

***“Co-Creating”***  
(Genesis 1:1-2:3; 2:4-25)

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:27)

“Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.” (Genesis 2:7)

**Fireworks & Sandboxes**

**Liturgy: *God Makes Order out of Chaos***

- I. “God said...”
- II. “It was so”
- III. “God saw that it was good”

**Story: *Filled with the Breath of God***

- I. God is present
- II. God forms from the ground
- III. God creates community

**Living in Tune with the Harmony of Creation**



**Tabor Mennonite Church**

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

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to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.*

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# Year of the Bible

*"Living Into God's Story"*

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## Gathering

PRELUDE      Jerry Toews

WELCOME      Worship Leader, Leann Toews

\*CALL TO WORSHIP      Psalm 8:1, 3-9  
 Leader: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
**People: You have set your glory in the heavens.**  
 Leader: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
**People: the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**  
 Leader: what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
 human beings that you care for them?  
**People: You have made us a little lower than the angels**  
**and crowned us with glory and honor.**  
 Leader: You have made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
 you put everything under their feet:  
**People: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,**  
 Leader: The birds of the sky, and the fish in the sea,  
 all that swim the paths of the seas.  
**All: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

\*GATHERING HYMN      *"This is my Father's world"*      No. 154

\*PRAYER

## Praising

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      *"I sing the mighty power of God"*      No. 46

\*GREETING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

## Proclaiming

SCRIPTURE READING      *Genesis 1*      No. 806

CHILDREN'S STORY      Kylee Unruh

WORSHIP MUSIC      *"Sonata in F"* -Godfrey Finger      Flute, Hildred Schmidt  
 Piano, Ruth Unruh

SCRIPTURE READING      *Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25*      Jude Krehbiel  
 Mark Schmidt

SERMON      *"Co-Creating"*      Pastor Phil Schmidt

## Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE      *"Creation is a song"*      Insert

WORDS OF RESPONSE

***God our creator,***  
***you have made us one with this earth,***  
***to tend it and to bring forth fruit.***  
***May we so respect and cherish***  
***all that has life from you,***  
***that we may share in the labor of all creation***  
***to give birth to your hidden glory,***  
***through Jesus Christ. Amen.***

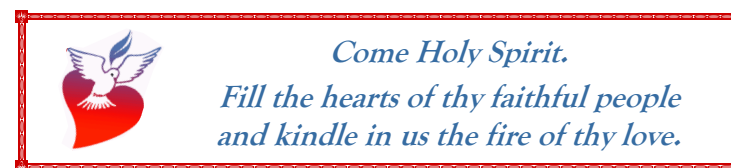
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER      Pastor Phil Schmidt

## Sending

\*SENDING HYMN      *"My soul cries out"*      No. 182CS

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE



## Today

Today we begin our yearlong journey through the Bible by focusing on Creation. Scripture consistently affirms God as the creator of all things, and all of God's creation is good. We will focus our attention on the two creation accounts in Genesis 1-2 as well as a few creation Psalms (8, 19 & 104). How does God continue to call us to live in and care for all of creation today?

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Duane Duerksen and Duane Adrian. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Nancy Schroeder in the nursery during the worship service.

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

**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

**Zoo Trip this Sunday afternoon:** Let's go to the Sedgwick County Zoo to see some of God's great creation up close! Either meet after church to go eat lunch together and then to the zoo, OR meet at the zoo at 2:00. Katy Schmidt will join us to give us some special insights. Open to anyone who wants to come. Admission is \$13.70. Transportation provided for high school youth only. Call Carol Duerksen with questions. 620-386-0709.

**4:00 p.m.**—Tabor leads Chapel at Bethesda

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

**Wednesday, September 11**

**6:30 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness

**7:00 p.m.**—TMYF

**7:30 p.m.**—Deacon discernment meeting.

**Saturday, September 14**

**5:30 p.m.**—Community Wide PCPF at 1st Mennonite, Halstead

## Next Sunday, September 15

**9:00 a.m.**—Prelude

**9:15 a.m.**—Next Sunday we continue to dive into the beginning of God's saving story by reflecting on the four fall stories in Genesis 3, 4, 6-9, and 11. This is the "Problem Defined" portion of our timeline. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

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

**3:00 p.m.**—Bible Storying at Faith Mennonite, Newton. *See announcements.*

**Interest Inventories/Commitment Sheets** were placed in church mailboxes. 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.

## Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ The ladies from Tabor who are attending Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah this weekend. Pray that they may have a rich experience as they worship, fellowship and enjoy God's outdoors. Praise God for the gifts which Denise Nickel, with the help of her sisters Sharon Adrian, Barb Banman, Gayle Funk and Wendy Schrag, are offering in resourcing the weekend.
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Care Quilt's are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the Bible Storying event to be held next Sunday with presenter Michael Novelli at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Participants with Mennonite Voluntary Service, a MMN program, are beginning their service assignments this month. Pray that as they learn to live in community in a new city, their relationships with Jesus and the church will grow deeper.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Thank God for the gifts of volunteers, board members and staff of Bethel College's Kauffman Museum and pray for the museum's annual meeting this afternoon.

## Announcements

**The Art of Bible Storying Workshop:** Join Michael Novelli for a Bible storying experience - an imaginative way to engage in the scriptures through storytelling, creative reflection, and lively dialogue. You will explore how this learner-centered approach inspires participants to discover meaning and identity in Bible narratives and explore how to develop Bible storying for varied contexts. The event will take place on Sunday, September 15 from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church. Pizza will be served! The Worship Fellowship Commission will cover the cost of your registration. Contact Carrie Unruh **TODAY** if you want to participate.

**Tabor Church Campout :** Join family and friends for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and food. Marlene Bogard will lead us on the topic of "Radical Hospitality - regifting God's love and grace" and Brittany Voth and friends will provide the worship music. The purple registration forms are due September 15 in the basket on the small table in the foyer. This event is brought to you by the Worship Fellowship Commission.

**New Chair Needed:** Harlin Unruh is stepping down as Congregational Chairperson. **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.

**Women of All Ages:** Interested in a Wednesday morning Bible Study? Contact Brenda Buller 367-8334

**Willing Helpers** will meet on Monday, September 16 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For something different, we'll get out of the routine program box and into the tool box - for "Tool Time." Brent Abrahams will talk about car care tune ups and Rod Abrahams will share about how to fix those minor house repairs and keep our homes in tip top shape. The evening will close with a time for all to share about what we have in our spiritual toolbox - how to seek help when our spiritual life needs repair or what you do to keep your spiritual motor tuned up.

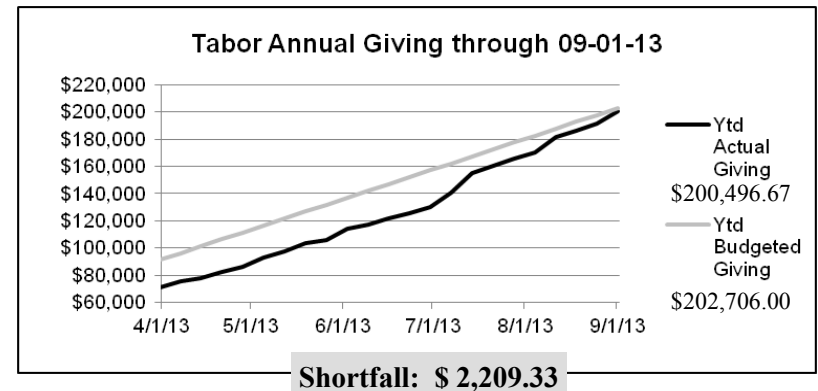
**Please Help:** Tabor is asked to provide five tractor drivers for the shuttle at the KS State Fair on Thursday, Sept. 12. Two drivers from 1-4pm; two drivers from 4-7pm; and one driver from 7-10pm. The State Fair donates \$2500 to the MCC Sale Treasury when we provide this service. Let Kris and Archie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

### Dates to remember:

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 September 1, 2013

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| Offering   | = \$ 9,429.78 | Attendance | = 164 |
| Adult S.S. | = \$ 21.00    | Attendance | = 53  |
| Jr. S.S.   | = \$ 9.31     | Attendance | = 17  |

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