

***“Threads of Hope”***  
(Genesis 12-50)

“All the families of the Earth will be blessed through you.”  
(Genesis 12:3b)

***Called*** by God for a Mission

In ***Covenant*** with the living God

Receiving God’s Providential ***Care***

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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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*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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**Patriarchs-Matriarchs**

Tabor Mennonite Church

September 29, 2013



# Year of the Bible

*"Living Into God's Story"*

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## Gathering

PRELUDE      Marcene Entz  
*In memory of Ray and LuEtta Frey who gave me a Godly heritage.*

WELCOME      Worship Leader, Elaine Schroeder

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With all your saints across the generations we gather, Holy God,  
to approach your mystery and hear your judgment.

**People: We come seeking the faith of those who have gone before us  
in righteousness and truth.**

Leader: Lead us by your Word

**People: to walk in your ways**

**All: and observe your commandments. Amen.**

\*GATHERING HYMN      *"God of our strength"*      No. 36

### \*PRAYER

## Praising

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      *"My soul proclaims with wonder"*      No. 181

### \*GREETING EACH OTHER

WORSHIP MUSIC      *"Gospel Medley"*      Men in Harmony  
*"Operator"*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

## Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY      Kristi Unruh

SCRIPTURE READING      *selections from Genesis 12-50*  
Steve and Bonnie Janzen

PROCLAMATION      *"Threads of Hope"*      Joseph

## Responding

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

### WORDS OF RESPONSE

North: We are descendants of Abraham and Sarah.

**South: Their family story is our own.**

North: We are chosen by God for a mission:

**South: Called to be a blessing for all other peoples.**

North: We are in covenant with the living God.

**South: We are God's people.**

North: We are cared for by God's goodness.

**South: We are showered by God's grace.**

**All: We choose to embrace this story as our own.**

**Thanks be to God.**

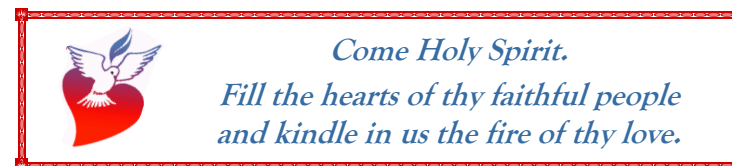
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER      Pastor Doug Krehbiel

## Sending

\*SENDING SONG      *"Benediction"*      No. 130CS

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE



## Today

Today we continue our yearlong journey through the Bible by focusing on the stories of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs in Genesis 12-50. In these stories, God consistently calls forth a people to be a blessing to all other peoples in the world. Along the way, God providentially provides for the people so that they can fulfill the covenant. The people of God began with Abraham and Sarah, but we continue the story. May we embrace again God's call to be a blessing for all other peoples.

We extend a special welcome to "Men in Harmony," who will be providing special music during our morning worship service. Men in Harmony: Dale Akins, Willis Duerksen, Phil Durr, Paul Elmore, Gerald Fraser, Jim Regier, Ron Schroeder, Steve Stucky, Mike Trow, Bob Good, Lowell Good, Kelly Mathis, Walt Endes, Jim Ellis-Director, Michael Tate-Assistant Director.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Donavon and Deloris Schmidt and Keith and Barb Banman. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

The arrangement this morning is in celebration of LaVern and Dorothy Unruh's 50th wedding anniversary which was on September 20. Praise God for the gift of marriage.



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

**10:30—Fellowship Time / Biblical Snacks:** Pretzel Sticks to represent wood sticks used to build the fire for sacrifices.

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

**Adults:** Prayer: Pastor Rosie's Office  
Bible Study: Rm. 113 and 211  
Discussion: Rm. 112  
Visual Arts: Library  
Peace: Pastor Phil's Office

**Junior High:** Rm. 210

**High School:** Rm. 14-15

**1st-5th Grade:** Rm. 11-12

**Preschool & Kindergarten:** Rm. 13

**Wee Wonder:** Rm. 10

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home right after the Tabor Church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

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, October 1

**7:30 p.m.—**Trustee meeting.

### Wednesday, October 2

**9:00 a.m.—Women's Bible** study begins here at Tabor. All are welcome as we start a 6 week study on the Parables of Jesus. See the October Newsletter for more information or call Brenda Buller 367-8334.

