

**Tabernacle United Church**  
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## **Tab Connections**

The newsletter of Tabernacle United Church  
**37<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Streets**  
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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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March 2010

### **About TAB: Staff**

Ministers.....TAB congregation  
Pastor.....Rev. Patricia Pearce  
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](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>.

### **Lenten Ministry**

This Lenten Season the congregation is focused on Hunger. In order to address the issue of hunger in Philadelphia we will support City Harvest through the City Soup program. The community-based City Harvest network raises naturally grown vegetables and distributes them to Philadelphians who lack access or the means to purchase fresh produce. City Harvest also provides nutrition education with the Health Promotion Council through cooking demonstrations and tastings that encourage consumption of fresh, healthy produce. Nicole Diroff worked with the program last summer and is quite impressed with the City Harvest.

We will support City Harvest through donations given each week at the soup lunches provided instead of snacks for Coffee Hour. We are asked to donate what we would have spent on a more expensive meal. City Harvest is one of the programs supported by the Hunger Coalition. You can learn more about the Hunger Coalition, City Soup, and City Harvest by going to [www.hungercoalition.org/citysoup](http://www.hungercoalition.org/citysoup).

### 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 remainder of the spring schedule 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.

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

### March Service & Bulletin Roles

DATE	PREACHING	WRITING	LITURGIST	CHILDREN'S TIME	QUOTE
Mar 7	Jean Erb	Todd Koser	Ginny Rice	Barbara Purdom	Katherine Huseman
Mar 14	<b>Jean Erb</b>	<b>Beverly Dale</b>	<b>Susan Wargo</b>	<b>Katherine Huseman</b>	<b>Pauline Abernathy</b>
Mar 21	HLR	Susan Wargo	Deb Burnham	Deb Burnham	Deb Burnham
Mar 28	<b>Larry Singh</b>	<b>Deb Burnham</b>	<b>Suzanne Spaulding</b>	<b>Katrina Culley</b>	<b>Nancy Agati</b>

### March Supporting Roles

DATE	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR	COUNTER	RECYCLING	COMPOST/ FOOD TRANSPORT
Mar 7	Chris Purdom, Marge Conn	J. Goldstein & L. Line	R. Baldwin/L. Singh	S. Teegen-Case	Nicole Diroff (F)
Mar 14	<b>John &amp; Ginny Rice</b>	<b>N. Diroff &amp; M. Gibson</b>	<b>Jean Erb</b>	<b>R. Wentworth</b>	<b>Todd Koser (C)</b>
Mar 21	Deb Ahrens & Lee Pugh	M. Doggett & J. Thacker	Mike Ehling	Andy Lees	J. Culley (F)
Mar 28	<b>Ken &amp; Martha Gritter</b>	<b>S. Collins &amp; T. Koser</b>	<b>M. King &amp; C. Purdom</b>	<b>Bob Case</b>	<b>R. Wentworth (C)</b>

### March Communion Rotations

DATE	CO-OFFICIATING	SET-UP & SERVING	CLEAN-UP & SERVING	PICKING UP BREAD +
Mar 7	<b>Maurine Doggett &amp; Jean Erb</b>	<b>Nicole Diroff</b>	<b>Jessica Culley</b>	<b>Russell Baldwin</b>

+ 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 March 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](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 Sts. is FREE to those with a Tab ID on the dashboard. (Get it from the website: [http://tabunited.org/images/TAB\\_Parking.pdf](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.

## Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group meets each Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Christian Association House (adjacent to Tab). All are welcome to join the group. 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

Tab.edu continues through March with the 12-session DVD-based study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God, featuring John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. Topics studied will range from Why did Jesus happen when he happened? Why the confrontation in Jerusalem? Why then? Why there? to What were the priorities of Jesus' proclamation for the Kingdom? How was the status quo of Roman imperial theology subverted by this obscure Galilean whose message continues to indict empire today? Is America the new Rome? It is not necessary to attend all sessions in order to learn from Borg and Crossan. Attending all or some or one is fine! Study facilitators for the month of March are Donald Wargo and Susan Wargo. The study will conclude on March 28.

## Tab Prayer Group

A new opportunity to pray with others! TAB Prayer Group started 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."

## New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia: Solidarity – Then and Now

A reunion of 1980s sanctuary congregations with today's New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia. Thursday, March 4, 7-9pm, Tabernacle United Church. Come for an evening of storytelling and inspiration with Philadelphia leaders from the original Sanctuary Movement of the 1980s together with the NEW Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia. We look forward to celebrating this special experience with many old and new friends!

We will be honoring Philadelphia congregations that were part of the 1980s sanctuary movement -- including Central Baptist Church, FUMCOG, Tabernacle, St. Vincents, Germantown Friends, Chestnut Hill Friends, Mishkan Shalom, and possibly others. We will also officially welcome Mishkan Shalom and Visitation BVM (and possibly one more) as the first congregations to affiliate with Philadelphia NSM. Families from El Salvador and Guatemala who were accompanied by the Philadelphia sanctuary congregations in the 1980s will be present to tell about their experience. Ruben and Anthony will share a spoken word performance about current realities in the Philadelphia immigrant community today.

Yatz will perform a solo dance reflection on immigration, accompanied by Juan on guitar.

Photographer and activist Harvey Finkle is sharing a portfolio of his photos from the 1980s movement. See his current work photographing Indonesian, Burmese, Cambodian, and Mexican communities in Philadelphia at [www.harveyfinkle.com](http://www.harveyfinkle.com)

NSM will share about the Storytelling Project, with personal story sharing by one of the project participants from South Philly. <http://www.wildriverreview.com/intro/open-borders/welcome-to-open-borders/lyonsportillo/oct09>

All are welcome! Bring friends. More info about NSM and details about this event at [www.nsmphilly.blogspot.com](http://www.nsmphilly.blogspot.com). Remember to join the New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia group on Facebook, too!

## FUN! Group Meets Again

The Fun! Group will meet for laughter, breakfast treats and planning (yes, we had to fit that in too) on Sunday, March 14 at 9 am in the Community room. Please join us if you like to laugh, eat and create and schedule fun events for the Tab Community.

## 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](mailto:tabernacle@tabunited.org)) by March 1.

## 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 rotation grids*) and Tab folks have been so generous that we've received this thank-you note in the mail:

*Dearest Tabernacle Congregation,*

*We are so pleased that your parishioners continue to give food stuffs to the Philadelphia Cathedral.*

*Our Outreach Program is very important to our congregation and the people it serves. Also, be assured that the West Philly community served by the People's Emergency Center are grateful as well.*

*Enclosed is a bookmark and my email address regarding our 2010 Outreach Campaign.*

*I look forward to hearing, working and doing outreach with you!*

*Thank you,*

*Stacey M. Duke-Middleton*