



## Thanksgiving Sunday

On this Sunday before Thanksgiving, we are especially grateful for Pastor Rosie's ministry at Tabor. As she prepares for retirement, we remember and give thanks for the ways that she has embodied the Fruits of the Spirit in her life and ministry. Thanks be to God!

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Susan Merrifield
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
GATHERING HYMN	"Spirit of God! descend" -vs. 1,4,5	No. 502 accompanied by Russell Adrian
CHILDREN'S STORY		Carrie Unruh
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Colossians 3:12-17</i> <i>Galatians 5:22-23</i>	Erica Stoltzfus
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	
REFLECTIONS		Pastor Rosie Jantz
SHARING	Karen Andres, Brenda Buller, Kim Funk, Norma Graber, Denise Nickel, Elaine Unruh, Doris Unruh, Deacons: Carol Duerksen, Duane Duerksen, Marcene Entz, Emil Schmidt, Erica Stoltzfus, John Unruh Pastor Katherine Goerzen, Pastor Phil Schmidt	
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER		
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Phil Schmidt
BLESSING AND RELEASE FOR PASTOR ROSIE	WDC Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider	
SENDING HYMN	"Great is thy faithfulness"	No. 327
SENDING BLESSING		Pastor Rosie Jantz
	<i>Words for hymns in bulletin</i>	

## Sunday, November 22

Come together in spirit to worship God and experience God's love. As we unite our hearts, may we be mindful of God's saving grace, especially as we face difficult circumstances through uncertain times.

**9:00 am:** We invite everyone to drive in to the church parking lot for the Worship Service and tune in to FM Radio 107.1 to listen. If the weather is nice enough, worship leaders will be outside. If the weather is poor, worship leaders will stand in front of the northeast window of the Hospitality Hall. The service will also be Livestreamed and recorded as usual.

**Following Worship (between 10-11 am):** Drive through the south carport to greet Pastor Rosie and help celebrate her retirement. There will be a place for you to leave cards/gifts.

**Children and Jr High Faith Formation curriculum** will be distributed during the drive through following worship. *See announcement for details.*

**Faith Formation:** BASIC class will not meet.  
WOW class will meet via zoom following the drive through.

### This Week

*Pastor Phil and family will be on vacation November 23-30.*  
*Pastor Rosie is on vacation November 23-30.*

**Mon. Nov. 23, 7:00 pm:** Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

**Thurs. Nov 26 & 27:** Thanksgiving. Church offices closed.

### Next Sunday, November 29

**9:00 am:** Faith Formation via Zoom  
BASIC class: Plans pending. Watch for details.

**10:45 am:** Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent. Scripture for reflection is Isaiah 64:1-9 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

### Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ All in our congregation who are recovering from surgery and all who are facing health related concerns. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ LuVerna Duerksen, former Tabor Church member, passed away on November 11 at Bethesda Home. A graveside service took place at the Tabor Church Cemetery on Thursday, November 19. Lord, hear our prayer.

- ★ our communities, schools and nursing homes as we continue to see new positive COVID cases. Pray for those who test positive, those who are in quarantine, teachers and staff who continue to teach our children and all those in the health care field, including those who care for our loved ones in nursing homes. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the gifts of leadership, vision, prayer, financial support, and volunteer time that WDC members have shared to support WDC's ministry this year.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: In many North American Indigenous cultures, every day is Thanksgiving Day. For the Onondaga People around Lake Ontario, the morning begins with the Thanksgiving Address, known as the "Words that Come Before All Else." Join MMN in thanking God for the good gifts that sustain us even in difficult times.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ this season of Thanksgiving.  
*All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.*

## Thanks

If you haven't heard this enough, we greatly appreciate the work your church puts into supporting New Hope Shelter. We realize many people sacrifice time to support our mission. With the craziness of the year, our mission is often more and more needed. So thank you for what you are willing to do during this time. With a new year approaching, we pray that God's presence is seen in your lives and churches. We have seen God at work here at New Hope Shelter and believe that God has even greater things for us.  
~ Ashli Teel from New Hope Shelter

## Congregational Announcements

**As we celebrate Rosie's retirement as our pastor**, we also anticipate when she and Kent will return to our congregation as part of our family in six months. If, during that time, there are significant changes in their lives, they will be in touch with us so we can support them. Other than that, these six months will be a time for us all to have the separation and space needed to make this transition on our pastoral team.

~The Board of Deacons

**Children and Jr. High Faith Formation:** Parents, we will be using the SHINE curriculum for children's faith formation starting Sunday, November 29. During Advent, we will offer videos of Bible stories, crafts, and lighting of advent candles. Leaflets will be distributed for students ages 2-5th grade. 6th-8th graders will receive a SHINE devotional book. In addition, families with children ages 2-5th grade will receive an All of Us Bible story book. Items will be available for pick-up on Sunday, November 22 during the drive-by farewell for Pastor Rosie. If you are unable to pick-up at this time, we will arrange to get them to you. If you have any questions, please check with Pam Abrahams.

**Would you be interested in being paired up with an 8th grader** as part of our mentor/mentee program at Tabor Church. This is a great opportunity to get to know one of our youth in a special way. We are hoping to get this organized soon, so if you are interested, please contact Sarahanne Unruh or Dale Alderfer with any questions you may have. Thanks for your support.

**Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning** will be taking place at the MCC Center in North Newton during November. Volunteers from Tabor are needed November 19-21. Covid-19 safety measures will be in place. Masks will be required. A video showing the work of the canner can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/eAxo0moMz3M> Contact Kenton Nickel for work times and to sign up.

