

November 11, 2007

Commitment Sunday

*“And all of us, . . . seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,
are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.” -II Corinthians 3:18*

Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE Sara Adrian

INTROIT *“Christ’s in the world”* Adult Choir

WELCOME Worship Leader, Krista Graber

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 103*
Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.
People: Bless his holy name.
Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
People: Bless his holy name.
Leader: Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his work.
All: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praising God

*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *“O bless the Lord, my soul”* No. 80

*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“O God, who gives us life”* No. 483

*GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please pass the welcome pads*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND DEDICATING THEM

CHILDREN’S FOCUS Carrie Unruh

Hearing God’s Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 34:29-35* Doug Krehbiel

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Consecration”* Adult Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING *II Corinthians 3:12-18* Corey Miller

SERMON *“Giving God Skin”* Karen Andres

Responding to God’s Word

RESPONSE *“Take my life”* (vv 1,2,4,5) No. 389

OFFERING OUR COMMITMENTS TO CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SENDING SONG *“For Christ and the church”* No. 416

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

On this Commitment Sunday, we seek to understand what is meant by covenant. It reflects God entering into the lives of people. Our covenant with God is based on God's grace. Our part is a response of gratefulness which, by extending grace to others reflects Christ and gives "skin" to God. May God's grace be evident to you today.

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

Your commitment sheets will be handed in **during** the worship service.

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Sherry, Bill, Anna, & Leah Unruh and Corey, Nancy, Hannah & Rachel Miller. *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.

NOON—Tabor Youth will serve a fundraiser meal. Your support is appreciated.

GROCERY SHOWER FOR NEWLYWEDS: Tabor is hosting a grocery shower for Jessica (Graber) & Adam Wulf and Shannon (Schmidt) & Steven Hastings. Place your groceries, a favorite recipe if you wish or money for each of these couples on the tables provided in the fellowship hall.

12:45 p.m.—Come to the first half of our **CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING**. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

7:00 p.m.—**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 at Hesston Mennonite Church.

This Week

Tuesday, November 13

7:00 p.m.—Deacon's meeting at Bonnie Janzen's home.

Wednesday, November 14

Evening Activities for Everyone!

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!

Saturday, November 17

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study on Mark 6, in the Pastor's Study.

Next Sunday, November 18

NEXT SUNDAY the theme is "*Never Tire of Doing Good*". The scripture text is II Thessalonians 3:13 and Doug will be preaching.

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

Announcements

THE MENNONITE MEN want to say "Thank you" to everyone who attended the Chicken BBQ last Thursday evening. Approximately 300 people were served and \$2277.50 was brought in. The men have designated \$1000 to go to the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) for their ministry of reconciliation in the name of Christ. It was a great evening for food and fellowship! Thanks guys!

COMING SOON: A SPECIAL FAMILY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE! On Wednesday, November 21st, we invite everyone to come out to worship God and give thanks to God for all of the things that God has done for us. There will be special music, testimonies and activities for the whole family. Come out and enjoy a wonderful meal at 6:00pm and we will worship at 7:00pm. "O Give Thanks, for the Lord is good!" A signup sheet will be in the hallway for the meal and another signup if you are willing to bake bread.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS WILL SHARE with Willing Helpers on November 19 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to hear about their experiences is welcome to come to the program.

INVITATION TO LADIES: All ladies are invited to join Willing Helpers Society. We have day time and evening meetings with good fellowship. If interested or have questions, contact Norma Graber.

NEEDED: DEVOTIONALS FOR THE DEVOTIONAL BOOK! Everyone has a story and in that story, God has spoken or acted. These are the kinds of stories that we are wanting for the Devotional Book. If you find writing difficult, then give Corey a call and he'll listen to the story and help you write it. 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.

PEACE EVENT: Bethel College Mennonite Church, N. Newton, November 18, 7 p.m. Jim Schrag and Patricia Shelly will report on their participation in a September interfaith dialogue with Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in New York City. Along with eight other agencies or denominations, Mennonite Church USA endorsed this two-hour meeting between Ahmadinejad and more than 100 U.S. and Canadian religious leaders. The meeting was organized by Mennonite Central Committee. Schrag and Shelly were two of the three official representatives from MCUSA who attended the meeting.

JOYCE PANKRATZ, Director of Camp Mennoscah, has announced her resignation effective January 31, 2008. If there are interested persons for this full-time position, please contact Dorothy Nickel Friesen, by November 15 dorothyntf@mennowdc.org. Application packet is required from all candidates.

SUNDAY-AFTERNOON-AT-THE-MUSEUM, Kauffman Museum, North Newton, November 11, 3:30-4:30 pm, "Birding Adventures: The Ruth's of Halstead." Dwight Platt, professor emeritus of biology at Bethel College, will present an illustrated program on sisters Alma and Edna Ruth and their niece Ruth Rose. Their daily bird lists, kept from 1942 to 1970, made a major contribution to knowledge about bird species in Harvey County. Free and open to the public.

GOESSEL MENNONITE HERITAGE MUSEUM presents Christmas Crèches on Nov. 23, 24 and 25 from 1:00 – 7:30 p.m. Admission by donation. Sunday – Nov. 25 at the Prep School: 3:00 p.m. - Reception for Darlene Schroeder's 10 years of service at the Museum. 3:30 p.m. - Christmas Vespers around the Pump Organ. Offering will benefit the museum.

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, 10 am. 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:

MISSION PARTNERS Joe and Anna Sawatzky newsletter.

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

Registration information for interterm and spring-semester courses at the Great Plains Extension of **ASSOCIATED MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY.**

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

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

- *Isaiah 42:1-4*