



Sunday Worship Themes

Oct. 7 - We Are Witnesses:

Scattering and Proclaiming
World Communion Sunday
Acts 8
Pastor Phil preaching

Oct. 14 - We Are Witnesses:

The Damascus Road
Acts 9
Pastor Katherine preaching

Oct. 21 - We Are Witnesses:

Cornelius and Peter
Acts 10
Pastor Phil preaching

Oct. 28 - We Are Witnesses:

Ministry Report
Acts 11
Pastor Phil preaching



Welcome to Wednesday Evening Ministries!

Come enjoy supper
October 3, beginning at 5:45 pm
Tabor Church Park

*Bring lawn chairs or blankets and
wiener sticks.*

**Family/small group
photo scavenger hunt.**

*Parents please attend if possible.
Bring a camera or phone.*

We plan to be finished between
7:15 and 7:30.

(In the fellowship hall if raining.)

Tabor Church News

October, 2018

Rosie's Reflections:

I'm excited for October for a variety of reasons, but the main reason is that it's the beginning of Tabor's Wednesday evening ministries! There's something for everyone on *Wednesdays at Tabor*! Each evening begins with Faithful Fitness, followed by a delicious supper and children scampering off to choirs, classes, crafts, service, and activities. Many adults are involved in teaching, leading, and assisting the children throughout the evening. After cleaning up from supper, adults can join adult choir, followed by adult Bible study. Check the schedule for times, and mark your calendars for opening night activities on Wednesday, **October 3!**

Beginning October 10, the regular schedule begins. Children ranging from 3 years old to Kindergarten age will meet together with their teachers for Bible stories and activities from the "Play, Pray and Hooray" curriculum. Grades 1-5 will be hearing and exploring new stories from the "Detectives of Divinity" curriculum, with a new twist being implemented this year. As the teachers, helpers and children plunge into the Bible stories each week, the vocation of the main character will be explored and brought to life. Special guests are being invited each week to share their knowledge, expertise, and passion in that occupation. Activities and crafts will reinforce the biblical story and message of the week.

I'm excited for these opportunities to be together this year. May we all find time to participate in *Wednesdays at Tabor* in some way; and may God's love and grace be understood by young and old alike as we eat, learn, sing and pray together each week!

~Pastor Rosie



Tabor Mennonite Church

Wednesday Evening Schedule

- 5:20-6:20 p.m. Faithful Fitness
- 5:45-6:30 p.m. Supper
- 6:30-6:45 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 6:45-7:30 p.m. Faith Friends (ages 3-grade 2)
- 6:45-7:45 p.m. Faith Adventure (grades 3-5)
- Youth Explorers (grades 6-8)
- Youth Group
- Adult Choir
- Adult Bible Study

Gearing up
for
Wednesday
nights





Tabor Mennonite Women

The Tabor Mennonite Women met the afternoon of September 19 from 1-4 pm. The seven ladies that came did a great job of tying five comforters for MCC.

~Sharon Adrian, reporting



Phil's Ponderings: "Practicing Peace"

I am very excited for the start of Wednesday Evening Ministries here at Tabor! It has already been energizing to participate in Bible Study on Wednesday evenings since August, and the energy will only grow when the church is full with children and adults eating, singing, and learning together each midweek.

This year, I am especially excited to begin working with Jr. Highers! Throughout the Fall, our focus for Wednesday evenings will be on "Practicing Peace." Peace is something we talk a lot about at Tabor, but what does it mean to put peace into practice each and every day? How do we practice peace at home with siblings? How do we practice peace at school with friends? How do we practice peace during sports? What about when we feel bullied? What about when we are playing video games? How does peace relate to the media we consume? These questions, along with Bible Study, discussion, and activities, will guide our time together each week. But I hope that these ideas and questions don't stop at 7:45pm on Wednesday night. I hope that they spread out into family discussions and beyond.

Tabor Church family, please pray for our Jr. Highers as we seek to practice peace this Fall, and may we all seek to practice peace more and more in our daily lives.

~Peace, Pastor Phil

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.

It is wonderful to brainstorm with youth and sponsors to discern spiritually nurturing, biblically based, and contextually relevant topics to discuss on Wednesday Nights this year. In addition to biblical lessons, we will have opportunities to participate in service, such as through assembling MCC relief kits, purchasing items for the Christmas Giving Tree, and purchasing food for the Tabor Food Pantry. We will also participate in fellowship events, such as a bonfire at Papa's Pumpkin Patch, Prairie View's Ropes Course, and a TMYF Christmas Party. We are also looking forward to joining with Papa's Pumpkin Patch to host Night in the Barn this year!

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 the deep love of God.

~Pastor Katherine

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Mae Evelyn Banman Frey, passed away Sunday, August 26, 2018 at the age of 97 at the Presbyterian Manor in Newton where she lived since September, 2009.

