



Sunday Worship Themes

Sept. 2 - We Are Witnesses:

Peter and John

Acts 3:1-4:31

Pastor Phil preaching

Sept. 9 - We Are Witnesses:

Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 4:32-5:11

Pastor Phil preaching

Sept. 16- We Are Witnesses:

Chosen to Serve

Acts 6:1-7

Service Sunday

Sept. 23 - We Are Witnesses:

Stephen's Sermon

Acts 6:8-7:53

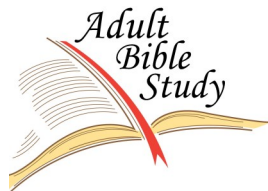
Pastor Rosie preaching

Sept. 30 - We Are Witnesses:

Stoning of Stephen

Acts 7:54-60

Pastor Katherine preaching



Everyone is welcome to join the Tabor Weekly Bible Study which meets on Wednesdays from 8-9pm. Passages to be studied are from the book of Acts, looking at scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. Join this group as together we learn about the scriptures and prepare for worship!

Tabor Church News

September, 2018

Katherine's Candor

As we continue our worship series on the book of Acts, we see throughout the book that the disciples (who fail to understand Jesus throughout the Gospels), are no longer bound by their fear or inability to understand. They are preaching with boldness, healing the sick, sharing their possessions, even going boldly unto death proclaiming Jesus Christ and offering forgiveness! We see how the Spirit moved in the life of the early church, transforming a group of ragtag fishermen and bumbling disciples into bold apostles and mighty preachers!

If we identify with the bumbling disciples, so too are we called to identify with the transformed life of the bold apostles, for God's Spirit has already come among us and continues to breathe new life into the Church. Because of the Spirit's power, we cannot remain only like the bumbling disciples, for God's Spirit comes to us, transforms us, and sends us into the world to continue Jesus' mission of forgiveness of sins and healing diseases and divisions. We are sent as God's witnesses to proclaim the Good News of God in the city, in the countryside, even to the very ends of the earth.

Tabor Mennonite Church: God's Spirit is indeed among us! Let us continue to watch for how the Spirit will transform our hearts and bring about new life in our midst and in all of creation!

~Pastor Katherine





Community Service Sunday: September 16

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

Sign up sheets for various projects will be posted. These projects will be 'Worshipful Work' and will take the place of our regular worship service at Tabor on that Sunday. Watch for more details in bulletins and announcements.

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Tabor Mennonite Women

TMW met at Bethesda at 7:00 p.m. on August 16. Barb Banman read four meditations on "Joy" each followed by a hymn that all joined in to sing. It was beautiful singing. We finished our time there with cookies and crackers that our ladies had contributed.

~Barb Banman, reporting



Stories & Stuff is back!!
Thursday, September 20, 10 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Phil's Ponderings: "How to overcome fear?"

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42)

As Katherine mentioned in her article, Acts is the story of how the Holy Spirit empowered followers of Jesus to forget their fears and boldly proclaim the Good News. But what about us today? How can we overcome our own fears and anxieties so that we also can become bold witnesses of God's kingdom?

This is a question I have encountered several times already in the past couple of weeks: I pondered it as I read through Acts myself, it has been brought up at Adult Bible Study, and another person who completed the Acts reading challenge is asking it as well. How do we overcome fear?

Fear is a powerful motivator in our lives and in our world. Many people's lives are dominated by fear. But when we look at the life of Jesus and the witness of his followers, we see that they found freedom from fear.

There is no easy way for us to simply forget our fears and be free of them. But Acts 2:42 strikes me as an important guide for our journey. This verse says that the early followers of Jesus "devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." These four practices became very important for the early church. They committed themselves to learning, to community, to communion, and to praying. These commitments, paired with the filling of the Holy Spirit, enabled them to find freedom from fear and boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

Sisters and brothers, may we also commit ourselves to these four practices and may we pray specifically for the Holy Spirit to empower us so that we can journey forward from fear into faith.

~Peace, Pastor Phil

Rosie's Reflections:

We're heading into a new year of Faith Formation this month; moving into new classes for the children, and heading back into classes after spending the summer together for adults and youth. How will this year be new and energizing for you? Some of you have been called to teach, help or facilitate, and gladly share your gifts in this way. Some of you have decided to take a rest from teaching to rejoin one of the adult classes. Both are wonderful ways to form good faith practices. Taking a break is a great way to grab a breath of fresh air and it can re-energize us for future opportunities to serve. While on break, we're invited to re-evaluate our gifts and others are invited to step into new roles. How are you stepping into new roles? How are you re-evaluating and recharging to serve the body of Christ?

After listening to last week's service online (08/19), I was reminded how our study of Acts of the Apostles during worship fits our practice of meeting for Faith Formation. Whether you are teaching, assisting a teacher, facilitating discussion or participating in discussion, we all have the opportunity to be witnesses for Jesus -- to take the baton, as Pastor Phil encouraged us to do, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, hand it off to others, thus spreading the

good news of Jesus to the world. Sheri's "high five" exercise with the children was another brilliant example of how our faith, when shared with others, can be life changing and quickly spread far and wide. As followers of Jesus this is what we're called to do. Our Faith Formation classes feed us so we are nurtured, strengthened and ready to be propelled into action both here and far beyond Tabor's walls -- to be witnesses in Goessel, Peabody, Hesston, Newton, Moundridge and Hillsboro and to the ends of the earth!

Dear brothers and sisters, let's not get stuck only gazing inward, but let us be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit who propels us forward into acts of witness here and to the ends of the earth! May it be so.

Grace and peace as we make this journey together!

~Pastor Rosie

Update from the building committee

We are seeing big changes on our building project. The builders expect to finish framing the walls soon, and they are planning to start on roof trusses September 10th. The elevator installation should begin mid September as well. We also have framing and electrical work going on inside the existing building. The builders are trying to complete interior rooms as quickly as possible to ease our room shortage for Sunday school and Wednesday evening classes. Plans are being finalized for electrical, plumbing, and mechanical installations, and we hope to have final pricing on these soon. With these prices we will have a final number for our fundraising goal. Max Fuqua surprised us at our last meeting by giving us a projected completion date in the spring of next year. This is sooner than we expected, but Max feels that they are on schedule for meeting this goal.

The building committee has committed to having church volunteers complete some of the finish work in the new space. Watch for ways you can help in completing this project!

~Brent Abrahams

Introducing...

... exchange student Adrian Kastner. Adrian is from Germany. His older sister is best friends with Theresia, a girl that Maynard and Carol hosted, and when they visited her in 2006, they went to the Kastner home for a backyard BBQ. Adrian was 5 years old. Now he's 17 and part of the Tabor family for a year; and his youth group leader, Pastor Katherine, was one of Theresia's best friends in Goessel. It's a small world! Adrian enjoys sports and working with engines.



Tabor's College Students

Bethel College

Sarah Booth
Luke Unruh

Kansas State University

Josh Schmidt

Pittsburg State University

Carson Voth

Tabor College

Olivia Duerksen

University of Kansas

Mark Schmidt

Wichita State University

Karina Brandt

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