



*Vacation Bible School: Surprise!  
Stories of Discovering Jesus*

# 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."*

## 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

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 can 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](http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2016annualAssembly).

## Introducing...

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 enjoyed being a part of the Tabor community! Brian teaches high school mathematics at Goessel High School and is also their Activities Director. Formerly, Lindsay worked for the Marion County Special Ed. Coop. as a speech-language pathologist for the Marion school district but has been a stay at home mom since having Daniel. Brian grew up outside of Inman, and Lindsay grew up outside of Peabody. In our free time, we enjoy being outside, being active, and spending time with family!

-Brian and Lindsay Lightner



## Camp WaShunGa and Vacation Bible School





## 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.



Summer Faith Formation  
Finger Foods and Hymn Sing



Summer Faith Formation

# TABOR CHURCH CALENDAR



July

						1	2
						Tabor Serves at Harvey County Homeless Shelter ←	
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	
10 9:30am Worship 10:45am CFF 4pm Bethesda Chapel 6pm Community Picnic	11	12 10am Staff meeting	13 5:45pm Faithful Fitness	14	15	16	
TMYF Service Trip to Kansas City							
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	29	30	
						WDC Annual Assembly @ Bethel College ←	
31 9:30am Worship  10:45am CFF	Bulletin Announcements due 8 a.m. Thursday mornings.						
ANNIVERSARIES							
BIRTHDAYS							
1 - Jo-Ann Schmidt Brad Hiebert 2 - Ty Buller Sarah Booth 19 - Joyce Booth 20 - Katy Schmidt Brittany Chiappetti Miles Banman							

## ANNIVERSARIES

David & Melissa Kalinoff	July 5,	19 yrs.
Luke & Sarah Shorthill Schmidt	July 5,	8 yrs.
Andrew & Lavonne Hermstein	July 12,	13 yrs.
James & Karen Unruh	July 14,	32 yrs.
David & April Johnson	July 14,	9 yrs.
Garrett & Brittany Hiebert	July 14,	4 yrs.
Richard Drake & Kathy Schroeder	July 15,	39 yrs.
Jim & Diana Schmidt	July 16,	39 yrs.
Cory & Keri Unruh	July 16,	5 yrs.
Russell & Camille Adrian	July 19,	8 yrs.
John & Ruth Peters	July 20,	14 yrs.
Les & Cynthia Goerzen	July 21,	42 yrs.
Nathan & Krista Graber	July 21,	9 yrs.
Darrell & Venita Schroeder	July 24,	40 yrs.
Daniel & Melissa Unruh	July 26,	8 yrs.
Lewis & Carrie Unruh	July 26,	36 yrs.
JJ & Megan Voth	July 26,	2 yrs.
Dana & Bonnie Gleason	July 27,	47 yrs.
Thomas & Tara Coopridner	July 31,	7 yrs.

## BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jo-Ann Schmidt	19 - Joyce Booth
Brad Hiebert	20 - Katy Schmidt
2 - Ty Buller	Brittany Chiappetti
Sarah Booth	Miles Banman
3 - Kami Froese	22 - Norman Hiebert
4 - Brenda (Van) Schmidt	23 - Paul Goerzen
6 - Richard Neufeld	Ashley Chambers
Loyd Kennedy	24 - Lindsey Buller
Joyce Watts	25 - Twila Bracy
Dawson Schroeder	Peter Graber
8 - Harlin Unruh	26 - John Sperry
Josh (Fred/Brenda) Schmidt	Caralee Schmidt
Riley Graber	27 - Erlene Unruh
9 - Oliver Goerzen	Phil Diller
Trey Gaddis	Nicole Heath
12 - David Brandt	28 - Thurman Entz
13 - Warren Schmidt	Jodi Unruh
Luke Schmidt	Luke Unruh
14 - Kathie Wills	29 - Pat Schmidt
15 - Doris Unruh	Randy Gehring
Mark Smith	Judy Schmidt
16 - Ethan Schmidt	30 - Jerry Toews
18 - Russ Duerksen	31 - Lindsay Banman
Kolton Lare	Susie Schmidt
Stephan Nickel	