**Rejoice!** This winter issue of the Rejoice! devotional is available. Please let Kim know if you would like to have one mailed to you. Call 367-2318 (if no answer, please leave a message) or Email [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org)

**The Christmas Giving Tree:** The Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Citizens State Bank are sponsoring a "Christmas Giving Tree" to help with some of the expenses of Christmas for families in need. Tags will be available on the tree at the Citizens State Bank on **Monday, November 23**. Because of COVID restrictions, the lobby of the bank is closed. You may pick up a tag at the drive through window, or knock on the lobby door and you will be allowed in to select a tag. (return gifts in same way) All the gifts will need to be brought back to the Bank by **Monday, December 14**. The gifts should be wrapped and the bank personnel will assist with the "checking in" process. The gifts will then be distributed by the GMA. It is our goal that everyone has a blessed and happy Christmas, both the giver and the receiver. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

**Bloodmobile:** As you make plans for the holidays, include sharing the gift of life by donating blood at Goessel Church between 1:00-6:00 on Monday, December 14. Over half of the slots are already filled, so go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to get the time you want.

**A new service is being started in the Goessel community.** “Josie’s Closet – Medical Equipment Loan & Recycling” is a way for people to donate gently used equipment, such as walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs, etc., so that they can be loaned to others in need in the Goessel community. It is under the umbrella of the Goessel Ministerial Alliance, and housed at Goessel Mennonite Church. Requests to borrow equipment or offers to donate equipment are by appointment with Nancy Stucky, director. See the attached flyer and the following link <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LNggx7VhTm-MfTGwl2kofyKPlc9pEpS2/view?usp=sharing> for more information

**Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum:** *Shop Local First.* Locally crafted items, Mennonite Cookbooks, Gift memberships to museum, Selected book-table for the frugal shopper, Mennonite History Books, Agricultural Books, Gift certificates available. Open Tues-Sat. 12-4:00 p.m. until Dec. 19, 2020 (closed Thanksgiving Day)

**Small Group Gatherings:** If you would like to schedule an in-person or Zoom meeting for your small group, faith formation class, or another gathering, please let church staff know and we will get that set up!

## Conference Announcements

### Western District Conference:

--Due to Covid-19 concerns, the WDC office and Resource Library are closed until further notice. All staff members are working from their homes. The best way to contact a staff member is by email, or messages can be left at 316-283-6300. Phone messages will be checked as possible.

### Mennonite Church USA:

--Help make this season of anticipation more meaningful for the little ones in your life. Download your free copy of the Advent at Home devotional [here](#). This easy-to-use resource includes suggested Bible readings, activities and simple celebratory rituals you can do together. The flexible, intergenerational format makes it ideal for families of all sizes and ages. Use it for all of Advent to Epiphany (November 29 through January 6), just for Christmas week or whatever rhythm works for your household.

--Mennonite Voluntary Service is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 service term. Two units are still accepting applications for this year! Serve, learn, and grow in faith with a community of your peers! Visit [MennoniteMission.net/MVS](http://MennoniteMission.net/MVS) to learn more!

**The Camp Mennoscah Christmas Gathering** is tentatively being planned as an outdoor event on Saturday, December 12 at 2:30pm. Registration required. Call 620-297-3290! Plans may change depending on coronavirus case rates and the desire to keep everyone safe.

### Mennonite Central Committee (MCC):

**--MCC asks for support for Central American hurricane recovery.** Not one, but two hurricanes within two weeks have caused extensive flooding in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua destroying crops and forcing people from their homes. MCC is working with churches and community organization to provide emergency food, hygiene supplies and cleanup support. Join us as we help these communities recover. You can donate online [mcc.org/eta-iota-relief](http://mcc.org/eta-iota-relief), by phone (888) 563-4676 or by mail at MCC, 21 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

**--Have yourself a honkin’ good holiday at MCC in North Newton!** This drive-thru event on Dec. 11 from 4-6 p.m. is a unique way to safely enjoy some delicious Christmas cheer while supporting the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee. Each charcuterie box is composed of seasonal artisan meats and cheeses, olives, fruit, mixed nuts and seasonal treats with crackers served on the side. A box serves two generous appetizer portions. RSVP by 5 p.m. on December 4 to reserve yours! Share your Christmas joy by ordering extra boxes to deliver to family and friends. Take a moment and treat yourself this holiday season! Suggested donation per box is \$25. Email [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org) to reserve your charcuterie box today! Find more information and photos at [mcc.org/honkin-holiday](http://mcc.org/honkin-holiday).

### Mennonite Disaster Service:

--The November edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue, you can read why we are suspending projects because of COVID spikes in local communities, learn how MDS volunteers are helping to save a Colorado forest, and an MDS volunteer and author offers a unique approach to support MDS. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3kKTYRo>

--Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is seeking a part time Administrative Assistant that will provide administrative support to the leadership of MDS Region 3 and its units (Central States – west of the Mississippi). The position is home-based within Region 3. Applicants must be active in an Anabaptist church and committed to the Anabaptist faith and peace position. See the full job description at [mds.mennonite.net/about-us/employment](http://mds.mennonite.net/about-us/employment). Resumes may be sent to [jobs@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:jobs@mds.mennonite.net). Review of resumes begins immediately. Recruitment continues until the position is filled.

**Bethel College:** Order Christmas goodies and gifts at Bethel College Women’s Association online market. Find hand made crafts, and one-of-a-kind items, and fresh homemade treats including peppernuts, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, poppyseed rolls, and candies at [bcwamar-ketonline.com](http://bcwamar-ketonline.com). Place your order by December 1, and pick up at Bethel College Mennonite Church south entrance from 10:00am to noon Saturday, December 5. This event is part of the annual Five Places of Christmas, sponsored by Newton Chamber of Commerce, and all proceeds will support Bethel College. And, if you are not local, most items can be shipped including peppernuts! Christmas shopping and supporting Bethel at the same time doesn’t get much better than that.

