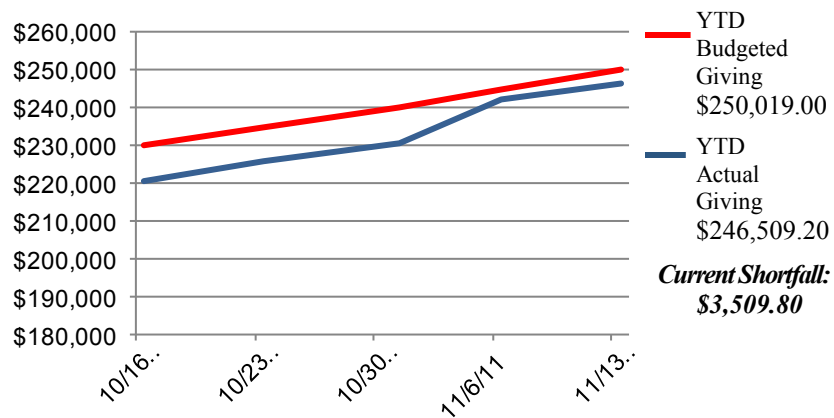


Tabor Annual Giving through 11-13-11



"... seek
the things that are above,
where Christ is ..."

-Colossians 3:1

Contributions needed by November 30 to meet budget: \$13,510.80

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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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Being Rich Toward God

"Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." -Luke 12:15

Gathering

PRELUDE

Sara Unruh

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

from Colossians 3:1-11

Worship Leader, Venita Schroeder

Leader: Live in this new resurrection life with Christ.

People: We want to see from Christ's perspective

Leader: Your new life is with Christ in God.

People: We will put to death the earthly things that divide.

Leader: Your new life is custom made by the Creator.

People: Everyone is now defined by Christ.

Leader: There is no longer slave and free.

All: But Christ is all and in all!

Praising

*GATHERING OUR PRAISE

"God is here among us"

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*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE

"Lord, I am fondly, earnestly"

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*GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Giving Tree: The Goessel Ministerial Alliance Christmas Giving Tree project is happening again this year. The tree will be at Crossroads Credit Union. Details on how you can help make it a great Christmas for children in our community were in mailboxes and information is posted on the bulletin board.

AGAPE is in danger of closing its doors: This notice is from the board of the Agape Senior Center. Our letters, notices and pleas have not yielded the volunteers needed to keep the center going. It is the decision of the Board that if we do not receive volunteers for the following needs we will proceed with the process of closing Agape Senior Center. The immediate need is for the following: 1. Board members willing to take responsibility for a function of the board such as fund raiser, secretary, treasurer, chairman, grounds maintenance, building maintenance, publicity. 2. Volunteers to take charge of serving meals, setting up home delivered meals, cleaning up after meals, driving to Hillsboro to get meals. 3. Site council members (help the site manager to plan activities and programs). 4. More people eating lunch at Agape. The Agape board needs to hear from persons wanting to volunteer by December 9, 2011. Persons volunteering for board membership should contact Norman Schmidt at 367-8140. For other volunteer positions contact Jenny Girard at 367-2275.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, 2012: Now is the time to enroll in the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. A special invitation is given to men of high school age and older who have never sung or used to sing in KMMC. Check the information posted on the bulletin board in the foyer or visit with Donavon Schmidt, Tabor's contact man for KMMC. Currently Tabor has 7 singers in the chorus. A church our size could have twice that many singing! Our motto, "We Sing That Others May Live" is our reason for singing. KMMC is a part of MCC and the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale. You are invited to join the experience!

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

November 13, 2011

Offering	= \$ 4,400.34	Attendance	= 181
Adult S.S.	= \$ 83.36	Attendance	= 79
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 9.92	Attendance	= 18

Peace

"Man finds it hard to get what he wants, because he does not want the best. God finds it hard to give, because he would give the best and man will not take it."

—George MacDonald



Tabor Publications

We have been trying out a new communication model for our church publications this month. The newsletter, community and conference announcements, church council minutes and other publications have been emailed to those persons with email. Printed copies have been placed in mailboxes of those without email. Additional copies of publications are available in the foyer. If you have email but find you do not receive the emailed publications and would like to, please contact the church office to update your listing. If you have been receiving publications through email, but would prefer printed copies, please feel free to contact Kim and she will make the necessary adjustments. Our goal is to keep our congregation informed and up to date on the happenings of Tabor Church in the way that is best suited to each member. Thanks for your help in being able to make that happen.

Announcements

Thank you! to all who have returned the green and yellow worksheets regarding the mission statement. After reading your comments, it appears that many of you have made the congregational mission statement your own.
-Pastor June

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Mennonite College Scholarship Fund. We received \$2505.00

Transfer of Membership: Corey and Nancy Miller have requested that their membership at Tabor Mennonite be transferred to the West Union Mennonite Church, Parnell, Iowa. A service will be held on November 27 at West Union to receive them as members there. We wish them God's blessings as they make this formal transition.

