



*Were not our hearts on fire?
WDC Annual Assembly 2018*

Sunday Worship Themes

**August 5 - Reading the Bible with
Jesus: Jesus' Final Days/Hours
Communion**

Luke 22:14-23; 23:44-49
Pastor Phil preaching

**August 12 - Reading the Bible with
Jesus: Summary**

Luke 24: 27, 45
Pastor Phil preaching

**August 19 - Acts of the Apostles
Acts 1**

Pastor Phil preaching

**August 26 - Acts of the Apostles
Teacher Dedication**

Acts 2
Pastor Katherine preaching

Summer Faith Formation

Children: God's Creation

August 5 - Finger Food Fellowship

August 12 - Vine and Branches

August 19 - Sower and Seed

August 26 - Celebrating the Harvest

Adults: Preventing Gun Violence

August 5 - Finger Food Fellowship

**August 12 - Policy Solutions to Break a
Deadly Cycle; Getting Involved and
Taking Action**

August 19 - Reflections and Review

**August 26 - One Life at a Time:
The Michael J. Sharp Story**

Tabor Church News

August, 2018

Phil's Ponderings: "Burning Hearts!"

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)

"Burning Hearts" was the theme of this year's Western District Conference (WDC) Annual Assembly. Now, as I look back on the full weekend of conference activities, I resonate even more deeply with this theme. Throughout the gatherings, worship times, and Bible studies, I found my heart burning. I recognized God's presence alive and working in my life and in the community of God's people gathered together for Assembly. Here are some ways that I experienced my heart burning:

- During the Minister's Afternoon Apart, I was inspired by thinking about the Bible as an Adventure Book that describes God's vision for creation.
- During opening worship here at Tabor, I was energized by the music leadership of the Goessel Mennonite praise team and the opportunity to celebrate communion with people from across the conference.
- During the "Reading the Bible with Jesus" Bible study times with Bryan Moyer Suderman, I was amazed to see new connections within scripture and how Jesus fulfilled, focused, and even reframed pieces from the Hebrew Scriptures.
- During Delegate Sessions, I was honored to be welcomed onto the Executive Board of Western District Conference, and I look forward to working with others who are passionate about furthering the mission of WDC.
- During the workshop I attended, I was intrigued to find out more about the Mennonite Church USA "Journey Forward" process and look forward to inviting Tabor to join in this process in the near future.
- During Sunday morning worship at Alexanderwohl, I was moved by the opportunity to sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" with many other people from across the conference, and I was touched by Bryan's sermon, which was deeply meaningful and personal.
- Overall, throughout the weekend, my heart burned as I reflected on several ideas of how to experience growth along the journey of faith: in my individual life, in our church's life, and in the life of the conference and denomination.

These are just a few ways that I felt my heart burning with God's Spirit throughout WDC Assembly. For those who attended parts of Assembly, I hope that you also found your hearts burning, and I invite you to reflect on how God's Spirit is calling and inspiring you.

May our great God of love inspire each of us, and all of us together, to participate more fully in God's reconciling mission on earth.

Peace, Pastor Phil

MENNOGRASS 2018

Featuring:



AUGUST
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Tabor Church Park
5:30pm - Supper Served
6:00-8:00pm - Music

Everyone is welcome!



**Community
Service Sunday:
September 16**

Saturday Camping
Sunday Breakfast
"Sending Out"
Service Projects
Noon Meal

If you, or someone you know, could use help with a project, there will be opportunity to make a request. Sign up sheets for various projects will be posted in September. These projects will be 'Worshipful Work' and will take the place of our regular worship service at Tabor on that Sunday. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins and announcements.

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Katherine's Candor

I feel blessed whenever the church, despite differing geographic locations, differing life experiences, and even differing languages, can gather as a people to worship God together. What a holy thing to gather as a body of believers from all over Western District Conference to lift up our voices and hands in praise to our God who is above all and in all! Some of my highlights from this gathering include: Jose Suastegui's worship leading on Friday evening; hearing testimony from Spanish-speaking congregations about the fears they live with on a daily basis, as well as the ways that they continue to experience God's leading and presence; hearing God's Word and good news proclaimed in both Spanish and English (which calls to mind for me God's Spirit descending upon the early church in Acts 2); entering into Bible Study and song led by Bryan Moyer Suderman; having an opportunity to connect with fellow believers and disciples from around Western District.

