

Year of the Bible at Tabor Mennonite Church

Tabor's Year of the Bible Kickoff is on August 25!

Sunday mornings will take on a little different look
with the following schedule:

9:00 a.m. — Prelude
9:15 a.m. — Worship
10:30 a.m. — Fellowship Time
10:45 a.m. — Faith Formation

This is an exciting time in the life of Tabor Church.
Come prepared to experience the Bible by
“Living into God’s Story”.

CENTERED ON JESUS:



HOPE

Centered on Jesus

“Remind each other
daily that we all are
Easter people living
in a Good Friday world ...
Hope triumphs over fear every time,
because of the Resurrection!”

-Dr. Rich Bimler



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Tabor Mennonite Church

August 18, 2013



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we are called by God to offer hospitality,
healing and hope in the name of Christ.**

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Gathering

PRELUDE Mark and Joshua Schmidt and Cynthia Goerzen

WELCOME Worship Leader, Michael Unruh

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We live in the midst of much worry and anxiety.
Things seem so unsettled and unstable

**People: Come Lord Jesus, fill our hearts
so that our stories of faith
remind us to hope for the future.**

Leader: May we see the possibilities that always come
with walking in Your Way.

**All: We proclaim ourselves to be a people of hope.
Teach us in all things to sing your praise, O God.**

*GATHERING HYMN "I will sing for joy" No. 28CS

*PRAYER

Praising

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Joys are flowing like a river" No. 301

*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

CHILDREN'S STORY Carol Duerksen

WORSHIP MUSIC "Blessings" -Laura Story DeVon Hiebert

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 8:22-25; Jeremiah 29:11 Phil Unruh

SERMON "As Surely as Sparks Fly Upwards" Pastor Doug Krehbiel

Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE "When the storms are raging" No. 558

WORDS OF RESPONSE Pastor Rosie Jantz

***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.
Tabor Mennonite Church seeks to respond to God's call
by extending hospitality and acceptance to all people,
by offering healing through our risen Lord, and
by giving hope to all through the power of the Holy Spirit.***

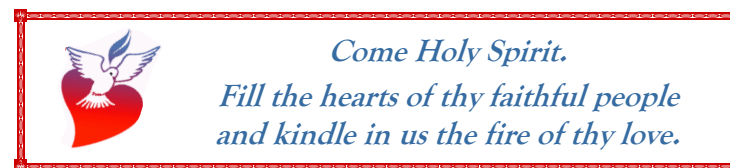
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*SENDING HYMN "My hope is built on nothing less" No. 343

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Today

TODAY we continue our summer-long series: “centered on Jesus.” We are also taking a close look at our church’s vision statement and seeking to understand hospitality, healing and hope through the eyes of Jesus. Today we are focusing on the topic of hope. How does Jesus help us understand living in faith even in the bad times?

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Kristin and Archie Schmidt and Gayle Funk and Brian Voth. *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 through Adults Faith Formation: Please join us for the next exciting phase of the 12 Scriptures project! Everyone is invited to join in this adventure even if this is your first time to attend. Each table group will choose 12 scriptures from our original list or scriptures. That being said, there is still time to add your scriptures to the list if they are not represented! Come join the fun!

Children: 2 yrs.— Kindergarten meet in room 11, 1st - 5th gr. 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.

Pastor Phil and Mary have been on vacation part of this week. They will return tomorrow.

This Week

Tuesday, August 20

7:00 p.m.—Deacon meeting

Wednesday, August 21

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

7:30 p.m.—Education Meeting

Thursday, August 22

Newsletter items are due

Next Sunday, August 25

9:00 a.m.—Prelude

9:15 a.m.—Next Sunday we will kickoff our Year of the Bible! We will take time during the morning worship service to introduce the many unique ways that we will be engaging with God's living word throughout this next year. Here's a few snapshots: a biblical timeline, biblical snacks, a reading challenge, and formation stations! Come ready to receive God's living word more fully into your life.

10:30—Fellowship Time.

10:45—Faith Formation for everyone.

Mennograss—Everyone is invited to this year's Mennograss in the Tabor Park on Sunday, August 25. We will start serving food at 6 p.m. and the live music will start at 6:30 p.m. Drinks and table service provided. Bring your lawn chairs and a dessert to share and come enjoy a great evening of entertainment, courtesy of the Tabor Quarterly Fellowship committee.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on August 11.

- ★ Jude Krehbiel shared a praise that she was reminded of how great a Creator we have as she observed the moon and other aspects of creation this week.
- ★ Jason Unruh shared that the MCC meat canner is still looking for someone to travel with the meat canner as he did for two years. Thanks be to God for Jason's service! Lord, hear our prayer that someone will hear the call to fill this important role for MCC.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ our church community as we prepare for a year long journey through the Bible.
- ★ the new school year. Pray for students, families and teachers, that all will have a good year.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Ron Flaming as he begins a coaching group for first-time pastors in Western District Conference. Pray that these pastors will flourish in fruitful ministry.

Prayer requests continued

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for Craig Maven's able leadership of MMN board of directors for the past four years. Pray for Madeline Maldonado, who now takes on this responsibility while continuing to serve as pastor of *Iglesia Evangelica Menonita Arca de Salvacion* in Fort Myers, Fla.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: During this first week of classes at Hesston College, remember all the students, faculty and staff who are new to the community. Pray that they would feel welcomed and encouraged as they make a new start.

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

Thanks:

I want to thank my church family for prayers and loving support for me before and after my heart surgery. Thank you to my pastors Rosie and Phil for their visits and prayers. Thanks to my own family for the many hours they waited and sat with me. I feel my recovery was faster because of these acts of kindness. I ask for your continued prayers for me for my carotid artery surgery in several weeks. Thank you. -Dora Unruh

While I have lived a mile south of Goessel for the past 35 years, the time has come to move a few miles more. My new address will be 3001 Ivy Drive, Apt. 302, North Newton KS, 67117 and my cell phone number is and will continue to be 316-215-2171. I have appreciated the care and support you have given me and my family through the years. When the Kidron-Bethel bus comes this way, I'll be on it! - Mary Graber

New Chair Needed: No, carpenters, we don't need a wooden chair. Harlin Unruh is stepping down as Congregational Chairperson and thus we have opportunity to appoint someone new. Who do you think would serve well in this role? ***You are each invited to submit one name to Pastor Phil by September 15.*** Email: pschmidt@tabormennonite.org or place your suggestion in his church mailbox. After prayer and discernment, let the shoulder tapping begin!

Potential Deacons: When you think of people who would be excellent Deacons at Tabor, who comes to mind? Please share your suggestions with a Pastor or a current Deacon.

Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch at Bethesda Home, August 27 at noon. Please sign up.

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.

All Tabor Ladies: 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 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. For registrations after August 23, please add \$10.00 late fee.

What is Bible Storying? Not tough to explain or learn - in fact it will come naturally to most of us. Michael Novelli (creator and author) will lead us in this imaginative way to engage the scriptures via storytelling, creative reflection and lively dialogue. Sunday, Sept. 15, 3 - 6:30 pm. Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. You **MUST** pre-register by calling Western District Conference, 316-283-6300 by Sept. 10. \$10 each or \$25 bring a team. Includes pizza!

Dates to remember:

September 21-22: Tabor Church Campout at Mennoscah.

October 22: Budget Workshop

November 10: Annual Congregational Meeting

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

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

August 11, 2013

Offering	=	\$10,992.64	Attendance	=	148
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 46.00	Attendance	=	91
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 6.63	Attendance	=	13