

“Expecting Surprises”

(Matthew 25:31-46)

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ . . . ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

(Matthew 25:35-36, 40)

Common Hospitality

A New Perspective

- I. The Christmas Guest
- II. Blessed Sheep (Matthew 25:31-46)
- III. Surprise!

Hospitality Today

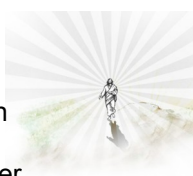
- I. Receiving
- II. Giving
- III. The Apostle of God

Radical Hospitality

Centered on Jesus

“Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place.”

— Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Reaching Out*



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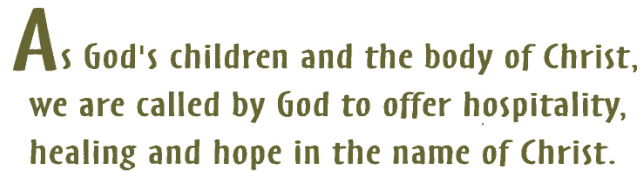
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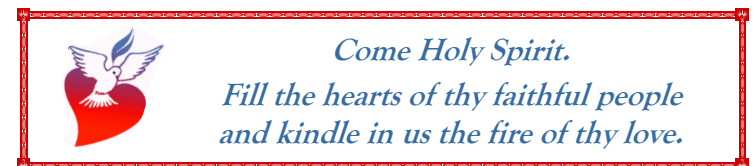


HOSPITALITY



No. 31

OFFERING OUR GIFTS



Today

Today we continue our summer-long series: “centered on Jesus.” Over these next three weeks, we will take a closer look at our church vision statement and see how Jesus challenges us toward more faithful living in the areas of hospitality, healing, and hope. Today we are focusing on the topic of hospitality. How does Jesus help us understand how to be people who graciously share and receive hospitality?

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Fred, Diane, Kristin and Luke Unruh and Harlin and Doris Unruh. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Sharleen Francis in the nursery during the worship service.

10:45—Sunday School for everyone.

Jr. High, High School, Adults: 12 Scriptures

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.

This Week

Tuesday, August 6

7:30 p.m.—Church Council

Wednesday, August 7

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

Saturday, August 10

Agri-Urban Day on the Farm at WillowSpring Downs. *See announcements.*

Next Sunday, August 11

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we continue our “centered on Jesus” series by focusing on Healing. Over these three weeks, we are focusing on our church vision statement and reflecting on how Jesus helps us better understand hospitality, healing, and hope. Scripture for reflection will be Psalm 30, Matthew 10:1, 5-15; and 1 Peter 2:21-24. Pastor Phil will be preaching. We will also take time during the service for anointing and prayer.

10:45—Sunday School for everyone. MC USA Convention and WDC Assembly reports. Meet in the fellowship hall.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on July 28.

- ★ Jude Krehbiel brought greetings from Corey and Nancy Miller, who they visited this past week.
- ★ Michael Unruh had returned from counseling at Camp Keola in California and offered a praise for the opportunities that all kids have to grow in their relationship with Jesus at various camps nationwide.
- ★ Ron Schroeder gave thanks to Hearts 4 Him for sharing their gift of music during our worship time. Thanks be to God!

Remember to pray for:

- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Care Quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Praise God for the gift of Holy Scriptures that equip God’s people for every good work (II Timothy 3:17). Thank God for the inspirations and instructions of last week’s Year of the Bible Launch and Assembly 2013. Pray that we will not just hear God’s word but put it into action (James 1:22).
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for peace and hope among the people of South Africa in the uncertain times of Nelson Mandela’s passing from leadership. Remember especially Anna and Joe Sawatzky and their four sons with MMN, and their colleagues in the Anabaptist Network in South Africa and at Bethany Bible School.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Hesston College faculty and staff as they gather this week for the beginning of the year retreat. Pray for energy and excitement as they continue to make Hesston a welcoming and inspiring place for students.

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.

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.

Willing Helpers: The next meeting will be Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 pm at the Bethesda Home Chapel. Everyone is invited to share this evening with the residents. Elaine Unruh will lead singing and Barb Banman will have devotions. Please join us. A cookie social will follow.

The annual Day on the Farm, to be held on Saturday, August 10 starting at 10 am at the Duerksen/Knepp farm (1582 Falcon, Hillsboro, KS), is designed to promote the relationship between rural and urban. A noon meal will be served for a donation. The day is free, but designed to raise funds for Mennonite Agri-Urban which sponsors the event. A great family event!

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.

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.

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.

Newsletter Calendar Corrections:

—The number of years for wedding anniversaries did not get updated. Please add 1 year to all, except for Phil and Mary Schmidt, which is new on the calendar this year.

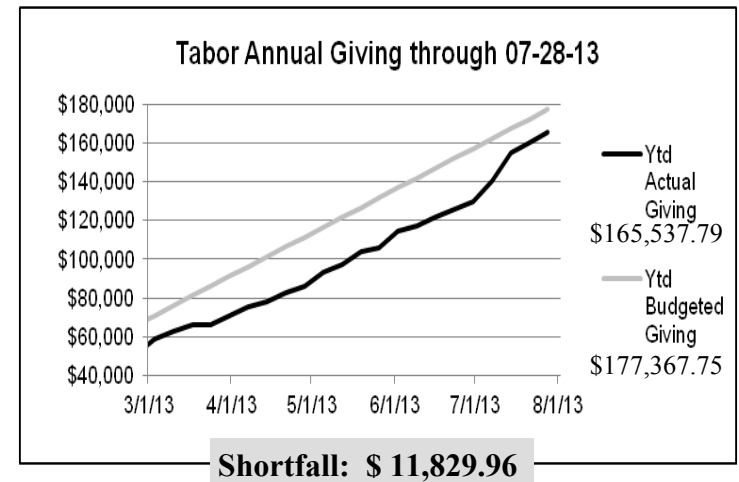
—Laura Unruh and Jared Unrau wedding: August 31.

Coming soon:

August 25: Mennograss

September 21-22: Tabor Church Campout at Mennoscah.

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

July 28, 2013

Offering	=	\$ 5,345.73	Attendance	=	163
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 31.00	Attendance	=	52
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 7.65	Attendance	=	10