

October 7, 2007

“Celebrating the Past”

“I gave you a land on which you had not labored . . .” -Joshua 24:13

Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE Adult Worship Team

WELCOME Worship Leader, Leann Toews

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 145

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

People: God’s greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

**People: From Adam to Jesus. From Paul to Luther.
From Menno to P.H. Richert.**

Leader: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and we will declare your greatness.

**People: We will celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and sing aloud of your righteousness.**

All: For Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!

*SINGING OUR PRAISE “Great is the Lord” No. 87

*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

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

*GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please pass the welcome pads*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND DEDICATING THEM
“Victory in Jesus” Sisters Forever

Hearing God’s Word

CHILDREN’S TIME Ilona Abrahams

SPECIAL MUSIC “Ceaseless Praise” -Tom Fettke Sisters Forever

OLD TESTAMENT STORY *Joshua 24:1-13* Reader’s Theater

SERMON “A Celebrative Look Back” Corey Miller

Responding to God’s Word

POWERPOINT “O God, our help in ages past” Instrumentation

HYMN “O God, our help in ages past” vv. 1, 2, 5, 6 No. 328

COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SENDING SONG “I’m pressing on the upward way” Insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

In exactly one year, Tabor Mennonite Church will celebrate its Centennial. Today, we begin a three part series that calls us to "*Celebrate the Past and Embrace the Future.*" We welcome you to remember how God has used Tabor Church to nurture your faith in the past and to celebrate what God has done.

We welcome all believers in Jesus Christ, who earnestly love him and who are committed to His church, to come to the Lord's Table as our eating and drinking together also is a way to celebrate God's amazing love for us.

We are glad you are here.

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Carol Duerksen & Maynard Knepp and Russ, Sharleen & Tristan Francis. *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. All college age people are invited to meet with Pastor Doug in the Pastor Corey's study.

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.

6:15—Goessel Area Jr. High meet at the Goessel Mennonite Church parking lot to go to have fun at the Kansas Corn Maze. Bring a flashlight and money for entrance and concessions. Plan on returning by 9:30.

NARRATIVE BUDGET REQUESTS for fiscal year 2008 are due in Denise Nickel's mailbox today, or if possible, email to Denise at oreo@mtelco.net.

This Week

October 7-13 is Pastor Appreciation Week

Tuesday, October 9

7:30 p.m.—MCC Meat Canner meeting at Tabor.

Items for the Bulletin are due. Bulletin will be printed Wed. morning.

Wednesday, October 10

Wednesday Evening Activities for Everyone!

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.: Supper for Everyone - *sign up for meal*

6:45 - 7:00 p.m.: Supper Cleanup

6:30 - 7:15 p.m.: Children of Light Choir Practice

6:45 - 7:15 p.m.: Sonbeams Choir Practice

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.: Adult Bible Study-*Journey Toward Wholeness –
Articulating: How we uncover the truth in our lives*
Tabor Goessel Youth Fellowship

7:15 - 8:00 p.m.: Worship Team Practice

7:15 - 8:15 p.m.: Junior Faith Weaver Friends

Faith Weaver Friends

Youth Explorers

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.: Adult Choir

Thursday, October 11

7:00 p.m.—Education Committee meeting.

Saturday, October 13

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study in the Pastor's Study.

Next Sunday, October 14

NEXT SUNDAY continues our three part Sunday series that focuses on our Centennial Celebration. The theme next Sunday is “*Surveying the Present.*” The text is Joshua 24:14-21 and Corey will be preaching.
10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone.

Noon—Mentors and youth party at Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen’s farm. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up today or call us by Wednesday to let us know if you're coming.

Prayer Requests

Congregational Joys and Concerns:

The following was shared with the Tabor Congregation on Sunday, Sept. 30.

Jude Krehbiel offered a “thanks” to the congregation for all the support and prayers she has received after breaking her wrist. She has felt God’s healing in her.

Brenda Buller shared that Bethesda Home was a gift to her mother, Susie, who found peace in the last months and days of her life before she died.

