

Tabor Mennonite Church

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We Are Witnesses: Paul and Barnabas

Today we continue our journey through Acts by reflecting on Paul's first missionary journey (Acts 13-14). Even though Paul and Barnabas faced resistance, their journey was Spirit-led and God opened a door of faith for the Gentiles (Acts 14: 27). Thanks be to God!

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE	Russell Adrian
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Michael Unruh
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from Acts 13</i>
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>"Wonderful grace of Jesus"</i> No. 150
*GATHERING PRAYER	
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>"Proclaiming the tidings near and far"</i> No. 282
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY	Eunice Nickel
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>"Lord, Here Am I"</i> -John Ness Beck Adult Choir
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Acts 14: 1-7, 21-28</i> Sheri Schmidt
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!	
SERMON	<i>"God Opened a Door"</i> Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"I love to tell the Story"</i> No. 398
FAITH TESTIMONY	
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER	Pastor Katherine Goerzen

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN	<i>"Jesus has done so much for me"</i> No. 95 STS
*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE	

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Kevin and Yvette Nickel and family and John and Ruth Peters. *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 Yvette Nickel and Elizabeth Alderfer.

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

11:00 a.m.—Tabor leads chapel at Bethesda.

3:00 p.m.—Tabor leads chapel at Kidron Bethel.

5:00 p.m.—Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal: Everyone is invited to a free meal at the Goessel Elementary School anytime between 5-6:30 pm.

This Week

Tuesday, November 13: 10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wednesday, November 14: Wednesday Evening Activities
Junior High Service Event—see announcement sheet for details.

Thursday, November 15: 10:00 a.m.—Stories & Stuff

Next Sunday, November 18

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we continue our "We Are Witnesses" worship series through Acts by focusing on Acts 15. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

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

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 21-27: Tabor at New Hope Shelter	Dec. 2: Parsonage Open House
Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Meal at Tabor	Dec. 8: TMW Christmas breakfast
Dec. 1-2 & 8-9: Night in the Barn	Dec. 9: Goessel Community Brass
	Dec. 9 & 16: Tabor Trading Post

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE November 4, 2018

Offering	= \$ 7,226.55	Attendance	= 178
Adult F.F.	= \$ 39.75	Attendance	= 45
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 12.41	Attendance	= 41

Budget Update:

2018 Annual Budget:	\$ 272,796.00
Targeted Giving through Nov 4	\$ 257,054.00
Actual Giving through Nov. 4	\$ 224,546.36

3 Sunday's Left in 2018 Fiscal Year

\$48,249.64 needed to meet budget (\$16,083.12 per Sunday)

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on November 4.

Pastor Rosie shared several prayer requests:

- ★ Remember to join in prayer with members and leaders of MCUSA as we stand in solidarity against hatred and evil in its many forms. Lord, hear our prayer for your peace that surpasses all understanding to surround the families and friends at Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha who grieve the loss of their loved ones after the recent shooting at their house of worship.
- ★ Thanks be to God for Sarah's faith testimony shared during worship. Lord, hear our prayer for Sarah as she continues to grow in her relationship with God through questioning and learning to "walk by faith and not by sight."
- ★ Denise gave thanks for the care expressed through "Sister Care" initiatives, and for Erica who will share her experiences with sister care at the meeting with Tabor Mennonite Women.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Nancy and Bruce Funk and their family as they mourn the loss of Nancy's father, Melvin Hiebert, who passed away on Tuesday. A memorial service will be held at Bethesda Chapel today (Nov. 11) at 2pm. Lord, hear our prayer for peace and comfort.
- ★ The community Thanksgiving meal this evening. Pray that as the community gathers, meaningful fellowship and building of new relationships may bring us closer together.
- ★ the many people working diligently on our church building project. Lord, hear our prayer for safety and strength.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilt is with Dora Unruh. The children's quilt is home.

“God Opened a Door”

Acts 13-14



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Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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