

Tabor Mennonite Church

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No. 47



Bethel College Sunday

This morning we extend a warm welcome to our college students and to all who are joining us from Bethel College. We are blessed this morning with music from Open Road, a men's vocal ensemble and a sermon from Andy Johnson, Vice President for Admissions from Bethel College. This morning we give thanks to the One who loves all of God's children and who welcomes all people with open arms.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

- PRELUDE Matthew Graber
- *WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 117* Peter Goerzen
- *GATHERING HYMN *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* No. 37
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAISE *"Come, receive his joy"* No. 124 CS
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS *"Great is thy faithfulness"*-arr. Runyan Open Road

PROCLAIMING

- WORSHIP MUSIC *"Are you Weary, Are you Heavy-Laden"* -by Lorenz
"Plenty Good Room" -by Hogan Open Road
- CHILDREN'S STORY Kristin Unruh
- SCRIPTURE READINGS *Matthew 19:13-15* Michelle Unruh
The Word of God for the people of God ~ *Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON *"Scene 3: Children, Disciples, Jesus"* Andy Johnson

RESPONDING

- *HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Let the children come to me"* No. 47 STS
- "WHAT IF?" Pastor Phil Schmidt

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

SENDING

- *SENDING HYMN *"Praise with joy the world's Creator"* No. 16 STJ
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE *"Poor Man Lazarus"* -by Hairston Open Road

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Brandon and Kristi Unruh and family and Keith and Barb Banman. *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 Sarahanne Unruh.

In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are a visitor to Tabor, please fill out a **Welcome Card** and return it in the offering bag. If you have a prayer request or praise item, please fill out a **Prayer Request Card** and return to a Pastor's mailbox.

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

This Week

Tuesday, November 22

Bulletin announcements are due by 8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

12:00 p.m.—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, November 23

6:00 p.m.—Thanksgiving meal and service in the fellowship hall.

Thursday, November 24 - Friday, November 25

Church offices will be closed for Thanksgiving



Next Sunday, November 27

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent and the theme is "God's Peace." Scripture focus will be Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Matthew 24:36-44, Romans 12:11-14 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

We will also be receiving items for Mennonite Central Committee Infant Care Kits during our offering. This week: 2 gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material) and 1 cap. New items only, size 3-9 mo.

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

Dates to Remember:

December 1: What's Cookin'?

December 4: Tabor Parsonage Open House

December 11: Community Christmas Brass at Alexanderwohl

December 17: Tabor Mennonite Women Christmas Breakfast

December 17-18: Night in the Barn

December 18: Adult Choir

December 24: Christmas Eve Celebration Service

December 25: Christmas Day Celebration Worship at 10am

January 1: Worship at 10am

Christmas Fellowship Time during Faith Formation

Prayer Requests

The following items were shared on Sunday, November 13:

- ★ Leann Toews thanked Pastor Phil for his meaningful words in his sermon last week. She asks for prayers for all who are living in fear. We recognize that the election has brought many differing emotions for all the people in this country and around the world. Lord, hear our prayers for your peace which passes understanding in the midst of fear and anxiety, and may your justice be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- ★ Erica Stoltzfus shared that she and James Goerzen will be protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline and to stand in solidarity with the Sioux people as a witness to God's way of peace. Lord, hear our prayers for your creation to be cared for and restored and for all people who experience oppression to be freed from injustice.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ *Caring Quilt locations:* The adult quilt is home.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ During this week of Thanksgiving celebrations, may we continue to give God praise for all good gifts which are ours through God alone.



OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE November 13, 2016

Offering	= \$ 17,810.17	Attendance	= 174
Adult F.F.	= \$ 24.50	Attendance	= 54
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 14.84	Attendance	= 40

Wednesday Evening, November 16
Attendance = 129

Budget Update:

Annual Budget: \$265,791.00
Generous Giving through 11-13-16: \$239,128.69
2 Sunday's left in fiscal year
Giving Needed Per Sunday to Meet Budget: \$13,331.16

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.



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

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