

July 15, 2007

## Discovering Your Passion

*“ . . . Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us run the race set before us.” -Hebrews 12:1*

### Praising Our God

PRELUDE Michelle Unruh

WELCOME AND PRAYER Worship Leader, Carol Duerksen

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE “*Christ is our cornerstone*” No. 43

\*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE “*Holy God, we praise thy name*” No. 121

\*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
*Please pass the welcome pads*

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND DEDICATING THEM  
“*Siyabamba*” Michelle Unruh and Diana Schmidt

CHILDREN’S STORY Kim Funk

### Proclaiming God’s Word

SPECIAL MUSIC Katherine Goerzen

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT *Hebrews 11:ff, 12:1-3*

SERMON “*What’s Your Passion?*” Grace Brunner

### Responding

RESPONSE SONG “*Open my eyes, that I may see*” No. 517

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

\*SENDING SONG “*Forth in thy name*” No. 415

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

### Today

What’s your passion? Finding the passion that God has given you can bring new joy to your life. We are glad to have Pastor Grace Brunner here to preach this morning. Grace and her husband Paul, were interim pastors here at Tabor during the 1997-1998 year.

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 Lee, DeVon & Reece Hiebert and Kent & Rosie Jantz. *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.

Children ages 2 through grade 5 meet in room 10-12.

Adults—*Practicing our Faith*: MMA's John Sommer will share on "Savings and Investments for all Ages". Meet in the fellowship hall.

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.

**Golden Anniversary** open house for Dannie and Alice Schmidt today from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the AGAPE Senior Center in Goessel.

They request no gifts.

## **This Week**

The Millers are on vacation this week. They will return home on Wednesday. Contact Denise Nickel for any emergency situations (620) 367-2226.

Pastor Doug along with the youth and sponsors are on the Youth Service trip in San Antonio this week. They will return on Thursday.

### **Wednesday, July 18**

**9a.m.-3 p.m.**—**WILLING HELPERS** will have a workday at the MCC Center in North Newton. Bring a sack lunch.

## **Next Sunday, July 22**

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday the theme will be "*Live the Call.*" The text is Ephesians 4:1-6 and Corey will be preaching. The focus of the morning will be on the Mennonite Conference that was held in San Jose last week. We will also hear words from some of the 15 people from Tabor who were there.

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

Susan Schmidt is celebrating her 100th birthday on July 22. The congregation is invited to celebrate with her from 3-5pm in the fellowship hall. Come and celebrate with Susan and her family.

## **Announcements**

### **THANKS**

What a heart-warming feeling it is to be a part of a loving congregation! As I have slowly recovered from a bleeding ulcer, the knowledge of the prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and food have all been healing gifts. Thank you all for caring. —Elaine Schroeder

Thanks to my Tabor Family for your prayers and concerns after my fall. This past week my pain has lessened, but pain pills are still a part of my diet.

—Helen Schmidt

### **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 you share a small money donation to help support our **Tabor Church Food Pantry Ministry**.  
*Questions: ask Nancy Miller, Phyllis Goertzen or Eleanora Goertzen.*

**CROP DRIVE:** To contribute to MCC through CROP be certain that your contribution is designated for MCC and include the name of your congregation. Place your contribution in Rudy Schmidt's mailbox and he will issue a receipt. If you do not use your envelope, please place it on the table in the foyer. If you did not receive an envelope in your mailbox, pick one up to make your contribution.

**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 TODAY 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 67053, or call Brandy Ashley at #367-2912.

**JAMES WALTNER**, pastor here at Tabor Church, 1958-1967, was a patient at Goshen Hospital June 28-July 1 after being diagnosed with multiple myeloma. He has begun chemotherapy on an outpatient basis. Your cards, emails and prayers are appreciated. Address: 1717 Mayflower Place, Goshen, IN 46526 Email: jwaltner@tln.net

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR FINAL GREENSBURG CLEANUP.**

For the next several weeks MDS is moving into the final stage of cleanup in Greensburg, Kansas. Volunteers are needed for light cleanup including raking and picking up of smaller debris. Plans are also underway for MDS to soon begin rebuilding in the Greensburg community. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact MDS in Greensburg at (985) 291-1296.

**WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE:**

>The annual conference, scheduled for July 27-29 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is not just a time for delegate business. There will be inspirational worship and music, workshops, information from Mennonite Church USA representatives, meal meetings for men and women to which all are invited, and programming for children, infants through junior high. Make your plans now to attend. Call WDC - 316-283-6300 if you need information.

>Invite your friends to an evening of music, laughter, and fellowship as the Possum Boys sing their final concert on Sunday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. The benefit concert is for Western District Conference and its Vision 2012 campaign--supporting camping, ministerial leadership, church planting, and resource ministries.

**ET CETERA FASHION SHOW TRENDY LOOKS – THRIFT STORE TWIST**

Highlighting 10 reasons to shop at the NEWTON ET CETERA SHOP

Featuring prominent area business, community & educational leaders as models. Friday July 27, 2007 7 & 8:15pm. 619 N. Main Newton KS  
Storewide 50% off 6-10:00pm.

**HARPIST TO PRESENT RECITAL:** Newton native Jill Wiebe will present a harp recital at Bethel College Mennonite Church on Sunday, July 22, 4:00 p.m. She has traveled and performed extensively in the U.S. and abroad. In addition to performing, she will explain how the instrument works and provide background information about the musical selections. There will be time for questions and answers. The public is invited to attend this free concert. Jill will also be participating in the morning worship hour at BCMC at 9:30 a.m.

**THE LORRAINE AVENUE MENNONITE CHURCH**, Wichita, is pleased to announce the fifth event of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert/lecture series. Kenneth Rodgers, will present an organ concert on Sunday, July 22 at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S. Lorraine at 3:00 p.m.

**ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:**

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

**AMBS-GREAT PLAINS EXTENSION** fall class schedule

Newsletter items are due in the secretary's mailbox on July 23.

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

A human being is a part of the whole that we call the universe, a part limited in time and space. And yet we experience ourselves, our thoughts and feelings, as something separated from the rest - a kind of optical illusion of our consciousness. This illusion is a prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for only the few people nearest us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living beings and all of nature.

*- Albert Einstein*