



Installation of Pastor Katherine

## Sunday Worship Themes

### October 4 - *Building God's Kingdom*

*World Communion*

Mark 14:12-25

Pastor Phil preaching

### October 11 - *Building God's Kingdom*

*Babel*

Genesis 11:1-9

Pastor Phil preaching

### October 18 - *Building God's Kingdom*

*Tabernacle*

Exodus 35-40

Pastor Phil preaching

### October 25 - *Building God's Kingdom*

*Temple*

I Kings 5-9

Pastor Katherine preaching

*Building  
Hospitality  
Healing  
& Hope*



*With our  
Time  
Talents  
& Treasures*

The Finance Task Force has placed a secured mailbox in the foyer to receive your pledge cards. We would also remind everyone that donations to the Facility Fund are best placed in the offering with a memo note indicating Building or Facility.

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# Tabor Church News

October, 2015

## Phil's Ponderings

### "Building God's Kingdom"

*"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."* (Ephesians 2:19-22).

Tabor Church Family,

I am excited about many things, including the fall weather, my son learning to walk, and many energizing ministry opportunities at church. One ministry opportunity I am especially excited about is our upcoming Sunday morning worship series, which will focus on the theme, "Building God's Kingdom."

Most of the ideas for this series came from two different places:

First, our Adult Bible Study on Wednesday evenings is studying the book, *Missional Essentials: A Guide for Experiencing God's Mission in Your Life*. In this study, we are reflecting on God as a missionary God who sends a missionary church to join God's mission of healing and restoration in our local communities. We are all participants in God's larger kingdom mission.

Second, our church is moving forward with raising funds for a significant building project. Our theme for this project is *"Building Hospitality, Healing, and Hope with our Time, Talents, and Treasures."* The purpose of our Building project is not simply to have a nice building built for us. Even more importantly, the purpose is to draw together as a community in order to build something that will help us extend God's hospitality, healing, and hope to our neighbors.

With both the Bible Study and the building project in mind, on Sunday mornings, we will be reflecting on scripture passages that describe different biblical building projects, including building the Tower of Babel, the Tabernacle, the Temple, God's people into a new temple, and the Body of Christ. As we reflect on these building projects in conjunction with our own building project, we will continuously need to remind ourselves that God is the builder and Christ is the cornerstone. As followers of Jesus, we join God in building God's kingdom. And as we join God at work, God will give us the tools we need through the power of the Holy Spirit.

One song that I hope will serve as a theme song for this worship series is "Build Your Kingdom Here" by the group "Rend Collective." Following is the chorus of the song, which is also my prayer as we journey forward as a faith family.

*"Build Your kingdom here, Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand, Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire, Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere, Build Your kingdom here  
We pray"*

~Pastor Phil



Check out the new additions to the Library! They include Carol Duerksen's newest book "Kate's Truth" and "Dreams of July", which was written by Taryn Schroeder (Joyce Watt's Granddaughter). Two biographies that have been added are "Reminiscences" by William Voth and "Diary of a Seagoing Kansas Farm Boy in WWII" by Alden Voth. There are also some new Bible Commentaries and some music CD's of the "Sing the Journey" and "Sing the Story". The new books have been placed on the mobile shelves in the Library. Checkout instructions are on the desk.

