

Vacation Bible School: Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus

Sunday Worship Themes

July 3 - Shout and Sing for Joy Psalm 65; Galatians 5:22-23 Hannah Heinzekehr preaching

July 10 - Faith Sharing
Psalm 66:17-20; Romans 5:2-5
Eric Litwiller sharing

July 17 - Mary and Martha Luke 10:38-42 Pastor Rosie preaching

July 24 - Theme & Scripture

To be determined

Jerrell Williams preaching

July 31 - The Grace of Uncertainty Luke 24:13-24 Dale Schrag preaching

Faith Formation Schedule

July 3 - Finger Food Fellowship Games & Activities for everyone

July 10 - Faith Formation Hour

July 17 - Faith Formation Hour

July 24 - Adults meet with Jerrell Williams

July 31 - Adults meet with Dale Schrag

Tabor Church News

July, 2016

Rosie's Reflections

"You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your heart; You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, soul and mind. You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind."

I loved learning this song in Bible school this year! The children quickly picked up the tune and the motions, and they sang it with enthusiasm. With this song still ringing in my heart, soul and mind, news of the recent shooting in Orlando aired on the evening news. No, no, no! Not another act of violence, terror and hatred. Is this the new normal? It can't be! But how do we stand against these acts? How are we, followers of Jesus, telling a different story, one of loving with heart, soul and mind?

No matter where we are on issues of gun control, same sex relationships or politics, as Anabaptist Christians we stand against hatred and violence. We weep with families and friends who lose loved ones through these atrocious acts. Standing up and speaking out takes faith and courage. What if we become targets? On the other hand, how can we be silent? As a follower of Jesus, we are to live lives that reflect the love and grace of Jesus. How can we wage actions of peace rather than violence; wage actions of love rather than hate; wage actions of shalom justice (giving people what they need) rather than the world's definition of justice (giving people what they deserve)?

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind...you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37&39)

We can't change what happened in Orlando, but we <u>can</u> change ourselves. Now is the time to take this song (which is also one of Tabor's 12 scriptures) to heart, soul and mind.

Here's an experiment to try. Re-read the scriptures **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**, **Matthew 22:34-40**, **Mark 12:28-34**, and **Luke 10:25-37**. What stands out to you? What do you hear God saying to you through these passages? Then, on your walk, or during your quiet time, or while you're driving to work or driving the tractor, listen for God. How is God asking you to love with heart, soul and mind? Maybe it's showing love for a co-worker, a supervisor, a family member, a friend, or neighbor. Try this experiment for a week. If you don't hear anything the first time, don't give up. Keep listening and asking God to show you how to love.

Grace and peace, *Pastor Rosie*

Graduate Recognition



Josh Booth

After my graduation from Bethel I moved into a house in Newton with a few friends who I graduated with (this home just happened to be owned by Brian Voth and Gayle Funk). This summer I am working for Mid America Youth Basketball, and currently in the process of finding a full time job afterwards. My next project will be learning guitar now that I have the time to, and also hope to continue to have a musical presence at Tabor and the Goessel/ Newton community. I appreciate all the support and generosity I have received from this congregation these past four years, and hope to now begin to give some of it back in whatever ways may be needed.

WDC Annual Assembly

There will be many workshops to choose from Saturday afternoon at Western District Conference Annual Assembly, July 29-30 on the Bethel College campus, North Newton.

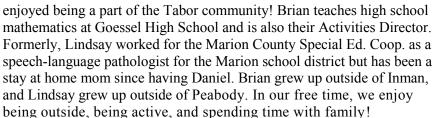
- * discerning local missional options
- history of the relationship between Jews and Mennonites
- * opportunities for creative prayer
- * a nature walk
- * guided Kauffman Museum tour
- * learning about Safe Sanctuaries
- hearing from participants in the recent Israel-Palestine Come and See Tour

Join us for fun, fellowship, and lots of resourcing. For more information and to register, go to: mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2016annualAssembly.

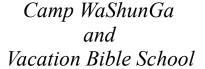


Greetings from Brian, Lindsay, and Daniel Lightner!

We moved into Lee and Phyllis Goertzen's former home caddy-corner from Tabor Mennonite Church last summer and have



-Brian and Lindsay Lightner











Tabor Mennonite Church Devotional 12 Scriptures Colossians 3:12

What To Do About Floyd

-by Carol Duerksen

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

The text message from a friend asked me if I knew of a place that Floyd could rent for a few weeks while he repaired his van and "organized his things." He had stopped at their place on his way from North Carolina to Michigan, and they didn't have room for him.