### **Wednesday Evening Kickoff**

**6:00 p.m.—**Free Supper for families and pictures of kids. *Sign up for meal.*

**6:45 p.m.—**Paperwork

**7:00 p.m.—**Program

**7:30 p.m.—**Adult Choir

*Faithful Fitness will not meet.*

### Thursday, October 3

**12:00 p.m.—**Newton Lunch Bunch

## Next Sunday, October 6

**9:00 a.m.—**Prelude

**9:15 a.m.—** Next Sunday we continue our journey through the Biblical story by focusing on the Exodus. Our God is a God who frees us out of slavery and into new life! Pastor Phil will be preaching. Next Sunday is also Worldwide Communion Sunday, so we will celebrate communion together as we reflect on the story of Exodus and Passover.

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

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

## Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Ruth Harder who is being installed as the pastor of Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City today.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for Scott Litwiller's ministry in Colombia through MMN. Pray for Scott as he transitions to the next steps in his life and as he applies what God taught him during his time of service. Pray also for the Mennonite youth in Colombia.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Remember the Hesston College community as they celebrate Homecoming with a special emphasis on nursing and holistic health. Pray for alumni and friends of the college as they reconnect with one another and the college. Thank God for the impact Hesston has had on so many lives.

## Announcements

**Thank you** for the beautiful flowers for my 90th birthday. I am enjoying them and I appreciated them so much.  
-Rose Voth

**Birthday Celebration!** Irma Koehn will be 100 years old next Sunday, October 6. Her Tabor church family is invited to an Open House celebration from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. at Bethesda Home, Goessel. Please remember Irma with prayers and cards for this significant milestone.

**Interest Inventories/Commitment Sheets:** If you have not returned your form, please return it to the box in the foyer. We are a gifted community and it is a joy to share our gifts together.

**Budget Narratives:** Committee chairpersons and members, please remember that narratives are due on October 6. Email to [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org) or place in the secretaries mailbox.

**Biblical Snacks!** You are invited to participate in providing the Biblical Snacks for fellowship time. If you would like to help, we would let you know what is needed. There is also opportunity help serve snacks if you would like to help in this way. Please talk to Barb Banman or Lois Voth.

**The Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk** (formerly CROP Walk): Sunday, October 6 at 1:30 p.m. is not far away for the first Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk. Please sign up with Kevin Nickel to walk (run) today. Let's exceed the number of walkers and donations that we had in the 2012 CROP Walk. By participating in the Walk, we all have an opportunity to help Build a Community in a third world country.

Walkers: on Oct. 6, be at Tabor Church by 1:15 p.m. to sign in and receive your "pep talk". Everyone needs to have their permission form signed before walking. You are invited to bring an item for the Food Pantry.

Sponsors: you will find your walkers in the lobby looking for donations. Make your check to Harvest Giving Walk or MCC and donations will go to Mennonite Central Committee and the Tabor Church Food Pantry.

Walkers from Tabor are: Phil and Mary Schmidt, Kenton and Eunice Nickel, Duane and Janna Duerksen, Mark Schmidt, Josh Schmidt, Michael Unruh, Kevin Nickel, Gayle Funk, Carson Voth, Brent Abrahams.

**Sharing of Garden Produce** will continue as long as there is surplus to share. Check the table in the food pantry room. Anyone may help themselves. Donations can be left in the basket.

### Dates to remember:

October 22: Budget Workshop

November 7: Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

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

#### September 15, 2013

Offering	=	\$ 3,945.50	Attendance	=	159
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 48.46	Attendance	=	75
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 10.87	Attendance	=	18

#### September 22, 2013

#### Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

Offering	=	\$285.00	Attendance	=	66
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