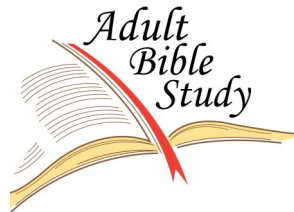
I wish to leave you, my dear brothers and sisters, with the same words that closed the delegate session this year: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6).

~Pastor Katherine

Rosie's Reflections:

As I reflect on Western District Conference Assembly, I'm filled with deep appreciation for all my brothers and sisters who gathered from Texas to Nebraska. The culminating Sunday morning service at Alexanderwohl was deeply moving for me as Bryan Moyer Suderman lead us through Mark 10:46-52. Bryan's unique style of blending scripture and song gave me new insight into the story of Jesus healing blind Bartimaeus. The crowd wanted to silence Bartimaeus' cries, but Jesus ordered their stern words of silence into words of invitation, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you" (v. 49). Although Bartimaeus was blind, it seems he "saw" Jesus more clearly than the crowd who followed him. Who am I in this story? Where do you see yourself? Are we the silencing crowd, blind Bartimaeus crying out for mercy, or are we like Jesus who sees a need and responds with healing and hope? May we dare to throw off our blinders and open our eyes to the needs of others. "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."

~Pastor Rosie



Tabor Weekly Bible Study began on Wednesday, August 1, from 8-9pm. Studies will continue on Wednesday evenings looking at the scripture texts for the upcoming Sunday. Passages to be studied in August will be from the book of Acts. Join this group as together we learn about the scriptures and prepare for worship!



Reflections from WDC Assembly

One way to describe WDC Assembly this year is that there was a lot of it in a short amount of time. Friday evening was a wonderful worship service at Tabor. Then, between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday there were three Bible studies, two delegate sessions, two meals, two sponsored breaks, an hour of workshops, a concert and after-Assembly party. The Sunday morning worship at Alexanderwohl featured raise-the-roof hymn singing as only a church-full of Mennonites can do, and insightful Bible study as only Bryan Moyer Suderman can do.

Highlights for me included the singing, talking with new and old friends, helping lead a workshop on Detectives of Divinity (where Marcene Entz, Karen Andres and Aaron Ratzlaff starred in their acting roles), and realizing how much there is to be learned from an intense Bible study when led by someone who has done their homework. I am thankful to be a part of WDC.

~Carol Duerksen

As a WDC staff member, this was my 15th Annual Assembly. I work with lots of details before, during and after Assembly. One of my jobs is registering everyone that comes to Assembly, so I get to know lots of people in this way. It was a joy to see Tabor so full of people at the Friday evening worship service

~Nancy Funk

I was proud to be a delegate for Tabor Mennonite Church to the WDC Annual Assembly. The whole experience of which I was a part gave me perspective of the larger Mennonite Church.

Ms. Heidi Regier Kreider, impressed me so with her nine points of focus for her job as Conference Minister for WDC. I so liked her emphasis and while I will not spell out all of them, let me highlight a few of which blend so well with my theology. Do remember this is my edit of her words.

1. Support and accept all kinds of people, races, denominations, religions, for we are all one in Christ.
2. Be generous, give and give, for believe it will come back to YOU.
3. Use your church buildings creatively so many activities and variety and functions can serve many.

Yes, who Heidi is and what she does gave me much hope for the marching forward of WDC.

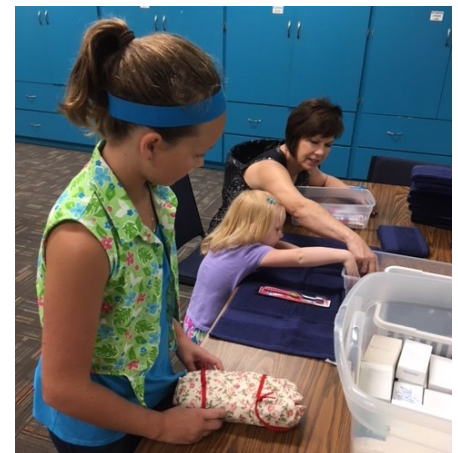
~ Evie Schmidt



Tabor Mennonite Women

About 12 Tabor Mennonite Women (and 2 girls) worked at the MCC Resource Center on July 17 from 9:00-12:00. We assembled Hygiene Kits, tied 1 1/2 comforters, recycled books, put strings in relief bags, folded finished comforters, and cut fabric squares for comforters. Ruby Graber led the devotions during our break time.

