

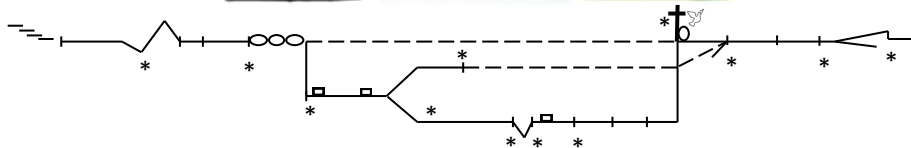


Year of the Bible

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Year of the Bible Final Celebration Sunday!

Gathering/Praising

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastors Phil Schmidt and Rosie Jantz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

People: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

All : *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*GATHERING HYMN “God of the Bible” *sing refrain after vs 1, 3, 5* Insert accompanists, Michelle Unruh and Brian Voth

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVING INTO GOD'S STORY: PART 4

WALKING THE STORY WITH CHILDREN Pastor Phil Schmidt

SCRIPTURE *"A Brisk Telling of God's Grand Story"* -prepared by Brad Roth
Gayle Funk, Michael Unruh, Nancy Schroeder

SPECIAL MUSIC *"This is a story full of love"* Katherine Goerzen,
Kristin and Michelle Unruh

CHRIST - PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE

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All : ***The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.***

HYMN *"Joy to the world"* Insert

OVERVIEW OF BIBLE MAPPING Pastor Rosie Jantz

DRAMAS ON THE MAP

"Satan Tempting Jesus" Luke Unruh and Sarah Booth
"Peter and the Sheet" Zach and Olivia Duerksen
"Paul in Chains" Marcene Entz

REFLECTIONS *"Eyes Fixed on Jesus"* Pastor Phil Schmidt

Responding

WORDS OF RESONSE *Hebrews 12:1-2*

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

All : ***And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.***

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Be thou my vision"* Insert

*RESPONSIVE ACTION *Raising an Ebenezer*

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Come Thou Fount"* Kristin and Michelle Unruh

RECOGNIZING REMARKABLE READERS

Pastors Phil Schmidt and Rosie Jantz

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*SENDING HYMN *"New earth, heavens new"* Insert

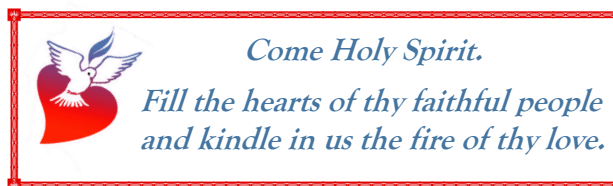
*BENEDICTION *Revelation 21:1-5a*

Leader: Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

People: We are part of God's new creation.

With our eyes fixed firmly on Jesus, we go now to join God in making everything new!

*POSTLUDE



Today

Today we look back on our Year through the Bible and celebrate the journey that we have been on together. We have journeyed with God's people through many ups and downs and we have come to see that God and God's purposes are revealed most clearly through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ.

4:00 p.m.—Tabor leads chapel at Bethesda Home.

This Week

Monday, September 15

7:00 p.m.—Willing Helpers program: "Tool Time" with Brent Abrahams and Rod Abrahams.

Tuesday, September 16

12:30 p.m.—Staff meeting

7:30 p.m.—Church Council

Wednesday, September 17

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

7:15 p.m.—Christian Education

Thursday, September 18

Newsletter items are due

Next Sunday, September 21

9:15 a.m.—Prelude

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we build on our Year of the Bible by beginning a new worship series in which we will reflect on important themes that weave their way throughout the whole story of Scripture. Next Sunday we will focus on God's Salvation History and how God worked constantly to solve the sin problem. Key Scripture text will be from Colossians 3:1-17. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Fellowship Time

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home right after the Tabor Church service for devotions and lunch next Sunday, September 21.

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

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on September 7.

- ★ Maynard Knepp asked that we pray for the family of David Yoder who passed away in an accident. David formerly worked with the MCC Meat Canner. Lord hear our prayer.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Kay Schroeder who will be ordained today as a pastor at First Mennonite Church, Newton.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Justin Shenk and Valerie Showalter, who serve through Mennonite Mission Network, are helping the Round Chapel, a congregation in London, England, find new ways of engaging the community – a weekly parent-toddler time, and intergenerational sessions of exploring arts and cooking. Pray that people will be drawn to Jesus through these activities.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Today is Christian Formation Sunday. As we enter this new year of learning, pray that God will bless those who teach by helping them teach with godly wisdom and those who learn by inspiring them to grow in faith and knowledge.

Announcements

Thanks to all of you who helped drive the Tractor Shuttle at the State Fair this year. The Fair Board donates \$2500 to the MCC Sale for us providing drivers.

Reminder: Due to privacy regulations, hospitals no longer contact pastors when people are admitted. Please contact the pastors if you are scheduled for a procedure, or if you have a family member who is admitted to the hospital so that our pastors may offer care.

Facilities Faspa: Church Council is recommending that we as a congregation spend more time discussing the proposed facilities plan. For this reason, we would like to invite everyone to join us for a "Facilities Faspa" on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 4pm in the current Fellowship Hall. This will be an opportunity for all of us to share and listen to our hopes and concerns related to the plan. More details to come.

Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch: September 23 at Bethesda Home. Please sign up.

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 Goodlywed Game: Tabor Deacons are planning a marriage enrichment gathering for all married couples on Sunday, Sept. 28 in the evening. We will eat dessert, play a version of the "Newlywed Game", and have a lot of fun enriching our marriages! See the marriage moment in this month's newsletter for more details.

MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride will take place on September 20. Please see the bulletin board and community announcements for more information. Nathan Ashley and Elton and Denise Nickel are participating in the ride. If you would like to make a donation, place it in one of their mail boxes.

Harvest Giving Walk: October 5, 1:30 p.m. is the date for the Harvest Giving Walk. *Sign up today and receive a free T shirt* donated by local business sponsors. Our project this year is to support the Syrian Christians in the midst of their loss. Get a packet from your recruiter and turn in your t-shirt size. Donations payable to Harvest Giving Walk; 3/4 of the donations will then be disbursed to MCC and 1/4 to the Tabor Church Food Pantry.

October 5 is also the date set for Tabor's **Bike to Church Sunday**, with donations for MCC's Global Family. You may bike to church on October 5 or bring your bike and bike with the Harvest Giving Walkers, leaving from Alexanderwohl. Bikers, collect your donations, checks payable to MCC and turn into Kevin Nickel by October 5.

Coming this Fall:

September 21: Facilities Faspa

September 24-27: Pictures taken for Tabor pictorial directory

September 28: The Goodlywed Game is coming to Tabor!

October 1: Kickoff for Midweek Activities

October 4: Harvest Giving Walk/Bike to Church

October 12: Parent and Child dedication

October 12: Pastor Phil's ordination service 6:30 p.m.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

September 7, 2014

Offering	= \$9,623.79	Attendance	= 168
Adult S.S.	= \$ 57.95	Attendance	= 58
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 14.86	Attendance	= 29



Deuteronomy 26:5b-10a

A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

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Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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