

We can do this!! Fiscal 2013 Budget goal: \$263,518.00
\$5,681.15 needed today to reach our goal

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
November 17, 2013

Offering	=	\$10,783.50	Attendance	=	148
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 49.00	Attendance	=	61
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 8.67	Attendance	=	18

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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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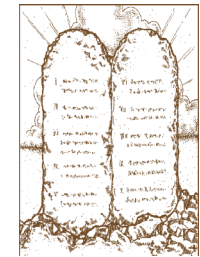
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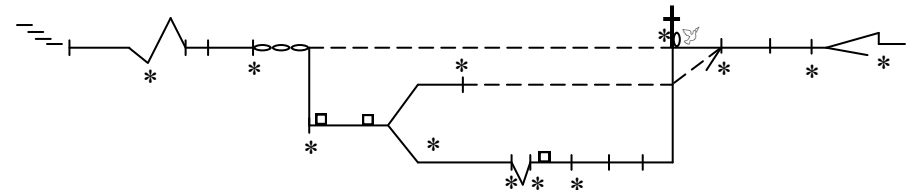
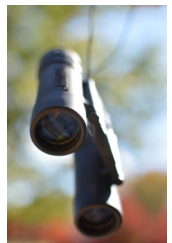


Year of the Bible

READ IT STUDY IT PRAY IT LIVE IT



“Living into God’s Story”



Tabor Mennonite Church

November 24, 2013



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"Living Into God's Story"

Volume LVIII November 24, 2013 No. 46

Celebration Sunday

Gathering

PRELUDE Diane and Michelle Unruh

INTROIT "Praise Him, Praise Him" Sonbeams

WELCOME Worship Leader, Pastor Rosie Jantz

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 105:1-5*

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**People: Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

**All: Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered.**

*GATHERING HYMN "What is this place" No. 1

*GREETING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Living Into God's Story: Part 1

WALKING THE STORY WITH CHILDREN Pastor Phil Schmidt

SINGING THE STORY "What Does Moses Say?" Sr. Highers

Creation

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

MUSICAL READING "The Creation" Pastor Doug and Jude Krehbiel

Fall Stories

CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sin to God and to each other.

All: Merciful God,

**We confess that we have often failed
to be an obedient church**

**North: We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love.**

South: *We have not loved our neighbors nor forgiven our enemies.*

North: We have trusted in weapons rather than trusting in you.

South: *We have neglected the power of the Spirit given at Pentecost.*

**All: Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE *1Peter 2:9-10*

Leader: You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's special possession,
that you may declare the praises of him who called you
out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are the people of God;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

All: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN "Wonderful grace of Jesus" No. 150

Patriarchs-Matriarchs

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 105:7-11* Krista Graber

HYMN "This is a story full of love" vv. 1-3 No. 315

SCRIPTURE READING *Joshua 24:1-4* Michael Unruh

Exodus - Sinai

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 105:23-27, 37-38* Krista Graber

SONG "O sign to the Lord" Music Formation Station

SKIT "11 Words" Marcene Entz, Phil Unruh
Stephen Cooper, Rachelle Cooper

HYMN "Obey my voice" No. 163

SCRIPTURE READING *Joshua 24:5-7* Michael Unruh

Wilderness Wanderings

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalms 105:39-42* Krista Graber

SONG *"Manna and Quail"* Doug and Jude Krehbiel
Brian Voth

SCRIPTURE READING *Joshua 24:8-10* Michael Unruh

Promised Land

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalms 105:43-45* Krista Graber

ANTHEM *"How Great is the Lord"* -Mark Hayes Adult Choir

SCRIPTURE READING *Joshua 24:11-15* Michael Unruh

Responding

SONG *"Blessed Be Your Name"* Children

SCRIPTURE RECITATION *Deuteronomy 26:5-10a* Jr. Highers

OFFERING OUR FIRST FRUITS *"What gift can we bring"* Adult Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING
Pastors Phil, Rosie, and Doug

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Praise God from whom"* No. 118

Sending

*BENEDICTION

May God bless and keep you.

May the very face of God shine on you and be gracious to you.

May God's presence embrace you and give you peace.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *"Go Out in Song!"* -Lloyd Larson Adult Choir

*POSTLUDE



Come Holy Spirit.

