

**July 22, 2007**  
**Live the Call**

*"... lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called..." -Ephesians 4:1*

**Praising Our Generous God**

PRELUDE

Marcene Entz

WELCOME AND PRAYER                      Worship Leader, Venita Schroeder

Leader: People of God, look about and see the faces of  
those we know and love -

**People: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers -  
a community of kindred hearts.**

Leader: People of God, look about and see the faces of  
those we hardly know -

**People: strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends,  
the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

Leader: People of God, look about you and see all the images  
of God assembled here.

**People: In me, in you, in each of us, God's Spirit shines for all to see.**

Leader: People of God, come Live the Call.

**All: LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER.**

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE                      *"All praise to our redeeming Lord"*                      No. 21

\*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE                      *"Praise, I will praise you, Lord"*                      No. 76

\*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please pass the welcome pads*

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND DEDICATING THEM

CHILDREN'S STORY

Leann Toews

COMMISSIONING WORKERS FOR MVS

Ben Schmidt - Washington D.C.

Kenton and Eunice Nickel - Fresno, CA

RESPONSE

Go into the world doing what the Lord requires:

living with kindness and justice,  
praying and acting for peace,  
walking your path humbly with God.

Then you will find yourselves blessed.

Know that yours is the kingdom of heaven  
yours the strength and mercy of God,  
yours all the blessings  
given to God's beloved children. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Here I am, Lord"*

Sharleen Francis

**Proclaiming God's Generous Word**

HEARING FROM EPHESIANS

Reader's Theater

## Responding With Generosity

RESPONSE SONG      *"Live the call"*      Insert

### SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*Lord we give you our thanks*      -**"Thanks be to God"**

*Lord we pray to you*      -**"Hear our prayer"**

\*SENDING SONG      *"In Christ alone"*      Insert

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Today

Live the call! Paul's words from Ephesians 4:1-6 jump out at us, calling us to live the call of Christ in our lives and to the world. *Live the Call* was the theme at the Mennonite Conference held the first week in July at San Jose. Today, we want to hear about what God is doing in Mennonite Church USA and how God is calling us to **Live the Call!**

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 Steve & Bonnie Janzen and Pam & Brent Abrahams. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back & join us again soon.

Childcare is available during worship today.

The flowers this morning are in honor Susan Schmidt who turned 100 years old on July 19. Susan is Tabor's oldest member!

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

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

Adults meet in the fellowship hall to hear reports from participants at San Jose.

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.

**3:00-5:00 p.m.**—Susan Schmidt is celebrating her 100th birthday today. The congregation is invited to celebrate with her in the fellowship hall. Come and share in this wonderful moment with Susan and her family.

## This Week

**Monday, July 23**—Newsletter items are due in the church office.

**Tuesday, July 24**

**7:00 p.m.**—Deacon's meeting at Denise Nickel's home.

**Wednesday, July 25**

**7:00 p.m.**—Prayer/Envisioning Team meets at Tabor.

**Thursday, July 26**

**7:00 p.m.**—Worship/Fellowship meeting at Tabor.

**Friday, July 27-Sunday, July 29**

Western District Conference and South Central Conference will be meeting in Tulsa. The following are delegates to the conference: Nancy and Corey Miller, Jim and Diana Schmidt, Gayle Funk, Barb Banman, Lee and Phyllis Goertzen, Denise Nickel, and Myron Voth. Also attending the conference are Hannah and Rachel Miller, Doug and Jude Krehbiel, Phyllis Regier and Marlene Bogard.

## Next Sunday, July 29

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday the theme will be “*Speak Lord,*” following the theme of Western District Conference. The text is I Samuel 3 and Peter Goerzen will be preaching.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone. Adults: Mike Miller, rep from Mennonite Foundation & MMA Trust Co. along with his wife Lois Miller, registered nurse & case manager at Hutchinson Hospital will share on Stewardship Based End of Life Planning. Learn about the basic legal tools to have in place for the end of life & focus on the most frequently overlooked part of end of life planning: facing illness with the dramatic increase in technological medical options.

## Announcements

**CHILDREN:** If you missed the children’s story on July 1, please visit the table in the foyer & pick up a Western District Conference Vision 2012 activity booklet. ALL CHILDREN and their parents – please consider what your contribution to Vision 2012 can be. Fill out the slip of paper on the table & place it in the jar with your money. Let’s see how many swimmers we can add to the pool site!! Your contributions will go toward a new swimming pool at Camp Mennoscah, or new WDC library books, or to help new WDC churches. For every \$2 we’ll add another swimmer.

**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!

**Willing Helpers** - those who have not turned in the yellow volunteer sheet need to do so by next Sunday, July 29. Please fill it out and put in Norma Graber’s mailbox.