#### Conference Resource Library Books

*Vultures and Butterflies* - Susan Classen  
*Prague Counterpoint* - Bodie Thoene  
*Vienna Prelude* - Bodie Thoene  
*Munich Signature* - Bodie Thoene  
*In a Year of Our Lord* - John Mullen  
*Camel Lot* - Moselle Schaffer  
*Affirmation from the Heart of God*  
 -Bridget Mary Meeham/Regina Madonna Oliver  
*Sequoia Scout* - Brock & Bodie Thoene  
*The Almost True Story of Ryan Fisher*  
 -Rob Stennett  
*The Devil in Pew Number Sever*  
 -Rebecca Nichols Alonzo  
*City of Tranquil Light* - Bo Caldwell  
*Daughters & Dads* - Chap & Dee Clark  
*A Winter's Promise* - Jeanette Gilge  
*Blessed are the Crazy* - Sarah Griffith Lund  
*The Lone Tree* - James D. Yoder  
*An Arrow Pointing to Heaven* - Rich Mullins  
*Renegade Amish* - Donald B. Kraybill  
*Eyes at the Window* - Evie Yoder Miller  
*The Eleventh Hour* - Michael Phillips  
*Welcome to Iran!*  
 -Evelyn & Wallace Shellenberger  
*Go To Church-Change the World*  
 -Gerald J. Mast  
*A Texas Sky* - Lori Wick  
*Two Old Women* - Velma Wallis  
*One-Minute Bible Stories-New Testament*  
 -Florence Henderson & Shari Lewis  
*The Thank You Book* - Carol Stuart

ALL BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TABLE IN THE IN THE LIBRARY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 8.

## Rosie's Reflections

We had another wonderful opening night for Tabor's Wednesday evening ministries. Parents, children, leaders and many others gathered for music, classes, bible study and activities. Volunteers stepped into new roles without hesitation. What a blessing it is to be part of a community that embraces people gathering together to eat, pray, play, sing, and study God's word together. So here's my invitation to you: if you want to eat a good meal in good company, come! If you want to help cook and plan a meal, come! If you want to help teach the 4 yr. old - K class, come! If you want to join a class whether it's for children, youth, or adults, come! There are so many ways to be involved and grow our relationships with each other. We'd love to have you join us on Wednesday evenings this year. Come!

~Pastor Rosie

## Katherine's Candor

It has been wonderful to be ministering among you for a month now. Thank you all for your grace and your kind words of encouragement. At the time of this writing, I have yet to meet with the Wednesday Night Youth Group. As I prepare for my first session with the Youth, I have put together a Youth Covenant outlining expectations for our group for the coming year. As I will ask Youth and Sponsors to sign a covenant, I feel that it is appropriate to let you as a congregation know what my own expectations are as I minister alongside you this coming year.

As an Associate Pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church, I commit myself to the following covenant:

- ◆ I will strive to love the Lord our God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength
- ◆ I will strive to love my neighbor as myself
- ◆ I will strive to join in God's hospitality, healing, and hope in our congregation and in the world that God so loves
- ◆ I will strive to build others up and to tear down walls of division, prejudice, and hatred
- ◆ I will seek to listen to your stories and your journeys of faith
- ◆ I will laugh with you in your joy and to mourn with you in your sorrow
- ◆ I will practice honesty and integrity in my words and my deeds
- ◆ I will strive to nurture and encourage your Spirit given gifts as I seek to use and nurture my own
- ◆ I will strive to nurture my own faith through regular prayer, Spiritual disciplines and practices, Bible reading, and theological study
- ◆ I will strive to journey alongside you as we grow in our understanding of God, God's hopes for creation, and God's deep love for us
- ◆ I will strive to lead as Jesus did, seeking first to serve rather than to be served
- ◆ I will strive to proclaim the good news of God's Reign in my words and deeds
- ◆ I will strive to see God's presence and movement in my daily life, within our congregation, and within creation
- ◆ I will seek to appreciate the mystery of God
- ◆ I will strive to be a peacemaker and an ambassador of reconciliation
- ◆ I will love you and pray for you
- ◆ I will strive to reflect the Light of the World, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the One whom we all love and seek to follow faithfully

This is my covenant with you for my first year of ministry. Grace and Peace,

~Pastor Katherine



Here is our monthly marriage moment:  
a meaningful memento to married couples to  
make your marriages marvelous!

John Gottman, marriage researcher, has written a book entitled *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*. Last month, we focused on Principle 2: "Nurture Your Fondness and Admiration."

