

Lord, open our . . .



Minds



Eyes



Hearts



Hands

Prophetic Vision: *Israel*



Year of the Bible

"Living into God's Story"

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No. 10

First Sunday in
Lent Faithfulness

Gathering / Praising

PFELUDE

Sara Unruh

INTROIT

"My God is so Big"
"God is so Good"

Sonbeams

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Carrie Sommerfeld

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord, who does not hide when we seek his face.

**People: Praise the Lord, who hears our cry
and answers when we call.**

Leader: The Lord does not turn away in anger
but helps us in our distress.

People: The Lord our God and Savior never rejects or forsakes us.

Leader: The Lord protects us from oppressors
who threaten us with lies and violence.

All: We walk in confidence; our Lord is strong.

*GATHERING HYMN

"My soul cries out"

No. 182CS

Laura Unrau, Janna Duerksen, Emil Schmidt,
Sara Unruh, Luke Unruh, Doug and Jude Krehbiel

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"I'll praise my Maker"

No. 166

*PASSING THE PEACE

"The Peace of Christ be with you" ~ "and also with you."

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaiming

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| CHILDREN'S STORY | | Carol Duerksen |
| SCRIPTURE | <i>1 Kings 19:1-9a</i> | Sharleen Francis |
| The Word of God for the People of God <i>Thanks be to God!</i> | | |
| SERMON PART 1 | <i>"Open Our Minds"</i> | Pastor Phil Schmidt |
| SCRIPTURE | <i>2 Kings 6:15-23</i> | Kim Funk |
| The Word of God for the People of God <i>Thanks be to God!</i> | | |
| SERMON PART 2 | <i>"Open Our Eyes"</i> | Pastor Phil Schmidt |
| SCRIPTURE | <i>Hosea 11:1-11</i> | Steve Janzen |
| The Word of God for the People of God <i>Thanks be to God!</i> | | |
| SERMON PART 3 | <i>"Open Our Hearts"</i> | Pastor Phil Schmidt |
| SCRIPTURE | <i>Amos 5:18-27</i> | Leann Toews |
| The Word of God for the People of God <i>Thanks be to God!</i> | | |
| SERMON PART 4 | <i>"Open Our Hands"</i> | Pastor Phil Schmidt |
| ANTHEM | <i>"Let justice roll like a river"</i> - Marty Haugen | Adult Choir |

Responding

SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF RESPONSE

Leader: Lord, on the way to goodness,

***All: when we stumble, hold us,
when we fall, lift us up,
when we are hard pressed by evil, deliver us,
when we turn from what is good, turn us back,
and bring us at last to your glory. AMEN.***

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"I am weak and I need thy strength"* No. 553

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Children's coin offering for MCC*

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

Sending

*SENDING HYMN *"Benediction"* No. 130CS

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Lord, open our minds

People: to understand.

Leader: Open our eyes

People: to see.

Leader: Open our hearts

People: to love.

Leader: Open our hands

People: to serve.

*POSTLUDE

Today

Today we enter the second half of our Year of the Bible by beginning to focus on the prophets. The prophets kept God's vision alive throughout the time of the kings, through the divided kingdom, and even through the time of exile. This morning we also enter into the season of Lent. Throughout this season, as we focus on God's prophetic message in the Old Testament, we will also consider Jesus' prophetic message in the New Testament. Our specific focus today is on the prophets Elijah, Elisha, Hosea, and Amos.

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

Childcare is provided by Sharleen Francis in the nursery during the worship service.

10:45—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks: Bread - I Kings 19:5-6

11:00—Faith Formation for everyone. Catechism: Pastor Phil's office
Lectio Divina: Rm 17 Biblical People: Library
Bible Study: Rm 113 Bible Discussion: Rm 112 & 211
Drama: Sanctuary Bible Memory: Pastor Rosie's office

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.

12:00 p.m.—MCC Fellowship Meal

4:00 p.m.—Tabor leads chapel at Bethesda.

This Week

Tuesday, March 11

12:30 pm—Staff meeting.

Wednesday, March 12

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, March 13

7:00 pm—Christian Education —Worship Fellowship

Friday, March 14 – Sunday, March 16

TMYF at Snow Camp

Next Sunday, March 16

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.—Worship. Next Sunday we continue our journey of Lent and our study of the Prophets by focusing on the downfall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel (2 Kings 17) and God's persistent call for Justice (Micah 6). Pastor Phil will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks

11:00 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ The Tabor Youth as they prepare to leave for Snow Camp on Friday. Pray for safe travels and deepening relationships with God and each other.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the work of our Transitional and Interim Pastors currently serving – Mike Bogard, Rob Burdette, Weldon Martens, and Lee Suderman. The Transition Pastors group will be meeting for resourcing, support and prayer on March 11.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Janie and Neal Blough's decades of service through MMN. As the Bloughs near retirement, they are working with the Paris Mennonite Center's board to prepare young leaders to continue ministry in theological education and publication for French-speaking Mennonites.

