

# October 14, 2007

## “Surveying the Present”

*“Choose this day whom you will serve . . .” -Joshua 24:15*

### Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE Brian Voth and Bill Froese

WELCOME AND GREETINGS Worship Leader, Carol Duerksen

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our God is Alpha and Omega. The beginning and the end,  
and every time in between.

**People: We are a people of many beginnings and endings.**

Leader: Sovereign God who is and was and is to come is the Almighty.

**People: Within God’s time we each find our little times**

**-our memories, our view of today, our hopes for the future.**

Leader: This is the time where we reflect on who we are.

This is the hour we set aside to worship God through great praise.

**People: With our hearts and bodies, with our reason and our spirit,  
we rejoice in God’s presence with us!**

**All: Come, in this time and in this place,  
now is the time to worship God!**

### Praising God

\*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *“Come, now is the time to worship”* overhead

\*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“Come, we that love the Lord”* No. 14

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND DEDICATING THEM Michelle Unruh

CHILDREN’S TIME Ilona Abrahams

### Hearing God’s Word

\*GOSPEL READING *Matthew 16:13-20*

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Joy’s Like a River”* Adult Choir

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES *Joshua 24:14-21* No. 809

SERMON *“Who We Are and Where We Are”* Corey Miller

### Responding to God’s Word

A CONFESSION OF WHO AND WHERE TABOR MENNONITE IS:

We are God’s children and a part of the body of Christ,  
called to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.

**We are a 99 year old Mennonite Church in the 16th century Anabaptist tradition, committed to nonviolence, peacemaking and justice.**

We believe that God’s unconditional love and forgiveness compel us to  
welcome and accept each other in love.

**We have 340 members, with 215 in attendance at our worship services.**



## This Week

### Tuesday, October 16

7:30 p.m.—MCC Meat Canner meeting at Tabor. *Postponed from last week.*

### Wednesday, October 17

#### **Wednesday Evening Activities for Everyone!**

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.: Supper - *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 –  
The Heart of Transformation: Forgiving*

TGYF - meeting at Don Host farm for an inspirational and  
thought provoking movie in the barn!

Historical Committee Meeting

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 18

7:00 p.m.—Prayer/Envisioning Team meeting.

### Saturday, October 20

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

## Next Sunday, October 21

**NEXT SUNDAY** concludes our three part Sunday series that focuses on our Centennial Celebration. The theme next Sunday is "*Embracing the Future.*" The text is Joshua 24:22-28 and Corey will be preaching. I invite everyone to spend some time re-reading Joshua 24 as we prepare for worship.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone. All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home right after the church service next Sunday for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

**Noon**—Caring Group Potluck Celebration. Anyone interested in joining a caring group in the next year is welcome to come.

## Announcements

**GOT NARRATIVE?** This is a reminder for all ministries that want to share about what plans you have for next year and what funds you need to meet those goals, you will need to have your narrative plan turned into the deacons TODAY! Please be prompt!

**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!

**NEEDED: DEVOTIONALS FOR THE DEVOTIONAL BOOK!** I know there are devotionals in the hearts and minds of the Tabor congregation, but I haven't received any yet. A devotional should consist of a scripture passage and some of your thoughts on that passage, perhaps enhanced by a personal story or two. It doesn't need to be long (around 400 words) but it does need to **be**, if we will have a Centennial Devotional book. Even if you aren't done yet, please let Pastor Corey know if you are planning on writing one. Thanks and may God bless us as we write! [cmiller@tabormennonite.org](mailto:cmiller@tabormennonite.org).

**CROP DRIVE:** We did not have a good wheat crop, so we couldn't give to the CROP Drive this summer. The fall crops look good. When you drive your combine in your field think how you can help the hungry people. See me about giving some grain to crop. —Rudy Schmidt

**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

**DO YOU LIKE PLAYING IN THE RIVER** at CAMP MENNOSCAH? Come help take the dam out on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 2:30pm. We can use help to float the boards to the trailer, wash, clean and stack them for winter, with plenty of fun and fellowship! For information, contact camp at 620-297-3290.

**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 6pm. Featuring “Five Times Harder”. Contributions of \$125 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 and younger tickets \$25.00. All proceeds from the benefit meal/program go toward the “Building Community & Changing Lives” campaign. Your support is appreciated.

**BLOOD MOBILE:** Since the closing of GWCA the Red Cross will be depending on church and community people to volunteer with work at the blood mobile. You can help with check-in, serve as escort, and work in the canteen. If you are willing to help with any of these please contact Rosi Reimer (367-2418). The next blood mobile is Oct. 29 from 12-6. The need for blood is high, and you are encouraged to donate. Thanks for considering how you can help!!

**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. 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.

#### **ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:**

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

**ANABAPTIST VISION AND DISCIPLESHIP SERIES** at Hesston College. Oct. 19-21. See bulletin board for registration details.

**WHAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL SHOULD KNOW ABOUT POVERTY**, Oct.20 at St. Mark United Methodist Church, Wichita. Details are posted.

Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church **SAUSAGE SUPPER**, Oct.20, 5-7pm.

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

**INVITATION** to installation service of Brenda Martin Hurst at Frazer Mennonite Church, Frazer, PA on Oct. 21.

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

**JOB OPENING:** Mennonite Mission Network, full time and part time Mennonite Voluntary Service assistant. Details are posted.

#### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Jelly– Grape or Strawberry

Cans of Fruit

Laundry Soap

Apple Sauce

**Coming November 8: Mennonite Men's Chicken Barbeque**

#### **God's Peace: It can be lived out at all ages:**

For [Jesus] is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

- Ephesians 2:14