

Paul's Pastoral Ministry

Tabor Mennonite Church

August 3, 2014



"Living into God's Story"

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Christ ~ Pentecost: Paul's Pastoral Ministry
Gathering

No. 31

PRELUDE Marcene Entz

WELCOME Worship Leader, Jason Unruh

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid,

which is Jesus Christ.

People: In Christ the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

And in Christ we too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by the Spirit.

Leader: As we come to Christ, the living Stone -

rejected by builders but chosen by God -

we also, like living stones,

are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood,

offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God

through Jesus Christ.

All: So then we are no longer foreigners and aliens,

but citizens with God's people and members of God's household,

built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

with Christ Jesus as the chief cornerstone.

*GATHERING HYMN "Christ is our cornerstone" No. 43

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "There are many gifts" No. 304

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY Krista Graber

SPECIAL MUSIC "He is Exalted" Joshua Schmidt

SCRIPTURE II Corinthians 5:11-21 Gayle Funk

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Dedication and Disposability" Eric Litwiller

Responding

HYMN OF RESPONSE "We are people of God's peace" No. 407

WORDS OF RESPONSE No. 726

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Phil Schmidt

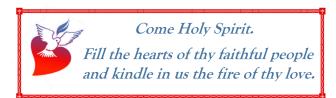
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*SENDING HYMN "Praise God from whom" No. 118

*BENEDICTION

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*POSTLUDE



Today

Today we continue our focus on the Apostle Paul by reflecting on his Corinthian correspondence. Paul was especially passionate about keeping the Corinthian Christians unified by focusing their attention time and time again on the Good News of Jesus. In light of Paul's Passion, how might we embrace Christ's ministry of reconciliation today?

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Duane, Janna, Dawson and Adriana Duerksen and Justin Sommerfeld. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors*.

Childcare is provided by Carrie Unruh 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: Party mix and chocolate, based on I Corinthians 12 & 13.

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

Children age 3-8th grade- Walking the Story: "Paul's Conversion on the road to Damascus" (gather in rooms 10-12)

H.S. Youth & Adults—Reliving the Story: "Pentecost," "Members of the Family: Acts 15." led by Pastor Phil (fellowship hall)

7:00 p.m.— Benefit Concert: A Piano Concert by LaRita Craft to benefit Caleb Bunn will be held at Tabor Church. Caleb desperately needs a kidney transplant that will cost \$250,000. Please attend and make a donation to help Caleb with his transplant expenses. Cookie Reception will follow in the fellowship hall. Details are posted on the bulletin board.

This Week

Tuesday, August 5
12:30 p.m.—Staff meeting
7:30 p.m.—Trustee meeting

Wednesday, August 6 6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

Thursday, August 7
12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

Next Sunday, August 10

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.— Next Sunday we continue reflecting on Paul's Pastoral Ministry by looking at the book of Romans. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

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

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on July 27.

★ Pastor Rosie shared reflections and a prayer for Danielle Reeves who has completed her pastoral ministry internship as of July 27, 2014. Thanks be to God for the gift of having Danielle among us, and Lord hear our prayer for God's continued hand on her as she pursues options for her future.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The Caring Quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for our Youth Pastors, Youth Sponsors, and Youth Mentors as they begin a new year in encouraging our youth to follow Jesus in all of life.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Last week, Muslims around the world finished celebrating Ramadan, their holiest month of the year. MMN personnel in Muslim contexts find that this is a time of increased spiritual openness. Today, pray that Muslims would encounter Jesus in life-giving ways.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for students in preschool through twelfth grade as they embark on a new school year. Pray for God's presence with the students during this time of both excitement and anxiety.

Announcements

Thank you for your prayers, gifts, cards, food, love, and support as we have welcomed Ethan into our family! We are grateful to be a part of a supportive church family and know that he will be well loved throughout his life. ~ Phil, Mary, Ethan, and Doodle Schmidt

A Piggy Bank for Ethan: On the table in the foyer is a piggy bank from Everance for Ethan Schmidt which Eric Litwiller, who works with Everence, brought this morning. If you wish to, you may put money in the piggy bank as a love gift for Ethan.

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 (https://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.

Day on the Farm is on Saturday August 16! It's a wonderful opportunity for all generations to explore and experience rural life, complete with cattle, goats, rabbits, poultry and exotic creatures. Starts at 10 am, and includes lunch. Admission is free but there will be an opportunity for donations for the ministry of Agri-Urban which supports Bethel College, Mennonite Church USA and Western District Conference. The event is held at the Duerksen/Knepp farm, 1582 Falcon, Hillsboro, KS. See more details on the WDC website mennowdc.org under the Events tab.

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. However, there will be opportunity for clarification on the process at the end of the Faith Formation hour on August 3. The survey deadline is August 31, 2014. 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. Mail by August 5 for \$5 "Early Bird" discount.

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.

Wanted: Part time activities assistant at Bethesda Home. This would involve evening hours Monday through Friday and daytime hours every other weekend. Please contact Sara Hiebert or Gayle Voth if interested.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE July 27, 2014

Offering = \$2,888.00 Attendance = 121
Adult S.S. = \$ 70.00 Attendance = 70
Jr. S.S. = \$ 5.96 Attendance = 20



Thank you for your generous donations in recent months.

During the summer when children are home,

DEMAND IS HIGH AND SUPPLIES ARE RUNNING LOW.

Donations are welcome. Suggested items are:

canned meat

cereal

fruits & applesauce

canned vegetables (we have plenty of green beans), mac 'n cheese & hamburger helper

peanut butter

jelly

pudding mix

pasta (other than spaghetti noodles)

spaghetti sauce

chili

beans

tomatoes

laundry, dish and hand soap

toothbrushes

toilet paper and paper towels

Any donations are very much appreciated!!

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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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