Tabor Mennonite Church

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Watching and Waiting

This first Sunday of Advent we wait and watch with anticipation for the one who comes proclaiming righteousness in the name of the Lord. This week is about holding our hope in the coming Messiah while we wait and learn what it means for us to receive God's righteousness today.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

Prelude Jerry Toews

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Janna Duerksen

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE 3rd-5th Grade Faith Formation Class HYMN "Nun ist sie erschienen" No. 52 CS

MUSICAL INTROIT "Peace before us" Rays of Hope

*CALL TO WORSHIP screens

*GATHERING HYMN "O come, O come Immanuel" -vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6 No. 172

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAYER "Holy Child within the manger" No. 28 STS

*PASSING THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS Please pass items for MCC kits to center aisles.

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt

WORSHIP MUSIC "Rise up, shepherd, and follow" Adult Worship Team

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21: 25-36 Kara and Isaac Swartzendruber Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Anthony Swartzendruber

The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Tell me what you wish for" Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Come, thou long expected Jesus" insert

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN "Oh little town of Bethlehem" No. 191

*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 Mark and Carrie Smith 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, and a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Sarahanne Unruh and Audessi Unruh.

Immediately following worship, everyone will have the opportunity to write or draw blessings on the studs in the new Fellowship Hall.

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

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.—Parsonage Open House.

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.—Night in the Barn.

This Week

Tuesday, December 4: 10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting.

7:00 p.m.—Deacon meeting.

<u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 5</u>: Wednesday Evening Activities

Thursday, December 6: 12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

<u>Saturday, December 8:</u> 9:00 a.m.—Tabor Mennonite Women and Girls Christmas Breakfast. *Please sign up on the bulletin board today.*

5 - 8 p.m.—Night in the Barn. See announcements.

Next Sunday, December 9

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the second Sunday in Advent and we will continue our Advent Worship series, *The Lord is our righteousness*, by focusing on the theme "Proclaiming." Scriptures for reflection include Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6. Pastor Rosie will be preaching.

All 2nd Graders are invited to meet in the library at 9:25 to receive candles and then help bring in the light near the beginning of the worship service (see Pastor Phil's newsletter article for more details).

Advent Offering: Items for MCC Infant Care Kits may be donated throughout Advent. Shopping lists were in your mailbox. Items will be collected during the offering or may be placed in the basket in the foyer.

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

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home December 9, right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

Tabor Trading Post will be open.

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.—Night in the Barn.

7:00 p.m.—Brass Christmas Choir at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

Dates to Remember: Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Celebration

Dec. 16: Tabor Trading Post Service
Dec. 23: Choir Program Dec. 26: Blood drive

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on November 25

- ★ Pam praised God for the ministries of the New Hope Shelter in Newton and for all the Tabor volunteers who serve at New Hope. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Brent thanked the many volunteers who have been helping work with the building project. Thanks be to God!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Everyone sharing their gifts with Night in the Barn both this weekend and next. Lord, hear our prayer for this ministry to the community.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilts are home.

Remember to praise God for:

the season of Advent, which reminds us in the midst of the busyness of life to watch and wait for signs of God's Messiah. Thanks be to God!

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE November 25, 2018

Offering = \$26,520.52 Attendance = 131 Jr. F.F. = \$ 30.38 Attendance = 25

Due to blizzard, Faith Formation cancelled following Children's FF opening.



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

Money already received \$963,890
Pledges remaining to be paid \$65,925
Challenge Grant if goal is met \$100,000
Needed to meet Challenge Grant \$170,185

Last week's progress \$200

"Tell Me What You Wish For" (song by Bryan Moyer Suderman)

[Chorus]

"Tell me what you wish for.

Tell me what you'd like.

Tell me what you dream of in the middle of the night.

Tell me what you hope for.

What do you desire?

I want to know just what it is that sets your heart on fire!"



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

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