

Tabor Mennonite Church

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BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM

This Sunday concludes our series on Building God's Kingdom. This morning's worship service focuses on generosity and thanksgiving, growing out of grateful response to God's abundant gifts to us.

GATHERING / PRAISING

PRELUDE Pastor Katherine Goerzen

INTROIT "The BIBLE" Sonbeams

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 111 Venita Schroeder

*GATHERING HYMN "We plow the fields and scatter" No. 96

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "God, whose giving" No. 383

*PASSING THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you ~ **and also with you.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt

WORSHIP MUSIC "Building up the Temple" Sonbeams
"Oh, be Careful"

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIES Carol Duerksen and Brent Abrahams

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 Gayle Funk and Marcene Entz
The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Generous Giving" Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Lord, thou dost love" No. 387

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SENDING

*SENDING SONG "Build your kingdom here" screens

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today

A special welcome to Michelle Armster from Mennonite Central Committee. Michelle will lead a discussion about the Syrian Refugee crisis during the Faith Formation hour.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Keith and Barb Banman and Duane, Janna, Dawson and Adriana Duerksen. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, as well as a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Pam Abrahams.

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.

11:00 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. Adults meet in the sanctuary.

This Week

Mon, Nov. 16 - Mon, Nov. 23—Pastor Rosie is on vacation.

Tuesday, November 24

Bulletin announcements are due by noon.

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

7:00 p.m.—Deacon meeting

Wednesday, November 25

6:00 p.m.—**Thanksgiving meal and Worship Service.** Please sign up for the meal. No regular Wednesday Evening programs (including Adult Choir).

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day - Church offices closed

Friday, November 27

Church Offices will be closed

Saturday, Nov. 28 - Sunday, Nov. 29—Pastor Phil personal weekend off.

Next Sunday, November 29

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent. Our theme will be "Freedom Bound: The Path of Justice." Our scripture focus will be Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 and Luke 21:25-36. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

Advent Offering: We will be collecting items for MCC's Infant Care Kits. During the offering next Sunday we will receive 2 gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material) and 1 cap. Shopping lists are in mailboxes today.

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time.

11:00 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, November 15.

- ★ Duane Duerksen shared about the fragility of life, and he encouraged the congregation to share God's love with one another in new and creative ways. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Pastor Phil shared a prayer request for the people impacted by the attacks in Paris. For God's peace, Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Nathan Graber shared a piece of his story. Lord, grant us each courage to share our stories with one another.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ People being discerned for new deacon terms: Nathan Graber and Ron Schroeder.
- ★ God's peace to reign in our world full of violence, hatred, and fear. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ God's abundant gifts to us, not only in this season of Thanksgiving, but at all times.

Dates to Remember:

December 10: Stories and Stuff
December 10: What's Cookin'?
December 13: Christmas Brass at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church
December 19: Tabor Mennonite Women and Girls Christmas Brunch
December 19 & 20: TMYF Night in the Barn
December 24: Christmas Eve Celebration Service
December 25: Christmas Day *Church offices closed*
December 27: Young Adult Sunday. No Faith Formation.

Announcements and conference prayer requests are on the announcements page, which was either emailed to you or can be found in your church mailbox. Additional copies can be found in the literature rack.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE November 8, 2015

Offering = \$ 7,039.04	Attendance = 173
Adult S.S. = \$ 82.35	Attendance = 73
Jr. S.S. = \$ 17.45	Attendance = 35

Annual Budget: \$269,143.00

Generous Giving through 11-15-15: \$248,907.92

2 Sunday's left in fiscal year

Giving Needed Per Sunday to Meet Budget: \$10,117.54

Generous Giving

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion. (2 Corinthians 9:5)

Trouble Today

Trouble in the Text

Thanks be to God for God's indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

God's Grace in the Text

God's Grace Today



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