We offered Floyd our cottage.

Floyd was 76, could work circles around many people, extremely handy with repairs, and a vegetarian. He was anti-government, anti the US banking system, and had some very different ideas about the origin of the people on our planet and where it is all heading. He did not have a permanent home. He lived out of his van, and wherever he could get people to give him a place to stay in exchange for work. His reason to go to Michigan "fell through."

Floyd stayed here a month, doing odd jobs, and my hospitality wore thin. He bought a tent and moved to a nearby lake. When people stole a lot of his things from his campsite, we said he could come back for no more than another month. He stayed two weeks, left for California to do work on a house in exchange for a better van, but he was back the evening he left. His van's transmission was going out.

He bought a train ticket to California and Maynard took him to the depot, waiting several hours for the train to come so he could help Floyd with his heavy suitcases. Floyd's van and worldly possessions that he didn't take with him are still at our farm.

Before he left, Floyd said we were some of his best friends.

I can't say Floyd is even close to being my best friend, and I had lots of negative thoughts about him being here. The question of what to do about Floyd has been one of my biggest spiritual challenges this year. Was he one of "the least of these"? Or was he just a guy who doesn't play by the rules and needs to suffer the consequences?

Before he left, Floyd said we were kind and generous people. In his eyes, we were wearing clothes of compassion and kindness.

I have a feeling this spiritual dilemma is not over. Floyd's stuff is still here. He will probably be back. I hope I will put on the right clothes.



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Summer Faith Formation Finger Foods and Hymn Sing



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	July 1	ly-			1	2
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3 Communion 9:30am Worship 10:45am Finger Food Fellowship and Activities	4	5 10am Staff meeting	6 5:45pm Faithful Fitness 7pm TMYF	7 12pm Newton Lunch Bunch	8	9
9:30am Worship 10:45am CFF 4pm Bethesda Chapel 6pm Community Picnic	11	12 10am Staff meeting	13 5:45pm Faithful Fitness MYF Service Trip to	14 o Kansas City	15	16
17 9:30am Worship 10:45am CFF	18	19 10am Staff meeting 9am - 5pm Tabor Mennonite Women	20 5:45pm Faithful Fitness 7pm TMYF	21 Newsletter Items Due 7pm Christian Education	22	23
24 9:30am Worship 10:45am CFF	25	26 10:00am Staff meeting 12pm Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch	27 5:45pm Faithful Fitness 7pm TMYF	28		C Annual Assembly Bethel College
31 9:30am	Bulletin 2	4nnouncements due 8 a	ı.m.	!	-	

Worship 10:45am CFF Thursday mornings.

ANNIVER SARIES \

/Da	vid & Melissa Kalinoff	July 5,	19 yrs.
/ Lu	ke & Sarah Shorthill Schmidt	July 5,	8 yrs.
Ar	ndrew & Lavonne Hermstein	July 12,	13 yrs.
Jai	mes & Karen Unruh	July 14,	32 yrs.
Da	vid & April Johnson	July 14,	9 yrs.
Ga	rrett & Brittany Hiebert	July 14,	4 yrs.
Ri	chard Drake & Kathy Schroeder	July 15,	39 yrs.
Jin	n & Diana Schmidt	July 16,	39 yrs.
Co	ory & Keri Unruh	July 16,	5 yrs.
Ru	issell & Camille Adrian	July 19,	8 yrs.
Jol	hn & Ruth Peters	July 20,	14 yrs.
Le	s & Cynthia Goerzen	July 21,	42 yrs.
Na	ıthan & Krista Graber	July 21,	9 yrs.
Da	rrell & Venita Schroeder	July 24,	40 yrs.
Da	niel & Melissa Unruh	July 26,	8 yrs.
Le	wis & Carrie Unruh	July 26,	36 yrs.
JJ	& Megan Voth	July 26,	2 yrs.
\ Da	na & Bonnie Gleason	July 27,	47 yrs.
\Th	omas & Tara Cooprider	July 31,	7 yrs. /

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DAYS —
19 - Joyce Booth
20 - Katy Schmidt
Brittany Chiappetti
Miles Banman
22 - Norman Hiebert
23 - Paul Goerzen
Ashley Chambers
24 - Lindsey Buller
25 - Twila Bracy
Peter Graber
26 - John Sperry
Caralee Schmidt
27 - Erlene Unruh
Phil Diller
Nicole Heath
28 - Thurman Entz
Jodi Unruh
Luke Unruh
29 - Pat Schmidt
Randy Gehring
Judy Schmidt
30 - Jerry Toews
31 - Lindsay Banman
Susie Schmidt