## **Tabor Mennonite Church**

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#### We Are Witnesses

Today we wrap up our "We are Witnesses" worship series through Acts. As we remember the stories and themes in Acts, may we come to realize it wasn't just the Apostles who were witnesses. We also are witnesses of Jesus, the Messiah, and we also have opportunity to share the Good News of God's Kingdom through our lives of faith!

#### GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Marcene Entz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Duerksen

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from the beginning of the book of Acts

\*GATHERING HYMN "The work is thine, O Christ" No. 396

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAYER "Lord, speak to me" -vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5 No. 499

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

### **PROCLAIMING**

CHILDREN'S STORY Eric Litwiller

SCRIPTURE READING excerpts from Acts Barb Banman, Eunice Nickel Diana Schmidt, Ron Schroeder

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

SERMON "We are Witnesses" Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Here I am. Lord" No. 395

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

SENDING

\*SENDING HYMN "You are salt for the earth" No. 226

\*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE from Acts 28: 31

## **Today**

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Justin Sommerfeld and family and Jerry and Leann Toews. *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 Janna Duerksen and Porclein Unruh.

**10:45** a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. Children will meet in classrooms. Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall to begin using the Pathways Bible Study.

11:30 a.m.—Camp WaShunGa Fundraising Meal at GHS cafeteria.

**6:00-8:00 p.m.—**Catechism.

#### This Week

Mon. March 4 - Wed. Feb. 6: MCC Comforter Blitz at Yoder

Tues. March 5: 10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

7:00 p.m.—Church Council meeting

Wed. March 6: Wednesday Evening Activities

6:30-6:45 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service

Thurs. March 7: 12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch 7:00 p.m.—Outreach Meeting

Bulletin Announcements are due by 8 a.m.

# Next Sunday, March 10

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday, we begin our Lenten worship series focusing on the "Journey Forward" worship resources from Mennonite Church USA. Our theme this next Sunday is Identity and Context, scripture focus is Psalm 24:1-6 and Ephesians 3:14-21, and Pastor Rosie will be preaching.

**10:45 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone. Regular adult classes meet using Pathways study guide.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

March 15: Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum Heritage Dinner

March 21: Stories & Stuff

March 24: Fellowship Event: Progressive Dinner

April 3: Pine Car Derby April 7: Membership Meal

# OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE February 24, 2019

Offering = \$1,979.00 Attendance = 165 Adult F.F. = \$ 28.50 Attendance = 46 Jr. F.F. = \$ 13.43 Attendance = 53

## **Prayer Requests**

The following prayer requests were shared on February 24.

- ★ Phyllis Goertzen shared her tremendous gratitude for everyone who worked so hard to make the "How Firm a Foundation" Choral Concert come together, for the generosity of the community, and for the "heavenly experience" of the choral music. Thanks be to God!
- Pastor Katherine shared her tremendous gratitude for the gifts of the youth and children in our congregation and for the many ways they continue to bless our congregation and community. Thanks be to God!

# Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Leaders, policymakers, and citizens in the United States amidst continued tension related to abortion laws and border security. Lord, hear our prayer for peace and justice to prevail.
- the many people working diligently on our church building project. Lord, hear our prayer for safety and strength.

## Remember to praise God for:

★ The many opportunities we have to live and share the Good News of God's kingdom with others! Thanks be to God!

A BIG thank you to everyone who came to the Youth Fundraiser Meal and Dessert Auction! We raised over \$3,000! Thank you so much for your prayers, your generosity, and your support for the youth and young people in our congregation!

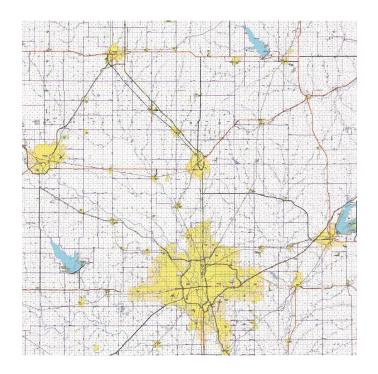


Cost of entire project = \$1,300,000

\$235

\$1,092,999 Money already received This week's progress Pledges remaining to be paid \$35,276 \$10,000 Challenge Grant if goal is met \$100,000 Needed to meet Challenge Grant \$71.725

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# We are Witnesses



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

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