

## Discipleship & Mission

Tabor Mennonite Church

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## Year of the Bible

*“Living into God’s Story”*

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Christ ~ Pentecost: *Discipleship & Mission*

Gathering / Praising

PRELUDE Mark Schmidt, Joshua Schmidt, Kaleigh Guhr

WELCOME Worship Leader, Jason Unruh

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God, who on foot leads us through unknown terrain,

**People: teach us the trail head, the sharp turn, the thorn.**

Leader: Teach us the fade of the path in the bramble;

**People: make us to know your true face when we stumble.**

Leader: Jesus, as we journey the road of discipleship,

**All: be our center, our source, and our light.  
be our vision, our path, and our guide. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** “Jesus, be the center” No. 175CS  
Accompanists, Phil and Mary Schmidt

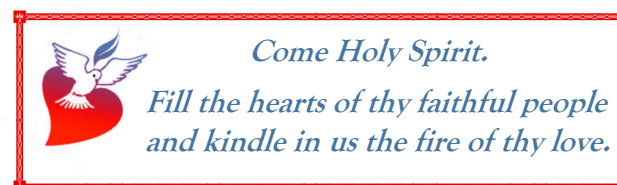
**\*GATHERING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** “When we walk with the Lord” No. 544  
Accompanist, Cynthia Goerzen

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**“The Peace of Christ be with you” ~ “and also with you.”**

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY		Kristi Unruh
SPECIAL MUSIC		DeVon Hiebert
SCRIPTURE	<i>Matthew 16:13-28</i> <i>John 3:11-21</i>	Carrie Unruh Kim Funk
	The Word of God for the People of God. <b><i>Thanks be to God!</i></b>	
SERMON	<i>"Following the Light"</i>	Pastor Phil Schmidt

## Responding

### 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      *"Will you let me be your servant"*      No. 307

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER      Pastor Rosie Jantz

## Sending

\*SENDING HYMN *"Lord Jesus, you shall be my song"* vv. 1, 3, 4      No. 180CS

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## Today

Today we continue our study of Jesus and the Gospels by focusing on Jesus' mission. Jesus came not only to teach about God's kingdom, but also to usher it in. Furthermore, Jesus invited his followers to journey with him all along the way, even through the darkest of times. The road of discipleship was not and is not easy, but we cannot go wrong when we faithfully follow Jesus each and every day.

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 Russ, Sharleen, Tristan and Aubrielle Francis. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Sharleen Francis 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.**—Fellowship Time/Biblical Snacks: Cross Cookies.

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

**Children age 3-8th grade-** Walking the Story: "Jesus Calls the Disciples" (gather in rooms 10-12)

**H.S. Youth and Adults-** Reliving the Story: "The Boat Ride and Walk on the Water" and "Don't Tell Anyone" led by Pastor Phil (fellowship hall)

## This Week

### Tuesday, July 1

**10:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting

**7:30 p.m.**—Trustee Meeting

### Wednesday, July 2

**5:30 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness will meet at the Bethel Trails (meet East of the BC tennis courts).

### Thursday, July 3

**12:00 p.m.**—Newton Lunch Bunch

### Friday, July 4

***Church offices will be closed***

### Friday, July 4 - Sunday, July 6

***Western District Conference Assembly at Waxahachie, TX.***

## Next Sunday, July 6

**9:00 a.m.**—TMYF leave on service trip. Come for a sending blessing.

**9:15 a.m.**—Prelude

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday we continue our study of Jesus by celebrating all of Holy Week in one day! Throughout our worship service, we will re-experience Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Communion will be served as we celebrate the last supper with Jesus. Come ready to renew your faith in the one who lived, died, and rose again!

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

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

**4:00 p.m.**—Parents of young children meet with Facilities & Finance Task Force. *See announcements for details.*

## Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ WDC Annual Assembly July 4-6 in Waxahachie, TX. Remember our delegates, Rosie Jantz, Denise Nickel and Gayle Funk as they represent Tabor Church.
- ★ Our youth and sponsors as they prepare to leave for their Summer Service Trip next Sunday morning. May God grant safe travel and a rich experience as they serve.
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations*: The Caring Quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for a fullness of God's Word and Spirit for the gathering of the WDC Assembly 2014 in Waxahachie, Texas, July 4-6. Delegates will act on the formation of a Church Planting Commission and receive a resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church for discernment in the coming year.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Anita and David Breckbill recently completed five months of volunteering at Union Biblical Seminary in India through MMN. One of their jobs in the library was to update the card catalog of 80,000 items. Pray for the Breckbills as they continue relationships with their Indian friends from their home in Nebraska.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Give thanks to God for the people who invest in Mennonite higher education; ask God to prompt generosity as church colleges, universities and seminaries approach the end of the fiscal year.

## Announcements

**Thanks:** I am now living in my "new" small house, same phone, same address. I want to especially thank Carrie, Doris, Harlin, Lewis, Jason and Duane for working so hard to make this house clean and comfortable. Thanks also to Ruth for helping and cleaning a greasy stove. All your concerns, prayers, and the food was very much appreciated. Thanks, be to God for his loving care. -Dora Unruh

**Parents of Young Children--We need your input!** Tabor has a lot of young children and we want to make sure that we are meeting the needs of young families. The Facilities & Finance Task Forces invite parents of young children (ages 5 and younger) and those volunteering their time in the nursery to an informal gathering in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 6 at 4:00pm. We will share drawings of the proposed design and will be asking for your feedback on what you see. Cookies and childcare will be provided. RSVPs are encouraged so that we can plan accordingly. Questions and RSVPs can be directed to Yvette Nickel or Eunice Nickel. We hope to see you there!

**Care Fair:** Coming on Saturday, August 23 from 9am-noon, Tabor will host a Care Fair. Watch for details. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be posted on the bulletin board soon.

### Coming this Summer:

**August 2-3:** Country Threshing Days, Goessel

**August 16:** Day on the Farm at Carol Duerksen/Maynard Knepp Farm.

### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

June 22, 2014

Offering	=	\$3,498.35	Attendance	=	151
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 27.00	Attendance	=	58
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 9.36	Attendance	=	32

## *“Following the Light”*

Matthew 16; John 3

### **Tabor Facilities Task Force Update:**

Over the last several months, the Tabor Facilities Task Force has worked to develop a proposal to address many of the facilities needs expressed by our congregation. In conjunction with this work, the Tabor Facilities Finance Task force has worked to understand the congregation's interest in funding a facilities project. These groups will be sharing the results of their efforts and soliciting input from the following Tabor committees and small groups during June and July.

Worship Fellowship	Christian Education	Outreach
Deacons	Trustees	Church Staff
Youth Group	Parents with young children	

Feedback generated in these smaller committee meetings will be used to enhance the designs for discussion with the larger congregation during 2 Sunday school sessions on July 27 and August 10. As you have the opportunity to participate in one or more of these sessions, we ask you to:

- Pray that God will lead us in this process
- Reflect on how our existing facilities have shaped and molded our ministry in the past and how they impact our ministry today
- Consider how these facilities improvements could enhance our ministry at Tabor in the future
- respond with faithfulness to God's leading in planning, giving, and carrying out his ministry

Thanks for your involvement thus far. We look forward sharing with you and hearing your insights in the coming months.

--Tabor Facilities and Finance Task Forces



### **Messianic Mission**

*“But what about you?” Jesus asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:15-16)*

### **Mission Impossible?**

*“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” (John 3:17)*

### **Daring Discipleship**

*“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” (Matthew 16:24-25)*



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Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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