

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

January 22, 2011

Offering	=	\$3,540.75	Attendance	=	173
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 64.00	Attendance	=	99
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 11.59	Attendance	=	14

Practicing Peace

Jesus is the light. Nobody else is the light;
others can only witness to the light.



--Emmy Arnold

Go tell it . . .

GOOD
NEWS

EVERYWHERE!

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Tabor Mennonite Church

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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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"Preach the Gospel at all times; if necessary, use words." -St Francis of Assisi

Gathering

PRELUDE

Jerry Toews

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

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader, Carrie Sommerfeld

Leader: O come, let us sing . . .

People: and hum and dance and clap our hands!

Leader: O come, let us make a joyful noise . . .

People: by shouting and stomping and snapping our fingers!

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord,
the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving
Making joyful noises and singing the Lord's praises!
For great is our God!

People: How great?

Leader: Very great!

For in God's hands are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains!
The seas are the Lord's, for God is their creator.
The land is the Lord's for God's hands formed,
shaped, and blessed the earth!

People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Leader: O come, let us worship,

**People: and bow down and kneel in reverence,
Lifting our voices in awe!**

All: Let us sing to God, the rock of our salvation!

*GATHERING HYMN *"I will enter his gates"* -sing twice No. 64CS

*INVOCATION

2012 Tabor Directory: Please submit address changes, committee updates and any other changes for the 2012 directory to the sec. office, or email to tabor@tabormennonite.org.

Annual Reports: As you read through the annual report book, if you find any corrections or additions that need to be made, please turn these into the secretary's box or send via e-mail to tabor@tabormennonite.org. Church Council will then consider them at our next meeting to be put into the minutes for an official record of the changes.

Worship CD's for checkout: There are now CD's of the worship service available for checkout in a box, bottom right of the North facing mailboxes. Please leave your name on the card in the box and return the CD when you are finished with it so others may use it as well. CD's of the service continue to be available for purchase. Contact Lee Goertzen for personal copies.

Thank you for your generous donations of more than \$700 at our pizza night fundraiser on January 18. Your support is greatly appreciated; its value is beyond that of the financial dollar!

-Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum Board and Staff

Kansas MCC Relief Sale

This year's Kansas MCC Sale will be held April 13 and 14 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Please mark your calendars.

Today we begin our Children's Coin Offering for the MCC Sale. Please participate with your coins and paper money. We will continue this each Sunday until the Sale. THANKS to our Children Ushers and our Adult Ushers for helping with this.

We are always looking for high quality woodworking items, craft items, fabric items, metal fabrication items, artistic creations, antique and collectible items as well as baked goods. High Quality items ALWAYS sell for good prices and quickly. During these cold months of winter is a great time to put your creative ideas to work. Please let your contacts know if you are building large or unusual items so we can start advertising.

It costs about \$90,000 to put the KS MCC Sale on. It is important to the board to collect this money before the sale; so ALL money brought in the weekend of the Sale goes to the work of MCC. This sounds like an incredible amount to raise; however when all the Mennonites in Kansas each give a little the job gets done. PLEASE do your part to make this happen again. Make your checks out to: KS MCC Sale pre-sale expenses and put in Jerry and Leann's box or Kris and Archie's box.

Prayer Requests

The following items were shared last Sunday, January 22.

- ★ Gayle Funk shared thanks for the many bierocks that were bought to support the college students. She has received many expressions of thanks from the college students for Tabor's support.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the revitalizing of our congregations through the Missional Church Seminar being planned by the Moundridge Mennonite Churches for WDC on February 11.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for all those involved in the upcoming Mennonite Educators Conference, February 2-4, in Lansdowne, Md.— planning committee, presenters, and Mennonite Schools Council teachers and administrators.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Until a few months ago, Korea Anabaptist Center, a MMN partner, operated Connexus, an English language institute, as part of its ministry. As these organizations become independent entities, pray that each may continue to share the message of Jesus in South Korea.

Announcements

Thanks to the congregation for your courtesy in maintaining silence during the prelude so that all can prepare for worship.

Opportunity to Participate: We are busy preparing for the Lent through Easter season. Our materials suggest two scripture readers for each Sunday, each of whom will write out their passage by hand. We hope to use people of all ages; excellent penmanship is not required. If you are interested in participating in this way, please let Pastor June or the office know as soon as possible. Thanks!

If you would like to join the elective class, "Respectful Conversation," using the book, *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White* by Adam Hamilton, please sign on the sheet attached to Pastor June's office door. The class will be offered on Sunday mornings, 10:45 – 11:30 and Wednesday evenings, 6:30 – 7:15. The book will be available next Sunday, February 5. If you preordered one you will find it in your mailbox. The cost is \$10.00. Please place payment in the secretary's mailbox, checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church. The class will begin either February 12 or February 26, depending on when the goal-setting work is finished. (June will be on vacation February 19.)

Praising

*HYMN OF PRAISE "O say but I'm glad" No. 41CS

*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Coins collected for MCC Relief Sale Penny Challenge

Hearing

WORSHIP MUSIC "Shine Jesus Shine" -Graham Kendrick Children of Light
(Lord the Light of Your Love)

CHILDREN'S STORY Carol and Zack Duerksen

SERMON "We Are Witnesses" June Thomsen
Acts 1:6-8, I Peter 3:13-16

Responding

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN "Pass it on" No. 129CS

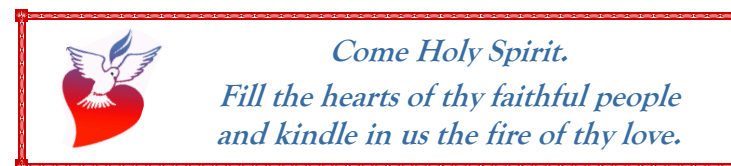
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*SENDING HYMN "Heart with loving heart united" No. 420

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Today

Today is the third in a series of four opportunities to think about congregational life and develop (in the second hour) some goals. Outreach is the way that we interact with others in order to share the love of God in word and deed. Another term for this is "witness." What are the ways that we already witness about the Good News of God's reconciling love through Jesus Christ? Are there new ways to consider in 2012?

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Jerry and Leann Toews and Ron and Nancy Schroeder.

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 Sharleen Francis 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.

Wednesday Evenings at Tabor - JOIN US!

- 5:45-6:30 p.m. Supper - Please sign up for the meal.**
Please sign up on the display in the basement hallway to help cook, serve or cleanup after a meal.
- 6:30-7:15 p.m. Children of Light Choir (grades 1-8)**
Faith Friends/Sonbeams (ages 3-Kindergarten)
Adult Bible Study
- 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**

This Week

Wednesday, February 1
Wednesday Evening Programming.

Wednesday, February 1 to Tuesday, February 7
Tabor volunteers will be serving at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter.

Thursday, February 2
12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch at Karen's Kitchen.

Next Sunday, January 29

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday the theme will be "Facilities." The scriptures are Exodus 40:34-38, Hebrews 9:11-14, Ephesians 2:21-22 and Pastor Karen will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone. All adults and youth are invited to attend a discussion in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. The topic will be "What are our goals with regard to building and grounds?"

5:30pm to 9:00pm: Goessel Area Wide Junior High Super Bowl Party at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. We will watch the game on the big screen and those who don't care for the football game may bring other table games to play. We will have a taco salad supper. 6th grade bring a bag of shredded lettuce, 7th grade a lb. of shredded cheddar, and 8th grade a bag of Dorito chips. Drinks provided. Everyone bring a snack to share. Please contact Vickie Hiebert @ 367-2502 or Diane Unruh @ 367-2659 with questions. Hope to see everyone there for fun time and fellowship.