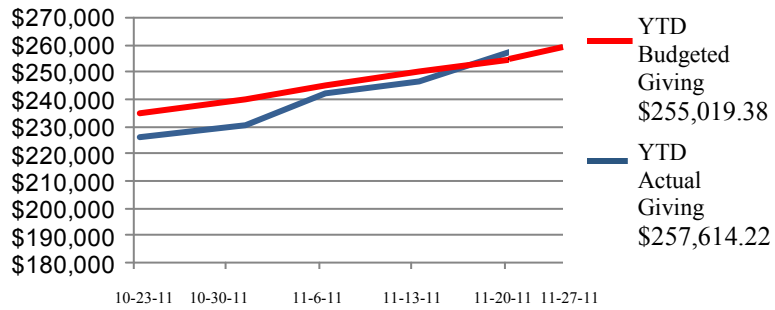


Tabor Annual Giving through 11-20-11



Total Budget 2011: \$260,020.00

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Almost there!! Thank you for your generosity.

Awesome Deeds
We Do Not Expect



Keep Awake!

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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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Gathering

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

PRELUDE Michelle Unruh

INTROIT *"Come, come Emmanuel"* -James Chepponis Adult Choir
Soloists: Venita Schroeder and Elaine Unruh

WELCOME Worship Leader, Carrie Sommerfeld

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Get up! Pay attention and prepare to follow.

People: The Shepherd of Israel leads us like a flock.

Leader: Get up! God's face is about to shine on you.

People: No ear has heard nor eye seen God's full glory!

Leader: Get up! God's salvation is near.

People: The mighty One tears open the heavens and comes down.

*GATHERING HYMN *"Come and see"* No. 20

*PRAYER Praising

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Come, thou long, expected Jesus"* No. 178

*GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Please pass MCC kit items to center aisle to be collected by children.


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 20, 2011			
Offering	= \$11,685.02	Attendance	= 188
Adult S.S.	= \$ 79.72	Attendance	= 65
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 10.39	Attendance	= 13

The Peace Advent Brings

O God who is to come, grant me the grace to live now,
in the hour of your Advent, in such a way that I may merit
to live in you forever, in the blissful hour of your eternity.


 -Karl Rahner

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

Check out the box of resources for Advent and Christmas devotions and stories. These materials are on loan to us through the end of December, courtesy of the Western District Conference Resource Library.

Bierocks for Sale: The Mennonite College Task Force was busy yesterday making bierocks to raise funds for college scholarships. Bierocks may be purchased beginning today, 4 for \$10.

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.

Celebration: The family of Esther Penner will host a come and go open house at Bethesda on December 4 from 1:30-3:30 in honor of her 90th birthday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Giving Tree: The Giving Tree is up at the Crossroads Credit Union and gift tags may be picked up beginning tomorrow, November 28. Please have items which you purchase wrapped and turned in to the Credit Union by December 19 along with the gift tag. Gifts will be delivered by the Ministerial Alliance. Help a child have a joy filled Christmas!

Hearing

CHILDREN'S STORY Carrie Unruh

ANTHEM "Keep your Lamps Trimmed" -arr. Andre Thomas Adult Choir
Drums: Brian Voth

SERMON "Keep Awake" June Thomsen
Mark 13:24-37

Responding

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Lord, you sometimes speak" No. 594

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*HYMN "Hark! The herald angels sing" No. 201
Trumpet: Nick Schroeder

*SENDING BLESSING

Leader: Go into the world, awake and aware of God's presence!

People: We go into the world, listening for God's voice.

Leader: Go into the world, watching for the activity in God's kingdom!

People: We go into the world, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Leader: Go into the world, receiving the hope of salvation!

People: We go into the world, reflecting the Spirit's radiance.

*POSTLUDE

Congregational reading for the Advent candles

Bearers: We are awake and watching.

We carry the light and want to share it!

**All: The Light of Jesus Christ shines in the darkness,
and the darkness does not overcome it.
Thanks be to God!**



*Come Holy Spirit.
Fill the hearts of thy faithful people
and kindle in us the fire of thy love.*

Today

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a time of preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus. We are using denominationally-supplied materials titled "Awesome Deeds We Did Not Expect," taken from Isaiah 64:1-4. We are encouraged to be alert and watch for the signs of God's presence and power in our everyday lives. Be expectant, with Mary, this Advent season!

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Carrie, Shannon and Reed Friesen

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.

In the banner which is displayed during the season of Advent, the blue and purple colors reflect the moods of watching and waiting for the Christ Child. The angel Gabriel has come to announce that Mary will conceive a son who will be called Jesus. *Luke 1:26, 30-31.*

Childcare is provided by Sharleen Francis in the nursery during the worship service.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday school for everyone. Come join the Young Adult Class in the Fellowship Hall as we study "Untold Stories of Advent." *There will NOT be a session of this material on Wednesday evenings due to low interest.*

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 Doug is in Iowa this weekend.

Pastor Karen will be on vacation today through December 2.

This Week

Wednesday, November 30

Wednesday Evening programming.

Sign up on bulletin board for meal.

Menu: Hot dogs with chili, chips, applesauce, cookies

Wednesday Evenings at Tabor - JOIN US!

5:45-6:30 p.m.	Supper
6:30-7:15 p.m.	Children of Light Choir (grades 1-8) Faith Friends/Sonbeams (ages 3-Kindergarten) Adults Conversation Circles
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Youth Group
7:15-8:15 p.m.	Faith Adventures (grades 1-5) Youth Explorers (grades 6-8)
7:15-8:00 p.m.	Worship Team & Crossroad practice Faithful Fitness
8:00-9:00 p.m.	Adult Choir

Next Sunday, December 4

9:05 a.m.—Jerry Toews will play old time Christmas Carols and others for the piano prelude.

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the second Sunday in Advent. The theme is "Changing the Landscape". The scriptures are Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8; 2 Peter 3:8-15a and Pastor June will be preaching. Items for Mennonite Central Committee School Kits which will be received during the offering: 4 unsharpened pencils.

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

Prayer Requests

The following items were shared last Sunday, November 20.

- ★ Pastor Karen shared appreciation for the Youth Explorers and said they were an amazing group. She and Kathy Schmidt have found them to be welcoming, honest, open and joy-filled. Thanks to Marie Unruh for her help as well.

Happenings:

- ★ Our church family gathered on Wednesday for a Thanksgiving meal and gave thanks for our many blessings during a service that followed.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Corey and Nancy Miller as they are received into membership at the West Union Mennonite Church today.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray that God would open our hearts during this Advent season to new spiritual blessings and new missional initiatives. The Mennonite Church USA Advent theme is "Awesome Deeds We Do Not Expect."
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for Union Biblical Seminary, a MMN partner in India. Pray for rural Mennonite students, who face academic and cultural challenges in the city, as they study the Bible and theology.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Thank God for Nobel Peace Prize winner Leymah Gbowee, grad of EMU's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding. She rallied Liberian women to bring an end to the reign of dictator Charles Taylor and a brutal civil war.

Remember to praise God for:

- ★ The season of Advent and the anticipation with which we wait for the arrival of *Christmas*.