

## *You're off to Great Places!*

(Psalm 22:27-31; Matthew 28:16-20)

### Two Great Commissions

- “Get on your way!” ~Dr. Seuss (*Oh, the Places You'll Go*)
- “Disciple the Nations” ~Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20)

### “Today is your day.”

- “You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!”
- “Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people.”  
(Matthew 4:19)

### “You'll be left in a Lurch.”

- “Un-slumping yourself is not easily done.”
- “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”  
(Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46)

### “You'll find the bright places...”

- “where Boom Bands are playing.”
- “In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”  
(Psalm 22:22; Matthew 28:9-10, 16-17)

### “On you will go...”

- “though the weather be foul...though your enemies prowl.”
- “Going...**disciple the nations**...baptizing...and teaching...”  
(Matthew 28:19-20)

### “And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed!”

- “For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.”  
(Psalm 22:28; Matthew 28:18)
- “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”  
(Matthew 28:20)

# *Oh, The Places You'll Go*

## Parables from Dr. Seuss

### Wisdom from Seuss

“ And will you succeed?  
Yes! You will indeed!  
KID, YOU'LL MOVE  
MOUNTAINS! . . .  
you're off to Great Places!  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting.  
So . . . *get on your way!*”

-Dr. Seuss, *Horton Hears a Who*

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Tabor Mennonite Church

May 12, 2013



**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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### Gathering

PRELUDE Diana Schmidt

WELCOME Worship Leader, Kristin Unruh

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Clap you hands, all you nations;  
shout to God with cries of joy!

**People: How majestic is the Lord Most High;  
how mighty is the great Sovereign over all the earth!**

Leader: Sing praises to God;  
sing psalms in God's honor.

**People: God reigns over the nations;  
God is exalted over all.**

**All: Praise the Lord, all people;  
praise God's everlasting name!**

\*GATHERING HYMN "God is here among us" No. 16

#### \*PRAYER

### Praising

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Sing praise to God who reigns" No. 59

\*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

### Receiving

CHILDREN'S STORY "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" Carol Duerksen

SCRIPTURE Psalm 22:27-31; Matthew 28:16-20 Warren Schmidt

MESSAGE "You're off to Great Places!" Phil Schmidt

### Responding

HYMNS OF RESPONSE "Lord, you give the great commission" vv. 1, 2, 5 Insert

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADS Phil Schmidt

PRAYER OF BLESSING Insert

RECOGNIZING OUR EXCHANGE STUDENTS Doug Krehbiel

SONG OF BLESSING "Till We Meet Again" -Doug Krehbiel  
Doug and Jude Krehbiel

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### Sending

\*SENDING HYMN "Sent forth by God's blessing" v. 2 No. 478

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

### Today

Today we continue a month-long series focused on four stories written by Dr. Seuss: *The Lorax*, *Oh the Places You'll Go*, *Horton Hears a Who*, and *The Butter Battle Book*. As we reflect on these stories, we are also studying related passages of scripture and allowing the combination of story and scripture to inspire us toward faithful living. This morning we are focusing on *Oh the Places You'll Go* in conjunction with the Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20. We will also take time to recognize and celebrate our Graduates and Exchange Students during the service.



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

### **Today Continued**

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Duane, Janna, Dawson and Adriana Duerksen and Grace Regier. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Carrie Friesen in the nursery during the worship service.

**Deacon Affirmation:** The congregation will hold a brief meeting immediately following the worship service to affirm two persons as Deacons. Ron Schroeder, who was discerned after the 1st 1/2 annual meeting in November, and Shelley Buller, who was recently discerned by the Deacons to fill Rosie Jantz' position as she transitions to Associate Pastor.

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

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.

**Pastoral Review:** Questionnaires for the review for Pastor Doug are due today. In an attitude of prayer, each person, Jr. High and older, has the opportunity to fill out a questionnaire. Return forms to the box on the table in the foyer. Extra forms are on the table.

## **This Week**

### **Wednesday, May 15**

**Rosie Jantz officially begins as Associate Pastor.**

**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**—Visitation with Charlie Unruh family in the south rooms at Tabor Church.

**6:30 p.m.**—Movie Night at the Parsonage: *The Lorax*. Bring a snack to share.

### **Thursday, May 16**

**6:00 p.m.**—Celebration of Life Service for Charlie Unruh: Tabor Mennonite Church Sanctuary. The service will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall, which will include a light supper as well as an open mic time to share stories and memories of Charlie.

Worship Fellowship meeting has been postponed until Thursday, May 23.

### **Friday, May 17**

**6:00 p.m.**—Post College/Pre Family young adult gathering at Phil and Mary's home. Talk to Phil or Mary for details.

## **Next Sunday, May 19**

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday we will continue our Dr. Seuss series by focusing on *Horton Hears a Who* in conjunction with the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

## **Prayer Requests**

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Charlie Unruh Passed away on May 8. Please pray that God's Spirit of comfort and peace would be with Dora, Lewis, Harlin, and James Unruh as well as their families.
- ★ On this Mother's Day, remember to praise God for the gift of our mothers.
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Caring Quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Thank God for the new meetinghouse for Mennonite Church of the Servant in Wichita. Pray for God's guidance as they connect with a new neighborhood and host city-wide seminars.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that God would grant wisdom, joyful surprises, and renewal to MMN personnel who are also mothers, as they learn how to parent third-culture kids far from extended families and familiar support systems.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Join with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in thanking God for the volunteers who share their time, skills and friendship. May they be blessed as they also bring blessings to the seminary.

