

“God’s Anointed”

(1 Samuel 16:1-13)

“Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.” (1 Samuel 16:13a)

Tricky Treason

Provocative Parallels:

- *Bethlehem* (1 Sam. 16:1)
- *God looks on the heart* (1 Sam. 16:7)
- *God chooses the youngest* (1 Sam. 16:12)
- *Anointing a new King* (1 Sam. 16:13)
- *The rush of God’s Spirit* (1 Sam. 16:13)
- *Ensuing Conflict* (1 Sam. 16:14 ff)

Joyful Jubilee



Tabor Mennonite Church

Worship: 9:15 am Fellowship Time: 10:30 am Faith Formation: 10:45 am

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*As God’s children and the body of Christ, we are called by God
to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.*

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Year of the Bible

“Living Into God’s Story”

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United Monarchy

Gathering

PRELUDE Mark and Joshua Schmidt

WELCOME Worship Leader, Leann Toews

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Willis and Thelma Goerzen
“Nun Ist Sie Erschienen” -v. 1-2 in English No. 52CS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 18:46-50*

Leader: The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock,
People: and exalted be the God of my salvation,

Leader: God delivered me from my enemies.

People: God saved me from violence.

Leader: For this I will extol you, O Lord, among the nations,

People: and sing praises to your name.

Leader: Great triumphs he gives to his king,

People: and shows steadfast love to his anointed,

All: to David and his descendants forever.

*GATHERING HYMN *“O come, O come, Immanuel” -vv. 4-6* No. 172

*GATHERING PRAYER

Praising

*HYMN OF PRAISE *“Bless’d be the God of Israel”* No. 174
 Accompanist, Cynthia Goerzen

*GREETING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Please pass MCC kit items to the center aisle.*

Proclaiming

WORSHIP MUSIC *“There’s a Song in the Air”* Adult Worship Team

CHILDREN’S STORY Carrie Unruh

SCRIPTURE READING *I Samuel 16:1-13* Donavon Schmidt

SERMON *“God’s Anointed”* Pastor Phil Schmidt

Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE *“Hail to the Lord’s anointed”* No. 185
 Accompanist, Deloris Schmidt

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

Sending

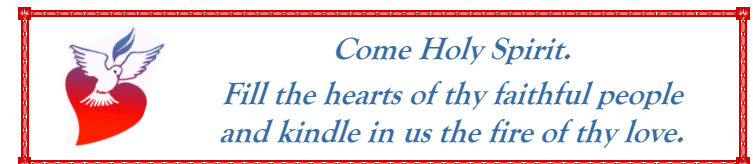
*SENDING HYMN *“Come, thou long-expected Jesus”* No. 178
 Violinist, Abby Schrag

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today

Today we continue our yearlong journey through the Bible by focusing on David being anointed King while Saul was technically still ruling over the people of Israel (1 Samuel 16). When Samuel anointed David, God’s Spirit rushed upon him from that day forward. Many years later, Jesus came as God’s anointed one in the line of David. Jesus was also filled with God’s spirit and he proclaimed the good news of God’s kingdom. Therefore, may we put our trust in God’s true anointed one, Christ our King.



Today continued

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Kenton, Eunice and Lydia Nickel and Gayle Funk and Brian and Carson Voth. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Nancy Schroeder in the nursery during the worship service.

10:30—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks: from 1 Samuel 17:17-18.

10:45—Faith Formation for everyone.

Adults: *note change in location for this Sunday only*

—Bible Study-Rm. 112

—Biblical People-Library

—Discussion-Rms. *Fellowship hall* and 211

—Drama-Sanctuary

On the table in the foyer are **Prayer Request Cards**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

This Week

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 p.m.—Worship Fellowship meeting

Wednesday, December 18 *Supper will not be served.*

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

6:30—6:45 p.m.—Grade 2-8 music practice for Christmas Eve program.

6:45—7:45 p.m.—Christmas Eve program practice. Pre-K dismissed by 7:15

7:00 p.m.—TMYF

7:45 p.m.—Adult Choir

Saturday, December 21

9:00 a.m.—Women & Girls Christmas Brunch *See announcements for details.*

6:00—8:00 p.m.—Night in the Barn *See announcements for details*

Pastor Phil and Mary will be on vacation from December 18-27.

Next Sunday, December 22

9:00 a.m.—Prelude

9:15 a.m.—Next Sunday we will reflect on the mystery of God's coming in the person of Jesus. The Adult Choir will proclaim God's Good News through song. Scripture for reflection is Isaiah 7:10-15 and Matthew 1:18-25.

10:30 a.m.—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

Next Sunday continued

Advent Offering: MCC Relief kits for The Philippines. Next Sunday you are invited to bring: 1 fingernail clipper (good quality), 1 box adhesive bandages (min. 40, assorted), 1 pkg. sanitary pads (18-24 count thin maxi).

6:00—8:00 p.m.—Night in the Barn *See announcements for details*

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: In the midst of this busy season, attend one of the many special programs that celebrate the arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Celebrate in song, art, drama and worship! Thank God for church staff and volunteers who have dreamed and planned and offered their gifts to make these celebrations come alive.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Justin Shenk and Valerie Showalter of MMN request prayer for the Round Chapel where they worship and serve in the East End of London. Pray for unity of vision as members discern how God is calling the congregation to proactive discipleship.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Lezha (Albania) Academic Center would appreciate prayers as they enter the holiday season. This time of year gives many opportunities to talk about topics of faith and celebrate the grace and gift of salvation. Please pray that they will make the most of the opportunities to share this "Good News" with their students.

