

***“God’s Saving Story”***  
(Genesis-Revelation)

**God’s Story**

**The Power of Story**

- I. “We choose our stories...
- II. ...then our stories shape us.”
- III. “When a story is told well it happens again.”

**From Problem to Solution**

- I. Problem *Defined*
- II. Solution *Promised, Begun, Continued...*
- III. Solution *Accomplished & Being Realized!*

**Three Guiding Questions:**

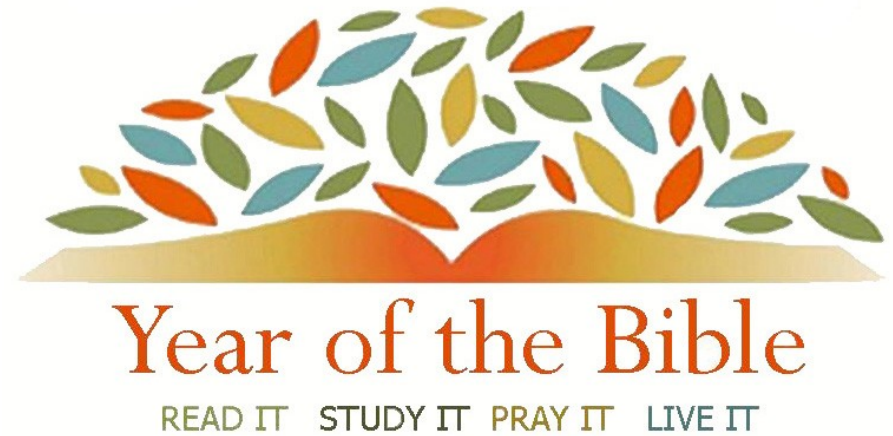
- I. What is the sin problem?
- II. What is God doing to solve the sin problem?
- III. How faithfully are God’s people cooperating?

**Our Story**

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**Diving in to Year of the Bible!**

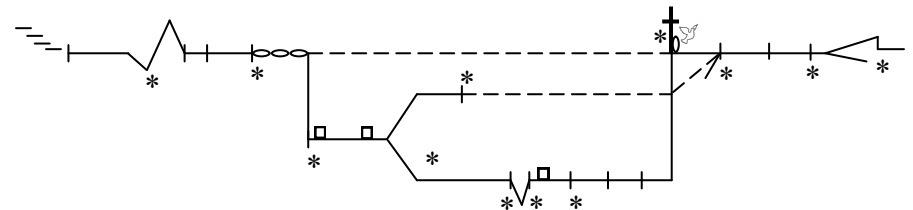
- I. Biblical Banner,
- II. Beneficial Binders,
- III. Savory Snacks,
- IV. Formation Stations,
- V. And much more!



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*“Living into God’s Story”*

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**Tabor Mennonite Church**

Worship: 9:15 am Fellowship Time: 10:30 am Faith Formation: 10:45 am

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Tabor Mennonite Church

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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 Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME Worship Leader, Rosie Jantz

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 1:1-3*

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked

**People: Or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the company of mockers,**

Leader: but their delight is in the law of the Lord

**People: and on his law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: Those people are like trees planted by streams of water,

**People: which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.**

**All: In all they do, they prosper.**

\*GATHERING HYMN *"I saw a tree by the riverside"* Insert

\*PRAYER

## Praising

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"* No. 71

\*GREETING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

## Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY Kim Funk

WORSHIP MUSIC *"God of the Bible"* Venita Schroeder

THE BIBLE IN 50 WORDS

SERMON *"God's Saving Story"* Pastor Phil Schmidt

## Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"This is a story full of love"* No. 315

COMMISSIONING TEACHERS Pastor Rosie Jantz  
Litany for Christian Faith Formation Inside back bulletin

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## Sending

\*SENDING HYMN *"I love to tell the story"* No. 398

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## Today

Today we kickoff a Year of the Bible! Our focus for this year is to live into God's story so that God's story will truly become our story. The *Heilsgeschichte* (Salvation History) timeline will provide structure for our year through the Bible, and it will also help us see the bigger picture of God's saving strategy throughout history. May God's living Word enliven our community so that we can live God's Word today and everyday!