Remember to praise God for:

- ★ The gift of Rosie Jantz as our new associate pastor here at Tabor.
- ★ Shelley Buller, who answered God's call to be a Tabor deacon.

## **Announcements**

**Thank You for your generous support of Jr. High ministry at Tabor!**

At our breakfast fundraiser on April 21, we raised \$793! (This was more than enough to cover costs from "Know Jesus" this past January.)

~Phil, Marie, Josh, Karina, Olivia, Audessi, Layci, Justice

**Up for bids and free stuff!** The silent auction will continue this week-end in the fellowship hall here at Tabor. There are some dishes and other items on top of the tables to bid on ending this Sunday, May 12. You will be notified if you win the bid. The merchandise on the floor under the table and at the far end of the tables, to the right of the yard sticks, is yours for a donation to the church. The lost and found box is also on the floor under the tables. If anything in this box is yours, please claim your items or they will be disposed of in the near future. Please leave payment and donations in the secretary's mailbox.

The piano in the basement hallway needs a new home, maybe in your home. If you are interested in this piano, please talk to one of the trustees who will make arrangements to help load it onto your trailer.

**Willing Helpers** will meet Monday, May 20 at 7:00 pm. in Fellowship Hall. Denise Nickel will share her experiences being on the board of Mennonite Women USA and also report about WDC Women's fall retreat. Carrie Unruh will share devotions on "Seek the Lord and Live." Refreshments will be served by the social committee.

**The Christian Education Committee** has several opportunities for new members to tackle all of the tasks needed to make Tabor's Christian Education run smoothly. Please prayerfully consider if one of the open positions on the Education Commission might fit your giftings.

**A brand new opportunity for churches - Bike to Church Sunday!** We hope this opportunity brings people from all ages together for fun and to support MCC's Global Family program!

John Stoesz, the MCC Central States Executive Director has begun a Farewell Bike Ride prior to his June 27 retirement. He plans to visit 50 churches in the central Kansas area during the month of May. But he's not driving, he's riding 2000 miles on his bike! John will be thanking churches for their continuing support of MCC and invite them to join in Bike to Church Sunday. So air up your bike tires, grease the chain, slather on some sunscreen and hit the road to join MCC for a Bike to Church Sunday!

The goal is to invite EVERYONE in your church to donate money to support MCC's Global Family community-based education projects. If you can raise \$300 as a church, you'll sponsor a project for an entire year! Global Family supports quality community-based education for children and youth around the world.

*Are you the person who can help make this happen at Tabor? If you would be interested in organizing this event, please contact the church office.*

**Benefit for Dustin Thiesen**, a life-long resident of the Goessel community, and a member at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, has been diagnosed with brain cancer. A Community Fundraiser for Dustin is being planned for Saturday, June 15. It will include an afternoon golf event at Pine Edge Golf Course. There will be a meal at the Goessel High School in the evening, followed by a talent show that will showcase musical groups from our community. Details for this event will be forthcoming. Funds raised will go to care for medical bills not covered through Dustin's health insurance. If you would like to help with this fundraiser, please contact Linda Peters, evenings, at 367.8439 or email Linda at: [phagoessel@gmail.com](mailto:phagoessel@gmail.com). If you are interested in helping with meals for Dustin, call Sheri Janzen, evenings at 367.8418. If you are interested in helping with transportation for radiation treatments, call Linda Peters.

**Bethesda Home's Annual Meeting** will be Wednesday night, May 29, at 7:30 pm in the Bethesda Chapel. Come join us to hear about what is going on at Bethesda, and affirm board member positions. Yes – we will also have pie ☺

*Additional announcements are found on the Community and Conference announcement sheets received via email or in mailboxes. Additional sheets can be found in the literature rack in the foyer.*



## Middle School

### Goessel Middle School

May 14, 7:00 p.m.

Olivia Duerksen

Joshua Schmidt

### Chisholm Middle School

May 22, 11:30 a.m.

Karina Brandt

## High School

### Goessel High School

May 11, 7:00 p.m.

Shane Goerzen

## College

### Bethel College

May 19, 4:00 p.m.

Kristin Unruh

### Hesston College

May 5, 9:00 a.m.

Leah Unruh

### Kansas State University

May 18, 2:15 p.m.

Laura Unruh

### Wichita State University

May 18, 2:00 p.m.

Sheldon Goerzen

## Recognizing our Exchange Students

### Peabody/Burns HS

Jenni Kimmeskamp

### Goessel HS

Amelie Kirner

Giuliana Mochon

Bjorn Schumann

## OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

May 5, 2013

Offering	=	\$ 6,897.00	Attendance	=	163
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 137.27	Attendance	=	76
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 12.26	Attendance	=	21