

MDS Service Trip Update: We are looking at some possible weeks in Jan. to go on a service trip with MDS. Most likely it will be somewhere on the Gulf Coast regions unless some new natural disaster strikes this fall. If you are interested in possibly going along on the trip please let Dale Alderfer know what weeks might suit better than others so he can narrow down a week or two that might work.

CROP WALK is only two weeks away! Get your walk envelope from Kevin Nickel. Find a walker to support, pray for, and make a donation. Walkers from this church are: Lee and Phyllis Goertzen, Mark Schmidt, Nancy, Corey, Rachel and Hannah Miller, Vickie Schmidt, Kenton Nickel, Sara and Nick Unruh, Kevin Nickel, Jasmine Brandt. Make donations out to MCC or CROP and pay before the WALK. Walkers, meet at Goessel Mennonite Church by 1:15 on October 4, and bring a can of fruit for the Food Pantry.

Goessel Area Wide Junior High Parents' Meeting: All parents of 7th and 8th Graders in the Goessel and surrounding communities are invited to a meeting on Wed., Sept. 30, 8:30 p.m. at Tabor Church to discuss and plan for the new year. 7th and 8th Graders are also invited to attend and share their ideas with their parents. Leadership positions will be assigned to parents not in attendance.

Birthday party!! 4pm today. Celebrate Camp Mennoscah's 60th birthday.

Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum: A new special exhibit scanning the 35 years since the museum's dedication will open on Sat., Sept. 26. Admission that day will be \$1/adults and \$.50/children aged 7-12. The exhibit will be in place through the end of November.

Bethel College Fall Festival is Oct 4. Help is needed and pies need to be baked. Please sign up today. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Bethel College Corporation annual meeting Friday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Schultz Student Center on the Bethel College campus.

On the Bulletin Boards:

★ **Hesston College** Centennial Activities: September 25-27. Auction bill, *Quilters* production dates and times, and other details are posted.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
September 13, 2009			
Offering	=	\$3,364.50	Attendance = 162
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 47.50	Attendance = 59
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 8.42	Attendance = 16

Claiming God's Peace in your own life

Prayer is the basis of all peacemaking precisely because in prayer we come to the realization that we do not belong to the world in which conflicts and wars take place, but to him who offers us his Peace.

-Henri Nouwen



**Tabor Mennonite Church
Retreat At Camp Mennoscah**

September 20, 2009 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Get Away to Pray+

"In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed." -Mark 1:35

Gathering to Worship and Pray

- GATHERING MUSIC Worship Team
- WELCOME AND GREETINGS Karen Andres
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- PRAYER
- SINGING OUR PRAISE

Praying God's Word

- PAUL'S PRAYERS
 - Philippians 1:9-11* ~ Where is your love overflowing in your life?
 - Ephesians 3:14-21* ~ How are you being rooted and grounded in love?
 - Colossians 1:9-12* ~ What fruit have you seen in someone's life?
- GOSPEL READINGS *Luke 6:12-13, Mark 1:35, John 17:6-8, 10-11, 18, 20-21*
- SONG *"The Lord's Prayer"*
- REFLECTIONS *"Praying Through the Summer"* Corey Miller

Responding to God's Word

- GOING ON A PRAYER WALK *"Down to the River to Pray"*
- SHARING WHAT WE HAVE HEARD AND EXPERIENCED
- THE CONGREGATION PRAYS
- SERENDIPITY PRAYER
- CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- SENDING SONG *"Benediction Song"*

Today

Jesus needed to get away to pray, sometimes in the morning, sometimes all night. He needed that time away from his busy schedule to center on God and listen to God. This weekend, we are invited to also get away to pray and listen to God. We trust that our time of being together and praying together will build up our church.

THIS WEEK

Monday, September 21—Newsletter items are due.

Tuesday, September 22

Noon—Goessel, Peabody, Walton Lunch Bunch @ Agape-sign up on bulletin board.

