



Tabor Church News

December, 2022



Sunday Worship Themes

December 4 - Advent 2

Luke 1:39-45

Pastor Katherine preaching

December 11 - Advent 3

Matthew 1:18-25

Pastor Katherine preaching

December 18 - Advent 4

Scriptures TBD

Adult Choir will lead us in worship

December 25 - Christmas

Lessons and Carols

Note: Start time for December 25 and January 1 will be 10am.



Christmas Day Prayer

*O God, my Father,
looking up at the shining stars
of the cold December sky
I remember the patient mother
and the rock-hewn manger
in lowly Bethlehem where lay cradled
Thy Love for the world.
In the shadows of the silent stall
I stand beside the Christ.
Speak to my soul as I wait, I pray Thee.
Let the trusting, loving spirit of the Child
steal into my life until it calms my fears
and soothes my pain.
In willing surrender and passionate longing
let me take the Christ child to my heart,
that henceforth I may live as He lived,
love as He loved, and following His
footsteps, bring help to the needy,
courage to the weak,
comfort to the sorrowing,
and hope to the lost.
Amen.*

-Anonymous



Hello Tabor Church Family,

As we enter into the Advent and Christmas season, there are numerous meaningful opportunities to partake in the festivities and fellowship of this joyous time of year.

Here are some of the possibilities:

- **Advent Worship Series:** Pastor Todd and I will be preaching on some of the traditional Christmas texts this year. Join us in person or on line for worship services with Christmas carols and other meaningful worship music (including a service led by our Adult Choir on Dec. 18), children and youth reading Scripture, and a sanctuary beautifully decorated by our gifted Visual Arts Team.

- **Newton Community Children's Choir Concert:** All are welcome to attend the NCCC Winter Concert at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church on **December 4 at 3pm**. Tabor's singers include: Hannah Adrian, Isabelle Alderfer, and Sophia Goerzen.

- **Tabor Mennonite Women's Christmas Breakfast:** Girls and Women are invited to come for the annual Women's Christmas Breakfast on **December 10 at 9am**. Bethany Martin from Faith & Life Book Store will review Christmas book selections and stories.

- **Christmas Brass Concert:** This Christmas Concert and Goessel Ministerial Alliance fundraiser featuring McPherson Brass and Elbiata Singers will be held at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church on **December 11 at 7pm**. All are welcome to come and enjoy some excellent Christmas music!

- **Christmas Coffee:** Come for coffee and fellowship on **December 15 at 9:30am** in the Hospitality Hall. Please bring some of your favorite Christmas goodies. You are encouraged to bring a white elephant gift for a fun gift exchange.

- **Night in the Barn:** This meaningful Tabor tradition will be held on **December 17 & 18** at Patchwork Farms. Thank you to the Unruh family and TMYF for your leadership in this meaningful retelling of the Christmas Story!

- **Christmas Eve Service:** This worship service will feature a piano prelude from Tabor's children, songs from the children's classes, the Christmas story from Matthew and Luke read by children and parents, candle lighting, and Christmas sacks. The Christmas Eve offering will be received for Mennonite Central Committee relief kits. *Please make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with MCC relief kits on the memo line.* This service will begin at **7pm on December 24**.

- **Christmas Service:** Christmas morning falls on a Sunday this year and will feature "Lessons and Carols," or the retelling of the Christmas Story through Scripture and songs. The service will begin at **10am on December 25**.

We look forward to these meaningful opportunities to worship and fellowship together, as we remember and proclaim that the Light continues to shine in the midst of the shadows of this world, and that our Lord Emmanuel is with us! Thanks be to God!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Katherine



TABOR CHURCH CALENDAR

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					Tabor Serves at New Hope Shelter ←	
4 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF Tabor Trading Post	5 5:30pm Faithful Fitness 7pm Men's Bible Study	6 9:30am Staff Mtg.	7 9am TMW Quilting 12pm 1st Wed. Lunch 5:45pm Wed. Eve Programs	8	9	10 9am TMW Christmas Breakfast
11 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF Tabor Trading Post 7pm Brass Concert	12 5:30pm Faithful Fitness 7pm Men's Bible Study	13 9:30am Staff Mtg.	14 9am TMW Quilting 5:45pm Wed. Eve Programs	15 9:30am Christmas Coffee <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	16	17 5-8pm Night in the Barn
18 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF 5-8pm Night in the Barn	19 5:30pm Faithful Fitness 7pm Men's Bible Study	20 9:30am Staff Mtg.	21 7pm TMYF Christmas Party	22	23	24 7pm Christmas Eve Service
25 Christmas Day 10am Worship	26 Christmas Day Observed Church Offices Closed	27	28	29	30	31
				Bulletin announcements are due 8am Thursday mornings.		



1 - Lavonne Hermstein	19 - Logan Wulf
Mandy Funk	21 - Stan Goertzen
2 - Susan Goerzen	23 - Sophia Abrahams
3 - Clifford Bartel	24 - Grace Regier
Mary Alderfer	Vickie Schmidt
4 - Darrel Schroeder	Sherry Unruh
5 - LeNora Duerksen	Denise Nickel
7 - Mark Seibel	Alex Drake
8 - Ron Goerzen	26 - Duane Adrian
Marcia Zuercher	Lina Unruh
10 - Teresa Kennedy	28 - Colton Diller
Sharon Schroeder	Ruth Peters
11 - Frank Ashley	Daniel Graber
Venita Schroeder	29 - Carolyn Schmidt
12 - Nathan Ensiz	30 - Phyllis Regier
15 - Devin Schroeder	Eldon Pankratz
Corynn Nickel	31 - Ben Schmidt
16 - DeLome Schmidt	
Dale Alderfer	
Sheldon Goerzen	
Luke Pugh	

Rusten Schroeder & Susan Merrifield	Dec. 10,	22 yrs.
Stan & Nancy Ediger	Dec. 16,	60 yrs.
Warren & Sheri Schmidt	Dec. 16,	33 yrs.
Larry & Dora Goerzen	Dec. 26,	50 yrs.
Bill & Sherry Unruh	Dec. 27,	36 yrs.
Brent & Pamela Abrahams	Dec. 27,	22 yrs.
Cleo & Faye Koop	Dec. 28,	48 yrs.
John & Laura Goerzen	Dec. 28,	9 yrs.

