

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
January 2, 2010			
Offering	= \$ 5,121.20	Attendance	= 172
Adult S.S.	= \$ 67.55	Attendance	= 72
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 10.37	Attendance	= 19



**Peace comes when we remember our Belovedness:**

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?  
 Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or  
 nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . .



No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Lit up with  
 God's Spirit*

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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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## The Baptism of the Lord

### Gathering

PRELUDE Sara Unruh

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Leann Toews  
*From Psalm 29*

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders.

**People: The voice of the LORD is powerful and full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars and flashes flames of fire.

**People: The LORD sits enthroned as King forever.**

Leader: May the LORD give strength to his people.

**All: May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

\*GATHERING HYMN "Holy Spirit, come with power" No. 26

\*PRAYER

### Praising God

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE "O worship the Lord" No. 124

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP

*You are welcome to fill out the friendship brochure and place it in the offering bag.*

### Hearing God's Word

CHILDREN'S STORY Karen Andres

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 42:1-9*

SPECIAL MUSIC "A Living Prayer" Brittany Voth

\*HEARING THE GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13-17*

SERMON "Being Lit Up with God's Spirit" Corey Miller

**AGAPE Center Annual Meeting:** Wednesday, January 19 after lunch at 12:30pm. We invite everyone to attend this important meeting. There is also a need for volunteers to help with meals, a substitute cook, and more meals served. You can eat at the center and enjoy fellowship with others or you may pick up some take home meals. If you are physically unable to come, give us a call as we do have Meals on Wheels and can make arrangements for delivery. Your support is needed as there are people who depend on us for their noon meal. Please call 367-2275 and make a reservation for lunch and attend this meeting.

**The 2011 annual meeting of Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service** will be held January 16, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at Bethel Mennonite Church, one and one-half miles south of Inman. Rosina Felipe from Grand Bayou, Louisiana will be the featured speaker. She will talk about the challenges of hurricanes and oil spills in the gulf area.

### Mennonite Central Committee:

>Volunteers are needed on a regular basis in the MCC Central States Warehouse in North Newton. Various tasks include recycling clothing, baling blankets, general clean-up and in the summer mowing the grass. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time when the MCC center is open, Monday-Thursday 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm, or if you have questions please contact Maynard Knepp at 316-283-2720 or [mknepp@mcc.org](mailto:mknepp@mcc.org).

>You're invited to a special presentation at Hesston Mennonite Church on Sunday, January 23 at 7:00pm. Come to learn about MCC's ongoing response to the Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti. MCC has been humbled by the overwhelming response from our constituents to the people of Haiti. MCC's Haiti earthquake response is funded for a 5 year response at over \$13 million. John Stoesz, Executive Director for MCC Central States will present stories and photos of MCC's immediate relief distribution, our Haitian partners and the long-term plans for MCC's work in Haiti.

### On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **MCC and MDS** updates.
- ★ **Welcome To Education at Bethel:** January 15, 2011
- ★ **Worship Planning Resourcing** with Marlene Kropf, AMBS professor, Jan. 21, Faith Mennonite.
- ★ **WDC Choral Festival**, Jan. 22, 6:30pm, Eden Mennonite.
- ★ **Camp Mennoscah:** Information and job opportunity.

## Announcements

### Thank You:

Pastors say %Thanks! Once again, we have been so blessed by your many acts of love offered to us in this Christmas season. The cards with personal notes of encouragement, the creative gifts, the amazing food, were all part of your gifts of love to us. We offer our hearty %Thank you+for all the ways we have been blessed this year.  
- Corey, Karen, Doug.

**This year, our annual meeting** will be held during the worship service on January 23. We will celebrate what God did in our midst over the past year and hear some great stories from our members about the Five Threads that the Prayer/Envisioning Team has been working on. Make plans to stay for a Fundraiser Meal that the youth will serve following Sunday school.

**Cookies needed:** Tabor Church is hosting the January 13 MCC Sale planning meeting and needs 35 dozen cookies for refreshments. Please sign up on the bulletin board for the number of dozen you are willing to provide. Please have at the church by 5 pm on January 13. They may also be placed in the freezer. Either way, please label FOR MCC SALE MEETING.

