

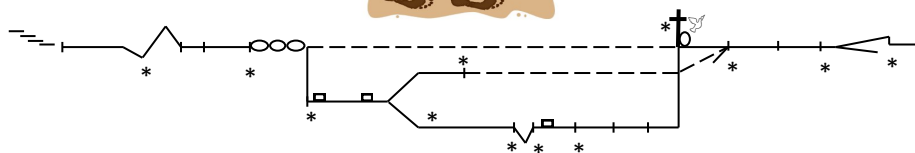


Year of the Bible

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“Living into God’s Story”



Tabor Mennonite Church

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No. 22

Celebration Sunday Gathering

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Pastor Phil Schmidt

GATHERING MUSIC

“God Moves in a Windstorm”

Cross Road

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106:1-5

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Leader: who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?

People: Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

Leader: Remember us, Lord when you show favor to your people, come to our aid when you save them,

ALL: that we may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones, that we may share in the joy of your nation and join your inheritance in giving praise.

*GATHERING HYMN

“Open now thy gates of beauty”

No. 19

accompanist, Diane Unruh

*GREETING EACH OTHER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DEDICATION Krista Graber, Kristin Unruh

LIVING INTO GOD’S STORY: Part 3

OVERVIEW

Pastor Rosie Jantz

SCRIPTURE READING *Nehemiah 9:6-25* Carrie Sommerfeld, Sheri Schmidt
The word of God for the People of God. ***Thanks be to God!***

WALKING THE STORY WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Phil Schmidt

Fall to Assyria

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Leader: Almighty God,
we confess that we are often swept up
in the tide of our generation.

**People: We have failed to be your holy people,
set apart for your divine purpose.**

Leader: We are moved more by private ambition
than by concern for social justice.

**People: We dream more of privilege and benefits
than of service and sacrifice.**

**ALL: Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.
Forgive us, revive us, reshape us in your image. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING *Nehemiah 9:26-31* Carrie Sommerfeld
The word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG "Written on your hearts" No. 147CS

Babylonian Exile

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalms 106:34-43* Sheri Schmidt
The word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC "By the Waters of Babylon" Cross Road, Brian Voth
"Dry Bones Blues" Doug and Jude Krehbiel
Luke Unruh

CONGREGATIONAL READING *Psalms 106:44-48*

Leader: Yet God took note of the people's distress
when he heard their cry;
for their sake he remembered his covenant
and out of his great love he relented.
He caused all who held them captive to show them mercy.

**People: Save, us, Lord our God,
and gather us from the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.**

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.
Let all the people say,

People: "Amen!"

ALL: Praise the Lord.

Return from Exile

CONGREGATIONAL SONG "Come, walk with us" No. 145 CS

SCRIPTURE READING *Nehemiah 9:32-37* Carrie Sommerfeld
Sheri Schmidt

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Responding

*SONG OF RESPONSE "My soul cries out" No. 182CS

*WORDS OF RESPONSE *Jeremiah 9:23-24*

Leader: This is what the Lord says:

**ALL: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom
or the strong boast of their strength
or the rich boast of their riches,**

Leader: but let the one who boasts boast about this:

**ALL: that they have the understanding to know me,
that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness,
justice and righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight."**

SPECIAL MUSIC "How Great Thou Art" Sarah Booth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *please bring offerings to the front*

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

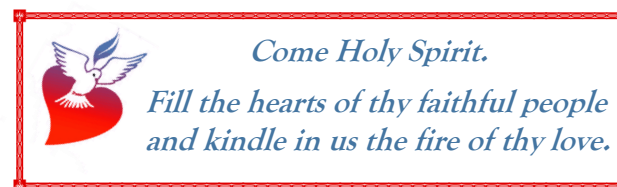
Sending

*SENDING HYMN "You shall go out with joy" No. 427

*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.*

*POSTLUDE



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've journeyed with God's people through Israel's Fall to Assyria, Judah's Fall to Babylon, the time of Exile, and finally the people's Return from Exile. During this whole time, God consistently called the people back to greater faithfulness through the voices and actions of God's prophets. While the people didn't always receive God's message through the prophets, may we receive and respond to their call in our own lives today!

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Jerry and Darlene Schroeder and Willis and Thelma Goerzen. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Janna Duerksen in the nursery during the worship service.

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.

10:45 a.m.—Biblical snacks and round three of Biblical Jeopardy in the fellowship hall for everyone, children through adults.

This Week

Monday, June 2 - Friday, June 6

8:30 - 11:45 a.m.—Vacation Bible School:

Welcome! Give and Receive God's Great Love!

Monday, June 2

7:30 p.m.—Christian Education.

Tuesday, June 3

12:30 p.m.—Staff meeting

7:00 p.m.—Facilities Task Force

7:30 p.m.—Trustee meeting

Wednesday, June 4

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

7:00 p.m.—Parents and Youth Summer Service Trip meeting, Rm 112.

Thursday, June 5

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

Friday, June 6

7:00 p.m.—VBS Program

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

May 25, 2014

Offering	= \$2,751.71	Attendance	= 158
Adult S.S.	= \$ 27.10	Attendance	= 41
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 14.02	Attendance	= 18

Next Sunday, June 8

Next Sunday is Pentecost! As we celebrate the birth of the Christian Church, we will celebrate rebirth within our faith community: Kellen Froese, Mark Schmidt, and Sarah Booth are each ready to publicly profess their faith in Jesus and be baptized!

9:30 a.m.—Baptism of Kellen Froese at Bill Unruh's pond.

Directions from Tabor Church: 3 miles east and 4 miles south.

10:15 a.m.—Prelude

10:30 a.m.—Worship. Baptisms of Mark Schmidt and Sarah Booth.
Reception of new members: Cory and Keri Unruh.

No Faith Formation

Noon: Potluck picnic in the church park. In addition to your contribution to the meal, plan to bring table service and lawn chairs. Drinks will be provided.

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Our Vacation Bible School children, teachers and all who are involved in making this a wonderful week of learning about God's love.
- ★ Sarah Booth, Kellen Froese and Mark Schmidt as they prepare their hearts for baptism next Sunday.
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Caring Quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Camp Mennoscah staff and campers as they begin a new summer season with the theme – *Get Real: Finding Your True Self in Jesus.*
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the 107 people who have made a decision to follow Jesus and be baptized into the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso, a MMN partner. Pray for courage and faithfulness for these new believers who may face derision and persecution by a Muslim majority.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Bluffton (Ohio) University students are returning from Cross Cultural experiences. Please pray for their adjustment to life "back home" and that they carry new life lessons of service and respect with them.

