



Sunday Worship Themes

Nov. 3- Healing: *Loss*

Pastor Phil preaching

Nov. 10 - Healing: *Body*

Bob Milliman preaching

Nov. 17 - Healing: *Creation*

Pastor Katherine preaching

Nov. 24 - Healing: *Thanksgiving*

Pastor Phil preaching



Tabor Church News

November, 2019

Phil's Ponderings

"Healing Stories "

"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"
(Tabor Church Vision Statement)

During our worship services over these past number of weeks, we have focused on the theme of healing. Healing is an important part of both our Mission and our Vision here at Tabor. We are people who seek to join God in the work of healing all around us. Healing is more than physical. Throughout this worship series, we have focused on mental, spiritual, and relational health as we seek to live in-tune with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, who continuously work for wholistic healing in our world.

Throughout our healing worship series, we have had opportunity to hear some people share faith testimonies, and we have had some guest preachers. It is always good to hear people share their stories of faith. And, there are many more people who could share a story of healing. We all have experienced healing in some way in our lives, whether it was physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, relational, or a combination of these. For this reason, on November 24, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will be inviting all adults to gather together in the new Fellowship Hall during Faith Formation for a time of sharing and storytelling. If you have a healing story/testimony that you would like to share with the whole group, please let me know. We will take time to hear from a few people and then we will also have opportunity to share healing stories around our table groups. We all have a healing story we could share, and this will be an opportunity to do so.

This isn't to say that we don't still long for healing. We all long for healing in our lives, in the lives of our loved ones, in our communities, and in our world. Some of us have experienced healing in some ways and yet long for more wholistic healing in other areas of our lives. This longing for healing will be our focus for our Advent Worship Series this coming December.

Sisters and Brothers, may we give thanks to God for the ways we have experienced healing, and may we cry out to God the ways we still long for healing to come into our lives and the world.

~Peace, Pastor Phil



**50th
Mennonite Men
Chicken BBQ
November 7, 5-7pm**

The donations from this year's BBQ will go toward two local ministries.

Core Communities (formerly Circles of Marion County) gathers middle-income and high-income volunteers to support families in poverty. Surrounded by people who have landed jobs, negotiated a lease, or managed credit card debt, people in crisis are more equipped to achieve long-term financial stability.

While participants are navigating their way out of poverty, their successes and challenges are shared with local community leaders. The barriers that keep people in poverty are identified, discussed, and often resolved.

Participants who complete the program achieve a 39% increase in income after six months and a 78% increase in income after 18 months. Participants continue to increase their income - even after the 18-month period.

<https://www.circlesusa.org>

JoinHands:

Sharing resources for new church buildings.

JoinHands is Mennonite Church USA Mennonite Men's arm for giving and grant making. Through JoinHands Mennonite Church Building Program, grants are provided to help new congregations acquire their first church building. Mennonite Men has given over 1.9 million dollars to new congregations for this purpose.

Individuals and congregations are invited to give to JoinHands to support this ministry.

<https://www.mennonitemen.org/joinhands>

Rosie's Reflections

One thing I love about being a pastor is offering pastoral care to people. There are many traditional ways this happens, but one of the non-traditional ways is through *Stories & Stuff*. On the 3rd Thursday of each month, people gather to chat and interact in a variety of ways. Sometimes, I lead a short meditation and prayer, and other times we share stories around a certain theme or have planned presentations. For example, one year Paul Graber offered to teach us how to find water veins underground by holding two special sticks in a certain way. After that experience, I think we'd better leave that to the expert! Another time, Loren Brandt explained his love of genealogy, which generated even more stories and connections within the group. Donavon Schmidt agreed to share his love of collecting glass, and he and Deloris brought a collection of pieces, each having their own story of origin. Bruce Funk also came one time to share his love of woodworking, telling us how his hobby was life-changing for him. *Stories & Stuff* is a place where we gather for informal visiting, prayer, food and fellowship. All these things help to strengthen our relationships and care for each other.

Our next unique event will be on Thursday, November 21, at 10 a.m. The theme this month is, "*Major and Minor Motifs and Musings by Marcene*". We're so excited to hear about Marcene's journey with music. Tabor church has been blessed by her gifts for many years, and this special presentation and performance will be another gift as she performs on the Grand Piano, donated in memory of her parents, Ray and Luetta Frey.

Stories & Stuff attendees have come to expect other *stuff*, like food, which might be one of my tried and true recipes, or, there are times when the group graciously tests new recipes! One thing we can always count on is beautiful table décor carefully crafted by our very own gifted, Grace Regier. So, please, save the date, invite a friend, and mark your calendar for Thursday, November 21, at 10 a.m. I hope you will join us!

~ Grace and Peace, Pastor Rosie

Fundraiser Meal and Congregational Meeting

November 17 following Faith Formation

Stay for the noon fundraiser meal to help with expenses for our Junior High kids to attend Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in January.



