



*Dr. Russell Adrian,
conductor, Bel Canto Singers*

*Joyful Celebration in Tabor's
New Fellowship Hall ~ February 17*

Sunday Worship Themes

March 3 - We are Witnesses:

Acts Summary
Acts 1-28
Pastor Phil preaching

March 6 - Ash Wednesday

Psalm 51

March 10 - Journey Forward:

Identity and Context (Lent 1)
Psalm 24:1-6; Ephesians 3:14-21
Pastor Rosie preaching

March 17 - Journey Forward:

Follow Jesus (Lent 2)
Mark 1:16-20
Pastor Phil preaching

March 24 - Journey Forward:

Follow Jesus (Lent 3)
John 13:34-35
Pastor Katherine preaching

March 31 - Journey Forward:

Witness to God's Peace (Lent 4)
Micah 6:6-8; Ephesians 2:14-17
Pastor Phil preaching



Tabor Church News

March, 2019

Katherine's Candor

For worship during this Lenten season, our services will correspond with the adult faith formation classes as we focus on themes found in "Journey Forward" (see Pastor Rosie's newsletter article). The themes will focus on "Identity and Context," "Following Jesus," "Witnessing to God's Peace," and "Experiencing Transformation." We recognize that "worship is a space we enter in which we not only encounter God, but allow our identity as a people to be shaped by the worship experience ... Through gathered worship, the church becomes the church" (from the Introduction for the Journey Forward Worship Resources).

To begin the Lenten season, all are invited to participate in a brief Ash Wednesday service on March 6 between the meal and choir/class sessions.

We look forward to embarking on this journey of worship, discussion, scriptural reflection, and prayerfully seeking to follow God's calling for the church!

~Grace and Peace, Pastor Katherine

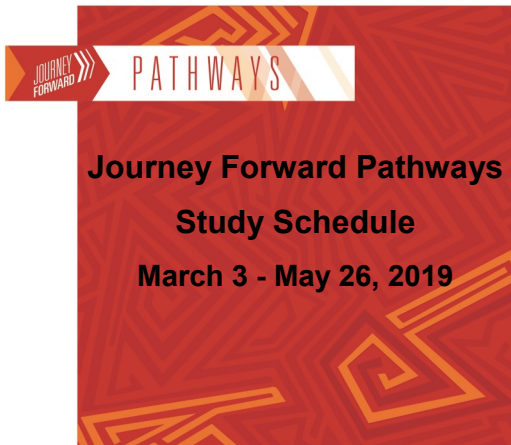
Rosie's Reflections:

Beginning on Sunday, March 3, all adult Faith Formation classes are invited and encouraged to meet together for an introductory session to Mennonite Church USA's *Journey Forward Pathways Study Guide*, led by Tabor's pastors. This is a Mennonite Church USA church wide renewal process, grounded in Scripture, sharing and storytelling of how God is at work in our lives, and how our experiences connect with the whole Church.

Please take note that the first and last sessions are joint sessions, and the rest of the sessions will take place in classroom settings. Even if you don't regularly attend a specific Faith Formation class on Sundays, please know that you are welcome to join any of the existing classes listed on the following page. If you have questions, feel free to visit with one of the class leaders or a pastor about joining a class.

We hope many of you will take part in this wonderful opportunity to experience and bear witness to how God is working among us and beyond our walls.

~Grace and Peace, Pastor Rosie



1: Identity & Context

3/3 1.1 Belovedness & Confession **Joint Session in Old Fellowship Hall led by pastors**

3/10 1.2 Sin, Truth-telling, Repentance
(in your class setting)

3/17 1.3 Restoration and commitment
(in your class setting)

2: Follow Jesus

3/24 2.1 Radical Christian Discipleship
(in your class setting)

3/31 2.2 Anabaptist Understanding of Scriptures (in your class setting)

4/7 2.3 Baptism in the Believers' Church (in your class setting)

3: Witness to God's Peace

4/14 3.1 Living as Witnesses
(in your class setting)

4/21 Easter (Classes will not meet)

4/28 3.2 God's Gift of Peace
(in your class setting)

5/5 3.3 Christ's Redemption of the World (in your class setting)

4: Experience Transformation

5/12 4.1 Living and Worshiping Together (in your class setting)

5/19 4.2 The Power of the Holy Spirit
(in your class setting)

5/26 4.3 Revealing God's Beauty - **Joint Session in New Fellowship Hall led by pastors**

Classes & Leaders (sessions 1.2 - 4.2)

Sanctuary Overflow: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor office: Brenda Buller

Pastor's Study: Pastor Phil Schmidt

Room 113: Bonnie Janzen

Library: Les Goerzen

Basement Fellowship Hall: John Unruh & Dale Alderfer

Phil's Ponderings: "Know Jesus Follow Jesus"

*"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."
- 1 Corinthians 3:11*



On February 9-10, Michelle Unruh and I had the opportunity to be sponsors for "Know Jesus," a Junior High event held at Hesston College. The theme for the weekend was "Know Jesus Follow Jesus" and the scripture focus was 1 Corinthians 3:11. We had six Tabor Junior Highers attend the event – Sam Abrahams, Adriana Duerksen, Chevy Gagnon, Nick Johnson, Viola Schmidt, and Braxton Unruh – joining with many other Junior Highers from around the area. We had a fun and energizing 24 hours together! Here are some highlights:

- We participated in worship music led by a great band of Hesston College students and alumni. "Christ be all around me" was one of our favorite songs to sing with motions.
- Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg was the speaker during worship times. She challenged each of us to know Jesus deeper as she shared her own stories and passions.
- We tied comforters at Whitestone Mennonite Church as a mini-service project.
- We played "the Anabaptist Game" led by Michelle Hershberger and several Hesston College Students. This interactive game gave us opportunity to learn more about early and modern Anabaptists and was a lot of fun!

