

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Healing: Bethesda Sunday

Today, we continue our worship series centered on the theme of Healing. This morning, our focus will be on seeking healing in later stages of life as we reflect on the ministries of Bethesda Home. Sara Hiebert, Bethesda CEO, will be our worship leader, Bonnie Janzen, Bethesda Board Member, will be our scripture reader, and Gail Graber, Bethesda Chaplain, will be our preacher. We extend a special welcome to all Bethesda Staff and Board Members joining us for worship this morning, and we look forward to hosting the Bethesda Pillar's Banquet next Sunday evening.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE		Deloris Schmidt
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Sara Hiebert
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		No. 120 SJ
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>“O God, thou faithful God”</i>	No. 376
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF ASSURANCE	<i>“Blessed assurance”</i>	No. 332
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S STORY		Sheri Schmidt
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>John 5: 1-9a</i>	Bonnie Janzen
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	
SERMON	<i>"Stirring the Water"</i>	Gail Graber

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Healer of our every ill"</i>	No. 377
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		Pastor Phil Schmidt
*SENDING HYMN	<i>"In the bulb there is a flower"</i>	No. 614
*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 members of the Bethesda Home Staff. *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 Sarahanne Unruh and Sharleen Francis.

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

Pastor Rosie is away this Sunday taking a personal weekend.

This Week

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 9:30 a.m.—Staff meeting.

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 5:15 p.m.—Wed. Evening Activities.

5:15 - Guitar Lessons	6:30 - Classes
5:20 - Faithful Fitness	7:00 - Youth Group
5:45 - 6:30 Supper	7:30 - Adult Choir
6:15 - Opening Music	

Next Sunday, November 3

Daylight Saving Time Ends.

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we continue our healing worship series by focusing on journeying toward healing amidst the grief of losing a loved one. Scripture for reflection will include John 11 and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

5:30 p.m.—The Bethesda Pillars Banquet, Tabor Church Fellowship Hall.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

October 20, 2019

Offering	= \$ 5,071.35	Attendance	= 152
Adult F.F.	= \$ 21.00	Attendance	= 49
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 16.41	Attendance	= 48

Budget Update:

2019 Budget: \$276,571

Giving to Date: \$218,924

5 giving Sundays remain

Needed per Sunday to meet budget: \$ 11,529

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on October 20

- ★ Pastor Rosie gave thanks for the story of healing and hope that was shared by Marcene and Karen during the service. Thanks be to God for Eric, Marcene and Karen's courage to share openly and honestly, and for the message of God's healing and hope in the midst of darkness and depression in our lives.
- ★ Phyllis gave thanks for Stories & Stuff that gathers on the 3rd Thursday of the month, when people are invited to come share stories, food and fellowship with each other. Thanks be to God for the time, space and effort that Pastor Rosie and Grace Regier have given toward this monthly event and for all who attend each month.
- ★ Phyllis also asked us to pray often for the Smith Derksen's, Tabor's mission partners, as they serve with Mennonite Mission Network in Cape Town, South Africa. Lord, hear our prayer as they share Christ's message of love, hope and peace; and thanks be to God for the opportunity Tabor has to contribute to their financial support these last three years.
- ★ Bonnie gave thanks to the congregation for the many prayers, love and support that were offered during the death of her father, her mother's surgery and for her sister, as they all dealt with this loss in their own way. Thanks be to God for the healing that has come to her mother, and Lord, hear our prayer for continued healing and strength
- ★ Violeta gave thanks for all who attended the banquet to raise money for scholarships to train Hispanic leaders at the Instituto Biblico Anabautista (Anabaptist Biblical Institute). Thanks be to God for the generous gifts of money, and Lord, hear our prayer for the leaders as they receive this training.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The presence of Bethesda Home in our community and the loving care that residents receive on all levels. Thanks be to God!

Dates to Remember:

November 7: Tabor Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ
November 6-12: Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter
November 10: Goessel Community Thanksgiving
November 12: Basement Remodel Meeting
November 17: Junior High Fundraiser Meal
Tabor Congregational Meeting
November 21: Stories & Stuff
December 1: First Sunday of Advent
Tabor Trading Post
December 8: Tabor Trading Post
Parsonage Open House
Brass Christmas Concert at Alexander



Bethesda Home is a Christian community dedicated to provide the highest quality care in the name of Christ for the retired, frail and elderly.

Bethesda is committed to a holistic approach in providing our continuum of care. Our employees treat our residents with dignity and respect, as if they are our own parents and grandparents. We back our words with our actions. It's part of who we are.

Our Mission Statement: Bethesda seeks to be a community formed by the spirit of Jesus Christ to fulfill the lives of adults with special needs in a place that is home

Our Vision: Bethesda will be a regenerative community for all residents, staff, board and families.

Our Core Values

1. Treasure every person
2. Practice daily welcome and hospitality
3. Listen with the heart, hold confidences, forgive
4. Name losses and celebrate joys
5. Foster choice, creativity, and playfulness
6. Develop servant leaders who seek supervision and foster excellence
7. State goals, accept risks, be accountable
8. Change unjust practices and negotiate conflicts
9. Enlarge, develop and complete life, receiving and giving blessings



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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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Deacons:

Barb Abrahams	Carol Duerksen	Erica Stoltzfus
Duane Duerksen	Emil Schmidt	John Unruh