

## *"Wisdom's Call"*

(Proverbs)

"Does not wisdom call out?  
Does not understanding raise her voice?  
At the highest point along the way,  
where the paths meet, she takes her stand;  
beside the gate leading into the city,  
at the entrance, she cries aloud."  
(Proverbs 8:1)

### What is Wisdom?

#### The Prophetic Call of Wisdom

- Who? \_\_\_\_\_ (8:1)
- Where? \_\_\_\_\_ (8:2-3)
- How? \_\_\_\_\_ (8:1, 3)
- What? \_\_\_\_\_ (8:4-36)
- Why? \_\_\_\_\_ (8:35-36)

#### Faithful Responses to Wisdom

- Receive Wisdom (8:32)
- Fear the Lord (9:10)
- Righteous Living (10:2)
- Humble Living (11:2)
- And so on...

### Choosing Life

"Blessed are those who listen to me,  
watching daily at my doors,  
waiting at my doorway.  
For those who find me find life  
and receive favor from the Lord."  
(Proverbs 8:34-35)



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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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## Wisdom



"Wisdom is a fountain of life  
to one who has it"

-Proverbs 16:22

Tabor Mennonite Church

February 2, 2014



# Year of the Bible

*"Living Into God's Story"*

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## Gathering

PRELUDE

Adult Worship Team

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Stephen Cooper

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God who spoke the world into being,  
speak your wisdom among us today.

**People: We seek your wisdom to live in shalom with all creation.**

Leader: God who loves the world extravagantly,  
draw us near to your heart this day.

**People: We seek to know your perfect love that drives out all fear.**

Leader: God who gives bread to the hungry,  
fill us with courage to freely share the bread of your Word.

**People: We seek your power to loosen our shackled tongues  
that the whole world might rejoice to hear  
the Good News of Jesus Christ..**

**All: Come, let us unite our voices in praise of God!**

\*GATHERING HYMN

*"Be thou my vision"*

No. 545

\*GATHERING PRAYER

## Praising

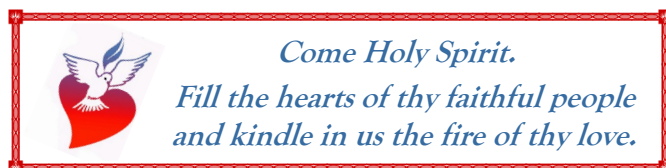
\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"I long for your commandments"*

No. 543

\*GREETING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY

Iiona Abrahams

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Thy Word"*

Children's Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

*Proverbs 8:1-36*

Carrie Sommerfeld  
Mary Schmidt

The Word of God for the People of God

***Thanks be to God!***

SERMON

*"Wisdom's Call"*

Pastor Phil Schmidt

## Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*"If you but trust in God"*

No. 576

### WORDS OF RESPONSE

Leader: O God, grant us heavenly wisdom in all that we think and do;  
for your wisdom is first pure, then peaceable, gentle,  
willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits,  
without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

**People: We give thanks, O God,  
for the harvest of peace and justice  
that is sown in wisdom by those who love you  
amid disorder and wickedness of every kind.**

**All: We pray that we may be wise and understanding  
in our life circumstances,  
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*"Open my ears, open my eyes"* -James Clemens

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Doug Krehbiel

## Sending

\*SENDING SONG

*"Zephaniah 3:17"*

No. 133CS

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## Today

Today we continue our Year of the Bible by focusing on wisdom in the book of Proverbs. How are our lives guided by God's wisdom today?

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Shannon, Carrie and Reed Friesen and Paul and Norma Graber. *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 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone.

Catechism: Pastor Phil's Office	Drama: Sanctuary
Bible Study: Rm. 113	Bible Memory: Pastor Rosie's Office
Discussion: Rm. 112 & 211	Biblical People: Library

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, February 4

**9:00 am**—Staff meeting.

### Wednesday, February 5

**9-10 am**—Women's Bible Study

#### ***Wednesday Evening Activities***

**6:00**—Supper *Please sign up for the meal*

**6:30**—Sonbeams and Children's Music

**6:40**—Faithful Fitness

**6:45**—Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers, Adult Bible Study

**6:50**—Faith Friends

**7:00**—TMYF

**7:45**—Adult Choir

### Thursday, February 6

**12:00 pm**—Newton Ladies Lunch Bunch

## Next Sunday, February 9

**9:00 a.m.**—Prelude

**9:15 a.m.**—Next Sunday we will continue our Year of the Bible by focusing on Solomon's Reign. Scripture for reflection is I Kings 3-11. Pastor Doug and others will be providing a musical meditation.

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

**10:45 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone. All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home next Sunday right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

## Prayer Requests

*The following requests were shared on January 26.*

- ★ Brent Abrahams praised God for the many volunteers who helped serve at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Thanks be to God! He also asked that we pray for a young man living at the homeless shelter who is considering options for his future and hoping to go to college.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Clarence Rempel, Conference Minister, as he provides guidance for pastoral transitions, resources WDC leadership groups, and works with longer range strategic initiatives.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Every three months, MMN's Radical Journey team in Paraguay must leave the country to renew their visas. Pray for safe travel and understanding officials as Radical Journey participants fulfill this obligation.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Mennonite educators across the US as they attend the Mennonite Educators Conference, Feb. 6-8.