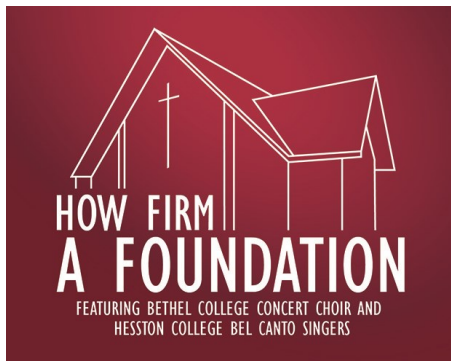
Thanks for your support of our Junior Highers! If you would like to know more about the event, please feel free to ask one of us.

~Peace, Pastor Phil

Something Fun

- 1) Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
- 2) Where was Solomon's temple located?
- 3) Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?
- 4) Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
- 5) Which Bible person had no parents?

Answers on back page



*Dr. Russell Adrian, conductor, Bel Canto Singers and
Dr. William Eash, conductor, Bethel College Concert Choir*



Joint concert by Hesston College Bel Canto Singers and Bethel College Concert Choir
with Tabor Mennonite Church Adult Choir
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Tabor Mennonite Women

Tabor Mennonite Women met on Monday evening, February 11. Carol Duerksen, coordinator, led the six exchange students as they each shared their experiences of living in Kansas, going to Goessel High School, learning the English language better and a variety of other topics. It was a very good evening as we got to know each of these young men. They all speak very good English and had us laughing with them as they shared experiences. Diana Schmidt shared from our devotional book "Every Day Worship". Norma Graber and Lois Voth provided refreshments. There were 25 in attendance.

-Reported by Barb Banman



Answers to Something Fun

- 1) Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- 2) On the side of his head.
- 3) When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.
- 4) Samson; he brought down the house.
- 5) Joshua, the son of Nun (Joshua 1:1)

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Alvin T. Schmidt, 94, passed away peacefully on December 31, 2018, at Kidron-Bethel in North Newton, Kansas.



The fifth of six children of Frank and Helena (Reimer) Schmidt, Alvin was born at home on the family farm on the SE quarter, section 2, Highland Township, Walton, on April 14, 1924. He grew up on the farm, attended Walton schools and graduated from Walton High School in 1942. That same year, on June 14, he was baptized by Rev. Gerhard Friesen in Walton and received into membership at Tabor Mennonite Church.

Alvin worked on the family farm and had a farm deferment during World War II. After the war ended in 1945, Alvin served as a "Seagoing Cowboy" transporting livestock across the Atlantic Ocean to war-ravaged Europe.

Alvin attended Bethel College for two years and then returned to the family farm. On December 20, 1952, he married Wilma Voth, with whom he raised four children: Christine, Linda, Elizabeth, and Emil. Of all of his accomplishments, Alvin considered his marriage to Wilma to be "the crowning achievement" of his life. Alvin and Wilma celebrated their 66th anniversary on Dec. 20, 2018.

Alvin was interested in advances in farming practices. He instilled in his children the values of hard work, responsibility, and achieving one's best. He read daily devotions at the breakfast table, said prayers at the family table and enjoyed picnics in the field at harvest time. After turning the dairy over to his son, Alvin encouraged Wilma to pursue her fabric art. They became co-owners of The Quilt Shop in North Newton. Alvin and Wilma enjoyed square dancing with Shoe Scuffers. They traveled extensively on various tours, the highlight of which was a trip to Mennonite World Conference in 1984 in Strasbourg, France. He regularly attended coffee at the Whistle Stop in Walton. Alvin loved singing. He could be heard singing in the dairy barn on the farm, and after he moved a quarter mile down the road when his son took over the family farm, he could be heard singing in his garden. He also loved to read, go fishing, and in later years, feed the fish and the birds.

Alvin's varied interests and involvements included two terms on the board at Peace Connections, two terms on the board of Harvey County Habitat for Humanity, a founding member of the Harvey County Milk Haulers, and 31 years on the board of Sand Creek Watershed. His church life included two terms as trustee and two terms as deacon at Tabor Mennonite Church, many years on the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, participation in several small groups, and singing in the church choir for most of his adult life.

He is survived by wife Wilma; children Christine Schmidt, Linda Schmidt, Elizabeth and Greg Nye, and Emil and Vickie Schmidt; grandsons Lucus Wiebe, Patrick Wiebe, Toban Wiebe and wife DaWeon Ryu, and Michael Wiebe; and a sister, Leona Griffith.

Alvin was preceded in death by his sisters Lily (Melbourne) Whitsett, Velma (Ruddie) Claassen, and Olga (Joe) Conway, his brother Roland (Ruth Krehbiel) Schmidt, and his grandson Nathan Aaron Schmidt.