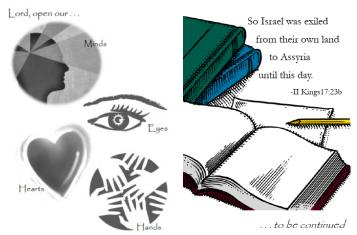


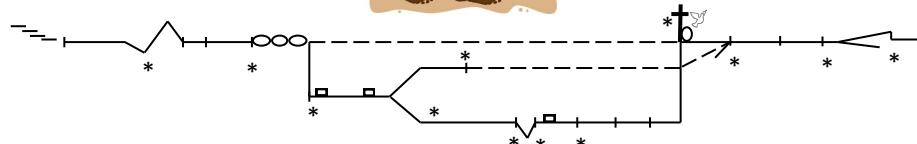
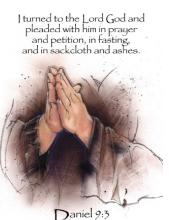


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Celebration Sunday Gathering

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Pastor Phil Schmidt

GATHERING MUSIC

“God Moves in a Windstorm” Cross Road

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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 *Psalm 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 *Psalm 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



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'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.

**Coming this summer!
Reliving, singing, telling, walking,
mapping, listening, climbing and traveling.**

Announcements

Thanks:

-To my Tabor Church Family: Thank you for all you have done for me during these past weeks since my health has changed so drastically. Your cards, letters, visits and prayers have been such a blessing. I don't know why this all happened and I don't know to what extent I will recover, but I'm doing the best I can. Thank you, Helen Schmidt

-Thanks so much to all of the area churches for your support of Camp WaShunGa. This year we had 24 junior highers attend camp. It started off rainy, but cleared up and we were able to enjoy the beautiful camp. Hopefully some of the kids will share their experience with you, but if not, ask them for a more detailed account of how they felt God move this weekend. Thanks again! - Ben Schmidt, Camp Director
Campers from Tabor were Layci Froese and Hailey Shipp.

-Thanks to everyone who donated bags for foster children. About 20 bags were donated and taken to St Francis Community Services in Newton and they were very excited to receive them. Bags for children's belongings is an ongoing need. You may continue to donate bags to this cause. Simply drop them off at the church office and they will be delivered for use.

Curved pew for sale: If you are interested in placing a sealed bid on the curved pew from the parsonage basement, please leave a bid with one of the trustees or Kim. Bids will be accepted until June 8.

MDS Rebuild: Tabor has been invited to partner with MDS and First Mennonite Church of Newton to provide labor (up to 10 people) and possible monetary donations to help with rebuilding a home near Boulder, CO. The house will be framed in Newton, loaded and moved to CO. MDS is looking for churches to go for a week to help with the construction. Date will likely be in July. See bulletin board for more details or visit with Dale Alderfer or Steve Janzen.

MCC Song on the Lawn will be June 8 from 5-8pm at Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp's farm. See *announcement sheet for details.*

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus will be in concert at Presser Hall on the campus of Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS on Sunday, June 8 in a joint concert with the Kansas City Metro Men's Chorus. The concert is free of charge with an offering received, directed toward domestic and international relief efforts.

Community Picnic: Save the date!

- **Who:** *Everyone*: Invite your family and friends!
- **What:** *Community Picnic*: food, fellowship, fun!
- **When:** *Father's Day, Sunday, June 15 from 5-9pm*: burgers and hot dogs will be served between 6 and 7pm
- **Where:** *Goessel Park*
- **Why:** Great opportunity to **build relationships** within our local community

Please Bring:

- Side dish or dessert to share
- Tableware and table service
- Lawn Chairs

Questions? Contact one of your friendly neighborhood pastors :).

Sponsored by the Goessel Ministerial Alliance

Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be held July 4-6 in Waxahachie, TX. "**God With Us - Patient and Persistent**" is the theme for this year. *Are you interested in representing Tabor Mennonite Church as a delegate? If so, please see information on bulletin board and let Pastor Rosie know.*



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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