Congregational meeting will follow.
Affirm individuals to serve, set budget for 2020.



Trading Post is Back, With a New Mission

The past several years, Tabor folks have enjoyed creating and purchasing many wonderful items as part of the Trading Post in early December. This fundraiser was conceived as a way to contribute to the building of our new fellowship hall, where we will endeavor to offer (all together now!) hospitality, healing and hope.

We now have an opportunity to offer hospitality to a woman who has been attending Tabor since the beginning of this year. . .to offer healing to her from the mold in her house. . .to offer hope to her of a living situation that is not in a house that should be demolished.

Melody Hall lives in Goessel, where she and her husband raised and home-schooled 5 children. When a divorce occurred, Melody was left in a house that leaked badly; and this past spring, the basement flooded. She now has mold coming at her from above and below, and has found that she feels much better sleeping outside in a tent than in the house.

Knowing she needed a career to support herself, Melody went to college at the age of 59 and earned a degree in what she knew was her gift and her passion, which is counseling. She is now trying to build her counseling business while working part time as well. A huge school loan debt looms over her head as she tries to make ends meet.

Melody would much rather be giving to people than receiving, and she trusts God for her daily as well as future needs. She has been an active part of the women's faith formation class at Tabor, and this class is trying to help Melody improve her living situation. The class is taking on the responsibility of organizing the Trading Post this year, and all proceeds will go towards Melody's housing needs. We are excited about this opportunity to share God's love with one of the newcomers to our congregation!

~ Carol Duerksen, on behalf of the women's faith formation class



TABOR
TRADING POST

December 1 and 8
Following the Worship Service
(contact Carol Duerksen with questions)

Tabor Mennonite Women

Jan Jones, Executive Director of Safe Hope & The Resiliency Center presented the program at the Oct. 14 TMW meeting. Their agency at 215 S. Plum is expanding to include a new housing facility for domestic violence survivors and creating a new space for educational opportunities for all family members who have experienced trauma. It is amazing the number of people who are affected by violence or trauma in the tri-county area and it is amazing the number of professional organizations that they network with to serve the needs of the counties. They connect with area school social workers, the needs & programs in churches, and with individuals in families to offer many services to provide healing in times of unexpected emergencies that are encountered by many.

~Gayle Funk reporting





TABOR CHURCH CALENDAR

					1	2
3 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF Bethesda Pillars Banquet	4	5 9:30am Staff Mtg	6 5:15pm Wednesday Evening Activities	7 12pm Newton Lunch Bunch 5-7pm Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ	8	9
			← Serve at New Hope Shelter			
10 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF Chapel @ Nursing Homes 5pm Community Thanksgiving	11 7pm Tabor Mennonite Women	12 9:30am Staff Mtg 7pm Basement remodel planning meeting	13 5:15pm Wednesday Evening Activities	14 9am Worship Planning Team Meeting	15	16
17 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF Fundraiser Meal Congregational Mtg.	18	19 9:30am Staff Mtg 7pm Deacon Meeting	20 5:15pm Wednesday Evening Activities	21 Newsletter Items Due 10am Stories & Stuff	22	23
24 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	25	26 9:30am Staff Mtg 11:30am Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch	27 No Wednesday Evening Activities	28 Thanksgiving Day Offices Closed	29	30



2 - Daniel Unruh	16 - Brent Abrahams
4 - Bonnie Gleason	Darla Funk
6 - Aaron Banman	Wyatt Duerksen
7 - Brandy Ashley	Hunter Graber
Wyatt Sommerfeld	17 - Logan Duerksen
8 - Dorothy Unruh	Richard Drake
Adam Rohr	18 - Patty Seibel
9 - Pete Unruh	Levi Funk
10 - Ilona Abrahams	Shane Denson
Lisa Schmidt	19 - Keith Banman
Hannah Adrian	Mark Voth
11 - Eleanor Unrau	Brandon Unruh
12 - Jon Buller	Ron Schroeder
Bosten Unruh	23 - Travis Buller
13 - Elma Goertz	Michael Hall
Karen Unruh	28 - Chevy Gagnon
14 - Bill Unruh	Harper Stiles
15 - Kathy Voth	29 - Phyllis Goertzen
Elijah Adrian	

Shane & Brittany Denson	November 5,	3 yrs.
Doyle & Nancy Franzen	November 7,	38 yrs.
Jim & Kathy Wills	November 8,	16 yrs.
Daryl & Brenda Cress	November 9,	28 yrs.
Shannon & Carrie Friesen	November 11,	19 yrs.
Kevin & Cindy Jantzen	November 11,	20 yrs.
Tim O'Leary & Lois Voth	November 12,	36 yrs.
Jason & Ashley Chambers	November 17,	7 yrs.
Loren & Leona Brandt	November 19,	60 yrs.
Van & Brenda Schmidt	November 21,	15 yrs.
Ron & Marnette Hatchett	November 28,	55 yrs.

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings, 8am.