

November 4, 2007
“Salvation has come to this house”

“Seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.” -Isaiah 1:17

Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE Cross Road

CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Carrie Sommerfeld
from Psalm 32

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven.

People: Happy are those to whom God imputes no iniquity.

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer to you, O God.

People: You are a hiding place for us.

Leader: You preserve us for trouble.

People: You surround us with glad cries of deliverance

All: Hear, O people, the Lord, our God, is one.

Praising God

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“You are salt for the earth”* No. 226

*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *“We are people of God’s peace”* No. 407

*GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please pass the welcome pads*

CHRIST IS OUR PEACE Laura Unruh and Kristin Unruh

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND DEDICATING THEM

SPECIAL MUSIC *“The Tallis Canon”* Children of Light

CHILDREN’S TIME Sheri Schmidt

Hearing God’s Word

LAMENTING WITH THE PROPHET *From Isaiah 1:10-18* Karen Andres

Prayer

We will:

*Wash ourselves, make ourselves clean,
remove the evil of our doings from before your eyes;
cease to do evil, learn to do good;
seek justice, rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan, plead for the widow.*

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

SONG *“Make me a channel of your peace”* Insert

*HEARING THE GOSPEL *Luke 19:1-10*

SERMON *“God’s Whole Message of Peace”* Corey Miller

Responding to God's Word

SONG "O Love that will not let me go" Cross Road

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SENDING SONG "Let it flow through you"

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Today salvation has come to this house.

People: We too are children of God.

For Christ came to seek and save the lost.

Leader: Go in Peace!

POSTLUDE

Today

We are a Mennonite Church in the 16th century Anabaptist tradition, committed to nonviolence, peacemaking and justice. It should not surprise us that Zacheus was more of a peacemaker than we imagined. Today we will look deeper into this well known story and see God's whole vision of peacemaking for the world.

We are so glad you are here. Your presence brings peace and joy to us all!

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Brent, Pam & Samuel Abrahams and Kevin & Yvette Nickel. *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.

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.

This Week

Tuesday, November 6

7:30 p.m.—Trustee meeting.

Wednesday, November 7

Evening Activities for Everyone!

Thursday, November 8

5:00 p.m.—*Make Tracks to the Annual Tabor Mennonite Men's Chicken Barbeque!* Men, please sign up to help with food prep, serving and cleanup. *(Please note: date of Nov. 11 in the newsletter is incorrect!)*

Saturday, November 10

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study on Mark 5, in the Pastor's Study.

Next Sunday, November 11

NEXT SUNDAY is Commitment Sunday. The scripture texts will be Psalm 103, II Corinthians 3:12-18, Exodus 34:29-35 and Karen will be preaching. During the worship service, we will receive the Commitment Sheets as part of our offering time. Come prepared to joyfully give of the gifts that God has so generously given you.

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

TABOR CALL TO COMMITMENT We invite you to pray about how God is calling you to share your gifts in ministry here at Tabor. Forms will be received during the worship service.

ANNUAL MEETING: Next Sunday, 12:45 pm, first half of our congregational annual meeting. Plan to stay for the **noon meal** prepared by the Tabor Youth. (*Note to parents of youth: Each youth needs to bring a cake.*) This is a fundraising event for our youth, so be prepared to support them. 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.

A warm invitation to the **INSTALLATION SERVICE OF LENORA DUERKSEN** at Bethel Mennonite of Inman on Nov. 11 beginning with a breakfast reception 8:15-9:15 a.m., Sunday school hour and service lead by Dorothy Nickel Friesen and Pastor Alden Dick.

Announcements

JOYFUL NOISE will be serving the Wednesday evening meal on November 14. It is our goal to have all money donated go directly to Joyful Noise. If you can help by providing a food item for the meal, please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board. We hope to see everyone there!

NEEDED: DEVOTIONALS FOR THE DEVOTIONAL BOOK! We are still looking for many people to offer devotionals for our centennial devotional booklet. Even if you are considering this, let Corey know and he will encourage you! Send any devotionals to: cmiller@tabormennonite.org.

AGAPE SENIOR CENTER potluck meal at 6pm on Nov. 15. Program by The Master's Trail Hands at 7:00. Come for an evening of food, fellowship & music.

CAMP MENNOSCAH and Western District Conference invite you to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Director's House TODAY 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 for scholarships for seminary and ministry inquiry students, sponsored by Mennonite Men of the Plains. The show is Sunday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church.

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 selections by Handel, Schubert and Shaw.

BOOK TALK AND SIGNING: Phyllis Good, author of the fabulous Fix-It and Forget-It cookbook series, will be at Faith and Life Bookstore in Newton for a book talk and signing on Friday, November 16 at 10:00am. Bring a friend or co-worker and join us for fellowship, refreshments, and food for thought during this busy season!

YEAR-END GIVING FROM IRA ACCOUNTS AN OPTION: U.S. tax law gives donors who are age 70 1/2 or older the opportunity to make tax-free gifts direct from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) before the end of 2007. Giving in this way assures that the funds will never be subject to income or estate tax, which may make it possible to give more at the same or lower cost than in the past. Those interested in supporting a ministry in this way are invited to check with their IRA administrator for applicable time limits and other details.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE update.

Book study beginning Nov. 5, 7pm, **PEACE CONNECTIONS**, Newton.

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:

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

- *Philippians 4:9-9*