

# Finding God

Musical Sermon by Doug Krehbiel & Friends

## OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

April 11, 2010

Offering = \$4,232.50	Attendance = 182
Adult S.S. = \$ 93.06	Attendance = 77
Jr. S.S. = \$ 5.37	Attendance = 10

### Peace that brings Joy

I do not at all understand the mystery of grace -  
- only that it meets us where we are but does  
not leave us where it found us.



-Anne Lamott, from her book, *Traveling Mercies*



*Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?*

-Psalm 139:7

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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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## Signs of God

### Gathering Together

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME Worship Leader, Sharleen Francis

INTROIT Tabor Men's Chorus  
*"Victory in Jesus"*

### Praising

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

\*SONG OF PRAISE No. 46  
*"I sing the mighty power of God"*

\*GREETINGS AND KINGDOM WORK UPDATES

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS

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

CHILDREN'S STORY Carrie Unruh

### Proclaiming God's Word

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT *Matthew 7:7-8, Hebrews 1:3a*

SPECIAL MUSIC Tabor Men's Chorus  
*"A New Name in Glory"*  
*"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT *Psalms 139:1-12a* –The Message

SERMON Doug Krehbiel  
*"Finding God"*

**Not sure what you're going to do next year?** Interested in exploring service? Service Adventure still has some positions available for young adults (ages 17-20) who are interested in serving for 10 months at community-based organizations in places like Colorado Springs, Colorado, Albany, Oregon and Anchorage, Alaska. Live in community with a unit leader and work, worship, and have fun together. For more information, visit [service.mennonitemission.net](http://service.mennonitemission.net) or call Diana at 1-866-866-2872 ext. 23064.

**Harvey County Homeless Shelter** Volunteer Appreciation Banquet  
Saturday evening May 1, 6-8pm, Faith Mennonite Church.

**The Bethel College Alumni Association** invites alumni and friends to its annual banquet, 6 p.m., Saturday, May 22 in Memorial Hall. Alumni awards will be presented to Jim Schrag £66 and Janeal Crabb Krehbiel £68. Cost is \$18 if paying by May 7, \$20 May 10-12. Contact Thresher Bookstore in Schultz Student Center, (316) 284-5205. Reservation deadline May 12.

### On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **Memorial service** for Gladwin Unrau April 24. Details are posted.
- ★ **Goessel Blood Mobile:** April 29, 1-6pm, Goessel Mennonite Church. You may schedule your apt. online. Sign up to volunteer to help.
- ★ Sunday-Afternoon-at-**Kauffman-Museum**, April 24.
- ★ **Camp Mennoscach:** >>Announcements, offers, requests. >>Men and Boys Retreat April 23-25. >>Retirees Retreat April 26-28.>>Just fOr You Retreat May 23-24
- ★ **Bethel College:** *Once Upon a Time: Women Share Fairy Tales, Enchanted and Otherwise*, April 24. Registration deadline April 17. Speakers include Leann and Katina Toews, Susan and Megan Bartel, Ardie Goering and more.
- ★ **Hesston College:** *Common Threads: Anabaptist and African American Songs and Stories of Suffering and Hope*. Hesston Mennonite Church, 4 p.m., Sunday, April 25th.
- ★ **Tabor College:** >>Story of Polish/Prussian Mennonites. May 8. >>Program to honor Katie Funk Wiebe April 24 .
- ★ **Women in Conversation:** *Living a life of Gratitude*. April 30-May 2, Cross Wind Conference Center, Hesston. Sponsored by Mennonite Women USA.
- ★ **Newton Et Cetera Shop** annual report.
- ★ **Peace Connection:** >>Volunteers needed for Kids Summer Food and Activity program. >>Poverty simulation rescheduled for April 27.
- ★ Marion County **Relay for Life**.
- ★ **Kipcor** Summer Training Opportunities.
- ★ **Prison Arts**-program May 1.
- ★ **Offender/Victim M-2** training May 3.
- ★ **Dutch Blitz** tournament at Faith and Life Bookstore June 6.

## Announcements

**Pastoral Vote Results:** The pastoral vote last Sunday was a strong one for all three of our pastors. The 98% vote for each of the pastors was both gratifying and humbling. We thank you and we gladly accept the call to continue on in ministry at Tabor Mennonite Church. We all believe that God continues to use our gifts to serve our Lord with you in this wonderful faith community.  
- Pastors Doug, Karen and Corey

**Membership Anyone?** We will be having another membership class for adults and are inviting anyone interested in joining Tabor Church to talk with the pastors about this possibility. The class is a two-hour session informing people about our Anabaptist history as well as ministries at Tabor. We would welcome visiting with anyone who is interested.  
-Pastors Corey and Karen

**Tabor Pictorial Directory:** Last weekend, 127 portraits were taken of Tabor Church members for the pictorial directory. We appreciate your time and patience with the process. The pictorial directory should be ready by late summer.  
-Worship/Fellowship Committee

**Goessel/Peabody/Walton Lunch Bunch** at the AGAPE center in Goessel Tues., April 27 at noon. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

**Summer Faith Formation:** Learning and Living the Bible Story! Information for the summer quarter is in your mailboxes today. Take note and return the boxed form to Ilona Abrahams by next Sunday.

