

“Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus . . .
I always thank my God
as I remember you in my prayers”

-Philemon 1a, 4 NIV

Paul's Pastoral Ministry

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Gathering/Praising

PRELUDE Susan Merrifield

WELCOME Worship Leader, Carol Duerksen

*GATHERING WORDS *Philippians 2:5-11* No 855

*GATHERING HYMN *“All hail the power of Jesus’ name”* No. 106
accompanist, Deloris Schmidt

*GATHERING PRAYER

*CONGREGATIONAL WORDS *Ephesians 4:1b-6* No. 854

*HYMN OF PRAISE *“All praise to our redeeming Lord”* No. 21

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaiming

CHILDREN’S STORY Leann Toews

SPECIAL MUSIC Karina Brandt

SCRIPTURE *Philemon* Krista Graber, Steve Janzen
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *“Freedom in Christ”* Pastor Phil Schmidt

Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE “God of grace and God of glory” No. 366

WORDS OF RESPONSE *Colossians 3:1-4, 12-15a* No. 856

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Doug Krehbiel

Sending

*SENDING HYMN “May the grace of Christ our Savior” No. 423

*BENEDICTION

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,
according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*
(Ephesians 3:20-21)

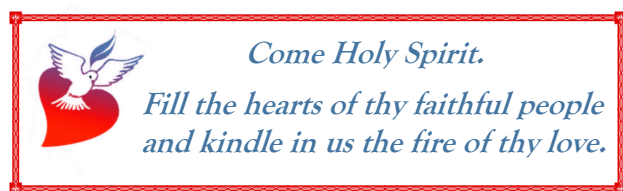
*POSTLUDE

Today

Today we continue to look at the ministry of the Apostle Paul by reflecting on the letters he wrote to churches while he was in prison: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Shannon, Carrie and Reed Friesen and Joyce Watts. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

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



Today continued

The flowers this morning are for Norma Martinez who turned 90 on August 9. Norma celebrated with family in New Jersey and we continue to celebrate with her today.



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

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

Children age 3-8th grade—Walking the Story: “The big decision: Jesus is Lord!” (gather in rooms 10-12)

H.S. Youth & Adults—Reliving the Story: “Paul in Prison,” led by Pastor Phil (fellowship hall)

This Week

Tuesday, August 19

12:30 p.m.—Staff meeting

7:00 p.m.—Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, August 20

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

7:00 p.m.—Church Council *note change in time*

Thursday, August 21

Newsletter items are due

Next Sunday, August 24

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we shift our focus to the book of Hebrews and will reflect on what it means for God to have spoken most clearly through Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-3). Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

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

6:00 p.m.—MennoGrass: Come out to the church park for an evening of food and music! This year, the meal will be a shrimp boil (shrimp, corn on the cob, potatoes, and onions), and a dessert potluck. Food will be served on paper laid across the tables, but you are welcome to bring tableware if you would like. **Please bring a dessert to share.** Music will begin at 6:30 pm, featuring Uncle Regier and the Unruhly Rascals of Newton/Goessel, and The Ne'erdowells, of Newton. What a great opportunity to fellowship with one another outdoors! Please contact Sarahanne Unruh, Michael Unruh, or Katy Schmidt if you have questions.

Prayer Requests

August 10 - No requests were shared

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the Discernment Task Force of WDC as they compile hundreds of survey returns in response to the resolution from Rainbow Mennonite Church and prepare to lead the November Reference Council.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's Laura Schlabach serves as the JCS International representative for Bayanhongor, a rural province in Mongolia. Pray for Laura as she works with this consortium of Christian organizations to help people enjoy more abundant life through development and relief, while encouraging the growing church.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for students entering Eastern Mennonite Seminary for the first time this fall, either online, at our Harrisonburg campus, or at our Lancaster extension.

Announcements

A couple of messages from Jim Schmidt, Tabor Business Chairperson

I just want to point out that the last couple of Sundays the offerings have been really good. Summer is winding down and we're getting back into more of our regular routines. I encourage each of us to remember the ministries of Tabor Church as we come closer to the end of our fiscal year.

The church council will be meeting this Wednesday evening. A priority for discussion at this meeting will be the future of the facilities of Tabor Church. If you have affirmations or concerns about the proposed plan and haven't yet voiced them, please contact a council member before Wednesday evening. I also want to encourage everyone to be in prayer for this meeting.
-Thank you -- Jim

Year of the Bible Celebration weekend will take place September 13-14. Come enjoy the Festival of Booths on Saturday evening in the church park and a celebration service on Sunday morning. Saturday: 5:00-8:00 p.m. - activity, learning, service, food booths; 8:00-10:00 p.m. - group games, campfire, movie; campout over night & breakfast for the campers. Sunday: morning worship in the park. Please stay tuned for sign-up sheets soon! Also needed are pop-up canopies.

Tabor Mennonite Church congregation:

Thank you for all the ways you formed and shaped my faith during my life. To those of you who taught me in Sunday School, Wednesday nights, choir, served as youth leaders, and all who cared enough to encourage, confront, guide, and pray for me, I am eternally grateful. Blessings to you as you continue that same Christian formation in your children and young people today.

-With thanksgiving and prayers, Kay Schroeder

On the bulletin board is an invitation from Kay for her ordination service at First Mennonite Church, Newton on September 14, 10:30 a.m. with lunch following.

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

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.

The Harvest Giving Walk will take place on Sunday, October 4. We are planning to give out t-shirts this year and are looking for sponsors. If you are a business that would like your name on the t-shirt as one of the sponsors, please donate at least \$20.00 (checks payable to Harvest Giving Walk) and put in Denise Nickel's mailbox.

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