Announcements

Thank you so much for supporting the Peace Connections vision for *thriving communities sustained by social justice and compassion*. We appreciate your generous gift of \$425, and are pleased to partner with you in the work of promoting peace and building community! Special thanks to Leann and Jerry Toews for providing the meal and invitation to make a contribution. Bless You!
-Myrna Krehbiel, for Peace Connections Board and Staff

Wednesday Evenings in December: Regular Wednesday evening activities concluded on December 4. See "This Week" for details for the Wednesday schedule for the remainder of December. On January 8 there will be a pizza and game night. Regular scheduling will resume on January 15.

The Christmas Giving Tree: If you took a tag off the giving tree, please wrap your gifts(s) and return to the credit union by TOMORROW, December 16. The gifts will be delivered by the Ministerial Alliance. Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas with families in our community!

Women and Girls Christmas Brunch: Saturday, December 21, at 9am. All women are welcome. Please come and bring a friend to this special morning. Tammy Duvanel Unruh is the guest speaker, enjoy singing Christmas Carols and Prayer Sisters will be revealed. Remember to sign up today on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. Include the number of guests you will be bringing.

Open House: The community is invited to an open house at Jerry and Leann Toew's place on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 2-4 p.m. Many have asked to see their nativities. They will all be displayed. If you want to make donations to MCC for the Philippine disaster, you may do so that day. No food will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Night in the Barn: The Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship will share their annual living nativity, Night in the Barn, on Dec 21 and 22 from 6-8 p.m. The llama that gives kisses, the big cow with her little calf, the sheep wearing bells, and the donkeys that share their love of people—these are a few of the critters who will assemble in the barn of Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen between Goessel and Hillsboro. The come-and-go event will feature unique perspectives from the innkeeper and a shepherd, and Christmas carols. Visitors are welcome to gather around a bonfire and enjoy hot drinks as part of the evening's activities. Admission is free and donations to the youth group will be accepted. Directions to Night in the Barn: From Goessel: 3 miles north on Hiway 15, 4 miles east on 150th, $\frac{3}{4}$ north on Falcon. From Hillsboro, 4 miles south on Indigo, 3 west on 150th, $\frac{3}{4}$ north on Falcon. From McPherson, Hiway 56 to Hiway 15 south, 5 miles on Hiway 15 to 150th, 4 miles east on 150th and $\frac{3}{4}$ north on Falcon. (Follow these directions and not GPS directions.) For more information, call 620-367-8432 or 620-386-0709.

Remembering Mission Partners Joe and Anna Sawatzky: While the Sawatzky family anticipates the culmination of eight years at Bethany Bible School towards the end of 2014, your ongoing financial gifts will help Anna and Joe prepare for a strong transition and stabilize the leadership they have nurtured for the ongoing ministry of Bethany Bible School. Any contributions over and above Joe and Anna's expenses will be used for Mennonite Mission Network's continuing ministry in South Africa. You may donate online at: <http://www.mennonitemission.net/Donate/Pages/Home.aspx> or mail checks to Mennonite Mission Network, P.O. Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515-0370. Include Joe and Anna's name on the memo line.

Annual Reports are due in the church office by the end of December.

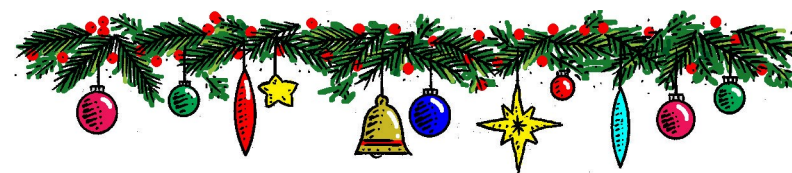
Directory Updates are now due. Please contact the church office with additions, changes or corrections to the Tabor Church Directory. If you would like your cell phone number listed in the directory please let us know.

Database information: Please submit your cell phone number to the church office so that it can be included on the emergency call list. *We will not list your cell phone number in the directory unless you have specified that we do so.*

Additional announcements are on the Community and Conference announcement sheets received via email or mailboxes. Additional sheets are in the literature rack in the foyer.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
December 8, 2013

Offering	=	\$ 4,768.00	Attendance	=	163
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 62.98	Attendance	=	51
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 8.39	Attendance	=	19



Christmas At Tabor

December 22, 9:15 am: The Adult Choir will be featured during our worship service as they lead us in joyful song, celebrating the birth of Christ.

December 24, 7:00 pm: Tabor children will present the Christmas Eve Program "A Savior is Born". A special offering will be received for MCC relief kits for distribution in the Philippines. Make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with MCC Kits on the memo line.

December 25, 10:00 am: Christmas Day! Celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas morning. A special offering for IBA (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) will be received. Make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with IBA on the memo line.

December 29, 9:15 am: Sunday after Christmas. Our annual Christmas social hour will take place during the formation hour. Please bring Christmas goodies to share as we fellowship and celebrate together. Children's Sunday school and Adult Formation Stations will not meet.