

# God In Our Midst ...



Tabor Mennonite Church

January 26, 2014



## ... Joining God at Work



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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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No. 4

Gathering

PRELUDE

Jerry Toews

INTROIT *“Praise to the Lord who reigns above”* -No. 54

Adult Choir

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Pastor Phil Schmidt

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 95*

Leader: O come, let us sing . . .

**People: and hum and dance and clap our hands!**

Leader: O come, let us make a joyful noise . . .

**People: by shouting and stomping and snapping our fingers!**

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord, the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,  
 making joyful noises and singing the Lord’s praises!

For great is our God!

**People: How great?**

Leader: Very great!

For in God’s hands are the depths of the earth  
 and the heights of the mountains!

The seas are the Lord’s, for God is their Creator.

The land is the Lord’s, for God’s hands formed,  
 shaped, and blessed the earth!

**People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

Leader: O come, let us worship,

**People: and bow down and kneel in reverence,  
 lifting our voices in awe!**

**All: Let us sing to God, the rock of our salvation!**

\*GATHERING HYMN

*“O come, loud anthems let us sing”*

No. 68

\*GATHERING PRAYER

Praising

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*“Give me joy in my heart”*

No. 25CS

\*GREETING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaiming

ANTHEM

*“In Thee is Joy”* -Bach, arr. by Rodby

Adult Choir

CHILDREN’S STORY

Leann Toews

MINISTRY REPORTS

Pastors, Deacons, Trustees,  
 Christian Education, Worship/Fellowship

REFRAIN *Psalm 117*

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

**People: For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
 and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

Responding

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*“Praise God from whom”*

No. 119

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

\*SENDING SONG

*“Lead us in your light”*

No. 139CS

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE



*Come Holy Spirit.*

*Fill the hearts of thy faithful people  
 and kindle in us the fire of thy love.*

## Today

Today we pause to look back and recognize how God has been working in our midst. During our morning worship, we will hear Psalms from our church commissions that highlight how we have experienced God in this past year. As we hear these creative reports, may we catch a fresh vision for joining God at work in this coming year as well!

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Gary, Angie, Olivia and Zach Duerksen and Jim and Diana Schmidt. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Mary Schmidt in the nursery during the worship service.

**10:30**—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks: Fruit cups (Song of Solomon 4:13)

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

**Noon**—Delicious NOON MEAL and DESSERT AUCTION in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and support the TMYF summer service trip while enjoying a scrumptious lunch and the delightful auctioneering skills of our very own Van Schmidt as he takes your bids on the finest homemade desserts you can sink your teeth into!

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.

**2:30 p.m.**—**Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum Annual Meeting**

Area historian Brian Stucky will be the special speaker at Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's annual meeting at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. 2014 is the 140th anniversary year of Russian Mennonites settling in south central Kansas and the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the museum. The meeting will end with faspa.

## This Week

### Tuesday, January 28

**12:00 pm**—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Leann Toews home.

### Wednesday, January 29

**9-10 am**—Women's Bible Study

### **Wednesday Evening Activities**

**6:00**—Supper *Please sign up for the meal*

**6:30**—Sonbeams and Children's Music

**6:40**—Faithful Fitness

**6:45**—Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers, Adult Bible Study

**6:50**—Faith Friends

**7:00**—TMYF

**7:45**—Adult Choir

## Next Sunday, February 2

**9:00 a.m.**—Prelude

**9:15 a.m.**—Next Sunday we will continue our yearlong journey through the Bible by reflecting on wisdom as described in the book of Proverbs. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

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

*The Drama Formation Station will return for February and March. This station will meet in the Sanctuary.*

## Prayer Requests

*The following requests were shared on January 19.*

★ Myron Voth asked that we pray for wisdom, courage, and trust for the Finance Task Force, who will be meeting in these next weeks to begin discerning the potential scope for a Tabor building project.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Caring Quilts are home this week.
- ★ **Western District Conference:** Pray for Marlene Bogard, Minister of Christian Formation, as she continues to develop and post resources on the Year of the Bible website that is available to all Mennonite Church USA congregations.
- ★ **Mennonite Mission Network:** MMN's Service Adventure unit leaders will conclude a four-day meeting in New Orleans tomorrow. Pray for physical and spiritual renewal as they share their joys and challenges and encourage each other for continued ministry.
- ★ **Mennonite Education Agency:** Dear God of all peoples, on this World Fellowship Sunday, we give thanks for your all-inclusive family. May we accept and respect unconditionally each child in our lives as one of your children. May they also befriend those who look and dress differently, those who speak and act differently, those whose preferences are different, those who irritate and mistreat others. Help us to sense that we are a part of the family of God. Amen  
Submitted by: Kathryn Aschliman, Mennonite Early Childhood Network.

