

Tabor Mennonite Church

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CHRISTMAS: SONGS AND SCRIPTURE

This Sunday we gather to sing together and to hear the beautiful story of God coming among us in the form of a tiny baby. "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king! Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing!"

WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Susan Merrifield

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Todd Schlosser

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Luke 1:68-79

*GATHERING HYMNS "There's a Song in the Air" -vs 1 & 4 CS No. 47

"O Come, All Ye Children" -vs 1, 2, & 4 CS No. 142

accompanied by Marcene Entz

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMNS OF PRAISE "Oh How Joyfully" -vs 1 & 3 No. 254

"While by My Sheep" -vs 1 - 3 CS No. 162

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY

Peter Goerzen

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 1:26-38* Sophia & Simeon Abrahams

LIGHTING THE 1st ADVENT CANDLE

*HYMNS "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" -vs 1 & 2 No. 261

"Still, Still, Still" -vs 1 & 3 No. 264

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 1:18-25* Boyd & Sawyer Unruh

LIGHTING THE 2nd ADVENT CANDLE

WORSHIP MUSIC "O Holy Night" Corynn Nickel & Grace Schlenker

accompanied by Jerry Toews

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 2:1-20* Vatiken & Bosten Unruh

LIGHTING THE 3rd ADVENT CANDLE

*HYMNS "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" -vs 1 & 2 No. 265

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" -vs 1, 3, & 6 No. 253

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 2:1-12* Peter & Daniel Graber

LIGHTING THE 4th ADVENT CANDLE

HYMNS "The First Noel, the Angel Did Say" -vs 1 & 5 No. 250
"We Three Kings of Orient Are" -vs. 1 & 5 CS No. 163

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-5, 9-18 Sophia & Nathan Goerzen
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*HYMNS "Love Has Come" vs 1 & 3 No. 258

"Joy to the World" -vs 1 & 4 No. 240

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING CAROL "Go Tell It on the Mountain" No. 252

*BENEDICTION No. 1064

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, December 29

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Elton & Denise Nickel. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

10:00 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/dLU7Tn6n8qY?feature=share>

Following Service: Finger Food Fellowship - All are invited to come eat and visit.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due Thursday mornings.

Mon, Dec. 30 8:45 am - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - TMW Quilting and Comforter Tying

Wed, Jan. 1, No Wednesday Evening Activities

Next Sunday, January 5

9:30 am: Next Sunday is Epiphany Sunday. Scripture for reflection will be Luke 2:21-38. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who contributed to and purchased from the Tabor Trading Post. The proceeds were \$2,871.50! This will go a long way in helping answer the needs on Bethesda's wish list!

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ **Western District Conference:** As we enter the New Year, we pray for peace and joy for our loved ones and neighbors. May Christ's presence guide their lives with love and hope. We also remember our brothers and sisters around the world, trusting in God's love to unite us as we step into a new season of grace and renewal.
-WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ **Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, who are engaged in multiple ministries, including teaching and accompanying Toba-Qom communities in Argentina's Chaco region. Pray that the Oyangurens will continue to be God's agents for transformation and that our Toba-Qom brothers and sisters will be able to live ever more fully into God's abundant life.

Congregational Announcements

Library: There is a DVD from the Community Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 24 in the library if you missed the service or would like to watch it again. It is available for check-out.

Wednesday Evenings: Interested in learning more about food in the Bible? Beginning January 8, Jeff Wintermote will lead a Bible study on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 on food and eating. The study will be interactive and experiential and all are invited to participate.

Community and Conference Announcements

MDS: Our December edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares thoughts and inspiration from a deer stand, and celebrate with family in West Virginia who will be home for Christmas, thanks to MDS volunteers, plus get all the details for the upcoming 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/49FzaWp>

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is calling for volunteers to help host the 2025 MDS Annual Celebration February 14-15, 2025, at the Ridgepoint Church, 8000 W 21st St. in Wichita, Ks. MDS is celebrating 75 years of disaster recovery work, which began right here in Kansas. Volunteers are needed to help with meals, welcome and hospitality, driving shuttle vans between hotels and church and helping with meeting room preparations. Please contact Cleo Koop, 316-282-0797, for more details or if interested in volunteering.

Mennonite Church USA: Save the Date for Follow Jesus 25! See you July 8-12, 2025 in North Carolina.

Watch the video here: mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-25-video

Upcoming Dates

January 8 - Pizza and Game Night
Food in the Bible Class begins
January 9 - Coffee with the Pastors at Norm's
January 23 - Coffee Time at Tabor
February 22 - Know Jesus

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

December 22, 2024

Offering = \$	3,273.00	Attendance =	156
Adult FF =	\$ 38.92	Attendance =	39
Jr. FF =	\$ 5.75	Attendance =	50

Worship Link Views = 46

Christmas Eve Offering for
Hope Women's Center
= \$1,203.00.

Worship Link Views = 26



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