John Peters shared that his mother Christine Peters had experienced a remarkable improvement in her health and was thankful for all who prayed for her.

Warren Schmidt requested that the congregation would continue to prayerfully consider the deacon and Christian Education ministry positions that the Gift Discernment Committee is trying to fill.

Happenings this week:

Dannie Schmidt was moved to room #173 at Newton Medical on Monday, so he could receive physical therapy.

The Caring Quilt was with Alice Schmidt and with Marcene Entz for part of this past week. *The Children’s Caring Quilt* was home.

Remember to pray for:

The Gift Discernment Committee has contacted over 30 people to be a deacon and are still are looking. If no one feels called at this time, we will have to carry on with only five deacons. I invite you to be in prayer about this ministry and if you hear God calling, let Warren Schmidt know.

Western District Conference: Pray that World Communion observance will bind us together as a global community under the Lordship of Christ. Pray for a neighboring congregation.

Mennonite Mission Network: Francisco and Manuela Olvera received diplomas from the Instituto Bíblico Anabautista study center in Dallas. Pray that God’s strength and wisdom will be with them as they begin serving in a new community.

Mennonite Education Agency: Hesston College students will travel to various locations during fall break October 12-16. Pray for traveling mercies and refreshing times with friends and family. Remember the Bel Canto Singers and new director Bradley Kauffman as they sing in Mennonite congregations in Indiana and northwest Ohio. Ask God to bless them and their ministry.

Announcements

THANKS:

Dear Friends at Tabor, This note is late in coming, but know that it is no less sincere. I’m now one week into classes and feeling over-saturated in spiritual, intellectual, and social stimulation—certainly a rich place to grow! Thank you so very much for the scholarship you gave to help make this possible. We appreciate your continued prayers. We miss the Tabor community! Thanks again! -Nate Stucky

Thank you for helping make Dorothy Janzen’s 80th birthday a happy one. She enjoyed the visits and cards she received from many of you. Sometimes we forget that a small act of kindness can have a large impact on another person.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: At noon today, we will be meeting with people who are desiring to join Tabor Mennonite Church. We are grateful for the ten people who are considering this. Pray for Janessa Wedel, Tim and Alissa Unruh, Milo and Verna Voth, Violeta Acquajay, Frances Voth, Megan Klassen and John and Ruth Peters. What a great group!

LOOKING FOR DRIVERS: If you are feeling called to help drive children to and from church on Wednesday nights, please give Brenda Buller a call. Please consider helping make this ministry work!

DEVOTIONAL BOOK FOR CENTENNIAL! Please consider writing a short devotional (around 400 words) for our Centennial Devotional book. You can submit any devotions to Corey's mailbox at church, or if you have a computer, you can email them to Corey at cmiller@tabormennonite.org. I am waiting for the first one to be submitted. Give Corey a call if you have questions.

YOUR GIVING to Adults Sunday school offerings help with expenses for the Education Commission and helps to keep the amount requested from the unified budget down. Thank you for increasing your giving the remaining Sundays in our fiscal year since we are currently running short.

JOYFUL NOISE is accepting applications for a Full-Time (35-40 hr/wk) Teacher. Call 367-4620 or Send resume to: JNCCC, P.O. Box 5, Goessel, KS 67053.

THE GOESSEL AREA CROP WALK was well attended and supported by our 3 area churches on October 3. There were 56 Crop Walkers this year and an unofficial total of \$6,905.11 was raised in donations, which exceeded last year's total by over \$400.00. Approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the amount will be donated to our local Tabor Food Pantry with the rest going to Mennonite Central Committee and Church World Service. The top fundraiser was Vickie Schmidt of Tabor Church who raised \$885.00. Peter Goerzen (Tabor) came in 2nd with \$675.00. Watch for the Annual Report which will reveal other statistics. All donations are extremely important, whether it was .11 or hundreds of dollars. A hearty thank you to all the Walkers for walking and raising donations, to those who donated money, to the church recruiters, and those who provided cookies and water stops on the day of the walk. It's a community effort. Thanks be to God for the dedication our community has in raising money to better conditions in third world countries! —Elton and Denise Nickel, Goessel Area Crop Walk Coordinators.

