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Tab Connections

The newsletter of Tabernacle United Church
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Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 11:30-4:30 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

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>.

Council Update

At its regularly-scheduled meeting on January 19, Council:

- Welcomed new council members Russ Baldwin, Mia King and Ginny Rice.
- Approved the Annual Report by Clerk of Session Jim Gerhard for submission to the PCUSA and to the Pennsylvania South East Conference of the UCC.
- Re-elected Chris Purdom as Vice-Moderator, Bill Rich as Treasurer, Jim Gerhard as Clerk of Session/Council and Bob Case as chair of the Nominating Team. Council also elected Ginny Rice as Commissioner to the Philadelphia Presbytery.
- Approved a request from the Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Team that \$1,000 from the Mission budget be sent to Church World Service for Haitian relief efforts.

Choir News

Calling all singers! There are openings in the Tab Ensemble, especially for TENORS (male OR female) and BASSES! If you've been waiting for an invite or are a little shy about singing, don't hesitate. You do NOT need to read music, nor be an "accomplished" singer, just one who loves to sing and *perhaps* has some previous singing/choral experience. We rehearse three Wednesdays per month, 7:00-8:30 pm; some gather at 6:00 pm to share a meal. The schedule for January-May is below, worship services on the left, WEDNESDAY rehearsals on the right. Contact Holly at holmus@aol.com if you are interested or have questions.

JAN 31 - Warm-up 9:15 am	FEB 3 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal
FEB 7 - Warm-up 9:15 am	FEB 10 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal
FEB 14 - Warm-up 9:15 am	FEB 17 - OFF
FEB 21 - OFF	FEB 24 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal
FEB 28 - Warm-up 9:15 am	MAR 3 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal
MAR 7 - Warm-up 9:15 am	MAR 10 - OFF
MAR 14 - OFF	MAR 17 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal
MAR 21 - Warm-up 9:15 am	MAR 24 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal
MAR 28 - Warm-up 9:00 am PALM SUNDAY	MAR 31 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal
APR 4 - Warm-up 9:00 am EASTER	APR 7 - OFF
APR 11 - OFF	APR 14 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal
APR 18 - Warm-up 9:15 am	APR 21 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal
APR 25 - Warm-up 9:15 am	APR 28 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal
MAY 2 - Warm-up 9:15 am	MAY 5 - OFF
MAY 9 - OFF	MAY 12 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal
MAY 16 - Warm-up 9:15 am	MAY 19 - 6 pm: Dinner; 7 pm: Rehearsal
MAY 23 - Warm-up 9:00 am GOSPEL MUSIC SUNDAY	MAY 26 - OFF

February Service & Bulletin Roles

DATE	PREACHING	WRITING	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S TIME	QUOTE
Feb 7	Mia King, Jenny Sawyer, Kilian Kröll	Deb Burnham	Scott Poethig	Susan Collins	Holly Phares
Feb 14	Todd Koser, Verona Stern, Dick Fernandez	Chris Purdom	Russell Baldwin	Katherine Huseman	Susan Collins
Feb 21	Jean Erb	Suzanne Spaulding	Lynn Lees	Beverly Dale	Susan Wargo
Feb 28	Susan Pierce, Maurine Doggett, Verona Stern	Barbara Purdom	Kilian Kröll	Donald Wargo	Mia King

February Supporting Roles

DATE	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR	COUNTER	RECYCLING	COMPOST/FOOD TRANSPORT
Feb 7	Wendy & Justin Klein Keane	Deb Burnham & Todd Koser	Mia King/Chris Purdom	Kip Leitner	Deb Ahrens (F)
Feb 14	Andy & Lynn Lees	Katherine Huseman & Mike Ehling	Jean Erb	Laura Line	Patricia Pearce (C)
Feb 21	Deb Ahrens & Scott Poethig	Kip Leitner & Lee Pugh	Bob Case	Patricia Pearce	Susan Collins (F)
Feb 28	Ginny & John Rice	Maurine Doggett & Jim Thacker	Ginny Rice	Verona Stern	Kip Leitner (C)

February & March Communion Rotations

DATE	CO-OFFICIATING	SET-UP & SERVING	CLEAN-UP & SERVING	PICKING UP BREAD +
Feb 7	Jean Erb & Geneva Butz	Ken Gritter	Jim Thacker	Lee Pugh
Mar 7	Maurine Doggett & Patricia Pearce	Nicole Diroff	Jessica Culley	Russell Baldwin

+ Bread donated by Four Worlds Bakery, 4423 Chestnut St.; it should be picked up the day before.

Paperless Sundays

The third Sunday of each month is paperless (no printed bulletin), as shown on the grids by the shading on February 21 (page 7). 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 Sts. is FREE to those with a Tab ID on the dashboard. (Get it from the website: http://tabunited.org/images/TAB_Parking.pdf, or the Greeter.) To dispute a ticket received during a service, call Corinne O'Connor, PPA Director of Enforcement, at 215-683-9431, or the PPA's public advocate, Frank DeAngelis, at 215-683-9614.

