

*Paul's Pastoral Ministry*



## Year of the Bible

*"Living into God's Story"*

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Christ ~ Pentecost: *Paul's Pastoral Ministry*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Cynthia Goerzen,  
Layci Froese and Elizabeth Alderfer

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Reece Hiebert

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace unto you and peace from God,  
who was and who is and who is to come,

**People:** and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
the first born of the dead,  
ruler above all rulers of the earth.

Leader: In love Jesus Christ suffered death to free us from our sins,

**People:** making all who confess Christ  
a nation of priests set aside for God's service

**All:** *To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever!*

\*GATHERING HYMN     *"In Christ there is no East or West"*     No. 306

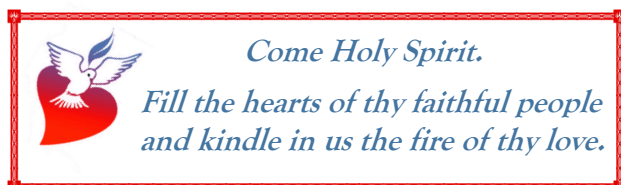
\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE     *"From all that dwell below the skies"*     No. 49

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY

Jill Brandt

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Go Light Your World"*

Sharleen Francis

SCRIPTURE

*Selections from Romans*

Leann Toews

Phil Unruh

The Word of God for the People of God

***Thanks be to God!***

SERMON

*"Renewing Righteousness"*

Pastor Phil Schmidt

## Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*"Help us to help each other"*

No. 362

WORDS OF RESPONSE

Leader: Lord, you have formed us to be a people—  
the body of Christ, at work in your world.

**People: We celebrate the gifts you have given us  
to carry out the work of your kingdom.**

Leader: You have given your people many gifts.  
You have called some to teach, some to administer,  
some to offer hospitality, some to share the Good News,  
some to heal.

**People: You have given each of us a gift.  
We offer ourselves—our gifts, our time,  
our energy, our resources—to you. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastor Rosie Jantz

## Sending

\*SENDING HYMN

*"Heart with loving heart united"*

No. 420

\*BENEDICTION

*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of  
mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice  
you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:5-6)*

\*POSTLUDE

## Today

Today we continue looking at the ministry of the Apostle Paul by focusing on his letter to the Christians in Rome. How does this significant letter continue to speak to us today?

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Brent, Pamela, Samuel, Sophia and Simeon Abrahams and Grace Regier. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Yvette Nickel 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: cookies to represent the growth of the early church.

**11:00 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone  
**Children age 3-8th grade-** Walking the Story: "Peter, Cornelius and the mixed potluck!" (gather in rooms 10-12)  
**H.S. Youth & Adults**—Facilities/Finance Task Forces will present details of the purposed church remodel and addition. Meet in the sanctuary.

## This Week

**Tuesday, August 12**

**9:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting

**Wednesday, August 13**

**6:30 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness

**Saturday, August 16**

**10:00 a.m.**—Day on the Farm at Carol Duerksen/Maynard Knepp Farm.  
*see bulletin board and community announcements for details*

## Next Sunday, August 17

**9:15 a.m.**—Prelude

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday we will continue to focus on Paul's Pastoral Ministry by reflecting on his letters to the Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. 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:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Dwight Regier, our WDC Youth Ministry Network Leader, as he encourages and guides youth pastors in their monthly gatherings and in one-on-one meetings.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Alisha and Josh Garber, serving with MMN, foster community life in the residence halls at LCC International University in Lithuania. Pray for them as they build relationships with the 53 Russian students and 69 Ukrainian students on campus, helping them listen to each other and develop conflict resolution skills.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Hesston College students arriving on campus for a week of practices, team community building, orientation and a jump start on classes. May their interactions be blessed as they build friendships with one another.

## Announcements

**Thank you** for the many ways you supported the 41st annual Threshing Days last weekend! This is a major fundraiser for the museum, and we are grateful for each volunteer, both visible and behind the scenes. Also, without your attendance and participation the event would not be a success. ~With sincere appreciation,  
The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum Board and Staff

**Books available for perusal:** John Stiles has selected some of his favorite books and set them out on a table in the church library. Feel free to take some time today to look at the books and visit with John about them.

