

From Blurry to 20/20: A Journey of Knowing God

Stories: who is God?

God reveals

I AM WHO I AM (Exodus 3:14)

God calls

Moses (Exodus 3, 4)

God frees people (Exodus 12:38)

Slaves – mixed crowd

Jesus reveals

The Word made flesh (John 1:1-18)

The new Moses (Hebrews 1:1)

The exact imprint (Hebrews 1:3)

Jesus calls

Disciples – mixed crowd (Luke 6)

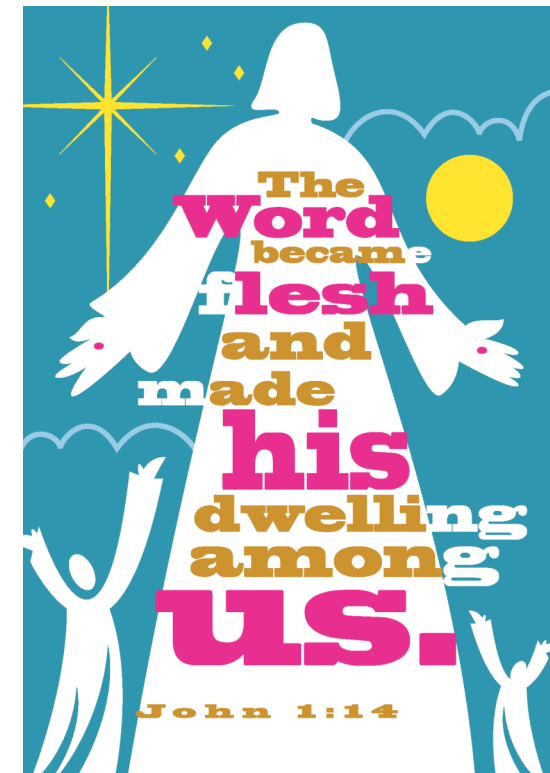
Jesus frees people

Healing stories – the Gospels

All people

God for us – God with us – God within us

CENTERED ON JESUS:

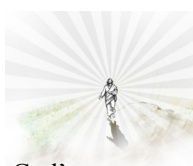


GOD

Centered on Jesus

“... we still have the power to choose the attitude of our heart. If we cast ourselves on God’s mercy, asking him to help us, he cannot refuse. Even in difficulty, he will dwell in us, shaping our wayward hearts into the likeness of his own.”

-Ann Spangler and Jean Syswerda



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Tabor Mennonite Church

July 21, 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 Diane Unruh

WELCOME Worship Leader, Luke Unruh

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship.

People: for we are people of God's pasture.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down,

People: for we are the sheep of God's hand.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down
before the Lord, our Maker.

**All: For the Lord is our God,
and God desires our worship!**

*GATHERING HYMN *"Come, thou Almighty King"* No. 41

*PRAYER

Praising

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Lord, with devotion we pray"* No. 79

*PASSING THE PEACE

"The peace of Christ be with you" ~ "and also with you."

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Proclaiming

SCRIPTURE READING *Exodus 3:1-15* Donavon Schmidt

CHILDREN'S STORY Kristi Unruh

WORSHIP MUSIC *"Trust in Jesus"* Bill Froese and Brian Voth

GOSPEL READING *John 1:1-3, 14, 18; Hebrews 1:1-3* Donavon Schmidt

SERMON *"From Blurry to 20/20"* Pastor Rosie Jantz

Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Lord, you sometimes speak"* Insert

WORDS OF RESPONSE Pastor Phil Schmidt

***Ever-present God,
in Christ Jesus you never leave or forsake us.
Teach us to be faithful to your call,
to persevere in commitment,
and beyond all else,
to know the strength and joy
of being near to you,
in the name of our Savior. AMEN.***

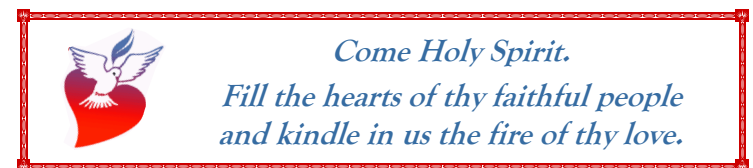
SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*SENDING HYMN *"Lead on, O cloud of Presence"* No. 419

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Today

Today we continue our summer-long series: “centered on Jesus.” As we focus on the life and teaching of Jesus, we are studying a variety of important topics, such as community, peace, and service. Our central question for this entire series is, “When we look at Jesus, how can we better understand _____?” Today we are focusing on God. How does Jesus help us better understand God?

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Brandon, Kristi, Kylee, Audessi, Porclein, Braxton and Quinli Unruh and Kenton, Eunice and Lydia Nickel. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Nancy Schroeder in the nursery during the worship service.

10:45—Sunday School for everyone. Jr High, HS and Adults will meet in the fellowship hall with Robert Yutzy to conclude our study of being peacebuilders and living non-violently. Children 2 yrs.– Kindergarten meet in room 11, 1st-5th grade meet in room 13.

