

Take a look at that graph! We have come a long way in the past two months and today is the day to finish out this fiscal year's budget. Your generosity has been wonderful and with your generosity today we will meet our budget and be able to honor the commitments we made to the ministries for the 2010 fiscal year. Thank you!!

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
November 21, 2010			
Offering	= \$ 5,934.25	Attendance	= 230
Adult S.S.	= \$ 34.00	Attendance	= 106
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 11.88	Attendance	= 16
Thanksgiving Service			
Attendance	= 130		
For Church Plants	= \$1,239.00		

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HOPE ~ The Prophets Prepare

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As God's children and the body of Christ,
we are called by God to offer hospitality,
healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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“HOPE: The Prophets Prepare”
Advent 1

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” -Luke 3:4

Gathering

- PRELUDE Sarah Unruh
- WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Worship Leader, Carol Duerksen
- PROCESSIONAL *“Advent Processional”* Adult Choir
- ADVENT CANDLE James Goerzen

Praising God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We wait.

People: We wait and pray.

Leader: We worship.

People: We worship and hope.

Leader: We live in expectation.

People: We live in the hope of Emmanuel.

- *SINGING OUR PRAISE *“Hark! The glad sound!”* No. 184
- “Joy to the world”* No. 318

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP *pass school kit items to center isle*
You are welcome to fill out the friendship brochure and place it in the offering bag.

Hearing God’s Word

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY *Isaiah 9:2-7* Jim Schmidt

CHILDREN’S STORY Diane Unruh

On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ MCC and MDS updates.
- ★ Christmas carol sing-along, Grace Hill Mennonite, Nov. 28, 4pm.
- ★ AMBS-Great Plains Courses for Interterm and Spring 2011
- ★ Welcome to Education at Bethel information is posted
- ★ Ten Thousand Villages: Consider gifting fairly traded items for Christmas.



God brings HOPE in Advent:



We have hope, not that the events of the world will turn out "right," but that God is who God claims to be. We plant seeds of peace and justice for our children, believing they will grow strong whether we live to see them bear fruit or not. Our belief in the unexpected resurrection gives us the courage to face our unknown tomorrows. Our legacy is the faith of our martyrs' and the promise that God is in charge. We are fools for Christ, hoping against hope.

Announcements

Goessel Community Christmas Giving Tree: Please consider helping a family in need by picking a tag off the Goessel Community Giving Tree located at the Citizens State Bank in Goessel. Tags will be available on November 27 and application forms can be picked up in the church office or from pastor Corey.

Night in the Barn: The Tabor Youth will again be presenting a Live Nativity Event on the farm of Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen on December 18 & 19 from 6-8 pm. Come for a short inspirational program presented among the animals in the barn along with singing and holiday treats. Donations will be gratefully accepted for the TMYF service trip this summer.

Christmas Breakfast: All women and girls are invited to the annual Christmas Breakfast on Saturday, December 18 at 9 am. Following a breakfast served by the Willing Helpers, Kay Schroeder will present a Christmas program. Prayer sisters will be revealed. Make plans to come with mothers, daughters, sisters and friends. Sign up on the bulletin board.

The Radical Journey staff has prepared prayer cards for persons who'd like to keep Marie Unruh and the other two members of her team in their prayers. You can pick up a card on the table in the foyer. You can also keep up with Marie by visiting her website, mariesradicaljourney.blogspot.com

The Mennonite: Our group subscription plan to *The Mennonite* is renewing. If you are interested in joining our group plan or to continue your subscription, please fill out the sheet found in your mailbox and return to the box in the foyer along with a check for \$37.00 payable to Tabor Mennonite Church by December 5.

Pizza! Pizza! Pizza! "MennoBrothers Pizza," tossed salad and cookies are on the menu for the Wednesday evening meal Dec.1. This meal will be a fund-raiser for Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum.

Mennonite Men's Chorus: Enrollment for the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus is now under way. All men & boys who enjoy singing are encouraged to sign up. Tabor church could easily have a dozen or more singers in KMMC. The sign-up period is now through December. Read notice on the bulletin board or talk to Nicholas Schroeder or Donavon Schmidt for more information. Join in "singing that others may live".

ANTHEM *"My Lord, he is coming soon"* Adult Choir

*HEARING THE GOSPEL *Luke 1:26-37, 3:1-6, 15-16*

SERMON *"Surprising Messages . . . of Hope"* Corey Miller

Responding to God's Word

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: God, we live in a broken world that is looking for hope.