*Fill the hearts of thy faithful people
and kindle in us the fire of thy love.*

Today

Today we pause to look back and celebrate how far we've come in our yearlong journey through the Bible! Over the past three months, we have heard, seen, tasted, and talked about God's story from Creation to the Promised Land, from Genesis to Joshua. As we have studied scripture together, we have reflected on the sin problem that God is working to solve by calling a particular people to become a blessing for all other peoples of the world. As we tell and receive the story again today, may we be inspired anew to be God's holy people in our world today!

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Lewis and Carrie Unruh and Brandon, Kristi, Kylee, Audessi, Porclein, Braxton and Quinli Unruh. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

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

10:30—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks: A sampling of snacks from Genesis through Joshua.

10:45—Faith Formation for everyone. Biblical Jeopardy!

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, November 26

12:00 p.m.—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, November 27

Bulletin items are due by 8 am.



6:00 p.m.—Thanksgiving at Tabor: Join your Tabor family for a Thanksgiving meal followed by a service of thanksgiving. A special offering to support the work of IBA (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) will be received. Checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church, memo: IBA. *No regular Wed. evening activities will take place.*

Thursday, November 28 - Friday, November 29

Church offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Next Sunday, December 1

9:00 a.m.— Prelude

9:15 a.m.— Next Sunday we continue our Year of the Bible journey by reflecting on the book of Judges. Next Sunday is also the first Sunday of Advent. As we think about the downward spiral present in the book of Judges, we can recognize the world's need for a savior. Scripture for reflection is the book of Judges. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

Next week continued

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

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

Advent Offering: This year we will collect items for relief kits to ship to The Philippines. Next Sunday your are invited to bring 4 large bars bath soap, 1 plastic bottle shampoo, 4 large bars laundry soap. A shopping list with details and specifications can be found in mailboxes this morning.

6:00 p.m.—Community Christmas Vesper's Service will be held at Tabor Mennonite Church on December 1. Come to sing your favorite Christmas carols. Following, there will be a time for food and fellowship. Please bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share as we usher in the Christmas season.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on November 17.

- ★ Maynard Knepp shared about MCC's response in the Philippines. He asked for prayer and support for the response there and in other parts of the world such as Syria. Lord hear our prayer for peace and justice to prevail.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks to God who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing – chosen in Christ to be holy and blameless, forgiven in accord with the riches of God's grace, and sealed by the Holy Spirit for our eternal redemption (Ephesians 1:3-14).
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Corin Wenger is participating in the mission training program of PROMINOA, a mission program of the Argentina Mennonite Church, and helping with youth ministry. Pray for him as he serves through a partnership that also includes North Central Mennonite Conf. and MMN.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Give thanks for the opportunity of students of all ages to learn and grow in faith, knowledge and service at Mennonite Institutions.

Announcements

Goessel Community Thanksgiving: Thank you for coming and sharing in the meal and service for our first Goessel Community Thanksgiving event on November 17. Donations received toward the expenses for the meal were over \$500. The food you may have brought and the donations given toward the meal expenses were much appreciated. We are grateful for all the time and effort that the Meal Planning Team gave to this event. An offering of \$1,185 was received at the service. This money will go directly toward the care and support of our community. Your generosity and support in each and every way contributed to making this event happen for all of us. Praise God! With joy and gratitude we give thanks.

-Goessel Ministerial Alliance

Thanks to those of you who contributed to Peace Connections at our Wednesday night meal. We collected \$425 to donate to Peace Connections. -Leann and Jerry Toews

The Christmas Giving Tree helps families who may find it difficult to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Applications for families in need are due tomorrow. Please contact a Pastor for applications.

The Bethel College Women's Association will be participating in the Newton area "Five Places of Christmas" on Saturday, December 7. The event will feature 100 nativities in the hallway of the Fine Arts Center (handicapped accessible) on the Bethel campus. It will be open from 10 am – 4 pm. Cinnamon rolls, coffee, baked goods and candy by the pound will be available for sale. We invite donations of candy, baked goods and other ethnic Christmas delicacies for the bake sale to allow the BCWA to continue to financially support Bethel College. Questions can be addressed to Judy Schrag [316-283-0608](tel:316-283-0608).



Coming in December:

Dec. 1, 6pm: Community Vespers Service at Tabor
Dec. 21, 9am: Women's / Girls Christmas Breakfast
Dec. 21-22: TMYF presents Night in the Barn
Dec.22, 9:15am: Adult Choir program
Dec. 24, 7pm: Christmas Eve Program
Dec. 25, 10am: Christmas Day Service

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.