

Child Dedication

Words of Dedication  
Receiving Nora Jane Abrahams into our faith family  
\*Congregational Response: stand and greet each other  
\*Hymn For the beauty of the earth No. 89  
(verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

**SHARING**

Children’s Story Asia Frye  
Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan  
Prayer Song Give Thanks Grey Sgbk 6  
Offering Tabor Woodwind Ensemble  
Simple Gifts, arr. Frank Halferty

**LISTENING**

Scripture Laurel Koerner  
Genesis 2:4, Genesis 25:19a, Genesis 37:2a  
Psalm 145:3-4, 8-9, 13b-18  
Message Pastor Susan

**RESPONDING**

\*Hymn I will come to you in the silence Grey Sgbk 41  
\*Benediction “Seeds” Laurel & Ethan Koerner

***WELCOME TO ALL** who are guests this morning.  
We hope you feel warmly received and experience a time of  
worship. Please feel free to contact Pastor Susan if you would  
like to visit.*

**WE WELCOME EVERYONE** to the carry-in meal today  
with a Care Shower following for Nora Abrahams and Marin  
Bartel. We are delighted to dedicate Marin and Nora today in  
the presence of God and the congregation!

**WE WELCOME** the Tabor Brass Quartet and the Tabor  
Woodwind Ensemble to our worship this morning! They are  
under the direction of Shawn Knopp, Director of Instrumental  
Music at Tabor College.

**HILLSBORO AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION**

Assistance Fund **offering** will be taken at the Tabor College  
Music Concert on November 19, 4 p.m. at Hillsboro  
Mennonite Brethren Church. Come join us for this wonderful  
fall concert and the annual opportunity to give. Please bring  
one canned item for the local food bank.

**SINGERS WELCOME!** Advent Ensemble continues  
practice at 7 p.m. on November 29, NOT this Wednesday.  
Rehearsals and Sunday morning singing are a treasured time  
of singing and having fun together. Come join us!

**CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION VOTE:** The  
following persons have been nominated by Ministries Council  
and have agreed to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee  
who will begin service in January: Erin Unruh, Eric Bartel,  
Lenna Knoll, Holly Swartzendruber, Glen Diener, Deryll  
Amstutz and Nadine Friesen. A congregational affirmation  
vote will be taken of this slate of persons in a short meeting  
following the worship service on Sunday November 26. If you  
have any questions, please see Doug Miller or Kelly Linnens.

**THIS PAST TUESDAY EVENING,** Trinity and First  
Mennonite Women went together to host a “Girl’s Night Out”.  
The turnout was fantastic. Thank you to the planners!

**OFFERINGS DURING ADVENT** will be received per our  
regular offering schedule. In addition, during the offering time  
each Sunday, the children will collect infant receiving  
blankets from those who bring the blankets to the worship  
service. You may purchase receiving blankets in stores, or you  
may purchase one or more any Sunday morning prior to  
worship at a table in the foyer. The blankets will be our  
contribution to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) infant  
kits. **Please note MCC infant kit guidelines:** Receiving  
blankets must be lightweight fleece and minimum length of 36  
inches. Our Christmas Eve offering will be for the work of  
MCC around the world.

**POINSETTIAS.** When December comes you are invited to  
share poinsettias for Advent! Please place plants in the  
Fellowship Hall south window/door area. Plants can be taken  
home after the December 24 Christmas Eve Service. Thank  
you!

**EVENTS DEC 9 AND DEC 10 AT TABOR.** Tabor College  
invites you to celebrate the dedication of the Shari Flaming  
Center for the Arts on December 9, 2 p.m. The public is  
welcome to attend an open house immediately following the  
dedication ceremony. Handel’s “Messiah” will be performed  
in the new Shari Flaming Center for the Arts on December 10  
at 7 p.m.

**AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS** will be presented  
in our FMC Sanctuary on Friday, December 15. Bring the  
family or bring a friend to see this seasonal treasure presented  
by Tabor Professors and friends.

