

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

January 1, 2012

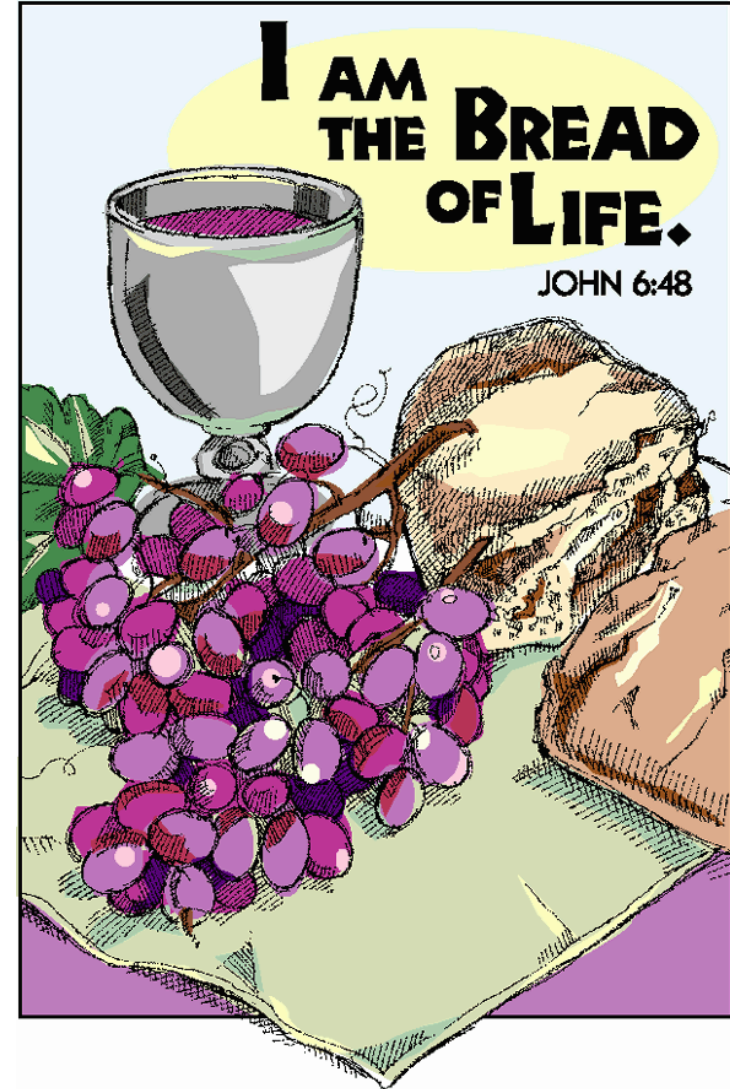
Offering = \$2,681.25 Attendance = 130

Peace Proclaimed

"The peace on earth the angels proclaimed is reconciliation with God. It is brought about by the coming of Christ into our poverty. In John's words, *Herein is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us.*"



- Philip Britts



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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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*"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid;
that foundation is Jesus Christ."*

-I Corinthians 3:11

Gathering

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

INTROIT Elbiata Singers
"Come Thou Fount" -arr. Kosche

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Doug Krehbiel
Leader: With one voice, let us glorify the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: We will speak of the glory of God's kingdom,
and tell of God's power:**

Leader: The Son is the radiance of God's glory,
and he is the manifestation of the Father.

People: In Christ, the complete being of the Godhead dwells.

Leader: The incarnation of Christ has brought the divine into our midst.

**People: God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him. Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN No. 6
"Here in this place"
Brian and Carson Voth, guitar and bass guitar

*PRAYER

Praising

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 366
"God of grace and God of glory"

*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elbiata Singers

Josh Booth
Paige Booton
Erin Brubaker
Davis Cook
Brittney Czarnowsky
Aimee Flaming
Shane Goerzen
Jeffrey Hall
Alex Hiebert
Reece Hiebert
Johanna Hoffman

Samantha Jarvis
D'Ambra Kruger
Alex Schmidt
Tyler Schulz
Drake Sterk
Gentry Thiesen
Georgia Thiesen
Peter Voth
Braden Unruh
Renae Peters, director
Marcia Brubaker, accompanist

Announcements

Annual Meeting: The second half annual congregational meeting will be held during the worship service on January 22. Plan to stay for the noon fundraiser meal with the Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship. The proceeds will help to fund their service trip to Montana this summer.

Pastor Search: The search committee would like to remind people to fill out the Twenty Pastoral Areas form that was received either by e-mail or in church mailboxes by January 15. Please place in the designated box in the foyer. Extra forms are available by the box.

