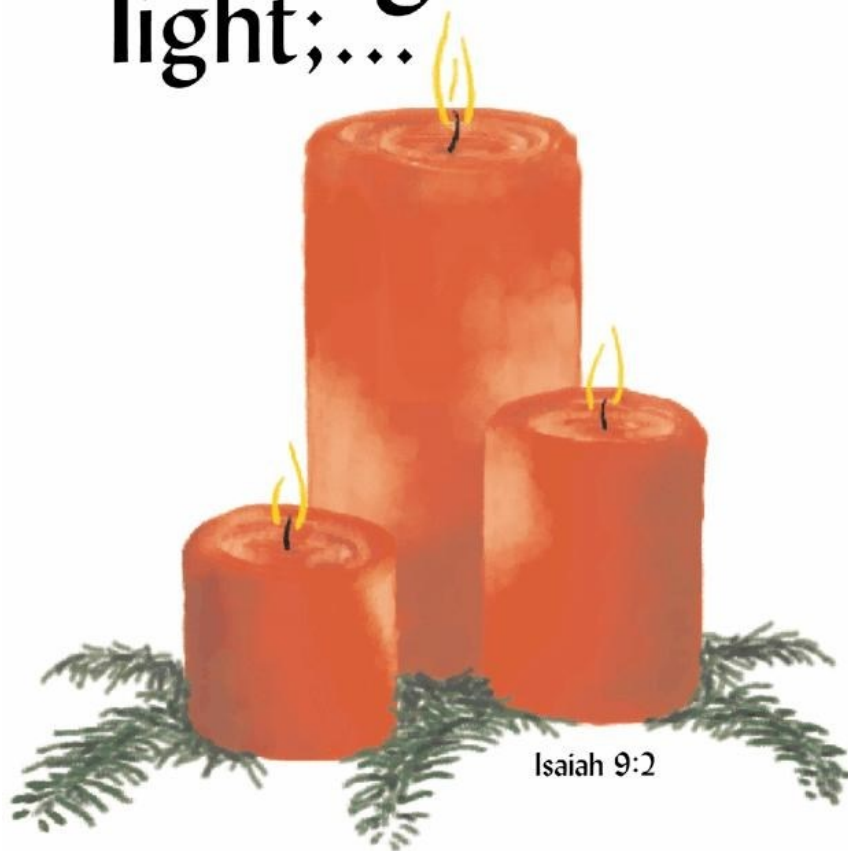


The people
walking in
darkness have
seen a great
light;...



Isaiah 9:2

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

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GATHERING/PRAISING

PRELUDE

Michelle Unruh

WELCOME

Reece Hiebert

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our God, we gather to worship you,
the One who creates all things.

People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you,
the One who brings salvation through Jesus Christ.

People: For the gift of redemption, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you,
the One who sustains us by the Spirit.

People: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.

Leader: We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise
for all your gifts.

**All: We worship you -
our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.
Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN *"The first Noel, the angel did say"* -vv. 1, 2, 4 No. 199

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"It came upon a midnight clear"* -vv. 1, 2, 5 No. 195

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING

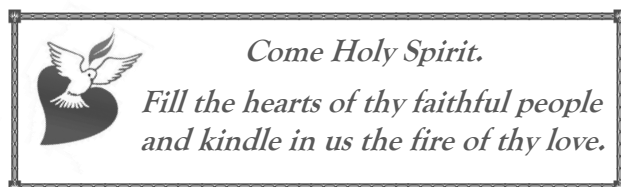
CHILDREN'S STORY		Kristin Unruh
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>"It's Sunday Mornin' "</i> -by James Goerzen	James Goerzen
SCRIPTURE	<i>I John 4:7-12</i> <i>Colossians 1:11</i>	Leah Unruh Carson Voth
The Word of God for the People of God ~ <i>Thanks be to God!</i>		
SCRIPTURE TESTIMONY	<i>"All About That Bass"</i>	Josh Booth
SCRIPTURE TESTIMONY	<i>"Love is the Key"</i> I Corinthians 13:1-3	Kathleen Bair

RESPONDING

HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Great is thy faithfulness"</i>	No. 327
PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING		
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		

SENDING

*SENDING ANTHEM	<i>"Praise God from whom"</i>	No. 118
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		



Today

Today we will be led in worship by several Tabor young adults, who will share their gifts of music, speech, and scripture testimony.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Russ, Sharleen, Tristan and Aubrielle Francis and Michael Unruh and Lina Adame. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Eric Litwiller 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.

