

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Light to Those in Darkness

As we come together to worship on this second Sunday of Advent, let us sing together with Zechariah, “Blessed are you, God of Israel, for you have visited and redeemed your people! You give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, and you guide our feet into the way of peace!”

GATHERING AND PRAISING

- PRELUDE Michelle Unruh
- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Duerksen
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- INTROIT “*This Little Light of Mine*” Sonbeams
“*Jesus Loves Me*”
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Zechariah’s Song*
- *GATHERING HYMN “*Hark! The glad sound!*” No. 184
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE “*Nun ist sie erschienen*” No. 52 CS
Heart Song Sharing Diana and Jim Schmidt
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Please pass MCC supplies to center aisle*

PROCLAIMING

- CHILDREN’S STORY Eunice Nickel
- WORSHIP MUSIC “*Christmastime*” - M W Smith & J Carlson Worship Team
- SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 1: 57-79* Elton Nickel
Lewis Unruh
- The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**
- SERMON “*Guide our feet into the way of peace*” Pastor Katherine Goerzen

RESPONDING

- *HYMN OF RESPONSE “*Bless’d be the God of Israel*” No. 174
- FAITH TESTIMONY Michelle Unruh
“*O come, all ye faithful*” No. 212
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Phil Schmidt

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN “*It came upon a midnight clear*” -vs. 1, 2, 3, 5 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 Brandon and Kristi Unruh and family and Gayle Funk and Brian Voth. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, and a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Lindsay Lightner and Porclein Unruh.

The flowers this morning are shared in celebration of Bob Unruh's 90th birthday today! Praise God for the gift of long life, lived well!



In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are visiting 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.

Coffee Bar: Coffee, non-coffee drinks and baked goods for sale. Proceeds will go towards the building fund.

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

All college age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home following the Tabor Church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

6:30 p.m.—Christmas Music! McPherson Brass Choir and Goessel High School Elbiata Singers at Alexanderwohl. Freewill offering received to support ministries of Goessel Ministerial Alliance.

This Week

Tuesday, December 12

9:15 a.m.—Community Prayer

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, December 13

Wednesday Evening Ministries

Christmas Eve Program Practice

TMYF: Christmas Caroling

No Adult Bible Study

Sunday, December 10– Tuesday, December 12

Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter - your help is appreciated

Saturday, December 16

TMYF Christmas Party

Pastor Phil will be on vacation Dec. 11-17. Please contact Pastor Katherine or a deacon for pastoral concerns.

Next Sunday, December 17

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the third Sunday of the season of Advent, and the Adult Choir will proclaim the Good News through song. Scriptures are Luke 1:46-55; Isaiah 9:6-7, 12:4-5, 60:1-3, and 2 Peter 1:19.21.

Items for MCC Relief Kits will be collected throughout Advent. Shopping lists were in your church mailboxes. Please bring items to give during the Sunday morning offering or place in the basket in the foyer.

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

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Karina, serving with Mennonite Mission Network (MMN), in Ecuador. Please pray for joy during this season of Christmas when she is away from home. *If you would like to send her a card, international stamps are available for purchase on the shelf below Karina's MMN poster in the foyer.*
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilts are home.
- ★ All who are recovering from illness or grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The season of Advent, when we sing praises in anticipation of the birth of Jesus!

Dates to Remember:

Dec. 21: Stories & Stuff

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Celebration Service

Dec. 31: Sunday morning worship begins at 10am followed by fellowship time with Christmas Goodies

Jan. 3: Wednesday Evening Pizza and Board Game Night

Jan. 19-20: WDC Year of Evangelism Kick-Off at Alexanderwohl

Jan 28: Congregational Facilities Fundraising Discussion

Feb. 11: Congregational meeting



GOAL = \$1,000,000

Committed = \$850,871

\$149,129 Still Needed

This week's receipts:

Matching Challenge paid = \$4,480

New Pledge = \$5,000

Funds for pledge fulfillment = \$12,400

New Contributions = \$75

Tabor Trading Post Fundraiser = \$1,381

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE December 3, 2017

Offering	= \$ 3,817.00	Attendance	= 176
Adult F.F.	= \$ 27.00	Attendance	= 43
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 11.66	Attendance	= 70



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Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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