

## *Call to Worship*

Prelude: "O Holy Night"  
Lighting of the Advent Candle Les & Terri Wedel  
Song "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" #178 MWB

Worship in Giving  
Epistle Reading Romans 13:11-14  
Offering: "Immanuel"

Worship and Prayer  
Gospel Reading Matthew 24:36-44  
Praise and Prayer

Worship and Song  
"To Us a Child of Hope is Born" #189 MWB  
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1-2 #212 MWB

Worship and the Word  
Sermon Pastor Brad  
"The Unseemly..."

Worship Through Mission  
Response "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" #172 MWB

Benediction  
Postlude "The Peace Carol"  
Pianist: Harriet Woelk

## *Announcements*

**Daton Wedel will soon turn 95!** His family is hosting a come-and-go birthday reception on Saturday December 7, from 2-4 p.m. at Goessel Mennonite Church. You are all invited to come help him celebrate. If unable to attend, cards may be sent to him at PO Box 37, Goessel, KS 67053

**Funeral services for Eldon Woelk** will be Monday December 2 at 10:30 a.m. burial at 9:30 a.m. A luncheon will follow the service.

**We of the Goessel Ministerial Alliance** extend a **big thank you** to all who joined us for our **Community Thanksgiving Meal** on November 10. Over 300 people sat down together for a thanksgiving meal, and we received \$2,038 in donations to support the ministries of GMA. We especially extend thanks to the meal committee, consisting of Keith and Barb Banman, Lynette Duerksen, Becky Wedel, Connie Wiens, and Kim Voth, as well as all who donated and served food, helped with set up and clean up, or decorated. Thank you!

**Bring your Christmas goodies,** Dec. 15 at 9:30, for a time of holiday cheer and fellowship.

**Year End Reports,** Ministry Leaders please be thinking about your year-end reports as the time is fast approaching. All sub ministries are to turn in your reports to the team leader and they will submit your reports. Thank you Jenny Girard, Secretary **Hesston College Music and Theatre** will present a Christmas performance, "Still, Small Voice," on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. in Hesston Mennonite Church. The concert is free and open to the public.

**2020 Directory,** If you have any changes that need to be made please turn in to the office so that I make sure to correct changes. Thank you Jenny Girard, Secretary

Attendance: November 23 2019.....38  
Offering: November 23, 2019.....\$1280.00  
Next Week's Music: Trio at Bethesda.....  
Piano:Lindsey Wedel.....

**This Weeks Events:**

- December 1: First Sunday of Advent Season
- December 2: Funeral for Eldon Woelk
- December 3: Parkinsons Support Group 2 p.m.
- December 7: Daton Wedel come and go 2-4 p.m.
- December 7: Hesston College "Small Still Voice" 7 p.m.
- December 7: Everence Workshop 9 til 11:30 a.m.
- December 8: Christmas Brass 7 p.m.
- December 8: Worship at Bethesda

**Up Coming Events:**

- December 12: MCC Soiree 5-7 p.m.
- December 15: Christmas Social 9:30 a.m.
- December 16: blood mobile 1-6 p.m.
- December 20: Commodities 5-6 p.m.
- December 20: Alexanderwohl Senior Coffee 9 a.m.

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**THE WORD**  
**The Holy Spirit**  
**Everyone Welcome**



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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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**The Tabor Food Pantry needs your help!** Groceries on the shelves are running low. When you do your grocery shopping, buy a little extra for the food pantry. Every item helps. We also need non-food items such as toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap, shampoo and paper grocery bags. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thanks for your continued support.

**The Alexanderwohl coffee group** invites anyone age 60 and over to join them for Senior Coffee and Conversation on Friday, December 20, at 9:00 am in the Alexanderwohl Church Fellowship Hall. The entertainment will be the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers under the direction of Braden Unruh, followed by a time of food and fellowship. Donations are welcome. Please call the Alexanderwohl Church office by Monday, December 16, if you would like to join us.

**You are invited to join MC USA staff** for “Coffee and Conversation” in the Newton offices (718 N Main St, Newton KS) to hear from Mennonite Mission Network International Service Worker, Deb Byler, on Monday, December 16 at 11:00 AM. She will share about the ministries in which she is involved with Kekchi Mennonite women in Guatemala. A recent article on Deb’s ministry is available on-line: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/news/Spiritual-direction-in-Kekchi-context-brings-mutual-growth>

**This Christmas give the gift of life** between 1:00-6:00 on Dec. 16 by donating blood or donating time to volunteer, at the blood drive at Goessel Church. Have questions? Call Rosi (367-2418)

**Kidron Bethel Parkinson’s Support Group** will meet December 3 at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Dr. Sam Claassen, a retired internal medicine physician, and Dennis Schmidt will present “How to Have a Successful Doctor Appointment.” All are welcome.

**Mennonite Mission Network** is seeking a full-time finance assistant and a half time recruiter. You can see the positions descriptions at [www.mennonitemission.net](http://www.mennonitemission.net) under “employment opportunities”. To begin the application process for either of these positions, send your resumé to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net) or call Linda Krueger, HR Coordinator (574-523-3009) for more information.

**All MCC volunteers and alumni are invited to our annual come-and-go MCC Christmas Soiree on Thursday, December 12 from 5-7 p.m. at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup>).** We will have food, Christmas cheer and plenty of time for fellowship. At 6 p.m. we’ll pause for a short program about Christmas around the world from our International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participants. You don’t want to miss this annual event!

**Christmas Brass:** The 17-piece McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews will be performing great Brass Christmas Music in the Historic Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church on Sunday, Dec 8 at 7 pm. Also performing will be the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers under the direction of Braden Unruh. During the service, a free will offering for the Goessel Ministerial Alliance will be received with proceeds to help local needs. Everyone is invited for this Festive Event!

### *December Birthdays*

*6 Dylan Jordan Woelk, Rosaline  
Evelia Woelk  
09 Vince Schroeder, Daton Wedel  
11 Anita Goertzen  
15 Sid Ratzlaff*



### *December Anniversaries*

*12 Vernon and Clara Hiebert*