Hearing Aid. If a copy of the sermon would help you hear the sermon, just let the office know, and a printed copy will be placed in your mailbox on Sunday mornings.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Pastor June is willing to lead a Bible Study on Wednesday nights, 6:30 – 7:30 on "Untold Stories of Advent" November 30 through January 4, if there is interest. Please sign up on her door today if you would like to participate.

Save the Date: Christmas Carol Sing at Tabor on December 11 from 4-5pm.

The Mennonite subscriptions: Now is the time to renew or begin a subscription to *The Mennonite*. Group subscriptions will be renewed in December. Please fill out the form found in your mailbox and return to the box in the foyer along with a check for \$37.00, the group rate (\$9.00 less than individual subscription rates) by December 11.

Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY		Leann Toews
SCRIPTURE READING / DRAMA	<i>Luke 12:13-21</i>	Youth Explorers
SERMON	<i>"Turning From Our iWants"</i>	Karen Andres
SILENT REFLECTION		

Responding

RESPONSE	<i>"Time to start living"</i>	Jude Krehbiel
COMMISSIONING OF DEACON		

Congregational Response: We, the members of this body of Christ, in the spirit of joy and in renewed loyalty to our Lord, acknowledge and receive you as deacon. We promise to pray for you and support you in confidence, encouragement, cooperation, and prayers, that together we may increase in the knowledge and the love of God, manifested to us in Jesus Christ.

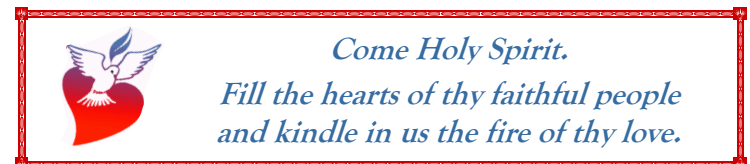
SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*SENDING HYMN	<i>"Help us to help each other"</i>	No. 362
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		

Today

There are many things in this world that can distract us from keeping our minds on the "things that are above." Jesus addresses the issue of greed which deceives us into thinking that things can satisfy our deepest longings. We are invited to turn from our wants and be mindful of the things of God. Then we are truly rich!



Today Continued

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Russ, Sharleen, Tristan and Aubrielle Francis and Brandy and Nathan Ashley.

Please note the friendship cards in the songbook holders. A special welcome is extended to all visitors. Visitors are invited to fill out the back of the friendship card 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.

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.

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.

Pastor June is worshipping with husband Ib at First Mennonite Church this morning.

This Week

Monday, November 21

7:00 p.m.—Everyone from Tabor (women and men) are invited to the Willing Helpers program. Krista Graber will share about her experiences in Central America: The Global Family.

Tuesday, November 22

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

Wednesday, November 23

6:00 p.m.—**Thanksgiving Service:** Soup supper followed by a short Thanksgiving service at 7:00. Offering to support our Mission Partners, Joe and Anna Sawatzky, serving in South Africa. *Please sign up on the bulletin board for the meal. Sign up to make bread - 10 loaves needed.*

NO regular activities; **adult choir will meet** immediately following the service.

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day—Church Offices are closed.

Next Sunday, November 20

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent. The theme is "Learning to Pay Attention". The scriptures are Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37; I Corinthians 1:3-9 and Pastor June will be preaching. We will be receiving items for School Kits to be distributed through Mennonite Central Committee. Items collected next Sunday: 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (about 8.5 in. x 10.5 in. and 70-80 sheets).

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

Prayer Requests

The following items were shared last Sunday, November 13.

- ★ Denise Nickel reported that 9 Tabor ladies attended the Sister Care seminar on Friday and Saturday and that it was very informative on how to care for each other.

Happenings:

- ★ Western District Conference Reference Council met at Tabor yesterday.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Safety for people as they travel during the holidays.
- ★ Western District Conference: Thank God for your pastor(s) and for the spiritual leaders of your congregation. Pray that God will energize them in leading your congregation to the fulfillment of God's missional call.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Margrit Kipfer Barrón of MMN coordinates the Christian education ministries of the Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray that God would provide all that is needed for her and her husband, Freddy, a Mennonite pastor, and their children as they model servant leadership.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: All Mennonite higher education institutions. Pray for safe travels and energizing time with family and friends for students, faculty and staff of Mennonite higher education institutions during Thanksgiving Break.

Remember to praise God for:

- ★ Denise Nickel as she is commissioned to serve as a deacon.
- ★ The many gifts we have been blessed with. May we remember to thank God for them, especially during the season of Thanksgiving.



Counting
Our Blessings