Adult Sunday School in January: Our congregational discussion during the Sunday School hour will continue, January 22 (Community Outreach), and January 29 (Facilities). Please plan to participate. Your input is needed and valued!

Serving at the Homeless Shelter: It's a new year, and we'd like to encourage everyone to try volunteering at the homeless shelter. This is an opportunity to share hospitality close to home. Our week to staff the shelter is coming up Feb. 1-7. There are orientations for new volunteers on Jan. 10 at 6:30, Jan. 18 at noon, and Jan. 26 at 6:30. Please check your calendars and pray about how you can support this ministry! Contact Brent or Pam Abrahams if you have questions.

Purpose Magazine: Sample copies of Purpose magazine are available in the library. The following people with Tabor connections have had stories in Purpose: Erlene Unruh, Mike Schmidt, James Goerzen, Tim Unruh, Corey Miller, Linda Schmidt, Marcene Entz, Edna Dyck, Karen Andres, Doug Krehbiel, Elaine Schroeder, Annaken Mendoza-Toews, Rosie Jantz, Ben Schmidt, and there's more in the upcoming months. You can get your own subscription by calling 800-245-7894.

Eating good pizza with good friends. What better way to spend a dinner hour? "Menno Brothers" pizza and fresh tossed salad is on the menu for Wednesday, Jan. 18 in Tabor's Fellowship Hall. The meal will be a fundraiser for Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *"Dixit Maria"* -Hassier Elbiata Singers
"Swingin' with the Saints" -arr. Hayes

Hearing

CHILDREN'S STORY Krista Graber

SCRIPTURE *Colossians 1:15-20* (The Message)

MEDITATION *"Community"* June Thomsen

Responding

COMMUNION

Silent prayers of confession

Words of invitation

Words of institution for the bread

Prayer before taking the bread *"Become for us the living bread"* No. 475, vs. 1

Serving the bread

Words of institution for the cup

Prayer before taking the cup *"Become for us the living bread"* vs. 2

Serving the cup

Prayer for the church *"Become for us the living bread"* vs. 3

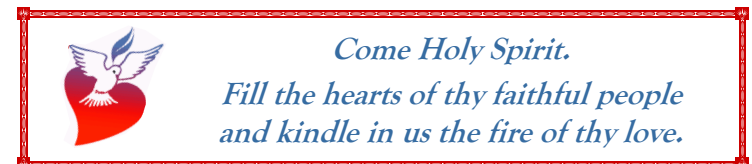
SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*SENDING HYMN *"Praise God from Whom"* Elbiata Singers
The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing No. 118

*BENEDICTION *Colossians 3:16-17*

*POSTLUDE



Today

Today we gather as a community of faith to celebrate our oneness in Christ through worship, including communion, and through thoughtful discussion. We give thanks for the Spirit of God who lives within each believer, and is uniquely present in the gathered community.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Steve and Bonnie Janzen and Kevin, Yvette and Corynn Nickel.

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 Kristi Unruh in the nursery during the worship service.



The flowers this morning are being shared by Marna Abrahams' children in honor of her 90th birthday, which is today. Marna will be celebrating with her family this afternoon.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone. All adults and youth are invited to attend a discussion in the Fellowship Hall during today's Sunday School hour on the topic of "Community." We will discern together ways our sense of community at Tabor can be further strengthened.

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 10

7:00 p.m.—Deacon meeting.

Wednesday, January 11

Wednesday Evening Activities

Adult Bible Study: Pastor June will lead a Bible Study on the remaining Wednesday nights of January, using the Eugene H. Peterson book, "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction." These studies are based on the Psalms of Ascent, 121-134. We will meet in the Living Stones Room, main floor, behind the organ, from 6:30 to 7:15. All are welcome!

Thursday, January 12

7:00 p.m.—Church Council.

Next Sunday, January 15

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday the theme is "Breaking down the Barriers". The scripture is Ephesians 2:11-22 and Pastor June will be preaching.

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

All adults and high school youth are invited to join in a discussion in Fellowship Hall. The discussion topic will be "What are our goals with regard to peace and justice?"

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

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Goessel Mennonite Church, as they bid farewell to Pastor Mike Hiebert. Pray for the Search Committee as they seek a new pastor for the church.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Scott Litwiller of MMN began serving with the Colombia Mennonite Church in the Caribbean Coast area last month. Pray for Scott and the young adult leaders he helps to train for active ministries in beginning new churches and responding to needs around them.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: The spring semester begins at Hesston College this week. Pray for new and returning students, faculty and staff as they adjust to a new routine.

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) 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