



*Witness to God's Peace*

# Tabor Church News

May, 2019

## Phil's Ponderings:

### "God of Many Names"

"God of many names, gathered into One,  
in your glory come and meet us, Moving, endlessly Becoming..."

The above is from #77 in the Blue Hymnal, "God of many names," a hymn that acknowledges the multi-faceted nature of God. The hymn describes God in many ways, including:

- ♦ God of hovering wings
- ♦ Womb and Birth of time
- ♦ Breath of life
- ♦ God of Jewish faith
- ♦ God of Jesus Christ
- ♦ God of wounded hands
- ♦ Web and Loom of love
- ♦ Carpenter of new creation

Each of these names/images helps us know and understand a piece of who God is. Each name/image is incomplete on its own, yet when put together, they provide a more full picture of God.

God can be described in many ways and can be addressed by many names. Over these next several weeks, our worship services will focus on several different names and images for God, including: *Love, Joy, Peace, Father, Spirit, Lord, Mother, Camper* and *One Who Remembers*. We hope that this worship series will expand our imaginations for who God is and also for who God calls us to be.

"...God of many names, gathered into One,  
joyfully we sing your praises, Moving, endlessly Becoming"

~Peace, Pastor Phil

## Sunday Worship Themes

**April 28 - God of Many Names: Joy**  
(Holy Humor Sunday)

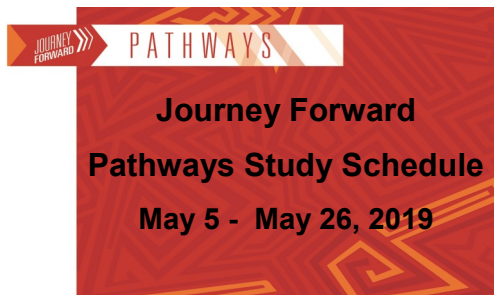
**May 5 - God of Many Names: Love**  
I John 4:7-21  
Pastor Phil preaching

**May 12 - God of Many Names: Mother**  
(Parent/Child Dedication)  
Pastor Phil preaching

**May 19 - God of Many Names: Lord**  
(Baptism / New Members)  
Pastor Phil preaching

**May 26 - God of Many Names: One Who Remembers**  
Pastor Katherine preaching

**June 2 - God of Many Names: Spirit**  
Pastor Phil preaching



5/5 3.3 Christ's Redemption of the World

4: Experience Transformation

5/12 4.1 Living and Worshiping Together

5/19 4.2 The Power of the Holy Spirit

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

Spirit Peace  
Mother Father  
Joy One Who Remembers  
Camper Lord

## Graduations at Tabor



**Bethel College**  
May 19, 4:00 p.m.

Sarah Booth

**University of Kansas**  
May 18, 12:30 p.m.  
Mark Schmidt

**Goessel High School**  
May 11, 4:00 p.m.

Justice Johnson  
Audessi Unruh

**Exchange Student:**  
Adrian Kastner: Goessel

## Tabor Mennonite Women

Tabor Mennonite Women and girls enjoyed our annual salad supper on April 15. Following a delicious meal, we skipped and walked our way with Kim Funk as she shared stories of her life events using shoes that she has saved (or had pictures of) and had displayed on each table. Kim's gift of story telling kept us in smiles the whole evening as we easily pictured her as a little girl in a wedding party, to a mom chasing after her children. We know Kim a lot more now than ever. Let's tell our stories too, as we seek to know each other in new ways.

~Barb Banman reporting



## Katherine's Candor

We are looking forward to the baptism of Audessi Unruh, Elizabeth Alderfer, and Porclein Unruh on Sunday, May 19! We are also looking forward to Dawson Duerksen's baptism at our Fall Church Retreat! Thanks for your prayers, your encouragement, and your support for these gifted young people as they anticipate baptism and joining the church!

One of the best analogies for baptism is to liken it to a marriage commitment. Just like with premarital counseling for marriage, we prepare for baptism with Catechism through Bible study, discussion, and prayerful reflection. Baptism is a lifelong commitment to faithfully follow Jesus and to become a part of the church, Christ's Body in the world. And just like marriage is not the end of a relationship, but the beginning, so too does baptism mark the beginning of our journey (and doesn't mean that we have everything figured out or that we're perfect).

