

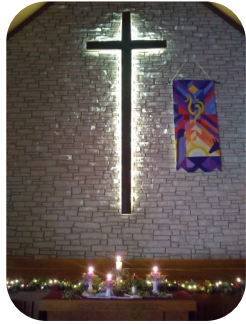
Tabor Mennonite Church

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No. 1

WHAT DOES TABOR MEAN TO ME?



Sunday After Christmas

On this first Sunday of the new calendar year, we will be reflecting on the question, "What does Tabor mean to me?" We are grateful to everyone who is sharing this morning, and to Worship Council for this lovely idea. Thanks be to God for God's faithfulness!



WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Russell Adrian
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *from Isaiah 63:7-9*
- *GATHERING HYMN *"Here I Am to Worship"* No. 227
- *GATHERING PRAYER No. 963
- *HYMN OF PRAISE *"Bless'd Be the God of Israel"* No. 223
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Eunice Nickel
- SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 145:1-13* Peter Goerzen
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SHARING *"What does Tabor mean to me?"* Donavon Schmidt
Adriana Duerksen, Kevin Nickel,
and Kara Swartzendruber
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* No. 419
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *SENDING HYMN *"Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"* No. 19 SS
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, January 1

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

10:00 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

https://youtu.be/yHheLLwDX_Y

11:00 am: Finger Food Fellowship. Please bring Christmas goodies to share. No regular Faith Formation hour.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, Jan. 2 - Church Offices will be closed

5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study. Book of Acts.

Tues, Jan. 3, 9:30 am - Staff meeting.

Wed. Jan. 4, 9:00 am - TMW quilting and tying comforters.

12:00 pm - First Wednesday Lunch at Del Puente Café.

5:45 pm - Wednesday Evening Game Night.

Thurs, Jan. 5, 7:00 pm - Worship Council meeting.

Next Sunday, January 8

9:30 am: Next Sunday is Epiphany. Scripture for reflection will be Matthew 2 and Pastor Todd will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on December 25

- ★ Marlene Schueler shared words of appreciation for the hospitality and welcome she has experienced here. Marlene is an exchange student who was staying with Carol and Maynard, who is returning home to Germany this week. Lord, hear our prayers for Marlene in the midst of this transition.
- ★ Denise Nickel expressed gratitude for prayers for Elton, who had a successful hip replacement surgery. Lord, hear our prayers for healing as Elton recovers at home.
- ★ Ron Goerzen shared how important it is to treasure and ponder the peace that Jesus offers in our troubled world. He also expressed gratitude for the strong foundation he received from Tabor in his formative years. Thanks be to God!

- ★ Maynard Knepp shared that Milt Duerksen, Carol's father, passed away. Lord, hear our prayers for Carol and Maynard, and for all who are grieving Milt's loss. Thanks be to God for Milt's well lived life, the kindness he showed, and that he is now resting in God's care!
- ★ Bonnie Janzen expressed sadness over not being able to carol this year because of the frigid weather. She wished for others to know that they had not been forgotten. She hopes to provide this again next year. We offer much grace, and express our appreciation to Bonnie and others who have caroled for Tabor members and who have given such joy through music!
- ★ Pastor Katherine requested prayers for Jackson Hiebert, who had a successful tonsillectomy. Lord, hear our prayers for Jackson and his family as he recovers.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ all persons who are grieving the loss of loved ones in Buffalo, NY as a result of extreme weather conditions.
- ★ the caring quilt is with Elton and Denise Nickel following Elton's hip surgery.
- ★ Western District Conference: Father, as this New Year begins, we thank you through your Son Jesus Christ for all that you are doing and all that you are going to do in the communities, and people of WDC, through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, using the blessing of Church Planting as an instrument. We thank you in advance for being with us, for being our deliverer and our healer, thank you, Christ Jesus. *-WDC Church Planting Commission*
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: In this new year, may we be channels of God's love and light to our neighbors and, through MMN personnel and partners, to our brothers and sisters on six continents.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The dawn of a new year! May we seek to be aware of all God gives us each new day and offer our praise and gratitude!