Ash Wednesday and Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group will host a meditation time for February 17, Ash Wednesday, at its regular meeting time, 5:30 pm at the Christian House. All are welcome to join the group. The Bible Study Group meets most Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at CA House (adjacent to Tab). To RSVP or get more information contact either Jean Erb ([jeanerb \(at\) verizon \(dot\) net](mailto:jeanerb@verizon.net)) or Nicole Diroff ([nicolediroff \(at\) yahoo \(dot\) com](mailto:nicolediroff@yahoo.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!

Lenten Players

During each worship service in Lent we will be enacting a short theatrical piece of one to two minutes: mime, spoken word and dance. If you have interest in enacting during worship or collaborating, call Kip Leitner at 215-769-5349.

Tab.Edu

February Tab.edu continues the 12-session DVD and web-based study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God, featuring John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg.

Topics include:

- Why did Jesus happen when he happened?
- Why the confluence of the Baptism movement of John and the Kingdom movement of Jesus?
- Why the confrontations in Jerusalem? Why then? Why there?
- What were the priorities of Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom?
- How was the status quo of Roman imperial theology subverted by this obscure Galilean whose message continues to indict empire today?

It is not necessary to attend all twelve sessions in order to learn from Borg and Crossan. Attend all or some!

The Christian Association at Penn has graciously offered the use of their space for viewing the DVDs and discussing the material, so the weekly Tab.edu sessions will begin at 11:45 am over at the CA each Sunday in this series, not in the Sunday School room at Tab. Study facilitators are Beverly Dale, Lynn Lees, Donald Wargo and Susan Wargo.

Tab Prayer Group

A new opportunity to pray with others! TAB Prayer Group starts Sunday, February 21 at 8:30 am in the CA House. We will gather every third Sunday of the month. Come join us for a meaningful and heartwarming time praying for others. Jesus said: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

TabFlix at Home

Have you ever watched a good movie and wished you had shared it with friends? Then join us for TabFlix at Home. Starting this month, The Fun! Group will sponsor an evening of popcorn and a movie in a Tab friend's warm home. The host chooses the movie, you provide any desired snack beyond popcorn.

The Collins/Quant Family is hosting the first TabFlix on Saturday, February 6 at 7:30 pm. RSVP to Susan. The movie will be either *The Green Mile* or *The Fisher King* (Note: both are adult-themed.) If you'd like to host a TabFlix, choose a date and movie and contact The FUN! Group.

FUN! Group Meets Again

The FUN! Group will gather on Sunday, February 28 at 9 am. Help plan events, build community, and enjoy some good time together when you join us at a table in the Community Room for treats, fun! and conversation. All are welcome and if you can't make it, please share your ideas with any member of The FUN! Group (see the list of members in the new directory).

Rotations

The schedule is on the Greeter's table, the fridge and the office & community room bulletin boards. Contact the office ASAP to get a copy or download it from the blog (see page 6). Please call or email the office when swapping dates (the info above reflects changes made), and check the schedule before going out of town! Now is also the time to contact the office about when you cannot be here on Sundays during the second quarter of the year (April-May-June). Please send all "blackout" dates for the second quarter to the church office (tabernacle@tabunited.org) by March 1.

Women's Week Event

A voice for justice, Bernice Johnson Reagon, the founder of the *a capella* group "Sweet Honey in the Rock" from DC will be speaking at Penn on Feb. 24 as part of Women's Week. For further details see Beverly Dale, revbev@pobox.upenn.edu.

Sunday School Update

After spending over two years in the Hebrew scriptures we started with the Greek scriptures over Christmas. We focused on how Jesus, especially as a baby, was not your idea of a typical hero. The youth continue to amaze me with their honesty during our own Joys, Concerns and Calls time. They continue to astound me with their insights into God and human behavior during the "lesson". I am pleased to say that we are small, but mighty. ~ Susan Pierce

Food Donations

Now that we are in the post-holiday season don't forget that food donations are more needed than ever. Let's bring in something for the food donation box next to the kitchen door each Sunday and help to keep those pantry shelves stocked! We have someone scheduled now to take the food over to the Cathedral every other Sunday (see the rotation grids) so let's see what the Tab community can do!

Worship Leadership and Pastoral Care

Suzanne Spaulding, who has been filling in for Patricia during December and January, will be moving on to do interim work at another church. For the month of February Jean Erb will be filling this position.

Message from Suzanne

Dear TAB Community,

It has been my pleasure and joy to fill in for Patricia in the past weeks. Thank you to so many who stepped up to the plate joining hands and hearts to fill in the gaps created by my previous commitments to supply preach elsewhere. Thank you for your support and words of encouragement. You are an amazing community and I feel privileged to participate with you and to serve you.

With peace and joy,

Suzanne