**Willing Helpers** will start out the new year with a project day on January 20 at 9:30 a.m. Please bring a foil wrapped potato with your name on it. Think about "in what ways do you see God's image".

**Goessel Area Wide Jr. High Movie Night:** Saturday, January 22, 6:30pm at the Goessel Mennonite Church. Please bring \$3 to cover the cost of supper and bring your favorite cookies for dessert.

**Fellowship Meals:** Help support the MCC Relief Sale and in turn support the work of Mennonite Central Committee by participating in the 2011 Fellowship Meals scheduled for February 27 and March 6 as guests and/or hosts. Please return the registration found in your church mailbox to Jerry and Leann Toews or Archie and Kristin Schmidt by January 31.

**Are you looking for opportunities to practice your hospitality skills?** We need two more funeral ushers and two more special greeters. If you are willing to serve in this way, contact Jude Krehbiel, chairperson for the Worship-Fellowship Committee.

## Responding

SPECIAL MUSIC "Down to the River to Pray" Brittany Voth and friends

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

"Spirit of the Living God"

No. 349

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN OF HOPE

"He leadeth me"

No. 599

POSTLUDE

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## Today

What part of Jesus' baptism story grabs your attention? Is it his willingness to be baptized by cousin John? Is it the heavens that opened up or the voice that declared Jesus' belovedness? Today, we are invited to enter into this story and remember that our baptism experience has invited the Holy Spirit to light us up!

We are so glad you that you are here with us to worship. This morning you were greeted by Jill, Jasmine, Karina and Emily Brandt and Richard Drake and Kathy 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.*

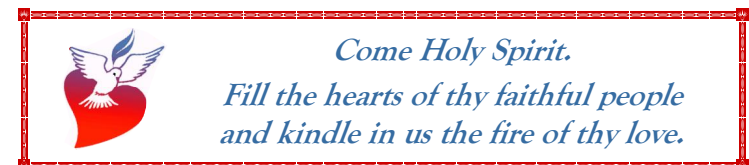
Childcare is provided by Nancy Schroeder in the nursery during the worship service.

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

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

The 8 week Naked Anabaptist book study begins today in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour. You can pick up a copy of the book in the fellowship hall and put a contribution in the Adult SS offering. The books are \$14 a piece.

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, January 11

12:00 p.m.—Hesston Lunch Bunch

7:00 p.m.—Church Council

### Wednesday, January 12

Full Wednesday night programming

### Thursday, January 13

7:00 p.m.—MCC Sale meeting at Tabor.

## Next Sunday, January 16

**9:30 a.m.—Worship:** The focus of the morning is on Evangelism and the theme is %Come and See.+ The texts are Psalm 40:1-11, Isaiah 49:1-7, I Corinthians 1:1-9 and John 1:29-42 and Corey will be preaching.

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

**Noon:** Following the Sunday school hour on January 16, all are invited to a potluck meal and grocery shower for Jake and Stephanie Unruh. This is a way that we nurture our young adults and foster community. Please bring a basket dinner and your own table service. Drink is furnished.

**2:30 p.m.:** A presentation on the historic Alta Mill will be a feature of Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's annual meeting Sunday, Jan. 16, at 2:30 p.m. at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Brian Stucky will give the presentation. The mill operated along the Little Arkansas River southwest of Moundridge from 1876-1949. Four pieces of mill machinery are part of the permanent display in the museum's Turkey Red Wheat Palace. Brian is a descendant of one of the mill's owners. The business part of the meeting will precede Stucky's presentation. *Faspa*, a traditional Low German Mennonite light lunch, will be served following the meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

## Wednesday Evenings at Tabor

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

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



## Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ The Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA as they make a decision on the delicate issue of whether to have the next Conference in Phoenix or not.
- ★ An openness to the ways that the Spirit wants to alight on our lives, hearts, and ministries.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the Camp Mennoscah Swimming Pool funding and construction and the completion of the Vision 2012 financial goal.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's executive director, Stanley Green, and other church leaders of color are gathering in Tampa, Fla., today through Wednesday to evaluate Mennonite Church USA's movement toward becoming an anti-racist church. Pray that the decisions made during this gathering, %Hope for the Future,+will guide our church into a truer modeling of Christ's body.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for planners, organizers and presenters at Bethel College Women's Association's Welcome to Education at Bethel (WEB) Day on January 15.