

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in the land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

-Isaiah 9:2



"Living into God's Story"

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Gathering/Praising

PRELUDE Marcene Entz

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Men in Harmony "Gospel Medley"

WELCOME and PRAYER Worship Leader, Eunice Nickel

*GATHERING SONGS "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" vv. 1-3 No. 71 "All things bright and beautiful" No. 156 Accompanists: Marcene Entz, Kristin Unruh, Brian Voth

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY "Let there be light!" Ilona Abrahams

Shining Christ's Light Together

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:14-16 Elizabeth Alderfer We are a reflection of God's light; called to shine that light at home and beyond.

REFLECTION Light Illuminates God Pastor Phil Schmidt

SONG "Let your light shine" Insert

Known and Loved by God

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2 Dawson Duerksen God's light shines amidst the darkness in our world.

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REFLECTION Light Infiltrates Darkness Pastor Phil Schmidt

SONG "You gave us hope" Insert

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS Pam Abrahams

Sharing Christ's Light - God's Shalom

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:2

Porclein Unruh

The light of Christ transforms us and gives us wisdom to do God's will. We cooperate with God to bring healing and hope to our world.

REFLECTION

Light Initiates Transformation

Pastor Phil Schmidt

SONG

"Prayer of Peace"

173CS

Responding

*LITANY OF COMMITMENT

Leader: Today we celebrate the greatness of our God – the one who created us with minds to learn, and who opens our hearts to

understand that biblical learning is for His glory.

People: We are a reflection of God's light; wanting children to experience the transforming power of God's love and to shine God's light in the world. Arise, let your light shine.

Leader: We are thankful for teachers who teach about God's word.

We are thankful for students who see the light of God's word unfold before them as they study. We are thankful for a congregation who encourages and supports the students in

their efforts.

People: Let us look to God and be radiant. Let us reflect the brightness, as nothing can hide God's glorious light.

Arise, let your light shine.

Leader: Together, Lord, we promise to study and use our biblical

learning each day, as we serve you faithfully. We give you all

the praise, honor and glory.

All: We believe that expressing our faith through lives of compassionate peacemaking and service to others shows

that the light is stronger than darkness.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Doug Krehbiel

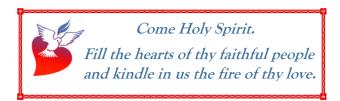
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*SENDING HYMN "Lead us in your light"

No. 139CS

*BENEDICTION No. 763

*POSTLUDE



Today

Today we focus our attention on God's light. This Sunday marks the beginning of the new Shine curriculum that will be used for children's Faith Formation. God's light is shining into our world and we can reflect that light all around in the way that we live.

Second graders receiving Bibles this morning are: Samuel Abrahams, Braxton Unruh, Tristan Francis, Adriana Duerksen, Viola Schmidt and Reed Friesen.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Jon and Shelley Buller and Dora Unruh. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Janna Duerksen 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

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

This Week

Tuesday, September 9 9:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, September 10 6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

Saturday, September 13

Festival of Booths/Year of the Bible Celebration

Next Sunday, September 14

Next Sunday is our final Year of the Bible Celebration Sunday! After our Festival of Booths on Saturday afternoon/evening, we will gather in the church park on Sunday morning at 9:30 to worship and celebrate our journey through the Bible!

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

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on August 31.

★ Pam Abrahams shared a praise for the new Sunday school year and the many children we have in our church. She offered thanks for the dedicated individuals who are teaching and said that a few more teachers would be welcome to help with some of the classes. Thanks be to God and Lord hear our prayer.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Women and girls who are participating in Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah this weekend.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board and Moderator Richard Gehring in their first meeting on September 13. Pray for God's guidance as they lead WDC in a year of discernment.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Moriah Hurst of MMN is assuming more responsibility in the community development training program of Praxis, where she teaches in Australia. Pray that God will grant energy and wisdom to Moriah. Pray also for some of her students who are facing major mental health issues.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Today is Grandparents' Day. Give thanks for the wonderful gift of grandparents and the physical and spiritual life that children receive through them. May we appreciate the wisdom of grandparents and respect them. Pray a special blessing of strength and courage for grandparents tasked with raising their grandchildren.

Announcements

The "Toys and More" booth for the Year of the Bible Festival of Booths could still use more items: toys, puzzles, games, sports equipment, etc. There is still time to clean out the garage or that spare room. These donations can be placed in Room 18, the Sunday school supply room. THANK YOU to those who have already contributed.

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.

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 is participating in the ride. If you would like to make a donation, place it in his mail box.

Harvest Giving Walk: October 5, 1:30 p.m. is the date set for the annual walk which will leave from Alexanderwohl. See Kevin Nickel to sign up to be a walker/runner by September 17 to be assured a free t-shirt. We hope to exceed last year's donations of over \$7,000. When you give, please make checks payable to Harvest Giving Walk; 3/4 of the donations will then be dispersed 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**, also organized by MCC, with donations earmarked for the Global Family. If you donate for the Bike ride, make your check payable to MCC. 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 and turn into Kevin Nickel by October 5.

Kansas State Fair Shuttle Tractor Drivers needed. Please help us fill the Tabor assignment. Our date is Thurs., Sept. 11. We still need to provide 2 drivers for the 4-7pm shift and 1 driver for the 7-9:30pm shift. Please help. Contact Leann or Jerry Toews or Kris or Archie Schmidt. THANKS. Free ticket given to drivers.

Share Your Garden Surplus: There is a table in the foyer 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.

Coming this Fall:

September 13-14: Year of the Bible Celebration/Festival of Booths

September 21: Facilities Faspa

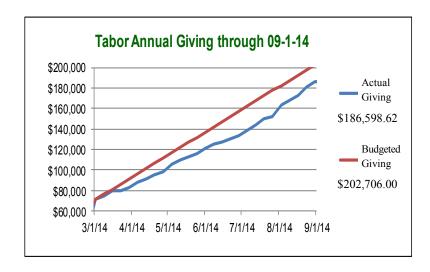
September 24-27: Pictures taken for Tabor pictorial directory **September 28:** The Goodlywed Game is coming to Tabor!

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 August 31, 2014			
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Adult Faith Formation Electives

September 7 – November 23, 2014

Elective	Facilitator/leader	Meeting Room	Notes
*Life Stories Workshop	Laurie Oswald Robinson	TBD	Begins Sept. 21– Nov. 30
Ordinary Miracles	Phil Schmidt Krista Abrahams	Sanctuary Overflow	Parents of children 5 yrs. & under
Bible Study: Adult Quarterly	Bonnie Janzen	Room 113	60 years and older
Bible Study: Adult Quarterly	John Schmidt Dale Alderfer	Room 211	BASIC (Brothers and sisters in Christ)
Worship Response/ discussion	Les Goerzen	Room 112	Inter- generational
Book study/ discussion	Jason and Anna Unruh	Room 17	Young adult & college age
Sr. High/ Youth	Carol Duerksen	Room 14-15	TMYF

Jr. Department 2014-15 Fall - Spring

Two year olds will be using the *Wee Wonder* curriculum Preschool through grade 8 will be using the new SHINE curriculum

*Sign up by Sept. 14 for Life Stories Workshop See poster on bulletin board for details

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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