AGAPE SENIOR CENTER: October 18, 7 pm, The Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice will be giving a program. They have a strong commitment to providing education on dying, death, related loss and medical issues. Programs are presented free of charge, donations to the organization are graciously accepted. You are invited to the 6pm potluck meal preceding the program.

BETHESDA'S NINETEENTH ANNUAL PILLARS BANQUET – November 3, 6:30 pm at Cross Wind Conference Center near Hesston. Punch bowl & informal social time begins at 6pm. Featuring "Five Times Harder". Contributions of \$125 per person or \$150 per person may be given to Angie Duerksen, John Goerzen, or Bonnie Janzen today or call the Bethesda Home Business office. (Contributions of \$100 per person are also acceptable.) High School age youth and younger can purchase a ticket for the Pillar's banquet for \$25.00. All proceeds from the benefit meal/program go toward the "Building Community & Changing Lives" campaign. Your support is appreciated.

ANABAPTIST VISION AND DISCIPLESHIP SERIES: Christian Ministry in a Red and Blue World. October 19-21. Hesston College. Samplings of the weekend: "When the Kingdom becomes costly" -Greg Boyd, author of New York Times best-selling book *The Myth of a Christian Nation.*; "Moving beyond the Red/Blue divide" -John D. Roth, professor/author, Goshen College; "Critically consuming the media" -Denice Bruce, instructor Bethel College/Wichita State University; "How I apply my faith to my work in public office" -Duane Goosen, State Budget Director for Kansas. It's not too late. Register on-line at www.hesston.edu/AVDS or call Elaine Schmidt at 620-327-8290.

MENNONITE WOMEN USA is seeking a candidate for service on the MW USA board of directors. Position opening in August 2008 : president-elect. Please send references (or nominate yourself!) by October 24 to MW USA vice-president, Gail Harder, 1300 Eymann Ave, Reedley, CA., lgharder@verizon.net. Include contact information and a brief introduction to the person.

SISTER HELEN PREJEAN will speak on the death penalty October 24, 7 p.m. at Wichita (KS) State University's Wilner Auditorium. Her talk is free and open to the public. There will be questions & answers and a book signing. She is well known for her work with death row inmates in Louisiana. She has written *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States* and also *Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions*. For further information, contact Michael Birzer, 316-978-6525.

BRENDA MARTIN HURST, former Tabor pastor, will be installed as pastor of Frazer Mennonite Church, Frazer, Pennsylvania on October 21. An invitation to the service, along with details is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brenda, Ray and the family as they continue to follow God's call.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

HOPi MISSION SCHOOL Foundation Event, Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston, October 7, 6pm.

Details are posted

GOESSEL COMMUNITY 'GET TOGETHER' October 13. See posted info.

M-2 PRISON VISITATION Program – training October 11.

AUTHOR TALK: Wilma Wall, born in China to Mennonite missionaries, will talk about "The Birth of a Book" October 16, 7pm, Newton Public Library.

Newton **MID-KANSAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**, Oct. 21 4pm Bethel College Memorial Hall.

A lecture entitled **PEACE: MORE THAN AN END TO WAR**, November 2, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College, North Newton, KS.

And a one-day conference on **War Tax Resistance and the Path to Peace**, November 3, 9a.m. - 5p.m., Meadowlark Center, Newton, KS.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE regional meeting Nov. 9-10, Leon, Iowa

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

Amid growing tensions between Iran and the United States, MCC coordinated a Sept. 26 meeting between Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and more than 100 religious leaders from the U.S. and Canada. The two-hour meeting, held in New York City, is the third such dialogue MCC has helped to organize between the president and U.S. religious leaders -- and an integral part of MCC's work to build peace. Follow this link to read more: mcc.org/news/news/article.html?id=256