

Tabor Mennonite Church

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FREEDOM BOUND: THE PATH OF SERVICE

After Christmas celebrations where we spend time with our families and friends, it is good to remember that our primary family is the church. Freedom in Christ empowers us to enter into service for our sisters and brothers and to bear with one another in love despite conflict and difference.

GATHERING / PRAISING

PRELUDE Michelle Unruh

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Reece Hiebert

*GATHERING HYMN “*Holy Child within the manger*” No. 28STS

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE “*Angels we have heard on high*” No. 197

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN’S STORY Pastor Phil Schmidt

WORSHIP MUSIC “*Helpless and Hungry/What Child Is This?*”
Kristin, Michelle and Luke Unruh

SCRIPTURE *Colossians 3: 12-17* Austin Unruh
Luke 2: 41-52 James Goerzen
The Word of God for the people of God ~ ***Thanks be to God!***

MEDITATION “*Listening Through the Generations*” Michael Unruh

RESPONDING

SONG OF RESPONSE “*Teach me thy truth*” No. 548

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Josh Booth

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN “*It came upon a midnight clear*” No. 195

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Elton and Denise Nickel and Kenton, Eunice, Lydia and Miriam Nickel *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 Eric Litwiller.

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. *No Faith Formation.*

This Week

Tuesday, December 29

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, December 30

No Wednesday Evening Activities

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day. Church offices closed.

Next Sunday, January 3

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is Epiphany. Our theme will be “Freedom Bound: the Path of Inclusion.” Our scripture focus will be Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Matthew 2:1-12; Ephesians 3:1-12 and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time.

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

Prayer Requests

★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The caring quilts are home.

Remember to Pray for:

★ Many family gatherings this time of year. Lord, hear our prayer.

★ Those who are lonely and grieving. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Praise God for:

★ The light of Christ, which fills us with hope, joy and peace!

Dates to Remember:

December 30 - January 5: Tabor serves at Harvey County Homeless Shelter.

January 15-16: Tabor Leadership Retreat

February 5-6: Tabor Marriage Enrichment Retreat

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.



May the Joy of Christmas

remain with you

throughout the coming year!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

& HAPPY NEW YEAR

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE December 20, 2015

Offering	= \$ 4,282.00	Attendance	= 181
Adult S.S.	= \$ 38.15	Attendance	= 63
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 8.27	Attendance	= 37



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