

# September 2, 2007

## “Offering Hospitality”

*“Through him, then, let us offer a sacrifice of praise to God.” -Hebrews 13:15*

### Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE Cross Road

WELCOME Worship Leader, Warren Schmidt

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come to worship God. Let us come with humility.

**People: We offer all that we are, knowing that we need  
God’s Spirit to be what we ought to be.**

Leader: We have come to worship God. Let us come with expectation.

**People: In the Divine Presence there is light for our darkness and  
purpose in our striving.**

**All: Let us bring a sacrifice of praise,  
for all that God has done and will do. Amen!**

### Praising God

\*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *“Jesus, stand among us”* No. 25

\*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

\*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *“Come, let us all unite to sing”* No. 12

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND DEDICATING THEM  
*Psalm 112 The Message*

CHILDREN’S TIME Carrie Unruh

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Better Than I” -John Bucchino* DeVon Hiebert

### Hearing God’s Word

GOSPEL STORY *Luke 14:7-14*  
*“Humble Thyself”* Back of Bulletin

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT *Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*

SERMON *“A Welcoming Table”* Corey Miller

### Responding to God’s Word

SONG *“For we are strangers no more”* No. 322

SHARING AND PRAYING *“Lord, listen to your children praying”* No. 353

\*SENDING HYMN *“O Master, let me walk with thee”* No. 357

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

# Today

Offering hospitality has always expected for those who love God. Practicing Biblical hospitality with intentionality and authenticity can turn strangers into friends. But is hospitality more than offering a handshake at the door, a warm meal or a honey bear? YES! Listen to our texts today and learn about God's hospitality plan.

We are so glad you are here today. You might even be angels in our midst!

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Donavon & Deloris Schmidt and Brain Voth & Gayle Funk, Monica & Carson. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back & join us again soon.

Childcare is available during worship today.

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

Room changes: Joyseekers class will meet in room 16. Les Goerzen's class will meet in room 17.

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

### Tuesday, September 4

**7:30 p.m.**— Trustee meeting.

### Wednesday, September 5

**7:00 p.m.**—Pastoral Relations meeting.

## Next Sunday, September 9

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday the theme will be "*Bringing Refreshment*". The texts will be Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21, Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Corey will be preaching.

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

**Noon**—Potluck grocery shower for Krista and Nathan Graber. Bring grocery items along with a copy of your favorite recipe. Post-it note pads will be available to jot down any advice you have gleaned over the years that you wish to share with the newlyweds. Please bring your own table service for the meal.

## Announcements

### THANKS

We were so thrilled last Sunday night for such a great turnout to the BBQ and Mennograss Festival. Thanks to Steve Janzen for donating some meat and for the quarterly fellowship for making all that great ice cream. The music was wonderful. The fellowship was delightful. We trust that you had many good conversations as we gathered together at such a beautiful place. Thank you again for coming.

—Corey and Nancy Miller

### THANKS FOR SHARING YOUR GARDEN PRODUCE!

We have had a very successful season for our produce table. Thank you for bringing produce and for leaving donations if you took some home. You have helped provide a just over \$110.00 for the Tabor Church Food Pantry. --*Because No One Shall Go Hungry.*

**TABOR CHURCH CAMPOUT** is coming September 15 & 16! There are new events planned for this year's campout. Expect to be drink deeply from the River of God's Delight. You have time to sign up yet. Don't miss out!

**CENTENNIAL STORIES GATHERING:** Sunday evening September 30 at 7 p.m.

Come prepared to hear and tell stories of Tabor Church life over the past 100 years. Enjoy apple crisp and ice cream. We hope to gather stories from this gathering for the centennial book. You may also bring any old photos related to the topic. If you have questions, contact: Carol Duerksen, John Goerzen, Elaine Schroeder or Nancy Miller.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

>>Christian Education is looking for 4-5 people who would be willing to be on a “**dream team**” for issues involving **Christian Education at Tabor**. This team would meet for a year with a goal to present a proposal to the congregation in Nov. 2008 regarding the restructuring of the committee and Sunday school among other things. If you are interested or have more questions, talk with Pastor Karen.

>>If you have an interest in being in charge of the **Christmas Eve program**, please contact a member of the Christian Ed. committee or Pastor Karen. We need to have someone in place by September.