7:00 p.m.—Deacons meeting

Wednesday, September 23

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

7:00-8:00 p.m.—Wednesday Night Wellness-Faithful Fitness
—TMYF, Church Council

7:00 p.m.—Joyful Noise CCC meeting at Agape Center, Goessel.

Joyful Noise Community Child Care is a mission/outreach begun by the three area Mennonite Churches approximately ten years ago. We thank God that many children have been nurtured and many parents encouraged and supported over these years. The Goessel Ministerial Alliance is calling our churches and our community together to hear about the status of this ministry and help discern its future. The Joyful Noise Board, with members from all three area Mennonite churches, has recently reviewed its direction and its finances and is eager to share with the larger community. The ministry that Joyful Noise has given within this community is at a crossroad. Will it continue? What will it look like? Come join the conversation at the Agape Center. All church attenders, former board members, former and present volunteers, community people and parents are urged to attend.

Saturday, September 26

7:00 a.m.—Praying the Psalms (Psalms 15-21) in the Tabor Church library.

7:30 a.m.—**Shingling the parsonage.** Help is needed for tearing off old shingles, re-shingling, clean-up as well as volunteers to bring food for breaks and the noon meal. Sign up or contact the trustees to help work, or Ilona Abrahams to help with food. Rain date: October 3.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 27

NEXT SUNDAY the theme will be Anointing and Healing Prayer.+ The texts are James 5:13-20, Psalm 124, Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and Pastor Karen will be preaching.

CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS:

The following items were shared on Sunday, September 13:

- ◆ Corey shared that Elmer and Elsie Schmidt's children, gave a generous gift to Tabor and thanked the congregation for its care to them and their parents throughout the years.
- ◆ Elaine Schroeder commented on this act of generosity that Elmer and Elsie's children made.
- ◆ Kathy Schmidt shared that she was retiring from her work at Bethesda and invited us to celebrate with her on Wednesday for a Retirement Party.

HAPPENINGS OVER THE WEEK:

- ◆ The Gift Discernment Committee spent some good time in prayerful reflection over their task in inviting people to share their gifts for ministry here at Tabor. They will begin calling those who have been discerned by the congregation and will try to keep this process before the congregation as the discernment continues.
- ◆ We were astounded at the generous gift that we received from Elmer and Elsie Schmidt's children. Here is an excerpt from their letter: *"We are very appreciate of the support which has been given by the Tabor Mennonite Church members to us and our parents, Elmer and Elsie Schmidt. We are extremely grateful for everyone's kindness and compassion. Enclosed is a contribution for the support of the Tabor Mennonite Church. Although we no longer live in the Goessel area, we continue to think of the Tabor Mennonite Church and its influence on our lives."*

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- ◆ The Gift Discernment process as we begin to ask people to prayerfully consider accepting a call to the ministries they have gifts for.
- ◆ Western District Conference: Give thanks for Raymond Unruh as he retires from pastoral ministry at Bethel Mennonite, Hydro, OK. Give praise to God for 60 years of ministry at Camp Mennoscah.
- ◆ Mennonite Mission Network: Today concludes a three-day consultation, *"And you welcomed me: A consultation of the people of God on immigration"* in Waxahachie, Texas. Pray for church leaders returning to their communities to implement Bible-based responses to immigration dilemmas.
- ◆ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for George R. Brunk, III, interim president of AMBS, during this time of transition in leadership. Pray that God's Spirit will guide him and the seminary with wisdom, patience and vision.

REMEMBER TO PRAISE GOD FOR:

- ◆ the wonderful experience that our 17 women had together with Pastor Karen Andres and Marcene Entz at the WDC women's retreat.
- ◆ the Worship/Fellowship Committee, who planned this whole wonderful retreat!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teachers needed: We are still looking for another K-2nd gr. Sunday School teacher, substitute teachers and childcare for the Sunday school hour in the nursery. Anyone interested, please contact Kristi Unruh or Terah Goerzen.