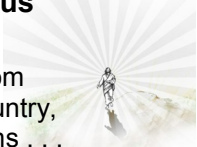


Centered on Jesus

"Christians cannot be distinguished from other people by country, language or customs . . . They are passing their days on earth, but as citizens of heaven . . . Christians are in the world, but not of the world."

-Epistle to Diognetus



CENTERED ON JESUS:



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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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Gathering

PRELUDE

Diana Schmidt

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Phil Schmidt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us seek rest at the altar of God—

**People: Where the infant can find comfort and protection;
where even the weak can find justice and peace.**

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in God's presence—

**People: Where even the lily may grow in glory,
where even the grass may be clothed with life.**

**All: Blessed are those who trust in you, O Lord,
our Home and our Provider!**

*GATHERING HYMN *"In Christ there is no East or West"* No. 306

*PRAYER

Praising

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"O praise the gracious power"* No. 111

*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

Receiving

CHILDREN'S STORY

Esther Koontz

WORSHIP MUSIC

Leann and Jerry Toews
Deloris and Donavon Schmidt

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-4; Matthew 2:13-23

Laura Unruh

SERMON

"Immigrant Jesus"

Nathan Koontz

Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Will you let me be your servant"

No. 307

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

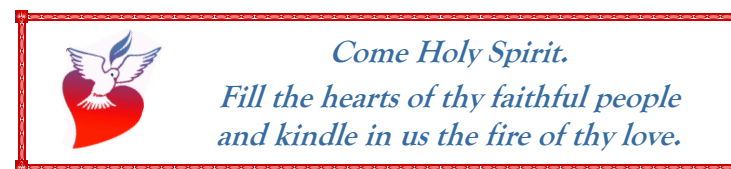
*SENDING HYMN

"You are salt for the earth"

No. 226

*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 Immigration. How does Jesus help us understand how to respond to the complex issues of immigration in our society? A special welcome to Nathan and Esther Koontz, who will be bringing the morning message and children’s story.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Bob and Erlene Unruh and Steve and Bonnie Janzen. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Janna Duerksen 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 Caleb Lazaro and Nathan Koontz for discussion on immigration. Children 2 yrs.– 1st grade meet in room 11, 2nd-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.

This Week

Wednesday, July 10

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

7:30 p.m.—Education Committee

Thursday, July 11

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

Next Sunday, July 14

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we continue our “centered on Jesus” series by focusing on the topic of service. When we look to Jesus, how does he help us understand how to live a life of service? Scripture for reflection will be John 13:1-17; Mark 10:35-45; and Deuteronomy 15:1-11. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

10:45—Sunday School for everyone.

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the teachers and leaders preparing for the Year of the Bible Launch, August 1-2, in North Newton. Pray that our churches and pastors will be challenged to engage the Scriptures with greater intensity and intentionality “so that all God’s people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (II Timothy 3:17).
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Linda Oyer of MMN continues to struggle with eye problems. A severe cold caused a June eye surgery to be rescheduled. Pray that Linda’s health may be restored and that she may regain sight in her left eye to continue her ministries of teaching and writing in France and throughout the French-speaking world.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Hesston College students who remain in Hesston and away from their families during summer break. Pray that they would build meaningful connections within the wider Hesston community.

Announcements

Timbrel is a magazine published quarterly by Mennonite Women USA. Tabor has a group subscription with rates 1 year for \$13, 2 years for \$24 and 3 years for \$33. If you would like to subscribe, please put a note in Barb Banman's mailbox with a check made out to Willing Helpers, due TODAY. If this is your renewal year you will have a note in your mailbox.

Summer is here: We are in need of a few more teachers and helpers for our children's summer Sunday school classes. Please consider signing up for one or more Sunday on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

WDC Year of the Bible: Engage God's Word through Experiential Worship during the Year of the Bible Launch, August 1-2 at Bethel College, North Newton. After we eat a chef-prepared Biblical foods buffet, we will dive into worship that is Biblically focused from start to finish!

Registration and fees for Year of the Bible Launch will be covered by Tabor. Please contact the church office by July 18 if you plan to attend. Brochure with information is posted on the bulletin board.

WDC Annual Assembly: Explore what it means to Read the Bible through an Anabaptist lens at Western District Conference Assembly on August 2-3. Loren Johns, AMBS professor of New Testament will provide input and inspiration on the Anabaptist Approach to scripture and a dozen other fantastic leaders, professors, teachers and pastors will lead additional Biblically-based seminars. Brochures and info at www.mennowdc.org or the Tabor church office. **If you would like to serve as a delegate for Tabor, please contact Pastor Phil or call the church office (367-2318) by July 18.**

All Tabor Ladies:

1. Save the Date. Mark your calendars now for the 2013 Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, September 6-8. For our main sessions on Saturday and Sunday, **Denise Nickel and sisters will be our presenters, with the theme "Serving Creates Lifelong Memories."** You won't want to miss it! See the bulletin board or July Newsletter for complete details. Registration forms are on the bulletin board. 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.

2. The next Willing Helpers meeting is Wednesday, July 17 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. All women are invited to join us. We will meet at the North Newton **MCC Center for a work day**. Irma Gonzalez will have a variety of projects ready for our volunteer day. Please bring a snack to share for the morning break and your own sack lunch for the noon meal. We will have a

brief meeting with an offering taken and Norma Graber will have devotions - "Let Justice Roll Down." Plan to stay part or all of the day. Bring a friend!

3. All women are invited to attend the **WDC Mennonite Women Supper**, Friday, August 2, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$14.00. The topic for the evening is "Shaped by God's Story" by Joan Boyer. An offering will be taken for Camp Mennoscah kitchen needs. Reservations are required by July 19. See the posted information flyer on the bulletin board. Use the posted form to send in your reservation. (If you have registered to attend WDC, you can register for this meal on that form.) You may also register and pay online for the meal only at www.mennowdc.org.

The Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains is conducting a survey this summer (late July-early August) to assist in developing theological education in Kansas. This study will include Western District congregations. Please take the 10 minutes needed to respond to the survey if you are one of the randomly selected persons. All responses are confidential - *Clarence Rempel, WDC Conference Minister*

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

June 30, 2013

Offering	=	\$ 3,998.41	Attendance	=	146
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 31.00	Attendance	=	55
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 11.08	Attendance	=	19