

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Ministry Storytelling

Today as we gather we will hear stories from Tabor ministry teams regarding how God has been present and active in our midst throughout this past year. We will also share our hopes for continuing to join God's purposes throughout this coming year.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Marcene Entz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Phil Schmidt

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 90*

*GATHERING HYMN *"Here in this place"* No. 6

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Great is thy faithfulness"* No. 327

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY Janna Duerksen

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 4: 1-16* Pastor Katherine Goerzen
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY STORYTELLING

Church Council	Jim Schmidt
Deacons	Carol Duerksen
Worship Planning Team	Russell Adrian
Fellowship Planning Team	Kara Swartzendruber
Christian Education	Dale Alderfer
Outreach	Shelley Buller
Trustees	Nathan Ashley
Building Committee	Gayle Funk
Finance Task Force	Myron Voth
Pastors	Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING AND SENDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Let us talents and tongues employ"* No 123 SS

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION Russell Adrian, Piano

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

*SENDING HYMN *"Praise him, praise him"* No. 100

*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE *from Ephesians 3: 20-21*

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Grace Regier and Harlin and Doris Unruh. *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 Yvette Nickel and Sharleen Francis.

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

11:00 a.m.—Chapel at Bethesda

This Week

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1:00 p.m.—Staff meeting

6:30 p.m.—Church Council Retreat *all are welcome*

Wednesday, Jan. 15—Wednesday Evening Activities

5:15 - Guitar Lessons	6:30 - Choir and Recreation followed by
5:20 - Faithful Fitness	Circle of Grace instruction class
5:45 - 6:30 Supper	7:00 - Youth Group
6:15 - Opening Music	7:30 - Adult Choir

Thursday, Jan. 16, 10:00 a.m.—Stories & Stuff - everyone welcome
Newsletter items are due.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.—Comforter Blitz

Next Sunday, January 19

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we begin a new worship series in which we will spend 5 weeks reflecting on "What is the Purpose of the Church?" Our framework for this worship series comes from Ephesians 4:11-12: "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors (shepherds) and teachers (APEST), to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." Next Sunday, we will focus on the Apostolic ministry of the church and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

7:00 p.m.—Jr. High movie night.

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on January 5.

- ★ The new church addition is officially paid for, the accounts have been closed, and the work of the Finance Task Force is officially done! Thanks be to God!
- ★ Bruce Funk shared what a blessing it was to be involved in helping to build the "Human Foosball Court." Thanks be to God for this creative and fun way to reach out to children in our congregation and community! May it continue to be used to serve God's good purposes!
- ★ Jim Graber praised God for the 35 young children who came forward for the Children's Story this past Sunday, and for a congregation that has placed such an emphasis on encouraging, nurturing, and supporting children in our midst! Thanks be to God for all who give of their time, talents, and treasures to nurture faith in children!

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 work of the church here at Tabor Mennonite, both in the past year and the year before us.

Dates to Remember:

January 24-25: WDC Women "Let's Talk"

January 24-26: Junior High Snow Camp

February 4: Council+ retreat

February 23: Hesston/Bethel Choir Concert at Alexanderwohl

February 26: Ash Wednesday

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE January 5, 2020

Offering = \$ 4,081.55	Attendance = 164
Adult F.F. = \$ 75.00	Attendance = 58
Jr. F.F. = \$ 12.50	Attendance = 37

Pictures of Ministry ~ 2019



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Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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