

July 1, 2007

30 Days of Generosity

“It’s about Us”

“... for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” -Luke 12:15

Praising Our Generous God

PRELUDE Adult Worship Team

WELCOME AND PRAYER Worship Leader, Carrie Sommerfield

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“I sing the mighty power of God”* No. 46

*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please pass the welcome pads

PREPARING OURSELVES FOR OFFERING Video from Good Sense

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND DEDICATING THEM

CHILDREN’S STORY Janna Duerksen

SPECIAL MUSIC Janessa Wedel

Proclaiming God’s Generous Word

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT *Jeremiah 6:13-16*

SONG *“O Lord, have mercy”* Insert

*HEARING THE GOSPEL *Luke 12:13-21*

SERMON *“Unplugging Greed”* Corey Miller

Responding With Generosity

RESPONSE SONG *“God, whose giving”* No. 383

GENEROSITY SHARING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*SENDING SONG *“You shall go out with joy”* No. 427

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

Greed happens when the world is centered around us. Generosity happens when we center on the world and how much God loves it. On our last Sunday of this 30 Days of Generosity journey, we want to unplug greed and become the joy-filled givers God intends. We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us!

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Walden & Susan Duerksen and Mae Frey. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back & join us again soon.

Childcare is available during worship today. *Please remember to save the back three pews for those with infants or small children.*

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone.

Adults and youth will join together in the fellowship hall after worship this morning to conclude our study and discussion on 30 Days of Generosity.

Children meet in the South Sunday school rooms in the basement.

On the table in the foyer are **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

This Week

Monday, July 2-Friday, July 6

Mennonite Church USA conference at San Jose.

Pastor Corey will leave on Monday for San Jose and will return late on Saturday night. In case of an emergency, call any of the deacons and it should be noted that Grace Brunner is our "on call" pastor during the week.

Tuesday, July 3

7:30 p.m.—Trustee meeting.

Next Sunday, July 8

8:00 a.m.—Deacon's will meet at Tabor.

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday the theme will be on Obedience. The sermon title is: "What Happens When We Are Obedient." The texts are Luke 5:1-7 and Hebrews 10:35-36 and Fred Schmidt will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone. *Practicing our Faith:* MMA representative will talk about "Savings and Investments for all Ages" in the fellowship hall. Children ages 2 through grade 5 meet in room 10-12.

Area Jr. High Swim Party: 7-9 pm Hillsboro Pool. All '06-'07 7th and 8th graders should meet at Goessel Church at **6:30** to carpool. Bring **\$3.00** for swimming. Snacks will be provided. We will return to the church around 9:30.

Announcements

CAR FOR TIRZA: Several months ago, Tirza Hernandez, from the Potter House Mennonite Church, was in need of a car and wondered if we had one here for her. We ran this as a bulletin announcement and LaVonne Hermstein graciously offered an extra car that they had. The car needed some repair work and we weren't sure how much money to put into the car. When the price of gas went up, we discussed the idea that maybe we should offer some money to Tirza instead, to help her buy a car down there. Last week, we sent off a check for \$750 (from the Potter House Fund) to help Tirza find a car. We are grateful for LaVonne for coming up with a car and even though we won't use it, it got us started on the process.

PLEASE SIGN UP NOW TO TEACH A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEXT YEAR!!

We need teachers for children's and adult classes. Even if you've never taught before, sign up if you're interested. Sign-up poster is located on the bulletin board in the foyer. Thanks!

BE GENEROUS-SHARE YOUR GARDEN PRODUCE AT CHURCH!! It's that time of the year again to harvest the gifts of fresh fruits and vegetables from our gardens. **Anyone** may bring fresh produce to share with others. We will again have a table set up in the food pantry room to put the produce on. Just bring it to church any Sunday morning throughout the growing season. **Anyone**, may take home the produce from the table. If you take some, we ask that your share a small money donation to help support our **Tabor Church Food Pantry Ministry**.

Questions: ask Nancy Miller, Phyllis Goertzen or Eleanora Goertzen.

LADIES, SIGN UP NOW to come to the Walton/Peabody/Goessel Lunch Bunch. It will be Tuesday, July 17 at 12 noon, at the Goessel Agape Center. Please sign up by July 15 if you plan to attend. Call Alice Schmidt if you have any questions.

JOYFUL NOISE is currently accepting applications for the Director of the daycare position. Teaching experience or education preferred. Must be 18+. Send resume to JNCCC, P.O. Box 5, Goessel, KS 67503, or call Brandy Ashley at #367-2912.

CAMP MENNOSCAH: Due to some cancellations, Camp Mennoscah has some openings the weekends of July 7/8 and 14/15 at the main camp. If you, your church, family or someone you know might be interested in renting the main camp for either of those weekends, please contact the camp at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE: In the WDC News that you are receiving today, in the article about the AMBS !Explore program, note that Sarah Pohl (First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge, KS) should have been listed as a participant. WDC regrets the omission.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA: Multi-agency Global Fabric Project at San Jose and how YOU can participate....You can help support the San Francisco Mennonite Voluntary Service House by bidding on a hand-stitched quilt being crafted this week at the San José Mennonite Convention. The "Global Coins" quilt was created from more than 30 different fabrics representing areas around the world where Mennonite service and mission agencies work and have partners. The quilt is the culmination of a year of collaboration between Mennonite Disaster Service, Eastern Mennonite Missions, Virginia Mennonite Missions, Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Mission Network. Bidding on the quilt began Friday, June 29 on eBay and will continue until July 7 at 6 p.m. PDT. See <http://www.mennoniteuse.org/GlobalFabric> for the link to the eBay site and a picture of the quilt.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

Thank you from **MERLE CHRISTNER**.

SUNDAY-AFTERNOON-AT-THE-MUSEUM, July 8, 2 and 3:30 pm, "Coming to Terms with the Mennonite Great Trek." James C. Juhnke will present an illustrated story of Russian Mennonites who followed visionary leader Claas Epp to Central Asia in 1880.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES 2006 Annual Report

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' RETREAT, Sept.7-9, Camp Mennoscah.

AMBS-GREAT PLAINS EXTENSION fall class schedule

God's Peace: It can be lived out in your life.

I have the immense joy of being [human], a member of a race in which God became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now I realize what we all are. And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun.

- Thomas Merton

30 Days of Generosity makes use of five core stewardship principles throughout the month-long study:

Generosity is Christ-centered. As followers of Jesus, we are accountable for how we handle what has been entrusted to us. Ultimately, everything we see, touch, and manage is God's.

Generosity is trust-oriented. God immediately demonstrated his trust in people by giving them tasks to do and asking them to manage what he created. As God's managers, we must decide in whom and in what we trust. Do we trust God for our future provisions, or do we hoard and control things we don't even own?

Generosity is being thankful in spirit. It is not how much we have, but what we do with it and in what spirit. Realizing God is the source of all things increases our gratitude for what God has provided and done on our behalf.

Generosity is driven by love. Jesus taught that the entire law of God is summarized in love for him and others. We manage God's resources from a desire to love God and other people.

Generosity is an act of obedience. There is an expectation that each follower of Christ will be faithful to honor God with the management of his or her God-given resources. The goal is to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Everyone is a steward. The question is: what kind?