Thanks

Tabor Church Family

We would like to thank the church for the beautiful flower arrangement that was provided to us for our 50th wedding anniversary. It was truly beautiful and we continued to enjoy it in our home. We also would like to express thanks and appreciation for the many cards and verbal well wishes that we received as well. Even at times of celebration, there can also be times of sadness as Dora experienced the loss of her brother, Andoni, several days before Christmas. Again, a big thank you for the sympathy cards we received during this difficult time. We treasure the love and support we feel from our church family.

~Larry and Dora Goerzen

Congregational Announcements

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study: When we resume our Wednesday evening activities we will also offer a Bible study option for adults. Starting on January 11th, the group will meet in the conference room following our Wednesday meal and will be led by Pastor Todd. We will work through portions of Genesis together. All are welcome to join for all sessions, or as you are able. Just bring your Bible and yourself.

Anabaptist World: It is time to renew our group subscription to the Anabaptist World magazine. If you would like to renew or join the group - even if you now have an individual subscription - contact Lewis Unruh by January 4, 2023. Group rate \$39/yr. Individual rate \$54/yr.

Museum Annual Meeting: Say "cheese" with Jason Schmidt and Miriam Goertzen-Regier of Grazing Plains Farm at the annual meeting of the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum on Sunday, January 22, at 2:30 pm at Goessel Church. Jason and Miriam's presentation will follow the business portion of the meeting. After the program, the fasp (light meal) will include cheese samples from Grazing Plains Farm. Memberships to the museum will be available to purchase or renew.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus (KMMC): *"We come together as men with a common bond: A love of Jesus Christ, a love of singing and as men who love to help those in need."* Be a part of KMMC 2023. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the foyer. Rehearsals begin January 29. For more information, please see Steve Janzen.

Because No One Should Go Hungry: The purpose of the Tabor Church Food Pantry is to provide food at no cost for families in need in the Goessel area. If you are struggling financially to make ends meet, know that you are not alone. We are here to help! Please call Tabor Mennonite Church (367-2318) to set up a time to get your food. This is a ministry supported by the Goessel area churches and community.

Support Habitat for Humanity: For those of you that collect aluminum cans, there is a bin on the west side of the church that you can place them in. The money raised funds the Habitat for Humanity house in Newton.

Upcoming:

- Wed, Jan. 11 - Regular Wednesday Evening activities resume
- Adult Bible Study Class will begin
- Fri, Jan. 20 - MDS Cabinet Shop Appreciation
- Sun, Jan. 22 - Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday
- Communion
- Wed, Feb. 22 - Pine Car Derby

Conference and Community Announcements

Mennonite Church USA: After two years of renovations and pandemic related delays, the new Brooklyn (New York) Peace Church opened its doors in October 2022. The Atlantic Coast Conference church plant welcomed members of the Spanish-speaking congregation that previously met in the same location. Read more about their first few services here:

mennoniteusa.org/brooklyn-peace-church

Mennonite Disaster Service: The December edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In our current issue: find out why some disaster survivors may think it's absurd for MDS volunteers to help rebuild and restore; celebrate six home dedications in time for the holidays in Crisfield, MD; and get more details on how to register for the MDS annual celebration in Pennsylvania in February. Click on this link to read more:

<https://conta.cc/3Whz2F8>

Hesston College Masterworks Presents: I Believe - Jan. 14, 7 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church. Join us for a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a performance featuring music of African American Composers, including works by William Dawson, Robert Owens, and Margaret Bonds. Masterworks chorus and orchestra will be joined by soloists Evan Julius Nelson, Dr. Carren Moham, and Dr. Holly Swartzendruber. More info at hesston.edu/masterworks join us at hesston.edu/livestream

Bethel College:

--Sat, Jan. 7, Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 am start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets. Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

--Mon., Jan. 16 – Bethel College celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, featuring Marche Fleming-Randle, "Together We Can Be the Dream," 7 p.m., Memorial Hall.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

Christmas Eve - December 24, 2022

Offering = \$ 1,776.00	Attendance = 150
Worship Link Views = 25	

Sunday, Christmas Day December 25, 2022

Offering = \$ 3,055.00	Attendance = N/A
Worship Link Views = 40	

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

disbursements for the 4th quarter and end of fiscal year were made in early December. These are for the benevolent ministries we support through our budget. Letters of thanks and acknowledgement of receipt have been received in the past weeks. Many of these are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Take time to see how your donations impact the ministries we support.



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