

ADVENT CONSPIRACY



GIVE MORE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Volume LIX

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GATHERING/PRAISING

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME Luke Unruh

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE "Nun Ist Sie Erschienen" No. 52CS
-v. 1-2 in German
Russ, Sharleen, Tristan and Aubrielle Francis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.

People: God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might live through him.

Leader: No one has greater love than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

People: Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
all your soul, and all your mind.
Love your neighbor as yourself."

All: We love because he first loved us.

*GATHERING HYMN "O, how shall I receive thee" No. 182

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Comfort, comfort, O my people" No. 176

*PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.

OUTREACH MOMENT Kim Funk

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY Ilona Abrahams
SPECIAL MUSIC "Gesu Bambino" Katherine and Peter Goerzen
SCRIPTURE *Matthew 1:18-25* Krista Graber, Steve Janzen
The Word of God for the People of God ~ ***Thanks be to God!***
SERMON "Give More" Pastor Doug Krehbiel

RESPONDING

HYMN OF RESPONSE "O come, O come, Immanuel" -vv. 1, 2, 5, 6 No. 172
PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING
OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Please pass items for school kits to the center aisle*
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Phil Schmidt

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN "Fling wide the door, unbar the gate!" No. 186
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE

Today

TODAY as we continue through the advent season we will focus on the third of four "Advent Conspiracy" themes. Today's theme is *give more*. We will be looking at the incredible generosity of God and lift up ways that we join God in giving gifts of the Kingdom.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Nathan, Krista, Elaina, Peter and Daniel Graber and Fred and Diane Unruh. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Janna Duerksen during the worship service. 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.

The poinsettia is shared with us from the Jerry Schroeder family.

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time



Today Continued

11:00 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone
Adult Quarterly Bible Study - Rooms 112 & 211
Worship Response/Discussion - Room 113
Parents of Small Children - Room 13
Young Adults/College Age - Pastor Doug's Office

This Week

Tuesday, December 16

12:00 p.m.—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch at Bethesda *please sign up*

12:30 p.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, December 17

Wednesday Evening Activities

5:45 - 6:30 p.m.—Supper *Please sign up*

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.—Christmas Eve practice for 3 yr. olds—8th grade.
(3 yr. old-Kindergarten may leave at 7:00)

—Faithful Fitness

7:30 - 7:45 p.m.—Grades 1-8 music practice for Christmas Eve

6:45 - 7:30 p.m.—Adult Bible Study

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.—TMYF

7:45 - 8:45 p.m.—Adult Choir

Thursday, December 18

6:00 p.m.—Worship Fellowship

Saturday, December 20

9:00 a.m.—Tabor Women and Girls Christmas Brunch

6:00 p.m.—Post College/Pre Family at Jason and Anna Unruh's home.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.—Night in the Barn

Next Sunday, December 21

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.— Next Sunday we continue reflecting on Advent Conspiracy themes by considering how we might *Love All* this Christmas Season. Carol Duerksen will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time

11:00 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. Adults: Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp will share about their recent trip with Mennonite Central Committee to Israel and Palestine. Come to listen, learn, and reflect together.

Advent Offering: We are collecting supplies for school kits during our offering time throughout Advent. Next Sunday you are invited to bring 1 large pencil eraser and 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.—Night in the Barn

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for God's guidance in the search for a new Western District Conference Minister led by the Executive Board appointed Search Committee.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Alfonsina Oyanguren, who serves in Argentina with MMN, has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She has to travel 800 miles for surgery and a treatment regimen. Pray for peace and healing for Alfonsina. Pray also for husband, José, and their four children as they miss Alfonsina at home.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for motivation and clarity of vision for students graduating from Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va. in December and for those anticipating graduation in April.

Announcements

Thank You

To my Tabor Church family. Thank you very much for remembering me on my 90th birthday. The beautiful flowers were very special. The visits and cards will be cherished for a very long time. ~Helen Schmidt.

