available! Just contact Pastor Patricia Pearce.

Watch your email for the latest info: a new questionnaire, driving directions and what to bring will be arriving soon.

## Lift Your Voice In Song this Fall!

Have you enjoyed the Tab Ensemble sharing their music? Have you wanted to add your voice to our amazing chamber ensemble but have been too shy? Do you love singing but haven't done so for years? Now is the PERFECT time to add your voice to our ensemble! This season we will meet three **Wednesday** nights per month and sing in three worship services/month, on average (a change from our Thursday rehearsals). Folks who enjoy gathering for a "brown bag" dinner arrive at 6 pm. This is a wonderful way to transition from work/school into the community singing time. Rehearsal is promptly at 7 pm and runs until 8:30 pm. If you love to sing, have sung in choirs in your past and can learn the music fairly quickly in rehearsal, that is all that is required.

The schedule shows worship services on the left, WEDNESDAY rehearsals (except where noted!) on the right. Contact Holly at [holmus@aol.com](mailto:holmus@aol.com) if you are interested or have questions.

**OCT 4 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - Warm-up 9:15 am**

**OCT 7 - OFF**

**OCT 11 - OFF**

**OCT 14 - - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal**

**OCT 18- Warm-up 9:15 am**

**OCT 21 - - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal**

**OCT 25 - OFF (RETREAT)**

**OCT 28 - - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal**

**NOV 1 - Warm-up 9:15 am**

**NOV 4 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal**

**NOV 8 - Warm-up 9:15 am**

**NOV 11 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal**

**NOV 15 - OFF**

**NOV 18 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal**

**NOV 22 - GOSPEL MUSIC SUNDAY - Warm-up 9 am!**

**NOV 25 - OFF**

**NOV 29 - OFF**

**DEC 2 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal**

**DEC 6 - Warm-up 9:15 am**

**DEC 9 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal**

**DEC 13 - Warm-up 9:15 am**

**THURS DEC 17 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal**

**DEC 20 - Warm-up 9:15 am**

**THURS DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE (time TBA)**

**DEC 27 - OFF**

**DEC 30 - OFF**

## October Service & Bulletin Roles

DATE	PREACHING	WRITING	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S TIME	QUOTE
Oct 4	Patricia Pearce	Suzanne Spaulding	Suzanne Spaulding	Patricia Pearce	Patricia Pearce
Oct 11	Patricia Pearce	Patricia Pearce	Jessica Culley	Deb Burnham	Mia King
<b>Oct 18</b>	Patricia Pearce	Susan Wargo	Nicole Diroff	Ken Gritter	Susan Wargo
Oct 25	TAB RETREAT	TAB RETREAT	TAB RETREAT	TAB RETREAT	TAB RETREAT

## October Supporting Roles

DATE	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR	COUNTER(S)	RECYCLING	COMPOST *
Oct 4	Deb Ahrens & Mia King	Mike Ehling & Jim Gerhard	Pauline Abernathy	Kip Leitner	Todd Koser
Oct 11	Nicole Diroff & Kip Leitner	Katherine Huseman & Lee Pugh	Larry Singh	Verona Stern	--
<b>Oct 18</b>	Donald & Susan Wargo	Scott Poethig & Ginny Rice	Jean Erb	Todd Koser	Kip Leitner
Oct 25	TAB RETREAT	TAB RETREAT	TAB RETREAT	TAB RETREAT	TAB RETREAT

\* This is not going to be a weekly activity for the remainder of the year due to low volume.

## Rotations

Extra copies of the rotation schedule are on the Greeter's table, on the fridge in the kitchen and the bulletin boards in the office and community room. Contact the office immediately if you need one or download it from the blog (*see page 6*). 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!

## Paperless Sundays

The third Sunday of each month (usually) is paperless (no printed bulletin, shown on the grids by the shading on October 18). 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](http://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](mailto: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 38<sup>th</sup> Street, northbound, between Walnut & Sansom Streets; the Greeter will validate garage tickets at Tab. *Until 1 pm* meter parking on Chestnut, 37<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

## World Communion Sunday and Neighbors in Need Offering

On Sunday, October 4 we will observe World Communion Sunday and take up the Neighbors in Need Offering, one of two special offerings we collect. Neighbors in Need is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to fund an array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCCTakeAction.org, the national JWM office offers resources, news updates and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the Justice and Peace Action Network (thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates) JWM continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties and environmental justice. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM).

