

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

July 5, 2008

Offering = \$5,089.75 Attendance = 117

Did you Know . . .

that a percentage of this morning's offering goes to the Deacons' Fund which they use to honor financial requests from individuals who are facing financial hardships.

Living Christ's Peace

Let us lay hold on the truth that life works better when we know how to glance at things but gaze at God. Seeing him clearly will enable us to see all other things clearly. +



--Shelwyn Hughes



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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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Neglected Voices

Hearing God's Voice

"... I must stay at your house today." -Luke 19:5

Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE Michelle Unruh
GATHERING HYMN No. 493
"I heard the voice of Jesus say"
WELCOME Worship Leader, Venita Schroeder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to worship the One who creates all things.
People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.
Leader: We gather to worship the One who brings salvation through Jesus Christ.
People: For the gift of redemption, we give thanks.
Leader: We gather to worship the One who gives new life through the Spirit.
All: May we be open to the invitation of the One who calls us to follow.

PRAYER OF INVITATION

Praising God

*SINGING OUR PRAISE No. 96
"We plow the fields and scatter"

*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are welcome to fill out the friendship brochure and place it in the offering bag.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

A portion of our offering is for the deacon fund ministries.

Camp Mennoscah—Send a kid to camp! The end of the summer is nearing, but we've got a couple of camps left, including senior high. There is still room for fun-loving campers. Or, send someone else's kid to camp! We're running low on scholarship funds and have had several requests for assistance. Please mark any donations as %scholarship fund.+ Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org

Learning tour: Pastor Jeff Wintermote of Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS invites WDC individuals to consider this mission learning opportunity: Hmong Mennonite Churches Mission invites you to participate in their 2009 Overseas Mission Trip to Thailand, Dec. 3-15, 2009. The purpose of the trip is to learn about Hmong culture and investigate possible partnership opportunities between N.A. Mennonites and Hmong Christians in S.E. Asia. Visit Hmong villages, schools, farms, businesses, churches, and non-Christian Hmong villages in the Northern part of Thailand. Cost: airfare from L.A. to Chiang Mai, Thailand plus \$650 for local expenses (transportation, lodging, & food). To register please contact Pastor Shoua Moua, 559-268-2113, 559-519-4742 or email: shouamission@yahoo.com or Jeff at 620-877-0179 or jeffmote@yahoo.com.

Newton EtCetera Shop: Seeking Daytime or Evening Work Groups . Newton Et Cetera Shop has work group openings during the months of July, August, September and November. Interested groups should contact Leia Lawrence, General Manager, during daytime business hours if interested (316.283.9461).

Harvey County Homeless Shelter: Upcoming volunteer training dates: July 14, July 27. All training sessions are held at 6:30 p.m. in the shelter office, 209 E. Broadway, Newton, KS. Ph. 316-283-7711 for information.

Program this evening: Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, Newton, invites you to come and join us for *Creation Celebration* on July 12 at 7 p.m. This will be a special evening of music and visual images celebrating the beauty of life in nature. Featured artists are Karen Loucks . piano, Vada Snider . flute, and Duane Graham . photography. This is a free concert with donations accepted for our new grand piano and other local missions of the church. Refreshments and nursery care will be provided.

Reminder: *Announcements should be submitted by Thursday mornings.*

CROP Drive: If you wish to make a cash donation, the CROP envelopes are no longer being used. Please make checks payable to MCC, designated to CROP and give to Rudy Schmidt. Farmers, if you have wheat to donate to CROP, Rudy has commodity gift tickets for you to fill out. Please see Rudy for these. Please make donations before the end July.

Share Your Garden Produce! There is a table in the Food Pantry room where anyone can bring their garden produce to share and anyone may take some home. Just leave a small donation that will help the Food Pantry Ministry. Contact Nancy Miller if you have questions.

Timbrel - Women in conversation together with God, is a magazine published bimonthly by Mennonite Women USA. If you would like a new subscription or are due for a renewal subscription, now is the time. I will put notes in mail-boxes of women who are due for a renewal at this time, in case you don't know your renewal year. To subscribe or renew please put a note with your name and a check payable to Willing Helpers into Barb Banman's mailbox by July 27. If you wish to not renew please put a note in Barb's box so indicating. Our group rate is 1 year \$12, 2 years for \$22 and 3 years for \$30.

Delegates needed: Western District annual conference is coming on August 7-8 in Newton. Tabor Church is allowed eleven delegates. This is your opportunity to represent Tabor regarding the ministries we are a part of through our conference. Delegate session is on August 8, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be a state of the conference address, action on 2010 budget, affirmation ballot for new leaders, plus insights into the ministry of the Executive Board and four commissions. An update on the status of Vision 2012 will be given. *Please contact the church office if you are willing to serve as a delegate. Registrations are due July 24. Registration brochures and listing of events are on the table in the foyer.*

Western District Conference:

Part of the benefit of attending the **WDC annual conference** is meeting old friends and making new ones. Come to Bethel College and Bethel College Mennonite Church on August 7-8 where persons from all over our conference area will be meeting and sharing. The theme *Becoming a New Humanity/Llegando a Ser una Nueva Humanidad* will be developed through messages, stories and Learning Communities.

