



*Hospitality, Healing, and Hope*

# Tabor Church News

October, 2017

## Sunday Worship Themes

### October 1 -

**Vision: Shared Stories of Future Hope**  
*Come and Eat!*

*(World Communion Sunday)*

Isaiah 55:1-13; Revelation 22:1-5  
Pastor Katherine preaching

### October 8 -

**Vision: Shared Stories of Future Hope**  
*The Light of the Lord*

Isaiah 60:19-22; Revelation 21:22-26  
Pastor Phil preaching

### October 15 -

**Vision: Shared Stories of Future Hope**  
*New Heavens and New Earth*

Isaiah 65:17-25; Revelation 21:1-4  
Pastor Phil preaching

### October 22 -

**Music and Spirituality:**  
*Great Day of Singing*

Psalms 96  
Pastor Phil preaching

### October 29 -

**Music and Spirituality:**  
TBD

Pastor Phil preaching



## Phil's Ponderings: "Leadership Coaching"

Thanks to the generous support of the Tabor Deacons, I spent the week of September 18-22 participating in a Leadership Coach Intensive training at the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) in Wichita. According to the International Coach Federation, "Coaching is partnering with clients in a thought-provoking and creative process that inspires them to maximize their personal and professional potential." As I reflected on this and other definitions of coaching, I began to see several overlaps between coaching and pastoring. For example, if I look at the above definition of coaching from the perspective of pastoring, I could say, "Pastoring is partnering with a congregation in a spirit-led, thought-provoking, and creative process that inspires the community of faith to maximize their personal, communal, and spiritual potential." This way of thinking energizes me!

Throughout the week, I learned much about the concepts and practice of coaching. In addition to the above definition of coaching, some other aspects of coaching that especially gave me energy included:

- The "Coach's Stand": having a mindset that each person is whole, complete, and has what he or she needs to make progress on whatever life challenge they are facing. Likewise, my "Pastor's Stand" could be having the mindset that each person is made in the good image of God and God's Spirit dwells within the whole faith community. Thus, Tabor Mennonite Church has everything it needs to make progress on living out our collective mission together.
- Practicing Presence: learning to be fully present with people through active and deep listening. Part of deep listening includes listening with one's head, heart, and gut. As a Pastor, I believe that deep listening also means listening to what God's Spirit is up to in our lives and in our world.
- Asking Powerful Questions: asking good open-ended questions that help people dig deeper into their challenge and discover new ways to move forward and make progress. As a Pastor, I hope to incorporate asking more powerful questions into all areas of my ministry, including conversations, meetings, and sermons.

These are just a few highlights of what I learned and reflected on at this KLC training. If you are interested in hearing more about what I learned or how I hope to put it into practice at Tabor, I would love to visit with you! Also, if you are interested in exploring the possibility of joining me in a more formal coach-coachee relationship, please let me know.

~Peace, Pastor Phil

## Wednesdays at Tabor Opening Night Schedule October 4, 2017

5:45 pm -- Supper for everyone



6:30 pm --

- Skit - Detective Diego & friends
- Parents & children sign the Covenant
- Meet the teachers & go to classrooms
- 3 Choirs: Age 3-4; K-grade 2;  
Grade 3-5
- Parents sign release forms &  
wait for dismissal from choirs

7:15 pm -- Dismissal

### Pastor Rosie Jantz Sabbatical

In May, Pastor Rosie completed her 4th year as our associate Pastor which, according to her memo of understanding, makes her eligible for a sabbatical. Pastor Rosie has submitted sabbatical plans to the Deacon board and sabbatical will take place December 1, 2017 - March 1, 2018. The deacons support her plans and Pastor Rosie will share these plans in the November Newsletter.

~Ron Schroeder, Deacon Chair.

## Rosie's Reflections

**Circle Wednesdays beginning October 4!** Of course we know that every day is a day that the Lord has made, however, the first Wednesday in October is what many have been waiting for, some with great anticipation. Recently I've had questions about when Wednesdays at Tabor begin. Some even questioned why we wait until October to get started. I don't have a good answer, but it's a question I will take to our next Christian Education meeting.

So what is it about Wednesdays at Tabor that has people excited to get going? Well, I can think of one thing right away – **supper!** You can close your home kitchen on Wednesdays and come to Tabor. It's a good deal for the pocket-book too! We only ask for a few dollars per person each week to keep the cash flowing for the next week's groceries. If it's the only thing you do, come for supper, mingle with adults and children, and get a delicious meal prepared by Keith Banman or some of our other capable Tabor "chefs."

**Another good reason** to come to Tabor on Wednesdays is to learn and grow together in our Christian walk. This year we're excited about a new children's curriculum, written by our own Carol Duerksen, along with Susan Nafziger from Alexanderwohl, and including illustrations by Aaron Ratzlaff from New Creation. The curriculum uses the theme of being Detectives of Divinity (based on the song by Bryan Moyer Suderman), and every session is a Bible story that invites children to look for God's activity in the story and in their own lives. And here's a bonus for everyone coming to supper. We'll get a sneak peek into the lesson theme through a skit during the last 5 minutes of supper. Be looking for a certain "Detective" who will help magnify the storyline each week. **You won't want to miss it!**

Wednesdays at Tabor has something for everyone whether you're 3 or 93:

\*eating together \*visiting/catching up \*clean up/washing dishes \*caring for 2 year olds & babies \*assisting with a class \*participating in bible study \*singing in children & adult choirs, youth group (TMYF), etc.