>>**Gather 'Round Refresher Workshop** will be held at First Mennonite, Halstead, on Sunday, Sept. 23, from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. This will be an interactive training session on the Gather 'Round curriculum led by WDC Minister of Christian Nurture Marlene Bogard. This can serve as an introduction for those who are new to the curriculum or as a refresher. Bring your Fall, 2007 Gather 'Round curriculum. Register by calling WDC offices, 316-283-6300 or emailing [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org). Cost: \$5.00 / person. *Tabor's Education Committee will pay your registration. Let Kim know if you will attend.*

**THE ANNUAL GOESSEL AREA CROP WALK** for the hungry is scheduled for Sunday, September 30 at 1:30 p.m. Over 840 million people around the world receive insufficient nutrition – one sixth of the human family. Most of

these people suffer from chronic hunger and malnutrition that stunts growth and saps energy. You can make a difference by walking or sponsoring a walker. Contact Kevin Nickel for a CROP WALKER ENVELOPE and begin inviting sponsors. We encourage payment at the time commitments are made, or at least before WALK Sunday. All checks are to be made out to CROP, and can be designated for MCC.

**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

**MCC FLATLANDER BICYCLE RIDE:** The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride to raise funds for MCC water projects in Africa and Asia will be held on Sat., Sept. 15, originating at the MCC offices in North Newton. Informational brochures are available through the church office. Support one of Tabor's riders: Elton and Denise Nickel, Jerry Toews, Kristin and Archie Schmidt. *If you are planning to ride, please let Kim know so we can list your name.*

**CAMP MENNOSCAH:**

>>**Women's and Girls' Retreat**, Sept.7-9. *Ready, Set . . . Relax!* Speaker—Beverly Baumgartner.

>>**Work and Play Camp** Sept. 16-20 at Camp Mennoscah. We will work together on several projects, Floyd Bartel will lead us in Bible Study and on Tuesday evening, our special presenter is LaVerle Schrag of Hutchinson. See brochure on bulletin board. For more information or to register, contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

>>**Family Camp/Mennofolk** will take place in the cool of the fall from Friday October 12 to Sunday October 14. Activities will include music, dancing, games, crafts, campfire, worship, and all sorts of outdoor fun. If you would like to be there please pre-register by September 28. To register or find more information please contact the camp office or look for the family camp flyer on your church bulletin board.

**MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

>>**MCC Service Workers Linda Kusse-Wolfe and David Wolfe** will present *Life with the Ayatollahs:*

*Two MCCers Experience in Qom, Iran* at Shalom Mennonite Church (800 E.1st Street, Newton) on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7:00 p.m. They will give an overview of life in Qom plus some Interfaith Bridgebuilding experiences. Light refreshments will follow the program.

>>**Floods are affecting millions of people in Bangladesh, Nepal and India**, destroying homes and crops and claiming hundreds of lives. MCC is responding with \$250,000 in aid for people harmed by the flooding. However, MCC needs an additional \$129,000 to help farmers and communities recover and mitigate future floods. Your contributions are needed now. Contributions should be designated "South Asia Flood Response" and can be made at any MCC office or online at [mcc.org/donate](http://mcc.org/donate).

**WANTED: TRACTOR DRIVERS** for the Kansas State Fair. Drive a brand new John Deere tractor with AC and stereo to shuttle people from the parking lot to the entrance and back Thursday, Sept. 13. You get a FREE ticket to go see the fair that day when you volunteer for a 3 hour shift. We need 2 drivers from 1 to 4pm; 2 drivers from 4 to 7pm; and 2 drivers from 7 to 10pm. In return the State Fair Board gives the

Kansas MCC Sale a \$5000 donation. PLEASE let our contact couple, Kris and Archie Schmidt know if you can take one of these slots. THANKS.

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS TO ENHANCE PERSONAL, FAMILY AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**, Sept. 29, 8:30am-3:30pm, sponsored and hosted by Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing. Conducted by Dr. Nate Regier, Vice President, Prairie View Process Solutions, this seminar is modeled on the Process Communication Model, which Prairie View has used in a variety of settings, including churches and businesses. The cost of participating in the seminar at Zion is \$60.00, which includes the fee for completing the online personality profile and lunch. (Prairie View charges up to \$275.00 to participate in similar seminars.) Open to anyone who has an interest in enhancing their communication skills, whether for personal, family or congregational life. See brochure on bulletin board for registration details.

**ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:**

**LIFE ENRICHMENT** at Bethel College begins Sept. 5. Schedule is posted.

**FALL THRESHER GOLF CLASSIC** to benefit Bethel College. Sept. 15, Hesston. Registration deadline Sept. 5.

**HOSPICE CARE OF KANSAS:** Become a certified Hospice Volunteer! Training Sept. 6, 5-8pm, 2505 N. Main, N. Newton.

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

In the beginning, there is struggle and a lot of work for those who come near to God. But after that, there is indescribable joy. It is just like building a fire: at first it's smoky and your eyes water, but later you get the desired result. Thus we ought to light the divine fire in ourselves with tears and effort.

- *Amma Syncretica*

**HUBMLE THYSELF**

**Bob Hudson**

**Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord. (repeat)**

**Chorus: And God shall lift you up higher and higher.  
And God shall lift you up, up into heaven.  
And God shall lift you up.**

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