

May 4, 2008

The Advocate Abides

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you." -John 14:18

Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE Adult Worship Team

WELCOME Worship Leader, Karen Andres

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 66*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name!

**People: Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.**

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.

**People: We will come into your house with burnt offerings
and with our vows.**

***ALL: Blessed be our God, who listens to our prayers
and loves us forever!***

*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *"Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic"* No. 112

*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"Child of blessing, child of promise"* No. 620

*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

please pass the friendship pads

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS & DEDICATING THEM

"Lord we bring to you our children" -Nettleton

CHILDREN'S STORY Kim Funk

CHILD DEDICATION

Samuel Will Abrahams - Brent and Pamela Abrahams

Ethan Lawrence Hall - Nathan and Sara Hall

Braxton Jay Unruh - Brandon and Kristi Unruh

SONG *"God's family"* No. 112CS

Proclaiming God's Word

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT *Acts 17:22-28*

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Jesus Loves Me"* Kellen Froese

*HEARING THE GOSPEL *John 14:15-21*

SERMON *"You are not orphaned"* Corey Miller

Responding to God's Word

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER

*SENDING SONG *"Come, come ye saints"* No. 425

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

From day one we are taught that God knows us, loves and will never leave us. We know this to be true largely because a faith community helps us to experience this. Today as we celebrate the gift of children, we are reminded that like a good parent, our God also will not leave us, but is waiting to give us help from above.

We welcome all of you to our time of worship! This morning you were greeted by Lee & Phyllis Goertzen and Alvin & Wilma Schmidt. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pads.* Come back and join us again.

Childcare is available during worship today.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School classes for all ages today.

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.

5:30 p.m.—Education Appreciation barbecue in the church park. Please bring your lawn chairs.

This Week

Tuesday, May 6

Noon—Hesston Lunch Bunch

7:30 p.m.—Trustees meet

Wednesday, May 7

7:00 p.m.—Baptism candidates will meet with the church board at Tabor.

—TMYF

Next Sunday, May 11

9:30 a.m.—Pentecost Sunday: the theme is "*The Spirit Breathes New Life.*" The texts will be Psalm 104, Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23, I Corinthians 12:1-13 and Pastor Corey will be preaching. We will also be hearing the testimonies of the four young people who will be baptized! Come and feel God's Spirit!

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

Announcements

THANKS:

We wish to thank the Tabor Church family, especially Corey and Karen for all the support and kindness shown to us following the death of our mother and step-mother. All the expressions of care and concern, prayers and cards were very much appreciated. -The Ruth Brandt Family

Thank you to my Tabor church family for your prayers and concern shown following my surgery. The Caring Quilt was a reminder of Tabor's support. Special thanks to Pastor Corey for his visit and to 'rookie deacon' Bill Unruh for his visit and the 'Caring JD'. -Walden Duerksen

IT'S BACK . . . TABLE STORIES: Monday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. This is a salad supper for all women and girls. Enjoy music by The Country Cat Tails and a meal at a uniquely decorated table. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to come and please bring a salad for the evening meal. *If you are interested in decorating a table with 8 place settings, talk to Nancy Miller.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: "Listen Up: Messages from God" is the theme for VBS at Tabor, June 2-6. Please turn in Bible School registrations for your children as soon as possible to Pam Abrahams or Janna Duerksen. If you need a form, they are located on the table in the foyer.

AREA JR. HIGH: No activity planned for today, May 4. Mark your calendars for June 1, when we'll be going to All-Star Sports in Wichita. Volunteer drivers are needed! Call Janice Voth, 367-8152.

ALL LADIES are invited to the Annual Spring Tea at the AGAPE Senior Center May 6, 2:00 p.m. Karen Andres will be the speaker and Deloris Schmidt will provide music. No reservations needed. Bring a friend.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: The grass is growing at Joyful Noise. We are in need of a volunteer mower or mowers. If this is something you can help with, please call Kelli at the daycare at 367-4620, or Brandy at 367-2912.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

>**The annual WDC/SCC delegate session**, June 27-28 in Hesston will offer several opportunities for good fellowship and inspiration. On Friday evening, come to hear Clarence Rempel, pastor of First Mennonite Church in Newton who will give the sermon based on the Acts 4:31-35 text. Music, stories and other sharing will provide a memorable worship experience, to be followed by a fellowship time. Music coordinators for the weekend are Tom & Lois Harder and Chris Shaw. Persons not serving as congregational delegates are also strongly encouraged to attend.

>Announcing GRAPEVINE: a network of Christian Educators

The Grapevine Resource Group is a way for those concerned about congregational Christian education to share, network and learn from each other. Anyone is welcome: Sunday school teachers, superintendents, parents, pastors, Christian education committees and Wednesday night coordinators.

The next meeting will be Thursday **May 22** at 7 p.m. at the WDC office. We will explore three different possibilities for Mid-week children's curriculum programming. Come to listen, learn and share. Marlene Bogard is planner/facilitator; for information, contact her at: 316-283-6300; mbogard@mennowdc.org.

>**The Western District Conference Resource Library.** Beginning May 8, we will be open until 6 p.m. on Thursday nights to accommodate those who can't come during our regular hours. The puffy red couch is waiting for you! If you haven't come in lately, come and enjoy our expanded space at 2517 N. Main St., N. Newton.

CAMP MENNOSCAH:

>**Summer Camps**—The Early Registration Discount ends May 16th! The theme for camps this summer is "The Bible: Digging for Treasure." *Please sign up on the bulletin board to receive a scholarship from Tabor Church and a check will be issued to you.*

>**Support Staff**—Nurses and kitchen helpers are needed.

>**Director's residence**—Help needed with painting outside, staining and varnishing inside, deck work, trim work, cabinet installation, concrete work on porch and sidewalks, attic insulation.

>*Check the bulletin board for more details on all of the above, additional news from Camp Mennoscah and for contact information.*

KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING is Tuesday, May 13, 6:30pm at Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church, 300 Prairie Pointe, Hillsboro. Cost, \$10 per person, payable at the door. Let Kirstin or Archie Schmidt know by May 5 if you are planning to attend.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

Is your family, Sunday school class, small group, or Summer Bible school planning committee looking for an opportunity to give financially and receive in non-financial ways? Global Family, Mennonite Central Committee's education sponsorship program, needs one-time gifts and long-term sponsors. See stories and photos of Global Family in action in the March/April issue of *a Common Place* magazine. Visit mcc.org/globalfamily to view recently-posted photo galleries and consider whether you can help put education within reach for children and young adults in one of the 43 countries in which Global Family works, or call 316-283-2720 to learn more.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE work in Greensburg continues. We have begun a new house build and need help for this project. Plans are to work Thursday, Friday, and Saturday every week. If you would like to help with the project please call Nancy at (985)291-1296 for more information. Overnight lodging is available.

THE BETHEL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION invites alumni and friends to its annual banquet, 6pm, Sat. May 24, in Memorial Hall. Cost \$16 per person if paying by May 9, \$18 May 10-14. Contact Thresher Bookstore in Schultz Student Center, 316-284-5205.. Reservation deadline May 14.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

- * **MC USA** news service article posted: *No words big enough for Greensburg Mennonite's gratitude.*
- * **PEACE CONNECTIONS:** Information regarding the Summer Food and Activities Program, how you can participate or help.
- * Volunteer opportunity at **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES.**
- * **JOB OPENINGS:** Administrative Assistant Shalom Mennonite Church.
General Manager, EtCetra Shop, Newton.

Peace, lived out in us.

"The drop of rain maketh a hole in the stone, not by violence, but by oft falling."
- *Hugh Latimer*