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.

4:00 p.m.—Chapel Service at Bethesda Home lead by CrossRoad from Tabor.

This Week

Tuesday, July 23

12:00 p.m.—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch meets at Bethesda Home.

7:00 p.m.—Deacon meeting.

Wednesday, July 24

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

Thursday, July 25 - Tuesday, July 30

Tabor serves at Harvey County Homeless Shelter.

Please sign up on the bulletin board to help with this ministry.

Next Sunday, July 28

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we continue our “centered on Jesus” series by focusing on the Holy Spirit. When we look to Jesus, how does he help us understand the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit is active in the world? Scripture for reflection will be John 14:15-31 and Joel 2:28-32. Pastor Phil will be preaching. Hearts4Him will be joining us to offer the worship music. *Please see the announcement sheet for more information about this group.*

10:45—Sunday School for everyone. Adults: **12 Scripture Project**: What are the 12 most formative Scriptures for our church community? That’s a big question which we will be exploring over the next several weeks during Adult Sunday School. This Project will help prepare us for our upcoming Year of the Bible. Please come next Sunday ready to share what Scripture passages have been most significant in your life.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on July 14.

- ★ Phyllis Goertzen thanked the congregation for prayers while she and Lee traveled to and from Phoenix. She also shared that her job on the sausage committee for Bethel College Fall Fest, which she shared with Carolyn Schmidt, has come to an end after 28 years. Thanks be to God for many years of good ministry.
- ★ Alvin Schmidt sang a wonderful rendition of "Didn't it Rain?" as a grateful response to the good rain we received this past week. Alleluia! Thanks be to God for how God provides for us!
- ★ Myron Voth asked that we pray for God's peace in response to the recent high profile murder case in Florida, which could cause significant racial tension. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Bob Beecher, the new pastor of Beatrice Mennonite Church, who is being commissioned today.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: David Shenk lives in a neighborhood in Quito, Ecuador, that exhibits both strong community solidarity and destructive violence. Pray for him as he learns how to incorporate the positive cultural elements into church life and discerns how to respond to abusive aspects. David serves with MMN and Virginia Mennonite Missions.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Summer tasks for the Church Leadership Center at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary involve scheduling webinars, Anabaptist Short Courses, workshops and Pastors Week. Pray that this planning will lead to fruitful learning throughout the upcoming year.

Announcements

Harvest Giving envelopes for MCC. These replace the CROP Drive envelopes of the past. For both cash and commodity donations fill out both sections. Include the top portion with your check in the envelope, seal and mail for cash donations. For commodity donations, the top portion is given to your grain buyer and the bottom is sealed and mailed to MCC. If you are not using your envelope at this time, please place it in the literature rack in the foyer. Donations are accepted at any time.

Just so you know. Due to the drought last year, we will be removing the cedar tree's directly west of the parsonage and planting two new rows of tree's. If you are interested in firewood or logs from the trees, please let one of the trustees know soon.

Please consider: We are in need of a few more teachers and helpers for our children's summer Sunday school classes. Sign up on the bulletin board if you are able to help out.

WDC Year of the Bible: Open wide and say ahhhhh..... by attending the Year of the Bible Launch on August 1-2 at Bethel College. Expect to be overwhelmed with diverse resources and ideas. Brochures and registration info at www.mennowdc.org. Call 316-283-6300 to see if there is still room! **Brochure with information is posted on the bulletin board. Contact the church office if you plan to attend.**

WDC Annual Assembly: "How We Discern, Decide and Do" presented by Terry Shue, Mennonite Church USA Leadership Development will be part of the delegate sessions at Western District Conference Assembly on August 2-3 on the campus of Bethel College, North Newton, KS. Come to learn, listen, fellowship and worship together as we are Shaped by God's Story.

All Tabor Ladies: Mark your calendars now for the 2013 Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, September 6-8. This year's retreat will feature a Friday evening fashion show (courtesy of the Newton Et Cetera Shop), and dessert. For our main sessions on Saturday and Sunday, **Denise Nickel and sisters will be our presenters, with the theme "Serving Creates Lifelong Memories."** Other highlights of the weekend include a variety of seminars, Campfire singing with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, music with "Cousins 4" and special activities for girls in grades 3-12. You won't want to miss it! See the bulletin board for details and registration forms. If you wish to have a personal copy of the entire weekend, please use the white master copy) Registration deadline is August 23 * **NO** registrations accepted day of retreat. Register by August 6 for \$5.00 Early Bird Discount. For registrations after August 23, please add \$10.00 late fee.

Gardening season is here: If you have extra produce that you would like to share, please leave it in room 113 (food pantry). Anyone may help themselves. You may leave a donation for the Food Pantry.

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.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

July 14, 2013

Offering	=	\$14,407.84	Attendance	=	163
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 36.00	Attendance	=	46
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 2.32	Attendance	=	7