## Stewardship & Congregational Meeting

This Sunday the 2010 Stewardship packets will be available! The pledge and Time & Talent forms can also be downloaded from the blog (<http://www.tabunited.livejournal.com>) and if you have given your email to the church you should receive an electronic packet on October 2. These forms will be received on Stewardship Sunday, October 18, although electronic versions can be sent to the church office via email before that. Please also consider attending the November 1 meeting about the new 2010 budget which will be voted on at our annual Congregational Meeting, after the worship service on November 22.

## One Book, One Tabernacle

*Thought provoking, stimulating, meaningful personal sharing, great book.* These are some of the responses people have had to the One Book One Tabernacle discussion circles that have been held in various neighborhoods, reading and discussing Marcus Borg's book *Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary*. Some of the groups are just now getting started, so if you haven't joined up with one it isn't too late. For more information, contact Patricia.

## Sunday School Update

As Tab's Sunday School is on the smaller side, I have been able to tailor the activities toward the kids' interests. With the addition of Carrie to the class now, I am challenged to change routine, and find more activities engaging for kids whose age difference is five years. While routine is good, being stuck in one is not, so this is a good change. I am hopeful it will lead to more fun, the kids getting to know more about themselves and their relationship with God. ~ Susan Pierce

## October Tab.Edu

*Progressive Christianity 201* - A "sequel" to *Progressive Christianity 101*, which focused on Progressive Christian responses to social issues. We will examine theology (the study of God or how we think about God) and Christology (the study of Christ or how we think about Christ), covering a wide range of individual belief systems of Progressive Christians. Tab folks will discuss their under-standings of God and Christ and answer questions.

*Body Justice* - Or, "The Injustice that Liberal Christians Overlook". While making the world more compassionate and fair to make God's realm "on earth as it is in heaven" is the essence of Jesus' teachings according to most progressive Christians, few are willing to extend this to our physical and sexual bodies, in spite of the wide ranging injustices relative to our bodies impacting our most intimate relationships, forming our self confidence and self identities, and influencing how we even define incarnation. *Passion Works*, the sexuality ministry of the Christian Association, has created a 15-minute DVD focusing on how body injustice impacts young adults. Called *Body Without Fear*, the documentary covers sexual ignorance, the impact of abstinence-only education, date rape and dating violence. The Revs. Beverly Dale and Patricia Pearce will facilitate a conversation after its showing.

**10/4** - *Progressive Christianity 201* (Jean Erb, Chris Purdom, Susan Pierce)

**10/11** - *Progressive Christianity 201* (Barbara Purdom, Russ Baldwin, plus Q & A)

**10/18** - *Body Justice*, led by Rev. Beverly Dale

**10/25** - No Tab.edu - church retreat at Appel Farm!

## Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group meets most Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Christian Association House (adjacent to Tab). To RSVP or get more information contact either Jean Erb (jeanerb (at) verizon (dot) net) or Nicole Diroff (nicolediroff (at) yahoo (dot) com). You can Google the Vanderbilt University Lectionary website to see all of the scripture readings for the current season or just come and join in the lively and enlightening discussions!

## Philadelphia Association – Fall Meeting

The Fall Meeting of the Philadelphia Association will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2009, at Collenbrook United Church, 5290 Township Line Road (at State Rd.) in Drexel Hill. Registration will begin at 3 p.m. and the meeting at 3:30. Please note that this is a half-hour later than usual, because the Podowan Presbyterian Church (Korean) has their service at Collenbrook in the afternoon. We hope you will arrive between 3 and 3:30, not earlier! You can come into the parking lot from either State Rd. or Township Line (U.S. 1), but please enter the church from the handicap-accessible sanctuary door on the Township Line side.

The theme will focus on our continuing discussion of the covenant among the churches in the Association. There will also be a discussion and vote on the Association/Conference Task Force proposal to delegate oversight for fitness reviews and interim ministry to a conference-wide task force that would be formed from persons from each association. Each church is allowed two voting lay delegates, and all licensed, commissioned, and ordained clergy have voting privileges. This will be a very important vote, so be sure that your church is represented.

Dinner will be served at about 6 p.m. We need to have dinner reservations in advance; please call Nancy Krody at 215-429-8216 (or e-mail at [nkrody@temple.edu](mailto:nkrody@temple.edu)) with the number of persons from your church who will be staying for dinner by October 19. Contact her also if you need directions.

If you would like to receive the Philadelphia Association Newsletter as an e-mail attachment (as a Word file) please send an e-mail to Nancy Krody at [nkrody@temple.edu](mailto:nkrody@temple.edu).