**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. Extra envelopes are on the table in the foyer.

**BE GENEROUS-SHARE YOUR GARDEN PRODUCE AT CHURCH!!** Anyone may bring fresh produce to share with others. There is 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.*

**Now It Springs Up** is a new year-long devotional book authored by Michele Hershberger, Laurie Oswald Robinson, and Carol Duerksen. All three authors and Nancy Miller, cover designer, will be at a book signing at Carol and Maynard’s farm on Aug 5, 7-9 p.m. Come enjoy refreshments, get your book for \$15, (a savings of \$3) and have it signed by the authors and designer. Call 620-367-8432 for details.

**HELP WANTED: JOYFUL NOISE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM TEACHER:** Must be energetic, creative, organized, enthusiastic, and at least 18! Mon.-Fri., 3:00-6:00 p.m. Call #367-4620 for an application or send resume to: JNCCC ASP, P.O. Box 5 Goessel, KS 67053.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR FINAL GREENSBURG CLEANUP:** For the next several weeks Mennonite Disaster Service is moving into final stage of cleanup in Greensburg. 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 information, contact MDS in Greensburg at (985) 291-1296.

### **WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE:**

>The countdown to the **joint annual conference** for Western District and South Central Conference churches is about over. This coming Friday, the opening worship will feature Barry Bartel and Esther Martinez Vazquez as speakers. The program will conclude on Sunday morning with Lawrence Hart and Raylene Hinz-Penner giving the message. In between will be delegate sessions, workshops, meal meetings for men and women, children's programming from infant through junior high, alumni gatherings, and times for informal fellowship. Pray for God's Spirit to challenge each participant!

>Laugh a little, sing a little, smile a lot! Join the fun as the **Possum Boys** present their final concert before one leaves for seminary and one leaves for voluntary service. The benefit concert for Western District Conference Vision 2012 will be held on Sunday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, KS. The offering is designated to support Vision 2012 - the three-year prayer and funding campaign of Western District Conference.

### **CAMP MENNOSCAH:**

>**Grandparents/Grandchildren Weekend Retreat:** Grandparents – bring your grandchildren of all ages and spend a relaxing weekend at Camp Mennoscah, August 4-5. Kevin Neufeld will be program director. Pre-registration is open until July 30. Camp starts Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$30 per adult (12 and over) or \$15 per child in the cabins or tents; \$40 per adult or \$35 per child in the retreat center. Contact information listed below.

>Camp Mennoscah is looking for a part-time **housekeeper** to help at the Retreat Center year round and at main camp during the off-season (Mid-August through May) beginning August 1, 2007. Hours are flexible and average 6-8 hours per week.

For information, contact camp at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org)

**DEO (discipleship, encounter, outreach)** has an urgent need for participants to serve in Phoenix, AZ. Several young adults have withdrawn their applications in the past week, leaving us with the possibility of needing to cancel the program for this year. If you (or someone you know) are a young adult, age 18-25, and have a heart to follow Christ and serve others, contact us as soon as possible! Training is scheduled to begin August 7. Email: [KayS@d-e-o.org](mailto:KayS@d-e-o.org), phone: 316-283-5155 x. 247.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

#### **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 7:00 PM & 8:15 PM 619 N. Main Newton KS

Storewide 50% off 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**ET CETERA SHOP NEEDS YOU NOW!** The following volunteer positions must be filled immediately:

Clerking: Friday 9am-1:15pm, and Saturday 9am-1:15pm or 1:15pm-5:30pm. Cleaning crew (2 people), 30 minutes twice a week. Please contact Diana Miller, General Manager @ 316-283-9461 for more information.

**THE 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AGRI-URBAN DAY ON THE FARM** will be held August 18 at the Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen farm (3 miles north, 4 miles east and ¾ mile north of Goessel). This family event runs from 10am to 3pm and includes animals, activities and food. This year's event is dedicated to the memory of Randolph Flaming who worked tirelessly for Agri-Urban and Day on the Farm. Agri-Urban was developed to bring farmers and urban dwellers together to support Western District Conference, Bethel College and Mennonite Church USA. The success of Agri-Urban is dependent on contributions made by both farmers (who raise the animals) and urban dwellers (who contribute toward feed costs). To contribute send checks payable to Mennonite Agri-Urban, c/o Ben Schrag, Treasurer, 2321 N Main St. North Newton, KS 67117 or bring them to Day on the Farm and enjoy all the great activities.

**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, Wichita, KS at 3:00 p.m.

**NEWTON COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR** announces auditions for the 2007 – 2008 season. Musically motivated students in Grades 4 – 8 are encouraged to audition for the Newton Community Children's Choir. Auditions and an informational meeting for parents and students will be held on the following dates at 6:00 pm at the Bethel College Fine Arts Center in the Choral Room: **Monday, August 6 (Last names A-K)** Tuesday, August 7 (Last names L-Z). If you are unable to attend either of these dates and need to schedule a separate appointment, or if you have any questions regarding the audition process, please contact Brenda Bartel, Artistic Director, at 316-283-2821. Contact information is also available at [www.nccchoir.org](http://www.nccchoir.org).

**ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:**

**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***

You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake.

- *Jeanette Rankin, (1880-1973), First woman to enter U.S. House of Representative in 1917, Lost her seat in Congress when she voted against entry in WWI.*