*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 Denise and Elton Nickel and Pete and Sharon Unruh. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Janna Duerksen in the nursery during the worship service.

**10:30**—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks: crackers and grapes

**10:45**—Faith Formation for everyone.

**Jr. High through Adults:** Please join us for the 12 Scriptures project!

Everyone is invited to join in this adventure even if this is your first time to attend. 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.

**Mennograss**—Everyone is invited to this year's Mennograss in the Tabor Park THIS EVENING. 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.

## **This Week**

### **Tuesday, August 27**

**12:00 p.m.**— Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch at Bethesda Home. Please sign up.

### **Wednesday, August 28**

**6:30 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness

## **Next Sunday, September 1**

**9:00 a.m.**—Prelude

**9:15 a.m.**—Next Sunday we will reflect on three key texts that will provide focus for our year through the Bible: Deuteronomy 26:5-10a; Micah 6:6-8; and Hebrews 1:1-3a. Are you up to the challenge of memorizing all three of these? Pastor Phil will be preaching.

**10:30**—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks.

**10:45**—Faith Formation for everyone.

## **Prayer Requests**

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Chin Emmanuel Church, our newest member church, as they undertake acquiring their first church building in Houston, TX. Pray that this church would continue to make new disciples and reach out to their community.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Today, participants in MMN's Radical Journey program begin their 10-day orientation in Chicago. Pray for openness and a spirit of service for each person preparing for a year in Argentina, Paraguay or South Africa.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Give thanks for the educational ministry of Mennonite Schools Council schools- Hopi Mission School (Kykotsmobi, Ariz.) and Lezha Academic Center (Albania). Pray that they may find qualified and gifted teachers and receive continued financial/ gift support.

Remember to praise God for:

- ★ The opportunity that Tabor has to learn and study God's word together as we begin Year of the Bible!

## **Announcements**

**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.

**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](mailto:pschmidt@tabormennonite.org) or place your suggestion in his church mailbox. After prayer and discernment, let the shoulder tapping begin!

**Would you like to spend some quality singing time with our young ones?** Music Committee is looking for someone to direct our Sonbeams choir for 20-25 minutes on Wednesday evenings. Please contact Bonnie Janzen (367-8237) if you have questions or would be interested.

**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. Registration will be paid by the Worship/Fellowship Commission. Contact Carrie Unruh by September 8 if you want to attend. Includes pizza!

**The first MCC Harvest Giving Walk will be taking place in fall.** This will replace what has formerly been the Crop Walk. Next Sunday your Walk recruiters will have sign-up sheets and pledge forms for donations. The date will also be announced at that time. More information coming.

—Elton and Denise Nickel, Area Coordinators.

**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 was August 23. **NO** registrations accepted day of retreat. For registrations after August 23, please add \$10.00 late fee.

**Phoenix 2013 Summary DVD** is available for check out and can be found with the Sunday Worship cd’s, bottom shelf, north mailboxes.

**Food Pantry:** Tabor’s food pantry has seen more activity recently and as a result we could use your help in seeing our shelves restocked. Your non-perishable donations would be welcome. For a list of suggested items, please see the bulletin board. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

**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.

#### **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 18, 2013**

Offering	=	\$ 4,837.21	Attendance	=	163
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 27.00	Attendance	=	55
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 6.03	Attendance	=	10

#### **Litany for Christian Faith Formation Sunday**

Pastor Rosie: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

***All: We will love the Lord our God with all our heart,  
all our soul, all our mind.***

Doris – Christian Education Chair: We will keep God’s word in our heart.

*Teachers: The Word of the Lord will be recited to the children,  
and to the youth, and to the adults.*

***Congregation: We will remind and encourage one another  
to study God’s Word. We will share with each other  
how God has walked with us on our journey.***

*Teachers: We will kindle the faith of the congregation  
with words of affirmation, challenge, and love.*

***All: We are God’s work of art – each one of us!***

*Teachers: Like stained glass we will let God’s love shine through us  
reflecting the good news of Jesus Christ.*

Pastor Rosie and Doris: Together we will let the Holy Spirit use our lives  
to proclaim God’s story.

*Teachers: Together we will listen and become quiet before God.*

***All: Together we will tell of all God’s wonderful and glorious deeds.***