Discovery Day options on August 6 just prior to Annual Conference: "Holy Listening in Community", "They Never Taught Us That in Church Council School", "Dignity, Peace and Care for Creation", "Experience Camp Mennoscah", and "Mennotour" (this one is full, but you can put your name on a waiting list in case of cancellations). For more information and registration forms, see www.mennowdc.org, or call 316-283-6300. *Forms can also be found on the table in the foyer.*

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S STORY		Ilona Abrahams
READER'S THEATER	<i>"The Offer"</i>	Kristin Unruh and Ilona Abrahams written by Don Yost
SPECIAL MUSIC		Anna Unruh
SERMON	<i>"Living the Vulnerability of Jesus"</i> Luke 19:1-9	Karen Andres

Responding to the Word

HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"I bind my heart this tide"</i>	No. 411
PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION		
*SENDING HYMN	<i>"We will follow"</i>	No. 160CS
POSTLUDE		

Today

The one voice we often neglect is the voice of God. The story of Zacchaeus is one of invitation and vulnerability. Jesus does the inviting and Zacchaeus is ready to accept. God's invitation is to all people - even tax collectors. May we be open to God's offer of salvation to us today.

We invite you to gather quietly in the sanctuary as the prelude prepares you for worship. You are invited to sing a gathering hymn as part of the prelude. After worship, please remain in the sanctuary as we will begin the Sunday school hour promptly. Thank you.



Today Continued

We welcome you to this time of worship and celebration and pray that you will meet Christ here in this place. We are so glad you are here. This morning you were greeted by Rod and Ilona Abrahams and Justin, Carrie and Wyatt Sommerfeld. *Please note the friendship cards in the songbook holders and fill one out if you have requests or if you are a visitor.*

Childcare is offered by Laura and Leah Unruh in the nursery this morning.

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.

10:30 a.m.— Sunday School for everyone.

Children meet in rooms 11 & 12 to learn about the Ten Commandments.

Youth and College Age meet in the South Sunday School room 112.

Adults will hear from the Harvey County Homeless Shelter's Christa Jahay, a board member of the shelter and Bethany Mace, office manager.

This Week

Tuesday, July 14

7:00 p.m.—Worship/Fellowship meeting.

Deacon's meeting at Rosie Jantz's home.

Wednesday, July 15

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.—Willing Helpers (and any other women interested) will have a work day at the North Newton MCC Center. Bring a sack lunch for the noon meal.

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.—Wednesday Night Wellness -Active Seniors

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.—Wednesday Night Wellness -Faithful Fitness

Next Sunday, July 19

9:30 a.m.—**NEXT SUNDAY** the theme will be *Love* as our first calling. The scriptures are John 15:12-17 and Ezekiel 36:26 and Karen will be leading us in a meditation as we prepare to receive communion.

10:30 a.m.— Sunday School for everyone.

Children meet in rooms 11 & 12 to learn about the Ten Commandments.

Youth and College Age meet in the South Sunday School room 112.

Adults will hear from Donna Becker who works with Hospice.

Prayer Requests

★ *Caring Quilt Location:* The Caring Quilt and Children's Quilt are home.

Remember to pray for:

★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Resource Commission as it designs a "vision" for its ministry as part of the WDC mandate to resource congregations.

★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the gathering of people from Native Mennonite Ministries in the U.S. and Canada and from indigenous Mennonite World Conference member churches in Central and South America to be held July 19-27 following MWC assembly. Remember the indigenous churches of Paraguay and the Mennonite Team in the Argentine Chaco as they host the visitors.

★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Dave Linscheid, Diana Graber and Cassidy McFadden in Bethel College's alumni office as they do the bulk of the planning and logistics work for the annual Fall Festival in October.

Praise God for:

★ the safe travels experienced by those who attended conference.

★ the good health at Tabor church.

Announcements

Tamales: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Potter House Tamales will arrive on July 20 which is later than originally scheduled. They will be personally delivered by Pastor Alberto and a couple of youth from the church. Further details regarding where and when to pick them up will be coming.

Structural improvements to begin soon: The work on the walls in the South Sunday school rooms will begin on August 8. To improve energy efficiency, the three sections will be framed, insulated and new windows will be put in. Funding for this project will come from monies left from the HVAC project. Help with the work would be appreciated. If you are willing to help, please contact one of the trustees, Steve Janzen, Emil Schmidt, Elton Nickel or Dale Alderfer. Thanks!