

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## Gospel Stories: Mary and Martha

Today we enter the story of Mary and Martha, sisters who dearly loved Jesus, and whom Jesus dearly loved. As we relive this familiar narrative, may we also encounter anew the grace and love of Jesus.

## GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE

John and Laura Goerzen

\*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Peter Goerzen

\*GATHERING HYMN

*“Sweet hour of prayer”* No. 11  
Marcene Entz, accompanist

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *“God is here among us”* No. 16

\*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *“I heard the voice of Jesus say”* John Goerzen

## PROCLAIMING

GOD SIGHTINGS

Esley Schmidt

WORSHIP MUSIC

*“God of the Bible”* Jude Krehbiel,  
Emil Schmidt, John Goerzen

CHILDREN’S STORY

Carol Duerksen and Marcene Entz

SCRIPTURE READING

*Psalm 15* Ron Schroeder  
*Luke 10: 38-42* Pastor Katherine Goerzen

The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*“Choosing the Better Part”* Pastor Rosie Jantz

## RESPONDING

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*“In the morning when I rise”* No. 45 STJ

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

## SENDING

\*SENDING HYMN

*“The love of God”* No. 44 STJ

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Eric and Jill Litwiller and Mary and Ethan Schmidt. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, as well as a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Janna Duerksen.

In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are a visitor to Tabor, please fill out a **Welcome Card** and return it in the offering bag. If you have a prayer request or praise item, please fill out a **Prayer Request Card** and return to a Pastor's mailbox.

**10:45 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone.

**Garden Produce** is available on the table in the food pantry room.  
*Donations for the Tabor Food Pantry are welcome.*

## This Week

### Tuesday, July 19

**9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**—Tabor Mennonite Women meet at MCC work room.  
**10:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting

### Wednesday, July 20

**5:45 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness  
**7:00 p.m.**—TMYF

### Thursday, July 21

*Items for the newsletter are due.*  
**7:00 p.m.**—Christian Education meeting

### Saturday, July 23

**11:00 a.m.**—Memorial Service for Alice Schmidt. Inurnment, Tabor Church Cemetery, 10am.

## Next Sunday, July 24

**9:30 a.m.**— Next Sunday we will hear from Jerrell Williams who is serving with Offender Victim Ministries.

**10:45 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone. Adults will meet with Jerrell Williams in the sanctuary to hear about race injustice in the prison systems.

## OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

**July 10, 2016**

Offering	=	\$ 4,294.60	Attendance	=	153
Adult F.F.	=	\$ 62.10	Attendance	=	55
Jr. F.F.	=	\$ 9.13	Attendance	=	27

## Prayer Requests

*The following requests were shared on Sunday, July 10*

- ★ Pastor Rosie shared a prayer request from Byron Pellecer, Western District Conference Associate Minister in Texas, to join the Dallas congregations and the wider Texas church community in prayer following the shootings in downtown Dallas. "We lament the loss of human lives, and repudiate the acts of violence that have filled the streets and neighborhoods across the country." Lord, hear our prayer for the light of Christ to shine through this darkness.
- ★ Jill Litwiller shared a praise for the way Camp Mennoscah is set up to attend to the wide variety of camper needs during summer camps, and for the opportunity to be part of this vital ministry to children and youth. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Ron Schroeder thanked Eric Litwiller for sharing his faith story during the morning worship service, and encouraged each of us to have courage to share our stories of faith with each other. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ The family of Alice Schmidt as they prepare for Alice's memorial service on Saturday. Lord, hear our prayer for peace and comfort.
- ★ Tabor children attending camp this summer.

## Dates to Remember:

July 29-30: Western District Conference Assembly at Bethel College  
August 5-7: Threshing Days at Goessel  
August 12-13: Mennonite Women USA resourcing event in Denver.  
August 14: Voluntary Service Sunday  
August 18: Tabor Mennonite Women: Bethesda Sharing  
August 28: Mennograss  
September 4: Outreach Community Service event

## Sermon Notes

***Pastor Phil is on sabbatical through August 15. Pastors Rosie and Katherine along with the deacons will be available during this time for pastoral care and concerns.***



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Prelude: 9:15am  
Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Worship: 9:30am

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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