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God's Healing is at Hand

When asked if he was the Messiah, Jesus answered, "Go and tell what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them." God's healing is at hand! Come, let us walk in the Way of God!

GATHERING AND PRAISING

- PRELUDE Russell Adrian
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP Venita Schroeder
- *WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 146: 5-10, Luke 1: 46-55*
- *GATHERING HYMN "My soul is filled with joy" No. 13 STJ
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAISE "Hail to the Lord's anointed" No. 185
- *LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Cleo and Faye Koop
- *PRAYER
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

- WORSHIP MUSIC "Jesus is born" -Steve Green Adult Worship Team
- CHILDREN'S STORY Carrie Unruh
- SCRIPTURE READINGS *Isaiah 35: 1-10* Diane Loewen
Matthew 11: 2-11 Jill Litwiller
- The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**
- SERMON "Healing Hurts" Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

- *HYMN OF RESPONSE "Hark! The glad sound!" No. 184
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS *please pass Infant Care Kit items to center aisle*
- HYMN OF PRAYER "Jesus Christ is waiting" vv. 1, 3, 5 No. 30 STJ
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN

"What child is this"
"Helpless and hungry"

No. 215
No. 26 STS

*BENEDICTION

James 5: 7-8

*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 Phil and Sarahanne Unruh and family and Shannon and Carrie Friesen and Family. *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 Yvette Nickel.

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. Erica Stoltzfus and James Goerzen will share about their recent trip to Standing Rock, North Dakota to join the peaceful protests or the Dakota Access Pipeline and stand in solidarity with the Sioux people. High school through adults are invited to come to the fellowship hall to join in the discussion.

7:00 p.m.—Community Brass at Alexanderwohl. *see announcements*

This Week

Pastor Phil and family will be traveling to Ohio, leaving on Monday, December 12 and returning on the 19th. For pastoral care concerns, please contact Pastor Rosie or Pastor Katherine.

Tuesday, December 13

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, December 14

5:45 p.m.—Supper Menu: Macaroni and cheese bar - *please sign up.*

6:30-7:30 p.m.—Christmas Eve Program Practice

7:00 p.m.—TMYF

7:30 p.m.—Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, December 15

Newsletter items are due

10:00 a.m.—Stories and Stuff

Saturday, December 17

9:00 a.m.—Tabor Mennonite Women Christmas Breakfast - *please sign up*

6:00-8:00 p.m.—TMYF presents Night in the Barn

Next Sunday, December 18

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday in Advent and the theme is “God’s Restoration.” Scripture focus will be Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7 and the Adult Choir will proclaim the Good News through song.

We are receiving items for Mennonite Central Committee Infant Care Kits during our offering. Next week: 1 large bar mild soap (leave in wrapper), 1 receiving blanket (lightweight fleece or flannel, minimum 36”).

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

6:00-8:00 p.m.—TMYF presents Night in the Barn

Prayer Requests

The following items were shared on Sunday, December 4:

- ★ Erica Stoltzfus shared a prayer in response to the pipeline being built through the Sioux Reservation. Her prayer was based on Mary’s Magnificat. Lord, hear our prayer for justice and peace to prevail.
- ★ Pastor Rosie asked us to remember all those who suffer with depression, pain and loss, especially heightened during this holiday season. Lord, hear our cries for peace when there is no peace. Restore us O God, let your face shine among us! Hear us as we pray.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ *Caring Quilt locations:* The caring quilts are home.

Dates to Remember:

December 21-27: Tabor servers at New Hope Shelter (formerly HCHS)
December 24: Christmas Eve Celebration Service
December 25: Christmas Day Celebration, Worship at 10am
January 1: Worship at 10am; Faith Formation Time: Christmas Fellowship
January 14: Prayer and Visioning Retreat
January 22: Potluck with Mission Partner Dan Smith Derksen

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE December 4, 2016

Offering = \$ 3,517.62	Attendance = 188
Adult F.F. = \$ 35.00	Attendance = 81
Jr. F.F. = \$ 12.96	Attendance = 37

Wednesday Evening, December 7
Attendance = 132



“Healing Hurts”

Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11

“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.” (Matthew 11:4b-5)

God’s Dream: Healing (Isaiah 35:1-10)

Go and tell what you hear and see (Matthew 11:2-11)

Embracing Healing Today

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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