

Tabor Mennonite Church

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We Are Witnesses: The Council at Jerusalem

Today we reflect on the Jerusalem Council, where there was “no small dissension and debate” while devout followers prayerfully discerned what it meant for them to be faithful to God and God’s ways in the midst of disagreement. May we too allow time to be silent and listen to how God’s Spirit might be working for good in the church today, even in the midst of questions and disagreement over how we can faithfully respond to God and God’s Word.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

- PRELUDE Adult Worship Team
- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Venita Schroeder
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- MUSICAL INTROIT *“Building Up the Temple”* Sonbeams
“The B-I-B-L-E”
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *from I Corinthians 13: 8-13*
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *GATHERING HYMN *“They’ll know we are Christians”* -vs. 1, 2, 4 No. 105 CS
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS *“Psalm of Hope”* -Goebel/Komala

PROCLAIMING

- CHILDREN’S STORY Janna Duerksen
- HYMN *“Like a tender breath, stirring”* -vs. 2 & 3 No. 106 SS
- SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 15: 1-21* Kim Funk
The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**
- SERMON *“The whole assembly kept silence and listened”*
Pastor Katherine Goerzen

RESPONDING

- *HYMN OF RESPONSE *“Heart with loving heart united”* No. 420
- CHORAL FAITH PROCLAMATION *“Rejoice!”* -Courtney Adult Choir
- SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Phil Schmidt

SENDING

- *SENDING HYMN *“The Lord lift you up”* No. 73 SJ
- *BENEDICTION AND 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 Dylan and Lindsey Buller and family and Hayden and Heidi Goerzen. *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 Eric Litwiller and Emily Brandt.

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

Children’s class locations: Wee Wonder: Rm 10; Preschool: Rm 13;
K - 1st Gr.: Rm 11; 2nd Gr: Rm 17; 3rd - 5th Gr: Rm15

This Week

Tuesday, November 20: 10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, November 21: No Wednesday Evening Activities

Wednesday, November 21– Tuesday November 27:

Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter

Thursday, November 22—Thanksgiving Meal at Tabor Please sign up.
See announcements for details. (*note: meal served on Nov. 22 not Nov. 25*)

Friday, November 23—Church offices closed.

Next Sunday, November 25

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we will witness the steadfast love of God by focusing on the theme of gratitude. We plan to incorporate several thanksgiving testimonies into the worship service.

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

Dates to Remember:

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| Dec. 1-2 & 8-9: Night in the Barn | Dec. 9 & 16: Tabor Trading Post |
| Dec. 2: Parsonage Open House | Dec. 23: Choir Program |
| Dec. 8: TMW Christmas breakfast | Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Celebration |
| Dec. 9: Goessel Community Brass | Service |



Cost of entire project = \$1,300,000

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| Money already received | \$960,995 | 2 weeks progress |
| Pledges remaining to be paid | \$68,425 | \$24,400 |
| Challenge Grant if goal is met | \$100,000 | |
| Needed to meet Challenge Grant | \$170,580 | \$2,950 |

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on November 11.

- ★ Peter Goerzen shared that this Sunday (Nov. 11) marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Lord, hear our prayer that we can confidently proclaim your gospel of peace while extending grace, healing, and compassion to all who have been impacted by and suffer the devastating effects of violence and war.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ all those who have faced devastation from wild fires and natural disasters, both in the U.S. and throughout the world. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ the many people working diligently on our church building project. Lord, hear our prayer for safety and strength.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE November 11, 2018

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| Offering | = \$ 4,208.27 | Attendance | = 161 |
| Adult F.F. | = \$ 18.75 | Attendance | = 55 |
| Jr. F.F. | = \$ 8.39 | Attendance | = 39 |

Budget Update:

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| 2018 Annual Budget: | \$ 272,796.00 |
| Targeted Giving through Nov 11 | \$ 262,300.00 |
| Actual Giving through Nov. 11 | \$ 228,754.63 |

2 Sunday's Left in 2018 Fiscal Year

\$44,041.37 needed to meet budget (\$22,020.69 per Sunday)

"The whole assembly kept silence and listened"
Acts 15



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Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am
Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am
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As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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| Nathan Graber | Barb Abrahams | Carol Duerksen |
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