

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Praise be to God for the True Light has come into the world! And if the Light has the power to draw even wise ones from afar, one wonders what the Light still evokes within our own lives, our church, and our world...

### GATHERING / PRAISING

- PRELUDE Marcene Entz
- \*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Carol Duerksen
- \*GATHERING SONG “*Arise, Shine*” No. 48CS
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN OF PRAISE “*The virgin Mary had a baby boy*” No. 202
- \*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCLAIMING

- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN’S STORY Eunice Nickel
- WORSHIP MUSIC “*Help us to help each other*” Katy Schmidt
- SCRIPTURE *Matthew 2: 1-12* Barb Banman  
*Ephesians 3: 1-12* Elton Nickel
- The Word of God for the people of God ~ ***Thanks be to God!***
- SERMON “*Perfect Love Casts Out Fear*” Pastor Phil Schmidt

### RESPONDING

- HYMN OF RESPONSE “*What Child is this*” No. 215
- BREAKING OF CHAINS AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### SENDING

- \*SENDING HYMN “*Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem*” No. 32STS
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*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 Donavon and Deloris Schmidt 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, as well as a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Sharleen Francis.

On the table in the foyer are **Prayer Request Cards**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

**10:45 a.m.**—Fellowship Time.

**11:00 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone.

**Annual Reports and Directory updates** are due in the church office TODAY. Email your updates and reports to [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org) or place in the secretary mailbox.

## This Week

### Sunday, January 3-Tuesday, January 5

Tabor serves at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter.

### Monday, January 4

**7:15 p.m.**—Fellowship Planning Team meets

### Tuesday, January 5

**9:30 a.m.**—Staff meeting

**6:30 p.m.**—Outreach Team meets

### Wednesday, January 6

**6:00-7:30 p.m.**—Family Pizza and Game Night for everyone.

*No regular Wednesday programs.*

### Thursday, January 7

**12:00 p.m.**—Newton Lunch Bunch

**7:00 p.m.**—Christian Education meeting

### Saturday, January 9

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**—Tabor Mennonite Women meet to make comfort tops

## Next Sunday, January 10

**9:15 a.m.**—Prelude

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday is the First Sunday after Epiphany. Our theme will be “Baptism of the Lord.” Our scripture focus will be Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

**10:45 a.m.**—Fellowship Time.

**11:00 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone.

**4:00 p.m.**—Tabor leads chapel at Bethesda.