**See the schedule and times listed in this newsletter. Please join us for a wonderful new year of Wednesdays at Tabor! See you October 4!**

~Grace and peace, Pastor Rosie

## Katherine's Candor

I am grateful for the beautiful changing of the seasons that we have here in Kansas. And as the air turns cooler and the leaves begin to change color and drop from the trees, we are heading into my favorite time of year. As a new school year and new season of Wednesday Night begins, I am again grateful for an opportunity to connect with the amazing young people of our congregation. When I see their passion for faith, their hearts for service, and their sense of call to follow Jesus, I experience a deep sense of hope in how God's Spirit is moving in the church.

As this new school year begins, I have several opportunities to connect with young people in a meaningful way. I am looking forward to the new young adult Faith Formation class that I am teaching and the opportunities to connect with young adults through meals that follow. I am excited for a new youth group year and for the service, fellowship, discussions of faith and delving into the Scriptures that lie ahead. And as a parent, I am grateful for opportunities to see my own children's faith growth because of the ways they are being nurtured by our congregation through music and connecting with God's story.



I have said it before and I'm sure I will say it countless times again: We have amazing young people in our congregation who are already contributing to the life and witness of our congregation in profound ways. I would encourage all of us to look for ways to encourage, nurture, and pray for them so that they will continue to be built up in faith, hope, and love for God and God's creation. Thanks be to God!

~Pastor Katherine

## Karina Brandt: Journey International

On September 2, Karina Brandt received a blessing from Tabor Church as she left for Quito, Ecuador to serve with Mennonite Mission Network's Journey International.

Two weeks ago the new team of Journey International volunteers arrived in Quito: Karina, Quinn, and Shannon. They will be working in Ecuador, supporting the church there for the next 10 months. Delicia and Peter have received them in their house and have put them directly to work helping Delicia with a new project. Making diapers!!

The reality is that in Latin America, and especially refugee families, babies don't get the luxury of so many diaper changes a day, and families will usually just change diapers a few times a day. This means babies are more likely to get rashes and infections.

Together with the Refugee Project at the Quito Mennonite Church a small project to supply cloth reusable diapers to refugee families with babies and small toddlers has begun. The plan is to help families by giving them diapers that they can use over and over again, and even pass on to future siblings or relatives, to keep disposables (the Refugee Project had been giving about 15 disposable diapers a month to families previously) out of the trash, and a third part of this approach has been to give some small employment to a few refugee women.



*Karina pictured far right*





## Tabor Church Campout 2017



## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Norma Helen Voth Martinez of Goessel, KS passed away on June 15, 2017. She was born on August 9, 1924, to the late Henry F. and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Voth. Her siblings included Alfred, Marna, Lila and Ernie. Norma was baptized on May 12, 1940, at Tabor Mennonite Church by Reverend P. H. Richert. Norma graduated from Goessel High School where she and her sister Marna were cheerleaders for the Blue Birds. After high school, Norma moved to Hutchinson to attend nursing school at Grace Memorial Hospital. On June 15, 1943, the United States Cadet Nurse Corps was established by the U.S. Congress, and signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on July 1, 1943. Its purpose was to ensure that the country had enough nurses to care for its citizens at home and abroad during World War II. Norma was admitted into the Corps on September 18, 1943. Also, while she was a student at Grace she met her future husband, Roland from San Antonio, Texas, who was stationed with the Navy in Hutchinson. They exchanged wedding vows in Hutchinson on March 23, 1945, and after she graduated as a Registered Nurse and Roland was discharged from the service, they moved to Aurora, Illinois. Norma worked at several hospitals and the TB center before settling at Copley Memorial Hospital where she worked for more than 30 years. She and Roland had two daughters, Kristin and Marcia. Norma admitted that she didn't like to cook but she loved to bake—loaves of bread, zwieback, pies, cakes, peppernuts and lots and lots of cookies. Family, friends, and neighbors got to test new recipes. Norma and Roland lived in Aurora for more than 50 years before moving to West Chicago, Illinois to be closer to Kristin. Throughout their 54 years of marriage, they traveled extensively throughout the 50 states. Even though Norma lived in Illinois for almost 60 years, Kansas was always home. After Roland passed away in 1999 and Kris retired, Norma and Kris moved to Payson, Arizona. Norma enjoyed living in the mountains of Arizona and on her early morning walks would see elk and javelina and would track the morning star. The church that Norma attended in Payson offered an after-school program for students K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There, once a week, “Grandma Norma” would read stories to the younger children. Wherever Norma lived she always became involved in a Bible study group. In 2012, Norma returned to Kansas, moved into a Bethesda singleplex, and joyously rejoined Tabor Mennonite Church.



She is survived by her daughters, Kristin Mosier (Kevin Wheeler) of Payson, Arizona, and Marcia D'Arcy (Dan) and granddaughter Elizabeth of Colonia, New Jersey. Norma is also survived by her sister, Lila Harris of rural Newton, brother Ernie (Rose) of Buffalo Mills, Pennsylvania, sister-in-law, Rosie Voth of Hesston and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends. She was preceded in death by Roland, her husband of 54 years (1999), brother Alfred Voth and sister Marna Abrahams.