Thank you for all the expressions of concern and caring - prayers, cards, phone calls and visits - during my recent back surgery and recovery. A special thank you to Pastor's Phil and Rosie for their visits. It was all so much appreciated. ~Joyce Watts

We praise God for a wonderful community Christmas celebration last Sun., Dec. 7, at Alexanderwohl! At least 245 people gathered to usher in the Christmas season with music by the McPherson Brass Choir, directed by Jerry Toews. A special musical number was also provided by Kyle and Braden Unruh on the trumpet and Karen Unruh on the organ. An offering of \$1,016.50 was received. We give thanks for a generous offering that we can pour right back into the Goessel community!

~Goessel Ministerial Alliance Pastors:

Phil Schmidt, Brad Penner, Steve Schmidt and Linda Ewert.

Greetings from Camp Mennoscah:

We want to send our thanks to our many volunteers who blessed us with the gift of giving when they volunteered their time during busy summer schedules to help at camp. A great camp environment made up of God and community was created for 537 campers for the summer of 2014. A wonderful time was had by all. Camp would not be possible without the support of our fantastic volunteers. Thanks to Tabor's volunteers: Angelina Adame, Jill Brandt, Mark Schmidt, Kristen Unruh, Michael Unruh. We Love our camp volunteers!

Tabor Church Women & Girls: Please come to our annual Christmas Brunch Sat., Dec. 20 at 9:00 a.m. Caroling, special story for girls, and our speaker will be Dorothy Nickel Friesen – former Mennonite pastor and WDC Minister will be bringing a special meditation. Please sign up TODAY to attend and sign up if you would like to decorate a table. Contact Carrie Unruh if you have a special diet.

Night in the Barn: The Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship will share their annual living nativity on December 20 and 21 from 6-8 pm. on the farm of Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen. 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. See bulletin board or the December newsletter for more information.

Please let Pastor Phil know if you are interested in:

- joining Tabor as a member
- attending Mennonite World Conference in Harrisburg, PA this summer (July 21-July 26)
- attending Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City this summer (June 30-July 5) as a Tabor Delegate.

The Mennonite group subscriptions are available. Forms for new subscriptions and renewals and a box to return them are on the table in the foyer. Please include a check for \$37 with your renewal form by December 21.

The Goessel Ministerial Alliance Christmas Giving Tree: Gifts need to be wrapped and brought to the bank by Monday, December 15.

Fiscal Year End Reports and Updates: It's time to submit annual reports for the Tabor 2014 report book. Updates for the church directory should also be submitted at this time. Email kfunk@tabormennonite.org or turn in to the church office no later than January 5.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus: Now is the annual sign-up period for the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus! See the sign-up notice posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. We are looking at an exciting 2015 singing year with concerts scheduled for Memorial Hall on the Bethel College campus, Presser Hall on the Bethany College campus in Lindsborg as well as a concert during the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City. For additional information or questions ask your Tabor Church contact, Donavon Schmidt. Please register by December 24 if possible.

Missed a Worship Service? CD's and DVD's are available to check out and can be found on the lower shelf of the north facing mailboxes. DVD's can be viewed on a computer or Blu-ray player. You may also view the "Proclaiming" portion of the worship service on Tabor's website (www.tabormennonite.org). Go to Worship: Sunday Morning Worship / Sermons).

The Red Cross Blood Mobile at Goessel Church Dec. 22, 2-6pm. Please consider donating blood. There is also opportunity to help. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
December 7, 2014

Offering	= \$ 6,596.51	Attendance	= 173
Adult S.S.	= \$ 41.24	Attendance	= 58
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 17.15	Attendance	= 24

Christmas



Women and Girls Christmas Brunch

December 20, 9:00 a.m.

All women, girls and their guests are invited.

Night in the Barn

December 20 - 21, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

On the farm of Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 7:00 p.m.

"The ABC's of Christmas"

Christmas Morning Worship

December 25, 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate the Birth of the Christ Child



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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