## Announcements

**Thank You:** The TMYF was overwhelmed by the generous response from the Tabor family to our noon meal and dessert auction fund raiser last Sunday. Because of your incredible support, we raised around \$4000! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! God is good!

**Thanks** to Jude Krehbiel for helping with assembling the 2014 Church Directory. Your time, Jude, made it possible to have these in mailboxes this morning.

**Dear friends at Tabor Mennonite,** Thank you so much for your donation to MCC's Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund. Because of generous people like you, MCC was able to respond quickly to the disaster. Thanks to your congregation's assistance, MCC continues to work with our partners for immediate relief and longer-term solutions for those most impacted by the typhoon in the Philippines. Also, thank you for the many ways your congregation supports the work of MCC! You all are amazing!

-Anna Yoder, Donor Relations Coordinator, MCC Central States

**Happy Birthday!** John Gaeddert, former Tabor pastor, will be 90 years old on Friday, February 7. This occasion was celebrated with his family at a catered dinner in the Carriage Factory Gallery in Newton on February 1. John resides, with his wife, Mary, at 3006 Ivy Drive, North Newton, KS.

**Membership Class:** Are you interested in learning more about Tabor or joining as a member? Pastor Phil will facilitate a membership class during the month of May. Please let him know if you are interested in being a part of this class.

**It's that time again when we send Care Packages to College Students!**

You may either choose a specific student and place the contents into a gallon size zip-lock bag OR just give any items and we will distribute among the students. Please place the items on a table (which will be designated) in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Feb 9. The packages will be made & sent that day. Thanks for caring for our college students! Direct questions to Gayle Funk. Students: James Goerzen, Michelle Unruh, Natalie Unruh (Bethel College), Leah Unruh, Hayden Goerzen (Goshen College - Hayden is living at home doing at internship in Newton), Josh Booth (Hesston College), Austin Unruh (Hutch CC), Shelby Unruh (KS State Univ), Kathleen Bair (Tabor College), Grace Unruh (KS Univ), Monica Voth (Washburn Univ.).

**Potluck and Bingo** is the Quarterly Fellowship event planned for Feb. 16 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring either a main dish, side or salad and your table service. Quarterly Fellowship will provide the desserts which you will win for your table with a *Bingo!*

**Salad Supper:** Please join us for an enjoyable time of fellowship at our Salad Supper beginning at 6:00pm on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> (note date change) in the fellowship hall. Please bring a generous salad to share with everyone. We are looking forward to hearing Karen Andres and Marcene Entz speak about / portray Naomi and Ruth - Courageous Women of the Bible. This is for all women of the church! We hope to see you there! Hosted by the Willing Helpers.

**Trekking the 38th Parallel WE NEED YOUR MILES!** In 2014 the Faithful Fitness class, with your help, will be attempting to circumnavigate the globe by adding our cumulative exercise mileage together. Our route is the approximately 20,000 miles around the 38th parallel; which Tabor Church happens to be located on. WE NEED YOUR HELP to achieve our goal of nearly 400 miles a week! It's simple; whether you participate in the Wednesday evening class or not we would

ask that you log your anonymous weekly exercise miles (walk, run, bike, swim, etc) on the foyer bulletin board and watch OUR progress as we trek around the 38th parallel. If you're interested in learning more about our weekly destinations we would love to have you join us in the Wednesday evening class...group walk at 6:40pm meet in the foyer, group strength at 7:10pm meet in the basement.

**Upcoming Training on Circle of Grace** - March 1, 9:30-11:30 at 2517 N. Main (AMBS classroom in 2500 Bldg). If you wanted to learn more about Circle of Grace, see new additions to the curriculum, or exchange ideas & get more activity helps from persons from other churches who have been teaching Circle of Grace - please sign up on the bulletin board or e-mail [mbogard@mennowdc.org](mailto:mbogard@mennowdc.org). In Circle of Grace we educate children & youth about the value of positive relationships. It also teaches how to identify & maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual and sexual boundaries.

**Anabaptist Visioning and Discipleship Series 2014:** Join us at Hesston College on February 21-23 for an excellent weekend of interaction around the theme of "Reading the Bible in an Instagram World." If you are interested in going, **please sign up with Kim in the church office.** Cost is \$80/person, however, Tabor's Worship Fellowship and Education Commissions are offering \$40 scholarships for anyone wishing to attend. For information about the conference, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**Volunteers are urgently needed** – Due to Dustin Thiesen's health concerns, volunteers are needed to stay with him while his mother, Donna, is at work. Donna typically works from 10 am to 6:30 pm including some evenings. Volunteers can work as many or few hours as they are able. There is no "work" involved in this assignment, it is merely being a presence in the home to ensure Dustin's safety. For more information or to schedule a time to help, contact Donna Spoonemore at [620.386.0731](tel:620.386.0731).

*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  
January 26, 2014**

Offering	= \$ 3,942.49	Attendance	= 169
Adult S.S.	= \$ 32.75	Attendance	= 71
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 10.57	Attendance	= 23

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