

## LISTENING

Scripture  
Exodus 24:1-4  
Deuteronomy 8:1-3  
Psalm 119:97-105  
John 21:24-25

What the Bible Story Means for Me  
Hank Unruh  
Doug Miller  
Susie Kliewer  
Deryll Amstutz

Elfrieda Funk

## RESPONDING

Reading for Turning Back the Story  
From Bethlehem to Nazareth,  
from Jordan to Jericho,  
from Bethany to Jerusalem,  
from then to now.

**ALL: This is our story, this is our song.**  
You heal the sick,  
You mend the broken-hearted,  
You cleanse the temple.

**ALL: This is our story, this is our song.**  
You carry the cross, you lead the way,  
You are the way!

**ALL: Jesus, you are our story. You are our song!**  
Today we claim your story.

**ALL: Today, we say, Yes!**  
**We will join in the story once more!**

Turning Back the Story  
\*Hymn Bless'd be the God of Israel No. 174  
\*Benediction Pastor Susan

**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 THE** Hillsboro High School Saxophone Quartet. Members are Sarah Diener, Grace Major, Ellie Weisbeck and Addie Berens.

**TODAY WE TURN BACK THE BIBLE** to ready our hearts for the Advent Season and the coming of Jesus.

**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

**TODAY:** 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, Glen Diener, Holly Swartzendruber, 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. If you have any questions, please see Doug Miller or Kelly Linnens.

**SOUP LUNCH SERVED BY THE YOUTH** is being served in the Fellowship Hall right after the brief congregational meeting today. Funds raised will go toward purchase of Christmas gifts for local families in need.

**WE WILL NEED HELP HANGING GARLANDS** in the sanctuary and with other decorative tasks. Thanks for staying around and enjoying the holiday transformation of our space.

**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.** 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!

**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 Marcella Ediger  
Julie Anderson Janice Goertz

## MCC:

Spread cozy, colorful warmth around the world! All you have to do is tie knots! Mennonite Central Committee has a generous number of comforter tops, and now **we need your help tying them!** MCC has paired tops and backs that are ready to be tied, and we are inviting you or your church group to pick some up (or we can ship them to you)! If you are interested, please either stop by the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, or contact Kate Mast at [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), or [316-283-2720](tel:316-283-2720). We ask that you provide the batting and the crochet tying thread if possible. Thank you in advance for helping to spread warmth and love to our brothers and sisters around the world!

## TABOR COLLEGE:

The weekend of December 9 and 10, Tabor College will celebrate the dedication of the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts and host our annual performance of Handel's *Messiah* as the first event in the new facility. The public is invited to attend both events. A dedication ceremony will be held Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. with an open house and refreshments to follow. Handel's *Messiah* will be performed at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10.

Tabor College's Theater Department is repeating its performance of Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House" at 7 p.m., Nov. 26 and 27, in the Tabor College Theater Lab, located in the basement of the H.W. Lohrenz Building.

Reservations can be made by contacting Jessica Allen in the Student Life Office at [jessicaallen@tabor.edu](mailto:jessicaallen@tabor.edu), or paying admission at the door. Admission is \$2 for Tabor students and \$5 for general admission.

## CALENDAR

Nov. 26	Youth Soup Lunch/Decorating of the church
Dec. 1	Annual Reports Due!
Dec. 3	First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 6	7 p.m. Choir Practice
Dec. 7	7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
Dec. 9	2-4 p.m. Tabor College Fine Arts Dedication
Dec. 10	Advent 2; Tabor College presents Messiah
Dec. 12	7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting (if needed)
Dec. 13	7 p.m. Choir Practice
Dec. 15	Amahl and the Night Visitors - Sanctuary

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Today:** Donna Funk  
**Tuesday:** Judy Harder  
**Wednesday:** Harris Ewert

### Exodus 24:1-4

**24** Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship at a distance. <sup>2</sup>Moses alone shall come near the LORD; but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him."

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel.

### Deuteronomy 8:1-3

**8** This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. <sup>2</sup>Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. <sup>3</sup>He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

### Psalm 119:97-105

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your law!  
It is my meditation all day long.  
<sup>98</sup> Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,  
for it is always with me.  
<sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your decrees are my meditation.  
<sup>100</sup> I understand more than the aged,  
for I keep your precepts.  
<sup>101</sup> I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
in order to keep your word.  
<sup>102</sup> I do not turn away from your ordinances,  
for you have taught me.  
<sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!  
<sup>104</sup> Through your precepts I get understanding;  
therefore I hate every false way.  
<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

### John 21:24-25

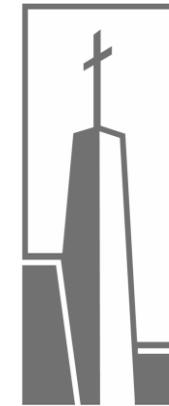
<sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. <sup>25</sup> But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

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

November 26, 2017

## GATHERING

Gathering Music	Maryn Robson
Welcome & Announcements	Elfrieda & Pastor Susan
Prelude to Worship	Maryn Robson
*Call to Worship	Elfrieda Funk

Gracious God,  
we have come in search of You!

**You are the Author of Life!**

Open your Book to us.

**We want to find You in the Story.**

**We want to see You, face to face.**

At the close of this church year,  
we have hope for the next.

**In Your power,  
may Your Word  
be planted and watered  
by the Holy Spirit  
in this congregation!**

*Hymn	I love to tell the story	No. 398
*Invocation		Elfrieda Funk
Hymn	This is a story full of love	No. 315

## SHARING

Children's Story		Pastor Susan
Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Susan
Prayer Song	Ancient Words	Grey Sgbk 68
Special Music		Saxophone Quartet
	<i>On a Hymn Song of Philip Bliss</i>	
Offering	<i>Jerico</i>	Saxophone Quartet