**Coming Soon! Bible School** will be taking place June 7-11. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Please take one for yourself or to invite your friends and neighbors. Return completed forms to Pam Abrahams. Also, talk to Pam or Eunice Nickel if you are interested in helping with Bible School.

**"Covered with Love: A Treasury of Doll and Crib Quilts"** is the title of an exhibit being planned for June 11-13 at Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum. Please contact Marj Shoemaker if you have vintage doll and/or crib quilts you are willing to loan them to the museum for this event. We are also looking for items such as old doll cradles, doll buggies, and other toys that could be used as props.

**Service:** Chuck and Joy Goertzen's children Josh and Sarah will be serving in Africa this summer. You can help with expenses. See bulletin board for details.

## Sent Out

SONG *"I sought the Lord"* No. 506

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

\*SONG *"Go my children"* No. 433

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Today

Have you heard the saying *It was a God thing?* This expression is used to say that the outcome of a situation ended up so holy and good that there must have been intervention by the Almighty. Based on their own experience and interpretation, people have vastly different opinions of when and where there is intervention and evidence of God. We invite you to look at where you find God in your life.

Thanks to Jude Krehbiel, Rollin Schmidt, Brian Voth, Michelle Unruh, Karen Andres and Hannah Miller for helping with this morning's message.

We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. This morning you were greeted by Bonnie and Steve Janzen and Mary Jane and Orlin Janzen. *Please note the friendship cards in the songbook holders and fill one out if you have requests or if you are a visitor and place it in the offering bag.*

Childcare is provided by Jill Brandt in the nursery during the worship service.

**10:45 a.m.**— Sunday School for everyone.

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home today right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

**Noon**—Education Appreciation Luncheon.

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.



*Come Holy Spirit.  
Fill the hearts of thy faithful people  
and kindle in us the fire of thy love.*

## This Week

### Monday, April 19

**6:30 p.m.**—Welcome to all women to a very special Willing Helpers program on "Adoption". Bring a salad for the salad supper. An offering will be taken. Check bulletin board for more details.

### Wednesday, April 21

#### **Wednesday Evenings at Tabor:**

**5:30-6:00** - Active Seniors exercise group.  
Children of Light pizza supper.

**6:00-7:15** - Children of Light practice.

**7:00-8:00** - TMYF, Faithful Fitness.

**7:30** - Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers Pine Car Race, snack after.

### Friday, April 23

**7:15 p.m.**—**Hymn Sing at Bethesda:** The Quarterly Fellowship invites everyone to join us at Bethesda for a hymn sing with the residents. Ice cream will be served afterward during a time of visiting. A sheet is on the bulletin board where you can suggest your favorite hymn.

### Saturday, April 24

**7:30-Noon:** Tabor's annual **Spring work day.** Yard work, cleaning inside, painting inside, something for everyone. Anyone willing to bring food for break please sign up on the bulletin board. Come for a morning of fellowship and service to your church. Hope to see lots of you there!!

**9:30 a.m.**—**Children of Light** musical rehearsal. If you are a parent who is bringing their child for the practice, what better way to pass the time than pitching in with the work day.

## Next Sunday, April 25

**9:30 a.m.**—**Next Sunday** we continue celebrating the signs of our Risen Lord by hearing our children offer their special musical, %Good Kings Come in Small Packages+, the story of Josiah. Come and enjoy the gifts of our children! We will also be celebrating our Seniors who will graduate from high school.

**10:45 a.m.**— Sunday school for everyone.

## Prayer Requests

*The following items were shared last Sunday, April 11.*

- ★ Myron Voth shared a few comments on the pastoral vote and asked for prayer as people voted.
- ★ Sheri Schmidt shared that some of the Goessel community junior highers participated in a service project over the weekend.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister in Texas, as he gathers young adults who sense a call to congregational leadership in Hispanic congregations. Pray for the mentoring, training workshops, seminars that he facilitates.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: In Mongolia, a summer of drought and an unusually severe winter have killed more than two million animals and devastated the livelihoods of nearly 40 percent of the population. Pray for wisdom for Laura Schlabach and other Joint Christian Services personnel as they discern how to respond to this crisis.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Ask God to help the AMBS community listen with care to Linda Shelly, peace and justice guest this week. May God bless her testimony and give listeners new understandings of bringing God's shalom.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The many acts of generosity that happened the last two days at the MCC Sale in Hutchinson.