

October 28, 2007
“Bethel College Sunday”
Mennonite Heritage Sunday

“God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God.” -I John 4:15

Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE Youth Worship Band

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *“Uyai Mose”* -Zimbabwe Concert Choir

WELCOME and GREETINGS Worship Leader, Elaine Schroeder

Praising God

HEARING THE PSALM from Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD.

Leader: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

People: Even the sparrow finds a home at your alters, O LORD of hosts.

All: *Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.*

SONG OF PRAISE *“Gloria”* -Cesar Carrillo Concert Choir

PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“Love divine, all loves excelling”* No. 592

*GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please pass the welcome pads*

CHILDREN’S TIME Karen Andres

OFFERINGS OF MUSIC *“I’m Going to Sing”* -arr. Parker/Shaw Concert Choir
“Deep River” arr. Moses Hogan

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND DEDICATING THEM

Hearing God’s Word

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE *Jeremiah 14:7-10* Katy Schmidt

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Hard Times”* -arr. Mark Keller Concert Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING *I John 4:13-16*

SERMON *“God is . . .”* Brett Dewey

Responding to God’s Word

SONG *“Softly and Tenderly”* -arr. Rene Clausen Concert Choir

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SENDING SONG *“May the Lord, mighty God”* No. 435

*BENEDICTION

SONG *“Lamb of God”* -Jon Washburn Concert Choir

Today

Today we celebrate Heritage Sunday. We welcome Brett Dewey, Assistant Professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College, as he speaks God word to us. We also welcome the Bethel Concert Choir as they provide music for our worship. May we experience the God of our heritage, whose love has been with us through many generations.

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Shannon, Carrie & Reed Friesen and Orlin & Mary Jane Janzen. *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.

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.

12:00 p.m.— Pizza lunch and Budget Workshop. You are encouraged to attend to learn more about our budget and offer ideas or concerns.

In your mailboxes today you will find the **TABOR CALL TO COMMITMENT** forms. We invite you to pray about how God is calling you to share your gifts in ministry here at Tabor. Please fill these out and return to the box in the foyer by November 11.

Pastor Corey is spending some time with his family in South Dakota this weekend. They will return this evening.

This Week

Newsletter items are due in the church office on Monday, Oct. 29

Tuesday, October 30

7:00 p.m.—Worship/Fellowship Committee meeting.

7:30 p.m.—Prayer and Envisioning Team will meet.

Wednesday, October 31

Evening Activities for Everyone!

Thursday, November 1

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch meets at the Breadbasket.

Saturday, November 3

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study on Mark 4, in the Pastor's Study.

Next Sunday, November 4

FALL BACK—Daylight Savings Time Ends

NEXT SUNDAY is Peace Sunday. The scripture texts will be Isaiah 1:10-18, Psalm 32:1-7, II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10 and Corey will be preaching.

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

4:30-7:30 p.m.—Goessel Area Wide Jr. High Fall Harvest Party at John and Elaine Unruh's. Meet at Tabor Church, bring \$2.00 to cover the cost of food.

Announcements

November 8: Make Tracks to the Annual Tabor Mennonite Men's Chicken Barbeque! Men, please sign up to help with food prep, serving and cleanup. Serving begins at 5pm.

ANNUAL MEETING: November 11 is the date for the first half of our congregational annual meeting. Plan to stay for the noon meal prepared by the Tabor Youth. This is a fundraising event for our youth, so be prepared to support them. Following the meal, exercise your membership responsibilities by taking part in discerning how best we can plan for and carry out the ministries of Tabor Church. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

GROCERY SHOWER FOR NEWLYWEDS: Tabor Church will host a grocery shower for Jessica (Graber) & Adam Wulf and Shannon (Schmidt) & Steven Hastings on Sunday November 11 at noon. Please bring groceries, a favorite recipe if you wish or money for each of these couples.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEAT CANNER: On Oct. 29-30, our community again has the opportunity to can meat for MCC. I hope you will take this opportunity to share your time and resources with people who are much less fortunate than we are. I will be there from early morning until we close at night. If you can't work, and if you have young children, I would welcome you to bring them by, and I would be happy to explain to your children the process of meat canning, why we do it and where it goes, in the hopes that someday they might want to be a person who works with canning meat for others. We start at 6:00 a.m. and close around 10:00 p.m. and we are canning at the MCC Headquarters in North Newton.

