

January 6, 2008

Gifts: The Wise Men

Epiphany

Gathering

PRELUDE Adult Worship Team

WELCOME Worship Leader, Karen Andres

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Like the magi of old, we bring our gifts to you, God-with-us.

**People: They are not gold, nor frankincense, nor myrrh,  
but they declare our love and loyalty to you.**

**ALL: We pray that all we have and do may be used for your service.  
Amen.**

Praising God

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"The first Noel, the angel did say"* vs.1,3,4,5 No. 199

\*INVOCATION

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"Christ, whose glory fills the skies"* No. 216

GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please pass the welcome pads*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP *"Beautiful One"* -Tim Huges

CHILDREN'S STORY Leann Toews

Hearing God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 60:1-6* Lewis Unruh

SPECIAL MUSIC *"The Family of God"* Quartet

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Ephesians 3:1-12* Carrie Sommerfeld

HEARING THE GOSPEL STORY *Matthew 2:1-12*  
Jim, Ben and Donavon Schmidt

SERMON *"Gifts Given and Gifts Received"* Corey Miller

Responding

MUSICAL INTERLUDE Adult Worship Team

COMMUNION AND ANOINTING

RESPONSE HYMN *"Jesus, be the center"* Inside Back of Bulletin

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Today

The wise men sought out Jesus and brought him gifts, but those who came to give also received something as well! What gifts do you bring Jesus? And what gifts is Jesus wanting to give you? On this Epiphany Sunday, let us celebrate the gift of Jesus to the whole world and remember the gifts of bread and the cup to remember his reign among us.

The communion table is open to all who are earnestly committed to Christ and his church. We pray that this service will help begin your new year in a good way. We are so glad you are here.

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Dora & Charlie Unruh and Russ & Barb Abrahams. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back & join us again soon.

Childcare is available during worship today.

### **SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

- Porclein Unruh, who designed and created the bulletin cover.
- Ron Dirksen, who created and assembled the barn.
- Carol Duerksen, who wrote the drama.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone

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.

## This Week

### **Wednesday, January 9**

**6:30 p.m.**—**PIZZA PARTY FOR TABOR CHURCH CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

The Faith Weaver Friends and Junior Friends, Youth Explorers and Youth Group and all parents are all invited to a big “Welcome to 2008 Pizza Party” in the Fellowship Hall. There will be music, prizes, and games for all! This our third annual pizza party and we invite you to come out and see how God is nurturing our children's faith!

### **Saturday, January 12**

**7:00 a.m.**—Men's Bible Study in Mark resumes!

## Next Sunday, January 13

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the first Sunday after Epiphany. The theme is: My servant will bring forth justice to the nations. Scriptures are Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17 and Karen will be preaching.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone

## Announcements

**IN YOUR MAIL BOXES TODAY** is the 2008 First Fruits Giving form for you to read and prayerfully determine what your giving to Tabor's mission will be for this year. Are you able to determine a percentage increase in your giving for this year? You do not have to return your giving intent, but rather fill it out and keep it as a reminder of your covenant to Tabor Church for 2008. The deacons will also be sending confidential quarterly and end of year giving reports to you for you to check your giving progress and also for tax purposes.

**DEVOTIONALS NEEDED FOR THE DEVOTIONAL BOOK!** The devotionals are coming in, just like good gifts on Epiphany. We have almost 10 now, but we need more!! Send any devotionals to: [cmiller@tabormennonite.org](mailto:cmiller@tabormennonite.org).

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** Thank you to everyone who has submitted your annual report. If you still need to, please do so now, either email (preferred) to [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org) or place in the secretary mailbox. Treasurers reports are due in the box on the counter in the church office as well.

**MDS:** Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service will be having their annual meeting on January 20 at 2:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church, Hillsboro. Kenneth Unruh and Paul Unruh will be speaking on "Reflections of the Greensburg Tornado".

### **KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE:**

>>FELLOWSHIP MEALS - You have two options this year. You can do what you have done in the past and either be a host or a guest at another church (the yellow forms are in your mailbox this morning) OR you can have your Fellowship Meal AT TABOR this year on Sunday, March 2 after the morning service. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for this option. A \$15 donation to MCC for adults and \$6 per child 6-12 yrs. of age is suggested. Children under 6 are free. PLEASE SIGNUP.

>>PLEASE consider donating money for pre-sale expenses. This year is the 40th Anniversary of the Kansas MCC Sale. For those of you who have never donated to pre-sale expenses, PLEASE consider giving \$40 this year. Our pre-sale budget is about \$80,000. While this sounds staggering, it becomes very achievable when LOTS of Kansas Mennonites each give a little. Consider this motivational factor - the members of the Greensburg Mennonite Church have already given \$4500 to pre-sale expenses and they do not have a church building. Pre-sale expenses are things like: \$750 for raisins for those delicious new year's cookies, \$750 for ice cream to put on your home-made pie, \$2,000 for the hams in the ham gravy for the verenika, \$6000 for insurance which we can't eat, \$5000 for sausage, etc. PLEASE put your donations in Kris and Archie Schmidt or Jerry and Leann Toew's box. THANKS

**EVERYONE INTERESTED IN AGRI-URBAN,** and it's programs is invited to an appreciation dinner and program on Jan. 19 at 6pm, in the Eden Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, 4 miles west and 2 miles north of Moundridge, Kansas. Please make reservations with Van Schmidt at 367-3800 TODAY.

**LOST:** Black coat and gloves. Missing following the wedding reception of Annaken and Francisco Mendoza. If you picked up the wrong coat, please return it to the church office.

### **ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:**

**WELCOME TO EDUCATION AT BETHEL.** January 19, 8:30am. See poster on bulletin board. Brochures are on the table in the foyer.

**The Upside Down King** preformed in January. See posted information or January newsletter (found in your mailboxes today) for all the details.

## God's Peace Lived Out

Blessings on our year  
Giving us time for the task  
Peace for the pathway  
Wisdom for the work  
Friends for the fireside  
Love to the last.

- FOR card by Judy Richardson