## Announcements

**Thank You** Tabor Church Family for all the food, cards, calls and concern expressed since my accident. I believe God held the children and me in his arms.

—Ann Thiesen

**Positive year-end response to IBA funding crisis:** Thanks to a year-end wave of financial gifts for Mennonite Education Agency's (MEA) Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education (HPLE) office, Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA, or Anabaptist Biblical Institute) will not face potential program reductions in the coming months. An additional \$22,000 needs to be raised during the current fiscal year, which ends on July 31, 2014. "We are very grateful for this outpouring of gifts," said Ken Gingerich, MEA development associate. "While this is not a huge amount when compared to what other educational organizations raise, in our situation it is absolutely life giving." *For complete article, please see Community Announcement Sheet. Tabor Church Thanksgiving and Christmas Day offerings totaling \$1550.50 were designated for IBA.*

**Membership Class:** Are you interested in learning more about Tabor or joining as a member? Pastor Phil will facilitate a membership class during the month of May. Please let him know if you are interested in being a part of this class.

**Night in the Barn** was canceled this year due to the weather. But your hearts can still be warmed by the audio recording of this year's NIB drama: "The Shepherd and the Innkeeper" on the Tabor Church website. The drama can easily be found by clicking on the Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship link and playing each of the six tracks. Actors are Mark Schmidt as the shepherd and Reece Hiebert as the innkeeper.

**It's that time again when we send Care Packages to College Students!** You may either choose a specific student and place the contents into a gallon size zip-lock bag OR just give any items and we will distribute among the students. Please place the items on a table (which will be designated) in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Feb 9. The packages will be made & sent that day. Thanks for caring for our college students! Direct questions to Gayle Funk. Students: James Goerzen, Michelle Unruh, Natalie Unruh (Bethel College), Leah Unruh, Hayden Goerzen (Goshen College - Hayden is living at home doing an internship in Newton), Josh Booth (Hesston College), Austin Unruh (Hutch CC), Shelby Unruh (KS State Univ), Kathleen Bair (Tabor College), Grace Unruh (KS Univ), Monica Voth (Washburn Univ.).

**The Women's Bible Study** began January 22, meeting from 9 -10 am for 6 weeks. All women are invited to come as we seek to learn from the prayers Jesus prayed. This unique, in-depth look at the prayers of Jesus will give you new insights into the prayer, the character of God, and how to deepen your relationship with him. Any questions contact Brenda Buller 367-8334.

**Save the date!** Tabor's 2nd Annual Marriage Enrichment Retreat will take place on March 21-23 at The Barn Bed and Breakfast Inn/Retreat Center (NE of Topeka). This retreat is open to married couples of all ages. More details to come.

**Anabaptist Visioning and Discipleship Series 2014:** Are you interested in thinking more about how to make the Bible come alive? Join us at Hesston College on February 21-23 for an excellent weekend of interaction around the theme of "Reading the Bible in an Instagram World." Michele Hershberger, Marion Bontrager, Jeremy Kempf, and Ted Swartz will all be sharing throughout this weekend. If you are interested in going, **please sign up with Kim in the church office.** Cost is \$80/person, however, Tabor's Worship Fellowship and Education Commissions are offering \$40 scholarships for anyone wishing to attend. For information about the conference, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**Kansas MCC Relief Sale** has some positions that need to be filled. You can make a difference in a hurting world by giving of your time. For details please see the MCC Relief Sale flyer found in mail boxes or emailed to you last week.

*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

January 19, 2013

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| Offering   | = | \$ 4,566.92 | Attendance | = | 193 |
| Adult S.S. | = | \$ 50.04    | Attendance | = | 61  |
| Jr. S.S.   | = | \$ 11.28    | Attendance | = | 18  |