

*“Are we listening?”*

**“Can you hear me now?”**

**God speaks through:**

- **The Exodus** (Deuteronomy 26:5-10a)
- **The Prophets** (Micah 6:6-8)
- **Jesus** (Hebrews 1:1-3a)

**God speaks: Are we listening?**

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

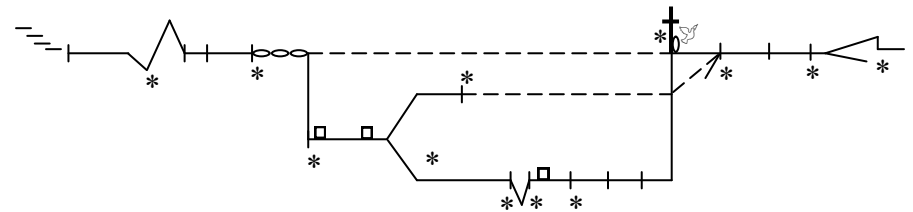
- I. Updates and Reminders,
- II. Scripture Memory,
- III. “The Big Read!”



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*“Living into God’s Story”*

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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

Marcene Entz

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Carol Duerksen

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God leads us out of slavery.

**People: We respond with worship.**

Leader: God teaches us the way of life.

**People: We respond with justice, mercy, and humility.**

Leader: God speaks to us through the Son.

**People: We respond with faithfulness.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

*"What is this place"*

No. 1

\*PRAYER

## Praising

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"*

No. 70

\*GREETING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

*Deuteronomy 26:5-10a*

Gary Duerksen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

## Proclaiming

SCRIPTURE READING

*Micah 6:6-8*

Janna Duerksen

CHILDREN'S STORY

Kristin Unruh

WORSHIP MUSIC *"Glory Bound"* -The Wailin' Jennys

Michelle Unruh

SCRIPTURE READING

*Hebrews 1:1-3a*

Marcene Entz

SERMON

*"Are we listening?"*

Pastor Phil Schmidt

## Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*"Lord, you sometimes speak"*

No. 594

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Doug Krehbiel

## Sending

\*SENDING HYMN

*"How can we be silent"*

No. 179CS

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## Today

Today we continue to kickoff our Year of the Bible by focusing on three key Scripture texts: Deuteronomy 26:5-10a; Micah 6:6-8; and Hebrews 1:1-3a. God speaks through each of these texts, helping us see more clearly God's dreams for God's people: worship, justice, and faithfulness. As God has spoken throughout Scripture, may we continue to receive and respond to God's living Word today.

We extend a special welcome to Jocelyn Graber, a development officer from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), who is worshipping with us this morning.



*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 Warren, Sheri, Mark and Joshua Schmidt and Brent, Pam, Sam and Sophia Abrahams. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Carrie Friesen in the nursery during the worship service.

**10:30**—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks: Honey Teddy Grahams to represent the Promised Land which is known as the "land of milk and honey."

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

**High School 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!

**Jr. High and Children:** Wee Wonder (2 & 3 yr. olds) Rm 10; Preschool - Kindergarten Rm 13; 1st - 5th gr. Rm 11-12; Jr. High Rm 210.

**12:00**—Post College/Pre Family (PCPF) at the parsonage.

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, September 3**

**7:30 p.m.**—Trustee meeting

### **Wednesday, September 4**

**6:30 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness

**7:30 p.m.**—Formation Station Leader's meeting.

### **Thursday, September 5**

**12:00 p.m.**—Newton Lunch Bunch

### **Saturday, September 7 - Sunday, September 8**

Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

## **Next Sunday, September 8**

**9:00 a.m.**—Prelude

**9:15 a.m.**—Next Sunday we dive into the beginning of God's Salvation Story by focusing on God's good creation. Scriptures for reflection are Genesis 1:1-2:3; 2:4-25; and Psalms 8 and 104. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

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

## **Prayer Requests**

Remember to pray for:

- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Care Quilt's are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Praise God for the call of Byron Pellecer, recent graduate of Eastern Mennonite Seminary, to the planting of a Hispanic congregation in Wichita. Pray God's guidance for the supporting churches in Wichita – Lorraine Avenue Mennonite, Hope Mennonite, and Mennonite Church of the Servant.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Linda Oyer's successful eye surgery in July. Linda, a long-term worker with MMN in France, is seeing clearly with her left eye for the first time in five years. Pray for her as she resumes ministries put on hold due to problems with her sight.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Hesston College students starting their third week on campus. Ask God to help them adjust to a new place, new friends and new experiences. Remember those who are far from home and who may be dealing with homesickness.

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

**Thanks so much** for your expressions of concern, prayers, cards and food during the passing of Maynard's mother. It meant a lot to know that you cared for us during this time. —Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen

**Interest Inventories/Commitment Sheets** are in your church mailboxes today. Please take time to read through your form and mark appropriately. We are a gifted community and it is a joy to share our gifts together. Please return to the box in the foyer by September 15.

**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.

**Bible Storying is our next Year of the Bible event.** Attend if you enjoy an interactive learning experience on how to learn and teach the Bible. Come to Faith Mennonite, Newton from 3-6:30 pm on Sunday, September 15. Michael Novelli (creator and author) will lead us in this imaginative way to engage the scriptures via storytelling, creative reflection and lively dialogue. Registration will be paid by the Worship/Fellowship Commission. Contact Carrie Unruh by September 8 if you want to attend. Includes pizza!

**The first Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk** will take place on Sunday, October 6, at 1:30 p.m. This will replace what has formerly been the Goessel Area CROP Walk. The mission is the same: to help feed the hungry in our local community and around the world. Help make this possible by walking or donating to a Walker. Money raised will go to MCC and the local Tabor Food Pantry. Your recruiter, Kevin Nickel, is waiting to sign you up today. Don't disappoint him!

**Post-College, Pre-Family:** Plan to attend the PCPF gathering on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the First Mennonite Church in Halstead. Bring your own table service and a potluck dish to share. RSVP to Peter Wintermote TODAY. This is an area-wide event that meets Quarterly.

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains** invites you to a Simple Supper on Friday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. The supper will be followed by a report of the recent survey data and discussion concerning the future of the AMBS - Great Plains extension program. No cost; RSVP by Sept. 16 to Marlene Faul, [316-283-7098](tel:316-283-7098) or [mfaul@ambs.edu](mailto:mfaul@ambs.edu).

**Please Help:** Tabor is asked to provide five tractor drivers for the shuttle at the KS State Fair on Thursday, Sept. 12. Two drivers from 1-4pm; two drivers from 4-7pm; and one driver from 7-10pm. The State Fair donates \$2500 to the MCC Sale Treasury when we provide this service. Let Kris and Archie Schmidt or Jerry and Leann Toews know which shift you prefer. A FREE ticket to the Fair is provided all who help. THANKS.

**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 or newsletter. 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.

*Registrations due September 15.*

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 25, 2013

Offering	=	\$ 4,777.25	Attendance	=	158
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 42.00	Attendance	=	61
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 10.68	Attendance	=	18