Mae was born February 27, 1921 at the Bethesda Hospital in Goessel to Abe and Bertha Banman. She faithfully attended Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church where she was baptized in 1937. Following her marriage to John Frey, she transferred her membership to Tabor Mennonite Church where she attended until her health required she move to Presbyterian Manor.



Mae grew up on a farm north of Goessel in the Hochfeld community with her parents, older sister, and 2 younger brothers. Mae attended Hochfeld Grade School and moved to Goessel to attend high school. The day after Mae graduated from Goessel High School, she moved to Newton and began working at Bethel Deaconess Hospital in the kitchen. She also worked in sales at Woolworth's Department store, and later as a cashier at the Safeway grocery store during the rationing in World War II. One day, unbeknownst to her, three of her future sisters-in-law came to the Safeway store to "check her out". When the sisters came through the line, they deliberately bought only one item, an embarrassingly large amount of bath tissue to see how she would react. . . . Apparently, she passed the test. They introduced themselves and promptly asked if she would be willing to go on a blind date with their brother, John Frey.

John and Mae were married on May 26, 1944, at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Mae joined John on the "Frey family home place" a mile and a half north of Tabor Church. This is where Mae and John lived most of their years together. John farmed while Mae took care of the family. Their first child, Sheldon John, was diagnosed with cerebral palsy only days after his birth. Mae nurtured and cared for Sheldon and his special needs while helping John with the daily milking and farm chores. Sheldon passed away at the age of 14 with his family at his side.

Daughters Bonnie and Jenny helped Mae keep a large vegetable garden, several flower gardens, a well-manicured lawn and a pristine two story farm house. While she taught them to work hard, her girls taught her to shop hard on their biannual day long shopping trips. Mae was exhausted after chasing the girls around every shopping mall in Wichita, however, she still always looked forward to their next trip. In later years she probably recognized those shopping marathons served as advance training to keep up with her athletic grandson!

Mae delighted in her one and only grandchild, Corbin John Gleason. Corbin lived next door to the farm with daughter Bonnie and husband Dana. Mae was not aware of Corbin's recent death. Given her failing memory and declining health, the news would have increased her anxiety and confusion. She will have received a warm welcome and wonderful surprise when she arrived in Heaven. It's likely Corbin will have said . . . , "what took you so long Grandma?"

Reading, Bible study and music were essential to Mae. She received a special blessing from time in nature and had multiple flower gardens on the farm and in the 1960's and 70's, frequently provided floral arrangements from her gardens for Sunday morning services at Tabor. Along with her tremendous love of nature, music and "big dogs", she taught herself the hobby of quilling, the art of intricate hand work with narrow strips of colored paper. She began quilling in the 1980's which soon became a passion and outlet for her creativity and appreciation for colors and flowers. Mae said she wanted her legacy to be that of "*leaving beauty in the world*".

Starting in 1963, Mae worked in food services at the Goessel Grade School and later at the High School. She enjoyed watching our community's children come through the lunch line, grow up, have their own children, and then watch the 2nd generation of kids grow as they came through for lunch.

In 1993, Mae and John sold their farm and purchased a home in Goessel where John lived until his death in 1995. Mae remained in their home and continued working in the lunch program until her retirement in 1998 at the age of 77. Following retirement, she volunteered at the Bethesda Home in Goessel visiting residents and restocking supplies for the healthcare staff.

Mae had a steadfast faith and complete reliance on God who filled her heart with the spirit of encouragement. She consistently lifted those around her. The devoted caregivers at Presbyterian Manor shared with family it was well known that if you were having a bad day, "*go see Mae*".

Mae shared her love for the Lord, peaceful nature, and kind, sweet heart with us for 97 years. Her last years were challenging as she battled dementia and memory loss. Although talking became progressively difficult and her memory nearly vanished, she recognized her daughters to the end. She died as graciously as she lived.

Mae was preceded in death by her parents, Abe and Bertha Banman, son, Sheldon, husband, John of 51 years, grandson, Corbin Gleason, brother, Earl Banman and sister, Ruth Schmidt. She is survived by daughter, Bonnie and husband, Dana Gleason, daughter, Jenny Walker, great granddaughter, Gracie Sue Gleason, brother, Edgar Banman and wife, Vinola, and many loving nieces and nephews.

As her eyesight became increasingly worse, she relied on her memory of Bible verses. One of her favorites was Isaiah 41:10. "Fear not for I am with thee. Be not dismayed for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee. I will help thee. I will uphold thee with the right hand of righteousness." This passage filled Mae with hope each day. She relied on God as her ever present strength.

Mother, Grandma, Great Grandma Frey, Aunt Mae and friend, you are missed. We eagerly look forward to seeing you in Heaven.

Thank you for sharing your generous heart and spirit of encouragement. We thank and praise our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the generous years He gave you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

~ The Family of Mae Frey

Service Sunday 2018