People: In our wounded, sinful lives, we sometimes feel hopeless.

Leader: Your prophets invite us to "Keep watch," but we are distracted.

People: We have been sleepless, though not alert; awake, but not watching.

Leader: Stir up your Spirit among us and give us hope.

People: Wipe the sleep from our eyes and give us hope.

All: For a Savior has been born unto us.

A Child of Hope is given.

TESTIMONY OF HOPE Sarahanne Unruh

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*HYMN *"To us a Child of hope is born"* No. 189

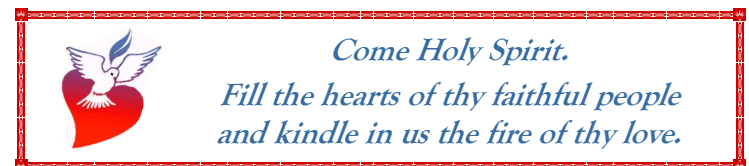
*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

God's prophets have sometimes been known to be people of gloom and doom, but if you look more closely at their message, one can hear words of Hope. As we begin this season of Advent, may we hear the prophets again today as they offer words of Hope to us all.

We are so glad that you are here with us to worship.



Today Continued

This morning you were greeted by Ron and Nancy Schroeder and Jerry and Darlene Schroeder. *Please note the friendship cards in the songbook holders and fill one out if you have requests or if you are a visitor and place it in the offering bag.*

Childcare is provided by Yvette Nickel in the nursery during the worship service.

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

Tuesday, November 30

12:00 p.m.—Goessel/Peabody/Walton Lunch Bunch at the Goessel Senior Center. Please sign up.

Wednesday, December 1

Full Wednesday night programming

Thursday, December 2

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

Wednesday Evenings at Tabor

5:45-6:30 - Supper for all. **Sign up for meal.** *Bring your own table service.*

Mennonite Heritage Museum serving. See announcements for details.

6:30-7:15 - Children of Light, Faith Friends, Adult Bible Study, Worship Team

7:00-8:00 - TMYF

7:15-8:00 - Cross Road, Faithful Fitness

7:15-8:15 - Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers

8:00-9:00 - Adult Choir

Next Sunday, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.—Worship: we will continue the Advent Season. The focus of the morning will be Peace: Mary and Joseph Accept! The texts will be Isaiah 2:1-5; Luke 1:38-56, Matthew 1:24-25 and Pastor Corey will be preaching. Advent Offering: Please bring 4 unsharpened pencils for the School Kits.

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

Prayer Requests

The following items were shared last Sunday, November 21.

- ★ Duane Duerksen shared that he and Janna will be completing their term of service with Joyful Noise Community Child Care and testified how much of a faith growing experience this ministry has been for them. Joyful Noise has felt God's grace and provision in so many ways in recent times.
- ★ Elaine Schroeder shared that there has been much grace with the budget task force that has worked so diligently and faithfully at inspiring the Tabor congregation to give so generously. What an act of grace!
- ★ Corey shared that he and Brent Abrahams had been spending a few nights at the homeless shelter and asked if anyone with an extra stroller might be willing to give it to a young mother and her 4 year old son.

Happenings:

- ★ Last Sunday, four people offered their strollers to the Homeless Shelter in an effort to help a mother and her young son. They were very appreciative of the stroller that helped them get around town easier. Thanks to all who heard the invitation and responded in faith.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Families as they travel from Thanksgiving gatherings this week.
- ★ A faithful response to our unified budget.
- ★ Carol Duerksen and Bill Unruh as they begin their second term as deacons. Pray also for Gary Duerksen as he begins his new term as a Trustee.
- ★ Michael Unruh and Marie Unruh as they continue to serve in Fresno and in England.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks to God for the faithful and fruitful service of our WDC staff. Give thanks for the churches of WDC who serve as beacons of God's kingdom light in their communities.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Martin Wiens, assistant principal of Christopher Dock High School in Lansdale, Pa., is completing the second month of an eight-month assignment with MMN in Philipstown, South Africa, where he is serving the Grace Community Church. Pray for Martin and the Grace congregation as they work to break down racial barriers in the community.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for students, faculty and staff of Mennonite educational institutions- prekindergarten through seminary- as they enter the busy time of special events and projects before Christmas break.