Baptism is our own choice and commitment to follow Jesus, but it is also about what God is doing in our own lives as well. Baptism is a cleansing symbol of dying to our old ways of life and the power of Sin, and a rising to a new life in Christ where we yield to the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us and in the world. Baptism is a grateful response to what God is already doing in our lives, and following our baptism God's Spirit continues to strengthen us, encourage us, and transform us to embody Jesus' ways.

Baptism is also a commitment to join with the church, Christ's Body in the world, who are bound by our common faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. Through baptism, we commit to journey together, to support one another, to give and receive counsel, to grieve and rejoice together, and to pray for and encourage one another. Our faith is strengthened in our journey with one another.

So just like some couples choose to renew their marriage vows, as we anticipate baptism later this month, let us consider renewing our own baptism vows to commit to following Jesus, to yielding to the power and movement of the Holy Spirit, and to journeying alongside one another on this journey of faith.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

~Grace and Peace, Pastor Katherine

## In Loving Memory



Corbin Gleason  
~ Sept. 14, 1980 - June 8, 2018

Mae Frey  
~ Feb. 27, 1921 - Aug. 26, 2018

Alvin Schmidt  
~ April 14, 1924 - Dec. 31, 2018

## Memorial Services

- ✠ Sunday, May 26, 7:30 p.m. ~  
Goessel Mennonite Cemetery
- ✠ Monday, May 27, 10:00 a.m. ~  
Tabor Mennonite Cemetery
- ✠ Monday, May 27, 11:00 a.m. ~  
Alexanderwohl Mennonite  
Cemetery

## Rosie's Reflections

Dear Tabor Mennonite Church Faith Formation Teachers and Helpers,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your unfailing commitment to teach and to model to our children, youth and adults what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Whether you are here for Wednesday evenings, Sunday mornings or during vacation Bible school, we are blessed beyond measure with your passion for teaching and for the gifts you bring to the classroom. Your willingness to lead speaks loud and clear; your actions of love and care for your class members is a testament to your strong conviction that Faith Formation at Tabor matters. I am encouraged by your faithful attendance, and I am filled with joy when new children and adults join classes. My heart is warmed when people volunteer to take on new roles of teacher and helper. We need each other, teacher, leader and attender!

My prayer for us is that we continue to build on Tabor's strong tradition of Faith Formation by attending classes and by volunteering to take on new leadership roles from time to time. We're all in this together with Christ as our cornerstone! So again, thank you for the ways you spread the good news of Jesus Christ and for everything you do to extend Christ's *Hospitality, Healing and Hope* to all people at Tabor and everywhere you go. May God bless you always.

~Pastor Rosie

## Jesus Was A Kid Like Me

The summer faith formation time with children will be exploring how Jesus had a lot in common with children today, and we plan to have a lot of fun finding out what some of those things might be.

In June, our themes will be "Jesus had a mom," "Jesus had a dad named Joseph, and a father God," and "Jesus loved birds and animals" (farm field trip).

In July, we will have sessions on Jesus playing in the sand, Jesus playing with rocks, and Jesus eating food. There will be some cool surprises in these lessons!

In August we will find out that Jesus had dirty feet, and that he even had misunderstandings with his parents.

As always, there will be a Bible story, snacks, crafts, and activities to engage the children. We will need helpers to make this all happen, so a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

If you have questions, ask Pastor Rosie, Doris Unruh or Carol Duerksen



## Coming this Summer! Goessel Community Day Camp July 2019

### For:

Children entering 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades

### Sponsored by:

Tabor, Goessel and Alexanderwohl  
Mennonite Churches

### Purpose:

To provide faith-based opportunities  
for Goessel area children!

Schedule: 11:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
(includes lunch)

### Dates and location:

July 9, 16, 23 -

Tabor Mennonite Church

July 10, 17, 24 -

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

July 11, 18, 25 -

Goessel Mennonite Church  
& swimming pool

*Busing from Goessel Church to the other churches and swimming pool will be provided. Watch for more information & registration. This program is offered free of charge to children in the Goessel community.*



## Tabor Mennonite Church Vacation Bible School

June 3-7, 8:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Celebration Service June 9  
Picnic in the Park

All children ages 4 - grade 6 are invited  
6th graders: Something new planned for you!  
More information coming soon.



# Spring Events at Tabor



Pine Car Derby



Easter Breakfast



Kansas MCC Relief Sale  
Jr. High Run for Relief



Palm Sunday



Easter Worship