

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Clueless

In the first half of the Road to Emmaus story, we see a loss of hope, the search for answers, and tremendous uncertainty. All is not lost, but it may seem so for a time. And that may not be such a bad thing.



GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE		Deloris Schmidt
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Carol Duerksen
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>"I am weak and I need thy strength"</i>	No. 553
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF PRAYER	<i>"When we walk with the Lord"</i>	No. 544
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY		Sheri Schmidt
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"Road to Emmaus"</i> -Doug and Jude Krehbiel	Cross Road
SCRIPTURE DRAMA	<i>Luke 24: 13-27</i>	Jim Schmidt Katy Schmidt, Jason Unruh
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"On the Road to Emmaus"</i>	Cross Road
SERMON	<i>"Clueless"</i>	Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Lord Jesus, you shall be my song"</i>	No. 14 STJ
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER		Pastor Katherine Goerzen

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN	<i>"'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus"</i>	No. 340
*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 Donavon and Deloris Schmidt and Grace Regier. *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 Carrie and Lewis Unruh

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.

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

This Week

Monday, January 8

7:00 p.m.—Worship Planning Team

Wednesday, January 10

Wednesday Evening Ministries

Tuesday, January 9

9:15 a.m.—Community Prayer

10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

7:00 p.m.—Outreach Team

Thursday, January 11

7:30 p.m.—Fellowship Planning Team

Next Sunday, January 14

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we continue our worship series focused on "The Upside Down King." The theme will be "The Way of the Lord", scripture focus will be Luke 3:1-14, 21-22 and Mark 1:9-11, and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

Prayer Requests

There were no requested shared on December 31.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Karina Brandt, as she continues to serve in the new year with Mennonite Mission Network Journey International in Ecuador.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilts are home.
- ★ All who are recovering from illness, anticipating surgery, or grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The beginning of a new year, filled with hope and possibilities to see God in the common and in the unexpected.

Living in a Porn-Filled Culture: What Parents, Teens, and Kids Need to Know

Today's youth live in an age where hypersexuality is part of their culture and pornography is readily available, even to young eyes. Dove's Nest representative Brenda L. Yoder will be speaking to children, youth, parents, and youth workers at Tabor Mennonite Church on January 31 and February 3 and 4 on the realities of today's culture and technology, the dangers of pornography on behavioral health and relationships, and how children and youth can develop healthy, faith-based responses to the culture in which they live. Parents and youth workers will also gain tools to talk with and guide youth, teens, and young adults in a culture where accessibility and cultural norms around porn are rapidly changing.

Brenda Yoder is a licensed mental health counselor, speaker, author, and parent who has worked with teens and youth for over twenty-five years. A former high school teacher, school counselor, and youth worker, she was twice awarded the Touchstone Award for teachers in her local community. Her counseling experience ranges from working with kids, youth, and adults in areas of sexual abuse prevention, domestic violence, teen dating violence, sexual assault, and foster care, and she has worked in public schools in both rural and urban settings. She's been featured in two Chicken Soup for the Soul books, and her new parenting book, *Fledge: Launching Kids Without Losing Your Minds*, releases by Herald Press in March 2018. Brenda is a wife and a parent to four children, ages teen to young adult, and lives in Indiana. This event is presented by Dove's Nest: Faith Communities Keeping Children and Youth Safe, dovesnest.net.

Jan. 31: 6:30-8:00 p.m. 3rd-5th grade with Brenda Yoder

Feb. 3: 6:00-8:00 p.m. 6th-12th grade with Brenda Yoder

Feb. 4: Faith Formation and Potluck—Adults with Brenda Yoder

Dates to Remember:

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

Sign up in the foyer by Tuesday, January 9.

Jan. 28: Ministry Storytelling Sunday

Jan. 28: Congregational Facilities Consensus Building Conversation

Jan. 31, Feb. 3, Feb. 4: Brenda Yoder: Living in a Porn-Filled Culture:
What Parents, Teens, and Kids Need to Know

Feb. 11: Congregational meeting



GOAL = \$1,000,000

Committed = \$889,354

\$110,646 Still Needed

This week's receipts:

New Contributions = \$9,075 Funds for pledge fulfillment = \$16,100
New Pledge = \$8,000 Interest = \$2,250
Trading Post Fundraiser = \$31 Coffee Bar Fundraiser = \$445

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE December 31, 2017

Offering = \$ 2,420.00 Attendance = 118



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Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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