~Sharon Adrian, reporting



Tabor Mennonite Church 2018 Budget Goals

Quarterly Giving Goals:	Actual Giving:
4th quarter : \$272,796 Ends November 30	
3rd quarter : \$204,597 Ends August 31	\$142,442 As of July 31
2nd quarter : \$136,398 Ended May 31	
1st quarter : \$ 68,199 Ended February 28	

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Corbin John Gleason was born on Sunday, September 14, 1980, 2:00 p.m. at Bethel Hospital in Newton, Kansas. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

Corbin enjoyed nature and even raised little field bunnies in the house. From the time Corbin was small, he enjoyed the outdoors. He participated in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and earned his Eagle Scout award with many merit badges. He was involved in numerous projects to earn his Eagle Scout Award.

Corbin's love of big dogs was reflected in his many four legged furry friends: Kelly and Pepper, Frosty, Happy, Peabody, Dudley and Big Max--as Corbin called him. Dudley followed Corbin to the bus every morning and was again waiting for him on his return from school.

As a child, he loved T-Ball and baseball, playing out in the hot Kansas summers every year. As a teenager, he traveled the Midwest, playing MAYB basketball tournaments, forming many friendships.

Corbin attended Kinder Haus Preschool and his education continued at Goessel Grade School. He graduated from Goessel High School in 1999. He participated in football, basketball and track all four years of high school. He earned "All State Kicker", First Team, 8 Man Division I, for 1997 and 1998.

Corbin was diagnosed with Type I diabetes in July, 1985 at the age of five. Corbin was the local Diabetes Poster Child and won a bicycle (he named SPEEDY) for collecting the most donations for the American Diabetes Fund.

Living next door to Grandpa and Grandma Frey, Corbin spent many hours at their home. Grandma and Corbin played games together, mostly outside. He enjoyed hearing Grandpa tell stories how the coyotes would follow him while working his fields. On a return trip home from visiting relatives in Washington, while still at the Wichita airport, Corbin asked his Grandmother if she had a zwiebach in her purse. Grandma really hated to turn him down.

Corbin attended one year at Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kansas, then transferred to Wichita Area Technical College to receive his certification in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC). While attending school, he tried his hand as a chef, working at Applebee's in Newton and Andover. Later he was a chef at Outback Steakhouse in Wichita.

Corbin realized working his way up the ranks in HVAC would take many years. He soon started working at Case New Holland out of Wichita and was introduced to heavy equipment operation and continued on in this field. He worked for various construction companies in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Corbin enjoyed his job the most when he was operating heavy equipment that had tires larger than his 6 foot 3 inch frame... the larger the better.

In March, 2010, Corbin and Julie Deeter were married in Newton, Kansas. After living in Whitewater, they soon moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where Corbin began a new job as a heavy equipment operator. Gracie Sue was born in Tulsa on January 24, 2012.

Corbin moved to Houston, Texas in November of 2016 to start a new job. He and Christine Peet were married in Tulsa on December 3, 2016. Christine had recently graduated for the University of Houston and was employed as a teacher in the Houston school system.

When Corbin came to visit his parents, he and Gracie enjoyed playing Hide and Seek or just hanging out together. He brought her a new bicycle and helmet the last time he was home. Gracie loved playing games with her Daddy or just being together.

After Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, Corbin was part of his church group that walked from house to house asking residents what could be done to help make their life easier.

Corbin was considered the "Trash Valet" for his second floor apartment neighbors. Leaving his apartment early in the morning, unknown to his neighbors, he picked up their trash lying outside their doors, and hauled it to the trash receptacle.

Earlier this year, Corbin answered an Alter Call to accept Christ as his personal Savior. Shortly after this, he was baptized. As his family, we know his heart and soul are with the Lord and he will forever worship at the feet of his Lord and Savior.

Corbin has always been a brave soul, he once again proved this by passing away in a gentle state--knowing he was going to be with his Lord and Savior.



~Dana and Bonnie Gleason