

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Hope for Healing

Today, Epiphany Sunday, we reflect on the tragic story following the Magi's visit to Jesus. Amidst such tragedy back then and continuing today, may we find freedom to grieve deeply and also to place our hope and allegiance in the upside down kingdom of God.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

- PRELUDE Diane and Michelle Unruh
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Eric Litwiller
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *from Isaiah 65*
- *GATHERING HYMN *"Now appeareth the heavenly sun"* No. 52 CS
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAISE *"How brightly beams the morning star"* No. 222
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PROCLAIMING

- CHILDREN'S STORY Kara Swartzendruber
- WORSHIP MUSIC *"Light of the Stable"* Isaac and Kara Swartzendruber
- SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 2: 13-23* Nathan Ashley
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON *"Remember and Be"* Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING AND SENDING

- *HYMN OF RESPONSE *"A voice was heard in Ramah"* Screens
Tune: No. 311
- SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *SENDING HYMN *"Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem"* No. 32 SS
- *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 Brad and Sara Hiebert and John and Ruth Peters. *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 Jill Litwiller.

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

This Week

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1:00 p.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 8—Wednesday Evening Activities

-Pizza and Game Night: Life Size Foosball!

-No Adult Choir Practice

Next Sunday, January 12

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is our annual Ministry Storytelling Sunday. Come to reflect on how the ministries of Tabor were carried out in the past year and the ways in which we envision ministries to evolve in the coming year.

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

Dates to Remember:

- January 14: Church Council Retreat
- January 18: MCC Comforter Blitz
- January 24-25: WDC Women "Let's Talk"
- January 24-26: Junior High Snow Camp

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE December 29, 2019

Offering = \$ 1,775.25 Attendance = 141

Prayer Requests

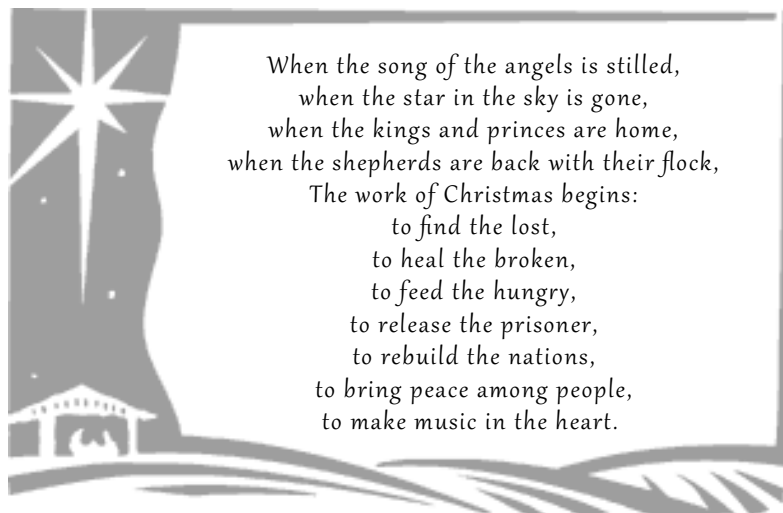
Sermon Notes

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ All who are dealing with illness or pain or recovering from surgery.
All who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ The upcoming Church Council Retreat, as our commissions gather to prayerfully envision hopes and priorities for 2020.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilts are home

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The new year full of opportunity and possibility. Thanks be to God.



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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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Deacons:

Carol Duerksen	Marcene Entz	Erica Stoltzfus
Duane Duerksen	Emil Schmidt	John Unruh