



*Year of the Bible Celebration ~  
Festival of Booths*



**Sunday Worship Themes**

**Oct. 5 - Freedom/Covenant**

*Responding to God's Initiative  
(Communion)*

Exodus 12; 24; Luke 4; 22

Pastor Phil preaching

**Oct. 12 - Like a Little Child**

*Receiving the Kingdom  
(Parent/Child Dedication)*

Mark 10:13-16

Pastor Phil preaching

**Oct. 19 - Worshipping Community**

*Singing the Psalms*

Psalms 1, 8, 19, 23, 32, 139, 150

Pastor Doug preaching

**Oct. 26 - Founded on Christ**

*Faith, Hope, Love*

(Bethel College Sunday)

I Corinthians 3:11; 13:13

Peter Goerzen preaching

*from the staff...*

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# Tabor Church News

October, 2014

## Phil's Ponderings

Throughout this Fall, we will be exploring different threads that weave their way throughout the entire story of Scripture. Over the next weeks, we will reflect on themes such as God's kingdom, worship, mission, and restoration.

I wonder, when you think of themes that are present throughout the whole story of Scripture, what themes do you think of?

After going through the Year of the Bible, which themes were most comforting? Disturbing? Inspiring? Relevant for today?

Furthermore, as you think about different Biblical Themes, what Scripture verses/passages jump out to you as being the most important and relevant?

As we continue reflecting on Biblical Themes, may God invigorate our faith community to put these themes to practice and live out God's story each and every day!

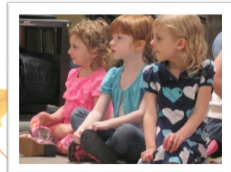
~Pastor Phil

## Wednesday Evenings at Tabor Mennonite Church

Kickoff Supper & Orientation  
for All Children & Parents Wednesday, October 1, 2014  
Supper 5:45-6:30 p.m. & Orientation 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Regular Program & Meals Begin October 8

5:45-6:30 p.m.	Supper
6:30-6:45 p.m.	Music age 3-K & grades 1-8
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Faithful Fitness
6:45-7:30 p.m.	Faith Weaver Friends age 3, age 4-K & grades 1-2
6:45-8:00 p.m.	Faith Adventures grades 3-5 Youth Explorers grades 6-8
6:45-7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Youth Group
7:30-8:30 p.m.	Adult Choir



Children **needing a ride** to and from Tabor Church on Wednesday evenings  
call the church at 620-367-2318 or Denise Nickel at 620-367-2226.

## Keeping Current with our College Students

### Bethel College:

James Goerzen  
Michelle Unruh  
Natalie Unruh  
Josh Booth  
Reece Hiebert

### Goshen College

Leah Unruh

### Hesston College

Brooke Haxton

### Hutchinson Community College

Shane Goerzen

### Kansas State University

Shelby Unruh

### Pittsburg State University

Carson Voth

### Tabor College

Kathleen Bair

### University of Kansas

Grace Unruh  
Mark Schmidt

## Coming in November

### November 6:

Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

### November 9:

Annual Congregational Meeting  
~Affirm individuals to serve  
~Vote to approve annual budget  
~Vote to move forward with building project



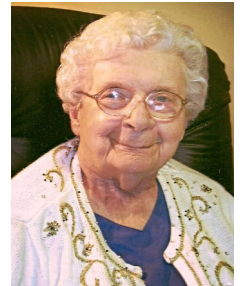
## Introducing...

Hello, our names are JJ and Megan (Leonard) Voth and we recently were married July 26 at Tabor. We currently live in Hesston. I (Megan) grew up on a farm North West of Goodland, KS, where we grow certified seed wheat, pinto beans, corn, milo, and sunflowers and raise a few cattle. I was active in 4-H, FCCLA, and Science Olympiad. I went to college at Kansas State University and majored in Bakery Science and Management. I currently work at Tortilla King, Inc. in Moundridge as a Quality Assurance Supervisor and have been with them for five years. Some of my hobbies are crocheting, shopping, and working outdoors. JJ grew up on the family farm just north of Goessel and has been a member of Tabor since 2001. JJ went to Hesston College and studied Business, then went on to Hutch Community College and studied Agronomy. He is a certified crop advisor and is an agronomist at Ag Service out of Hillsboro. He also farms with his father on the family farm. Fishing, watching football and riding 4-wheelers are a few hobbies JJ enjoys doing when he has some free time.



## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Esther Lena (Penner) Penner was born on December 7, 1921, to David J. and Mary Wiens Penner in York, NE. She lived the rest of her life in Kansas. She attended Hillsboro schools. When she was in her late teens and early twenties, she worked at the Tip Top Dairy in Hillsboro and participated in the Tip Top Dairy Maids, who sang on the radio on Sunday afternoons at a radio station in Abilene.



As a teenager, Esther was baptized upon her confession of faith at French Creek Cove near Hillsboro. She married Henry Penner on April 15, 1945 at the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church. They made their first home on Henry's family farm near Lehigh. Henry and Esther had 2 daughters while living at this homestead. Later on, they moved to a farm west of Hillsboro and added one more daughter to the family. Esther worked outside the home as a cook in some of the local restaurants in Hillsboro for many years. In 1976, she made a career change at the advice of Dr. A. K. Ratzlaff, and became a nurse's aide at Bethesda Hospital and later at Bethesda Home. She enjoyed this work immensely. As a resident of Bethesda, she was cared for by people with whom she had worked as a nurse's aide. She taught Sunday school, played piano in church and taught Wednesday evening Bible classes for children.

Esther suffered a stroke in 1998 and then lost her husband 11 months later to cancer. They had been married for 52 years. Shortly after Henry's death, she moved into a duplex at Bethesda Home. After experiencing many falls, she moved to the nursing home in 2002. She always looked very much forward to attending family gatherings. She loved the staff who cared for her at Bethesda and they loved her. Esther enjoyed sing-along time, Bible study and the Butterfly Garden at Bethesda.

She went home to be with the Lord on September 17, 2014, at the age of 92, following a massive stroke. She is survived by three daughters, Jan Davis and husband, Jim, Bev Schor and friend Tom Myers and Angie and husband, Gary Duerksen, seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and one sister.



## Celebrating Bob Unruh

So, I went to interview Bob Unruh about his recent retirement from running the sound system at Tabor. I found out that he started some time during James Waltner's pastorate, and that he "goofed it up" the first time, struggling to find the right knob to turn and then turning the wrong one up too much.

But Bob learned the system, and continued to learn through the changes and challenges that have come through his years of making sure the person behind the mic can actually be heard. He found out that different voices amplify differently, and if someone's voice is very soft, he can only do so much to help it. He faced the challenge of a tall person and short person sharing a mic. He didn't panic when running the sound for musical groups with five mics, although he admits it "gets hectic." He wished people would remember to hold the mic close to their mouth.

His horror story happened at a funeral, when he was asked to play a CD as part of the service. Something went wrong and he couldn't play the CD. The pastor read the words from the song instead.

I went to interview Bob about his retirement from running the sound system. I found out what he is still doing, and was amazed.

Every week, Bob opens his bulletin to see what's happening at the church that week. The comfort of the people attending those meetings and events depends on him. Because you see, Bob sets the thermostats in each area, every week, based on how the spaces will be used. He programs them for a certain temperature, on a specific day and time. People who use those rooms probably don't know it, but Bob was preparing for them in advance.

Bob, you are a valuable and much loved part of our Tabor family, and we celebrate your retirement from some responsibilities as well as your continued contributions to our lives!

-By Carol Duerksen

### Grace's Goodies

#### Croissant Breakfast Casserole

*Served at September staff meeting.*

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 jar (18 oz.) orange marmalade | 5 eggs                       |
| 1/2 cup apricot preserves       | 1 cup half-and-half cream    |
| 1/3 cup orange juice            | 1 teaspoon almond extract    |
| 3 teaspoons grated orange peel  | Quartered fresh strawberries |
| 6 croissants, split             |                              |

--In a small bowl, mix marmalade, preserves, orange juice and peel.

Arrange croissant bottoms in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Spread with 1-1/2 cups marmalade mixture. Add croissant tops.

--In another bowl, whisk eggs, cream and extract; pour over croissants.

Spoon remaining marmalade mixture over tops. Refrigerate, covered, overnight.

--Preheat oven to 350°. Remove casserole from refrigerator while oven heats. Bake, uncovered, 25-30 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Serve with strawberries. Yield: 12 servings.



You are warmly invited to join your sisters and brothers from around the world at the next Mennonite World Conference Assembly, PA 2015. The global event will be held July 21-16, 2015, at the

PA Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg, PA. The theme for the event? "Walking with God."

Registration for Mennonite World Conference's Assembly is now open. Go to [www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015registration](http://www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015registration) to learn more, and to register for this global gathering of worship and fellowship. This is a once-in-a-generation event!

### Second Graders Receive Bibles on Faith Formation Sunday





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