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time. Continue to celebrate the Christmas season with visiting and refreshments in the fellowship hall.

This Week

Church Offices will be closed on December 31 and January 1.

Pastor Phil will be on vacation December 29-January 1.
Contact Pastor Rosie for pastoral care items during this time.

Wednesday, December 31
No Wednesday Evening Activities

Next Sunday, January 4

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.—Worship

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time.

11:00 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. BASIC class will begin meeting in the Northwest corner of the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on December 21

- ★ Karen Andres expressed concern for the Tabor congregation and pastors as they walk with the families of those who recently passed away. Lord hear our prayer.
- ★ Lila Harris expressed thanks for the Christmas carolers and the joy they brought to her. Thank be to God.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Thank God for each baptism and each new member that has joined the family of God in this past year. Pray for faithfulness and fruitfulness as these new disciples grow in Christ and join in God's mission of redeeming, reconciling and restoring our world.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Kelly and Brian McPhail of Mennonite Mission Network serve in China as teachers and administrators through Mennonite Partners in China. Pray for them as they seek to live out Christian values through English teaching in Beijing and through providing logistical support for MPC's relationships with other agencies.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray that members of Mennonite congregations will express their support for church schools with their year-end gifts. Give thanks to God for the ways God provides and the church upholds this important mission.

Announcements

Thanks:

Night In The Barn was experienced by nearly 300 folks this past weekend, December 20-21, in spite of inclement weather. The TMYF received close to \$900 for their summer service trip. A heartfelt thank you for the support from our Tabor family and especially Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen who provide such an amazing venue! Our prayer is that attenders were blessed by a presentation that attempts to lift up the true meaning of Christmas.

Thanks to the 27 donors and the 13 volunteers who took time in the busy holiday season to help provide the gift of life. The next opportunity is Monday, February 16, between 2:00-6:00 pm. If we repeat the great participation we may reach our goal of 32 donors.

Resources for Support: We are gathering a variety of resources that deal with depression, suicide, and grief. They are located on the top shelf of the mobile cart in the library for you to check out. Please contact Pastor Phil or Pastor Rosie if you would like to meet, or if you want additional information, assistance in locating a counselor, or have interest in finding or forming a support group on any of these topics.

Anyone need a Revelation? You're in luck! For the first few months of 2015, we as a church community will be journeying through the Biblical letter of Revelation together. Revelation will guide our Sunday Worship Services as well as our Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study. See the upcoming January Newsletter for more information!

Mission Partners: Our new Mission Partners are Wes and Deb Bergen, serving in Ghana. Prayer cards can be found in the rack on the table in the foyer. Wes teaches at the Good News Theological College and Seminary and Deb provides training and counseling with the West Africa Mobile Member Care Team.

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.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter: Tabor Church will be serving and assisting at the Homeless Shelter January 7-13. Please sign up to help or contact Pam Abrahams.

Video Operators: Are you interested in running the new church video camera on Sunday mornings? If so, please see Frank Ashley.

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.

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).

Bird Walk: Join experienced birder Gregg Friesen, Newton, for the regular First Saturday Bird Walk; Saturday, January 3, at 8:30 a.m. in the Kauffman Museum parking lot (27th & Main Streets, North Newton) for a 1- to 1.5-hour walk on Sand Creek Trail on the Bethel College campus. Binoculars optional, but helpful; all are welcome.



December 21, 2014

Offering	= \$ 3,732.25	Attendance	= 199
Adult S.S.	= \$ 42.81	Attendance	= 94
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 15.57	Attendance	= 24



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

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