

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## Stories of Service

We are salt for the earth and light of the world. This morning we are celebrating the ways that so many gifted people from within our congregation have let the light of Christ shine through their service and good works.



## GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE "True Evangelical Faith" -Larry Nickel Marcene Entz

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Leann Toews  
from the writings of Menno Simons

\*GATHERING HYMN "Longing for light" No. 54 STJ

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise, I will praise you, Lord" No. 76

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

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PROCLAIMING

WORSHIP MUSIC "How Great Thou Art" -Stuart K. Hine Mandy Funk  
Sarah Keller

CHILDREN'S STORY Krista Graber

SCRIPTURE READINGS James 2: 14-17 Katy Schmidt  
Matthew 5: 13-16 Eric Litwiller

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

SHARING SERVICE STORIES Eric Litwiller and Karina Brandt  
Eunice and Kenton Nickel  
Phyllis and Lee Goertzen

## RESPONDING

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Take my life" No. 389

OFFERING OUR GIFTS No. 751

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen  
Youth Group Service Trip Sharing

## SENDING

\*SENDING HYMN "You are salt for the earth" No. 226

\*BENEDICTION No. 763

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 Eunice and Kenton Nickel and family and Carrie and Mark Smith and family. *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 Pam Abrahams.

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. Adults will meet in the sanctuary where various Mennonite Church Service Agencies will share. Individuals from the congregation are invited to share about service experiences as well.

**Noon**—Potluck meal for everyone. There will be a basket available to give donations to our Mission Partners, the Smith Derksen's. Please make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with Mission Partners on the memo line. If you are not able to stay for the potluck and would still like to donate, please place your donation in Brent Abrahams' mailbox.

**Garden Produce** is available on the table in the foyer hallway. *Donations for the Tabor Food Pantry are welcome.*

## This Week

*Pastor Rosie is on vacation through August 27.*

### Tuesday, August 16

**10:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting (*Pastor Phil returns from sabbatical*)

### Wednesday, August 17

**5:45 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness

### Thursday, August 18

**Newsletter items are due**

**7:00 p.m.**—Tabor Mennonite Women Sharing at Bethesda

## OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

**August 7, 2016**

Offering	= \$ 4,419.25	Attendance	= 137
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## Budget Update:

Goal for 8-7-16 = \$184,009.32

Actual giving through 8-7-16 = \$151,241.92

Giving needed per 16 remaining Sundays in fiscal year = \$7,096.82

## Next Sunday, August 21

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday the theme will be “Geography of Faith.” and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

**10:45 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone. Children’s Faith Formation Field Trip to Harvey County Homeless Shelter.

## Prayer Requests

*The following requests were shared on Sunday, August 7.*

- ★ Pam Abrahams invited people to consider teaching one of the children's classes this coming year during the Sunday morning Faith Formation hour. Thanks be to God for those who've said "yes," and Lord, hear our prayer for more people to use their gifts in this way.
- ★ Denise Nickel shared a praise for Tabor's rich history of voluntary service through the Mennonite service agencies as well as other organizations that bring relief, renewal and hope. Thanks be to God for these opportunities to serve Christ in these ways.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Those individuals in our midst who continue to deal with health issues or declining health. Pray for healing, comfort and peace. Lord hear our prayer.
- ★ Students and teachers as they anticipate the beginning of a new school year. May they find joy these last days of summer vacation and excitement as they look forward to reconnecting with friends, meeting new friends, and coming together in new classes. Thanks be to God!
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Caring Quilts are home.

## Dates to Remember:

August 28: Mennograss  
August 31: Faith Formation and Wednesday Evening teacher in-service  
September 4: Outreach Community Service event  
September 10: Garage Sale to benefit Facilities Fund  
September 11: Faith Formation Dedication  
September 11: Tabor leads chapel at Bethesda  
September 9-11: Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah  
September 19: Tabor Mennonite Women: Potluck and Recipe Exchange  
September 28 - October 4: Tabor serves at Homeless Shelter  
October 2: World Communion Sunday  
October 5: Wednesday Evening ministries begin



## Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am      Worship: 9:30am  
Fellowship Time: 10:30am      Faith Formation: 10:45am

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