

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Vacation Bible School Celebration Service

Children spent the week digging for treasures in Jesus' parables. At first, Jesus' parables seem simple. However, it turns out that the parables have a greater meaning beyond what we first see. We hope you discover a treasure in his words as you worship with us today.

GATHERING AND PRAYING

PRELUDE Bryan Moyer Suderman Song

PROCESSIONAL *"The Sower"* VBS Children

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP Eunice Nickel
Congregational Response: **"For God is love"**

PRAYER

*CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"* Screen

GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGING OUR PRAISE *"If You Have Ears Listen"* VBS Children
"Come Praise the Lord"
1 John 4: 7-9

HEARING GOD'S WORD

It's a Secret: God will help us understand
"God is With Us" Preschool Classes

Listen Up: God's Word can grow in us
"Sower & the Seed Parable" 2nd - 3rd Grade Class

It's Growing: Small things can become great with God
"When Small Things Become Great" 4th - 6th Grade Class

Found It: God loves us
"Lost Sheep and Coin Parable" Kindergarten - 1st Grade

Just Ask: When we seek and ask, God is with us
"Just Ask" VBS Drama Team

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *"Seek Ye First"* No. 324

CAMP MENNOSCAH OFFERING PROJECT Sarahanne Unruh

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *"When God's in Charge"* VBS Worship Team
Red offering bags: Tabor Church Budget / Gift bags: VBS project

DIGGING FOR TREASURE: PARABLES REVEALED Picture Slideshow

CAMP WASHUNGA SHARING

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

SENDING

SENDING SONG *"Peace Be With You"* VBS Children

*RECESSIONAL *"Come, Walk With Us"* No. 2 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 Rod and Ilona Abrahams and Bill and Sherry Unruh. *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 Carrie Unruh.

In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are visiting 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.

11:30 a.m.—Picnic in the Tabor Church Park.

This Week

Tuesday, June 13

10:00 a.m. —Staff meeting

7:00 p.m.—Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, June 14

5:30—Faithful Fitness

Next Sunday, June 18

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we will continue with our summer worship series: "Anabaptist Essentials." Our theme will be *Community is the Center of our Life* and our focus will be Camp Mennoscah with Michael Unruh preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. Adults will meet in the sanctuary to hear more about Camp Mennoscah from Michael Unruh, Executive Director.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, June 4.

- ★ Pastor Rosie prayed a prayer of blessing for the many adults and children who would be participating in Bible School at Tabor in the coming week.
- ★ Jason Unruh requested prayers for the Bethesda Board as they discern next steps in light of the Bethesda CEO, Eric Schrag's decision to move on to a new position at Bethel College. Lord, hear our prayer for the Bethesda Board in this time of transition. Thanks be to God for Eric's many years of fruitful work with Bethesda.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Tabor children attending camp this summer.
- ★ Those participating in the wheat harvest this year. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The many children, youth, and adults who helped make Bible School such a joyful and energetic time this past week! Thanks be to God for the many ways that God is at work in our community!

The VBS offering project this year is for Camp Mennoscah. For over 25 years "the whale" at camp has been one of the primary places at camp to stay active. Whether it be climbing the ladder, jumping platforms or sliding down the slides, thousands of children have enjoyed playing there. Due to safety, Camp Mennoscah is replacing the old whale with a new play structure. Our money will help fund this project.

The gifts the children brought for the offering project this week totaled \$511.37! There is opportunity for you to make donations to this project during the offering time this morning. Please make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with 'VBS Project' on the memo line.

Thank you to Eunice Nickel and Sarahanne Unruh for the leadership they provided to make VBS the wonderful experience it was for the children again this year. Thank you to all the teachers, leaders and volunteers for their creativity and enthusiasm. Thanks to our custodian, Camille Adrian, for the extra hours she worked to keep the rooms and church ready for VBS each day. A special thanks to the children for their eagerness to learn and play, and to the parents for sharing their children with us.

Dates to Remember:

June 25: Receiving New Members, Communion

Goessel Community Picnic, Young Adult picnic in Tabor Church Park

July 2: Fellowship Event: Picnic in the Park

July 4-8: Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando, FL

July 18: Tabor Mennonite Women at MCC Center

July 19-25: Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter

August 4-6: Western District Conference Annual Assembly

August 27: Mennogress

September 8-10: Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

September 16-17: Tabor Church Campout at Mennoscah

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

June 4, 2017

Offering	= \$ 3,726.50	Attendance	= 143
Adult F.F.	= \$ 19.00	Attendance	= 59
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 3.05	Attendance	= 15

Announcements and conference prayer requests are on the announcements page, which was either emailed to you or can be found in your church mailbox. Additional copies can be found in the literature rack.



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Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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