### **Adult Fall Faith Formation Electives:**

**Life Stories Workshop** - Leader: Laurie Oswald Robinson  
Cost:\$60 (covers all materials and instruction fees)  
Maximum class size: 15. Sign up by August 31, on bulletin board.

Leaders are also being discerned for the following classes:

"Ordinary Miracles" (parents of children 5 yrs. and younger)  
Adult Quarterly  
Young Adults  
Worship/Sermon Response

**Year of the Bible Celebration** weekend has been changed from August 30-31 to September 13-14. Come enjoy the Festival of Booths on Saturday evening in the church park and a celebration service on Sunday morning. More details to come.

**Harvest Giving:** Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Harvest Giving envelopes are in your mailboxes today. Use this opportunity to share your "first-fruits" with those in need around the world. Fill out the forms as directed and mail directly to MCC.

**Wanted:** Toys, games, puzzles, and sports equipment needing a new home. Your donated items will be available for free to a new owner at a booth at the Year of the Bible celebration "Festival of Booths" on September 13. You can put your donations in Room 13 - the room at the bottom of the stairs. Leftover items will be given to the Etcetera Shop.  
—Lewis and Carrie Unruh

**Pictures for the new Pictorial Directory** are scheduled to be taken Sept. 24-27. Setting up your appointment online saves you \$10 on any purchase you decide to make from the photo company. Online scheduling is now available. Go to the church website (<http://tabormennonite.org>) and click on the link to set up a time for your family! If you need any help scheduling your time please contact Mary Schmidt or Sheri Schmidt.

**Western District Conference Survey:** You should have received a survey request from the Western District Conference (WDC) Discernment Task Force via email, or in your mailbox. The WDC Task Force will be guiding our conference-wide conversation in response to the resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church introduced at Assembly 2014. Your participation is vital in providing counsel to the leadership of WDC. All Tabor members as well as all attenders (grade 9 through adult) are encouraged to complete this survey. If you are comfortable submitting it online, please do so as soon as possible. Extra surveys are on the table in the foyer.

**The Women & Girls Retreat** at Camp Mennoscah will be September 5-7. The theme is "How Can I Forgive?" featuring speaker Norma Duerksen. See bulletin board for poster and schedule. Copies of the registration form are on the foyer table. Registration deadline is August 22.

**Share Your Garden Surplus:** There is a table in the Food Pantry room where anyone may bring their garden produce to share and anyone may take some home. You may leave a small donation that will help the Food Pantry ministry.

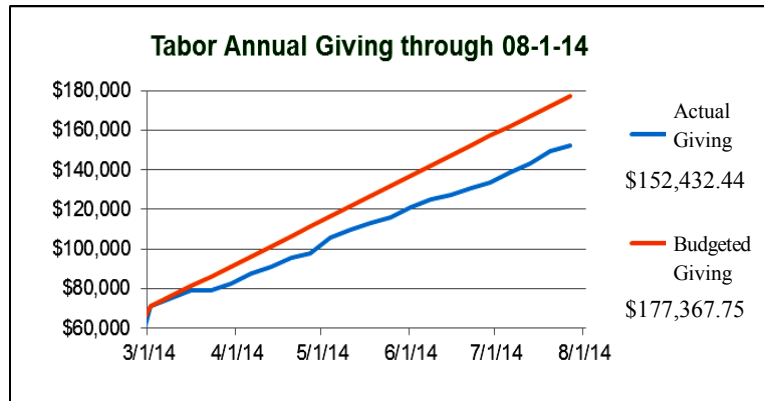
## *“Renewing Righteousness”*

Romans 1-16

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, ‘The one who is righteous will live by faith.’” (Romans 1:16-17)*

**Righteousness Revealed** (Romans 3:21-11:36)

**Righteousness Revived** (Romans 12:1-15:13)



OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE				
August 3, 2014				
Offering	= \$10,922.22	Attendance	=	115
Adult S.S.	= \$ 36.00	Attendance	=	42
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 8.03	Attendance	=	21



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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*As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.*

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