--Maynard Knepp, Hillsboro committee chair

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for you to help. Tabor is responsible for the 6-9am shift on Mon., Oct. 29 and the 1-5pm shift on Tues, Oct. 30. Please consider giving of your time to help in this way. There is also a can on the table in the foyer for your financial contributions.

NEEDED: DEVOTIONALS FOR THE DEVOTIONAL BOOK! A few devotionals are coming in, but we need more. Keep thinking and praying about what your devotional would say. Wouldn't it be great if every person at Tabor shared a story of how God has touched their life! Remember, it doesn't need to be long (around 400 words). Please let Pastor Corey know if you are planning on writing one. Thanks and may God bless us as we write! cmiller@tabormennonite.org.

BETHESDA'S NINETEENTH ANNUAL PILLARS BANQUET – Bethesda Pillars Banquet November 3. TODAY is the **last day** to make your reservation contribution for the Bethesda Pillars Banquet on November 3 at 6:00 p.m. See Angie Duerksen, John Goerzen, or Bonnie Janzen today or call Bethesda Home Monday morning to make your reservations. - Remember – VALET PARKING is provided.

CAMP MENNOSCAH and Western District Conference invite you to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Director's House on Sunday, November 4 at 4:00 p.m. on campgrounds. Come see Vision 2012 funds at work, tour the new maintenance apartment, and enjoy fellowship - and some refreshments. (In case of rain, event will be held in the Dining Hall.)

JOYCE PANKRATZ, Director of Camp Mennoscah, has announced her resignation effective January 31, 2008. The Conference Minister and the Retreat Commission are setting up a search process to ensure a smooth transition. If there are interested persons for this full-time position, please contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen, dorothyf@mennowdc.org by November 15. An application packet is required from all candidates.

OLD FASHIONED VARIETY SHOW: Good music, comedy, ventriloquism, story telling, and amazing feats are just a few of the highlights at the annual variety show and fundraiser sponsored by Mennonite Men of the Plains. The show is Sunday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. Bring your kids, your parents, and your friends for the show and all the zwiebach and jelly you can eat. An offering will be taken, all proceeds go to scholarships for seminary and ministry inquiry students. Call Brent Voran 316-284-2657 for more information.

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!!

THE NEWTON COMMUNITY CHORALE will be presenting their annual concerts on Friday, November 16 at the Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton at 7:30 p.m. and at the Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge, on Sunday, November 18 at 4:00 p.m. The Chorale will be performing Coronation Anthem No. 4 by Handel, Mass in G by Schubert and additional selections by Robert Shaw.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES, Newton will present "Unveiling of the Nativities" on Thursday, November 1 from 5-8 pm, with the grand unveiling at 7:00. Join us for a special holiday open house complete with music, goodies, and lots of new fair trade holiday items.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

MVS UPDATE from Ben Schmidt currently serving in Washington D.C.

CLUSTER BOMB SPEAKERS TOUR sponsored by MCC. Nov. 1, 7pm, Faith Mennonite, Newton. Details & additional locations/times posted.

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.

Book study, *A New Religious America: How a "Christian Country" Has Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation*, beginning Nov. 5, 7pm, **PEACE CONNECTIONS**, Newton.

OFFENDER/VICTIM MINISTRIES, Choral Concert at Hutchinson Correctional Facility Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m. Directed by Marles Preheim. See details.

KANSAS MENNONITE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES meeting, Nov. 15, 6-8:30pm, Pleasant Valley Mennonite, Harper. Harper Ind. will present program following supper. See details.

AMAH AND THE NIGHT VISITORS Nov. 22, 8 pm, Nov. 24, 7pm, Hesston Mennonite Church. Presented by Hesston College Music & Theater.

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

"When I despair, I remember that all through history the ways of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants, and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but in the end they always fall. Think of it - always."

-Mahatma Gandhi - early 20th Century