**AMONG OUR FRIENDS**

We lift these friends in prayer:  
Lester Funk  
family of Johnnie Liles

Eydie Graber wants to thank the many people who helped  
with Wednesday evenings!

Janice Goertz is beginning a new treatment for her continuing  
lung cancer.

**CALENDAR**

Nov. 19 4 p.m. Tabor Music Concert - HMBC  
Nov. 23-24 OFFICE CLOSED  
Nov. 26 Youth Soup Lunch/Decorating of the church

**CARRY-IN SCHEDULE**

November 19 – Carry-In Meal and Baby Shower

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Thursday:** Danielle Bartel

**TREASURER’S REPORT 11/12/2017**

FMC Ministries .....	\$2,757.15
Mennonite Mission Network .....	\$1,240.00
Year to Date Budget Income.....	\$118,015.16
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....	\$127,247.00
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....	-\$9,231.84

**Last week’s attendance: 79**

Genesis 2:4 These are the generations of the **heavens**  
**and the earth**  
Genesis 5:1 This is the list of the descendants of **Adam**  
Genesis 6:9 These are the descendants of **Noah**  
Genesis 10:1 These are the descendants of **Noah’s sons**  
Genesis 11:10 These are the descendants of **Shem**  
Genesis 11:27 Now these are the descendants of **Terah**  
Genesis 25:12 These are the descendants of **Ishmael**  
Genesis 25:19 These are the descendants of **Isaac**  
Genesis 36:1, 9 These are the descendants of **Esau**  
Genesis 37:2 This is the story of the family of **Jacob**

Congregational Prayer of Dedication for Marin:

**Our loving God,**

**We thank you for Marin.**

**We accept her as a sacred trust.**

**Give us your love to nurture, to counsel, to be an example.**

**Give us your Spirit of community as we lift her and her family in prayer.**

**We dedicate Marin to you,**

**to be kept by your power,**

**to be used in your service,**

**and to be received into your loving presence.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

Congregational Prayer of Dedication for Nora:

**Our loving God,**

**We thank you for Nora.**

**We accept her as a sacred trust.**

**Give us your love to nurture, to counsel, to be an example.**

**Give us your Spirit of community as we lift her and her family in prayer.**

**We dedicate Nora to you,**

**to be kept by your power,**

**to be used in your service,**

**and to be received into your loving presence.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

### "Seeds"

The seeds You have sown

In our hearts and in our bones

Cover them with Your love

Use our hands, use our feet

To show Your love and Your peace

And cover us,

Cover us,

Cover us with love.

### Genesis 2:4

<sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

### Genesis 25:19a

<sup>19</sup> These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son:

### Genesis 37:2a

<sup>2</sup> This is the story of the family of Jacob.

### Psalm 145:3-4, 8-9, 13b-18

<sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup> One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

<sup>13b</sup> The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.

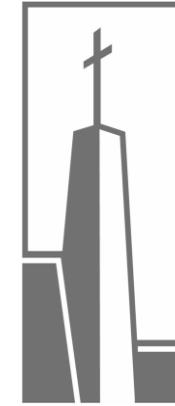
<sup>14</sup> The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.

<sup>16</sup> You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.



# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:35 a.m.

November 19, 2017

### GATHERING

Gathering Music

Shirley Baltzer

Welcome & Announcements

Laurel & Pastor Susan

Prelude to Worship

Tabor College Brass Quartet

We Gather Together

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

\*Call to Worship

Laurel Koerner

L. I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

R. I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

**“Let go to the house of the Lord!”**

We are standing on holy ground!

We are bound firmly together.

**Together we will pray for peace:**

**peace within these walls,**

**peace with family and friends,**

**peace to those who are near**

**and those who are far away.**

***ALL: In the house of the Lord,***

***we give thanks in the name of the Lord!***

\*Hymn I sing the mighty power of God No. 46

\*Invocation Laurel Koerner

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