

Tabor Mennonite Church

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We Are Witnesses: ***Scattering and Proclaiming***

Today, as we celebrate World Communion Sunday and continue our journey through Acts, we witness the beginnings of the Gospel spreading beyond Jerusalem throughout Judea and Samaria and even to the ends of the earth (Acts 8)! During our worship service, we will also have opportunity to hear a faith testimony from our Mission Partners and collect a special offering to support their work in South Africa.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Marcene Entz
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Venita Schroeder
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Acts 1: 8, 8: 1, 4-8*
*GATHERING PRAYER
*GATHERING HYMN *"Here in this place"* No. 6
*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
FAITH TESTIMONY Mission Partners
OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Red bags: Budget ~ Gift bags: Mission Partners*
Mission Partner checks pay to Tabor Mennonite Church, memo line: mission partners

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY Jill Litwiller
SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 8: 26-40* Erica Stoltzfus
The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**
SERMON *"Worldwide Mission"* Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"For we are strangers no more"* No. 322
CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
SENDING

*SENDING HYMN *"Sent forth by God's blessing"* No. 478
*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

Today

In celebration of World Communion Sunday, our World Bread display this morning includes Zwiebach, Chipa, Indian fry bread, Greek bread, Korevei, and Tortillas. We will have an opportunity to sample these delicious breads during communion and we also have grapes and crackers so that children can join in the celebration!

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp and Sharleen Francis and family. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, and a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Eric Litwiller and Pamela Abrahams.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

1:30 p.m.—Harvest Giving Walk (see announcements for details)

This Week

Pastor Phil and Mary will be traveling from October 8 - 15.

Monday, October 8

7:00 p.m.—Tabor Mennonite Women

Tuesday, October 9

7:00 p.m.—Deacon discernment meeting

Wednesday, October 10

Wednesday Evening Activities *See announcement page*
Children will have a hayrack ride to Papa's Pumpkin Patch

Next Sunday, October 14

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we continue our "We Are Witnesses" worship series through Acts by focusing on Acts 9. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 14: Ministry Team appointments due

Oct. 21: Fellowship Event: Pumpkin Patch Hayrack Ride (*note change in date*)

Nov. 1: Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

Nov. 4: TMYF fundraiser meal, Congregational Meeting

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on September 30.

- ★ In response to Denise's Faith Testimony, Pastor Phil invited the congregation to praise God for opportunities we each have to share our faith and invite others into faith. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Thanks be to God for the faithfulness of Tabor member who are unable to attend church regularly, and Lord, hear our prayer for continued peace and comfort on their journeys.
- ★ Phyllis extended thanks for a card placed in her mailbox and Pastor Phil praised God for LeRoy and Phyllis' 63rd wedding anniversary. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Jim praised God for all the children and all the young parents who are dedicated to raising their children in faith. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Pastor Phil requested prayers for the family of Delmer Schrag, who died early Sunday morning. He is now safe in the arms of God. Thanks be to God for Delmer's life, and Lord, hear our prayer for all who are grieving and reminiscing.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ the many people working diligently on our church building project. Lord, hear our prayer for safety and strength.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilts are home.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The opportunity to celebrate communion with sisters and brothers in Christ around the world, and for the ministry of our Mission Partners in South Africa. Thanks be to God!

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE September 30, 2018

Offering	= \$ 5,343.92	Attendance	= 182
Adult F.F.	= \$ 24.97	Attendance	= 52
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 8.47	Attendance	= 24



Cost of entire project = \$1,300,000

Money already received	\$907,597	This week's progress
Pledges remaining to be paid	\$115,245	\$50
Challenge Grant if goal is met	\$100,000	
Needed to meet Challenge Grant	\$177,158	\$1,675

"Worldwide Mission" (Acts 8)

Persecution and Scattering (Acts 8:1-4)

Breaking down Barriers (Acts 8:5-25)

Jesus is the Key (Acts 8:26-40)



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Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am
Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am
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As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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