Prayer requests continued

- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Please pray for the staff of Hopi Mission School in Kykotsmobi, Arizona, as many of them are in the process of deciding whether they are able to return next year.

Announcements

Thank you, Tabor Mennonite Church, for giving \$4,093.85 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2013! Your donations, prayer participation, and enthusiasm for mission are felt across the street and around the world. Because of your generosity, this year, we're able to respond to even more calls to ministry!
-Gratefully, your friends at MMN

Coming Soon! Save the Date! Sunday, March 30, 12 Noon - Soup and trimmings in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to a yummy meal of soup and homemade bread. The only catch is this -- if you are already in a Caring Group, please bring your choice of a side dish. Suggestions for sides are: Cheese & cracker platter, relish platter, dessert or something of your choice. If you are not part of a Caring Group you get to come without bringing anything! Now that's a good deal, right? Please join us for fun and fellowship over our noon meal together!

Marriage Enrichment Retreat: This year's retreat has been cancelled. We did not have enough couples sign up. If you would like marriage enrichment resources, please check with Phil and Mary.

It's Western District Conference tournament time! The basketball tournament has been scheduled for the evenings of March 24-25 and 27-29 to be played at Bethel College. The tournament is open to anyone who is a senior in high school or older. Please see Phil Unruh if you are interested.

Year of the Bible Survey! How has our Year of the Bible been for you? Consider sharing your input by taking a brief 10-question survey. Please use the following link to take the survey online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WRX5K7Q> . (If you prefer filling out a hard copy, there are copies available in the foyer.) Thanks in advance for your helpful thoughts and suggestions!
~Pastor Phil

Membership class in May: Contact Pastor Phil to be part of this class.

MCC Sale: April 11 & 12

Tabor is behind on our **Pre-Sale Expense donations**. Tabor has been averaging between \$2500-\$3000. So far we have received \$550. Kansas Mennonites have raised \$54,000 so far. ONLY \$6000 left to go. PLEASE make check to; MCC Sale and put in Jerry and Leann Toews' box.

Children's Coin offering has brought in \$217.68 so far. PLEASE continue your help with coins and paper.

PLEASE view the gorgeous **quilts** and **wall hangings** in basement. *Deadline is March 17 to be published in Quilt Buyers Guide.* Wonderful **woodworking items** are starting to show up. Its not too late to start. What can you do? Time to start your **plants and seeds**.

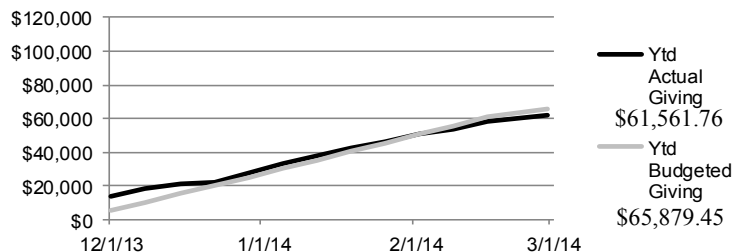
At our MCC meeting this week we were encouraged to tell our congregations; "IF you like the MCC Sale and the Half Million Dollars it brings in for the work of MCC each year and ALL the ethnic foods and activities; then YOU need to support it; both in time and money or it dies". It seems that it is getting more difficult to fill the 1000 volunteer positions that go along with putting the event on. We are finding it easier to raise the \$500,000. People love the event and come and spend money. So we want to encourage EVERYONE to find a place where YOU can volunteer some time to help putting the event on. Signup sheets are on the table this morning. IF you can't find a job that suits you; please ask your contact persons where you can plug in. Tabor has MANY persons in leadership roles and they ALL need help to staff their events: Dale & Mary Alderfer, Fri. Frying Sausage; Lewis & Carrie Unruh, selling bulk Meat; Pete & Sharon Unruh Family, selling Plants & Things; Pam & Brent Abrahams, New Years Cookies.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

February 23, 2014

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| Offering | = | \$2,979.25 | Attendance | = | 216 |
| Adult S.S. | = | \$ 16.00 | Attendance | = | 58 |
| Jr. S.S. | = | \$ 11.85 | Attendance | = | 26 |

Tabor Annual Giving through 02-28-14



"Open Our Minds..."

"What are you doing here, Elijah?"
(1 Kings 19:9b)

...to Understand"

"Open Our Eyes..."

(2 Kings 6:8-23)

Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see."
(2 Kings 6:17a)

...to See"

"Open Our Hearts

"My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused."
(Hosea 11:8b)

...to Love"

"Open Our Hands

"Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"
(Amos 5:24)

...to Serve"



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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