The third of the seven principles is "turn toward each other instead of away." Gottman says, "In marriage, couples are always making what I call "bids" for each other's attention, affection, humor, or support. Bids can be as minor as asking for a backrub or as significant as seeking help in carrying the burden when an aging parent is ill. The partner responds to each bid either by turning toward the spouse or turning away. A tendency to turn toward your partner is the basis of trust, emotional connection, passion, and a satisfying sex life."<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, according to Gottman's research, "we found that couples who remained married had turned toward their partner's bids an average of 86 percent of the time in the Love Lab, while those who ended up divorced had averaged only 33 percent."<sup>2</sup> This research emphasizes the importance of being aware of each other's bids for attention and responding positively to them. When couples turn toward each other, they are crediting what Gottman calls their "emotional bank account": "They are building up savings that, like money in the bank, can serve as a cushion when times get rough, when they're faced with a major life stress or conflict."<sup>3</sup>

### Marriage Challenge:

Seek to be more aware of your partner's bids for attention. Then, when your partner makes a bid for attention, no matter how small, seek to respond to it positively by turning toward her/him. Turn off the electronic device, put down whatever you are doing, and embrace the opportunity to connect in many small but significant ways each and every day.

With a little work, you too can make your marriage marvelous ☺.

~Pastor Phil

<sup>1</sup>Excerpt From: John Gottman Ph.D. & Nan Silver. "The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work." iBooks. <https://itun.es/us/GtdG2.1>

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.



## Grace's Goodies

Coconut Walnut Bread  
*Kirby House Signature Bread*

- 2 cups flour
- 1 3/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4th tsp salt
- 1/4th tsp baking soda
- 1 1/3 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup veg. oil
- 2/3 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 tsp coconut flavor
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Spray bottom of 9X5" loaf pan with non stick cooking spray.
- Mix the dry ingredients in large mixing bowl. Add oil, buttermilk, coconut, eggs, coconut flavor and walnuts to flour mixture. Mix with electric mixer just until ingredients are moistened.
- Pour into prepared pan and bake for 1 hr. and 15 min or until done (toothpick check). Do Not open oven door during baking (to avoid bread sinking in center).
- Cool on wire rack. When cool run knife around edge of pan and remove from pan. Wrap and store in fridge or freezer up to 2 months.
- Do not slice until chilled and firm. After slicing, butter and grill lightly on both sides.

## Kim's Cartoon Pick



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## Tabor Mennonite Church

### Devotional

12 Scriptures  
Joshua 24:14-15

## No Other Gods

Erlene Unruh

To most of us, the thought of worshipping an idol is unthinkable—stupid, even. How could anyone pray to a “thing” made with human hands?

But if we take a moment to contemplate the meaning of the word “idol”, and the word “worship” and how we do it, we need to think again. Through the years people have worshipped nature, and animals, as well as some humans they felt were superior beings. In addition to adoration, most of their worship included offerings, or some form of sacrifice—from money to things to animals, and at times, even child sacrifice. Some even included prostitution and other actions and activities in the name of “giving your all” to what you felt was most important in your life.

An idol has often been described as something so important to you that it takes too much of your time, energy, money, interests, activity, dreams and plans. If it replaces the importance and pleasures of time spent in quietness, meditation, prayer and devotional reading, it becomes an idol.

In today’s world we don’t need to look far to see how many things would qualify for that. Material and physical temptations abound. Distractions, entertainment, pleasures, activities are hurled at us relentlessly, especially via the media. To fortify us against letting them take over our lives, we need to make deliberate choices and decisions and commit ourselves to taking time to keep a warm close relationship with the Lord. This means spending time with him.

Because of our frailty and human tendencies for failure, these commitments need to be renewed time and again. It is an ongoing journey, and it can be a blessed one as it gives our lives their meaning.

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me” must continue to be the guideline for our spiritual lives.

### Happenings at Tabor



*The Hard Hats and Mennograss*



*2nd Graders Receive Bibles*



*Hayrack Ride at Mennoscah*



*Crowds Enjoy Mennograss*



*Building Supervisors*



*Carol & Slickfester at Mennoscah*