

September 2008

“The Moment of Anticipation”

“There is a time to laugh . . . and a time to dance.” - Ecclesiastes 3:4

Someone once wrote, “*Better than the deed, better than the memory, is the moment of anticipation.*” Whether that is the big game, a long-awaited vacation, or that special holiday gathering, the **anticipation** of any event seems to enhance the joy and pleasure we experience in the event itself.

With our centennial now only one month away, I have allowed myself to anticipate what will be happening here in this holy place in October.

- old friends, former pastors, and church family gathering with smiles, hellos and hugs
- a filled up parking lot with cars stretched out down the road
- the energized singing and spirit-led worship that will stir hearts and lives
- the smell of popcorn cooking in the park, the sounds of children laughing, Dobro hummin’
- the scent of German sausage, verenike and warm zwiebach wafted from the fellowship hall
- the Word of God prophetically proclaimed to us as we “*Celebrate the Past and Embrace the Future*”
- Doug and Jude’s music and Carol’s creative writing
- books being looked at and stories being told
- tears of joy and peace as the bread and cup are passed
- exhausted volunteers and helpers
- choirs that rival the angelic chorus
- unexpected movements of the Holy Spirit
- unfettered joy and celebration of what God has done at Tabor for 100 years

There are times in the church for weeping and mourning, but in the history at Tabor, next month is a time for dancing and laughing, for rejoicing and thanking, for singing, praying, and loving.

Let us all anticipate this marvelous moment in time that God has so generously seen fit to give us!

Pastor Corey

Only 40 more days until Tabor’s 100th Anniversary!!!!

Worship Themes

Sept. 7 - “*Baptized into Christ*”

Matthew 3:13-17, Romans 6:1-4, Acts 2:37-42
Corey preaching

Sept. 14 - “*Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner*”

Luke 22:14-20,28-30, Acts 2:43-47
Corey preaching

Sept. 21 - “*Discipline*”

Matthew 18:15-22, John 20:21-23, Galatians 6:1-2
Deuteronomy 19:15
Karen preaching

Sept. 28 - “*All in the Family*”

Genesis 2:18-25, Mark 10:2-16, I Corinthians 7:8-11
Corey preaching

Ministry of Spiritual Guidance

Have you longed for a deeper relationship with God or wanted to develop a deeper prayer life? Are you struggling with a transition in your life? Do you want someone with whom you can be accountable to in your faith? Are you just wanting someone to walk with you on your faith journey for encouragement and help as you discover your blessedness in Christ? Perhaps spiritual guidance is for you.

During this past year, I completed a seminary class in which the purpose was to train adults in becoming spiritual directors. Spiritual direction (guidance) can happen in many ways in the life of a congregation. What I am offering is a one-on-one setting in which participants are invited to explore their relationship with God. SG is not counseling and is **not** focused on problem-solving. Persons are invited to explore the depth of their life with God in a safe environment where confidentiality is observed. I am offering this to any male or female who attends Tabor Church. This will be offered for one hour a month at Tabor during my work hours. No fee will be charged but a donation may be made to the deacon’s fund if so desired (optional).

Participation will be limited to three persons for a two-year period due to my half-time schedule. After two years, participants will be invited to continue with me on my personal time or with another director in the area. A fee will then be charged. This will be a first-come-first-serve basis although an initial meeting will be held to see if SG is really what you are seeking.

Early Anabaptists were motivated first and foremost by encounters with God, encounters which transformed them primarily from the inside out. They paid attention to the wind of the Spirit blowing through their lives. Spiritual guidance is one way to become aware of day-to-day encounters with God. It is the journey of listening and responding to God. We are “walking” the journey with another who is seeking God. In the gospel of John we read, “When the Holy Spirit comes, he will guide you into all truth” (verses 7 & 13). The Holy Spirit is the ultimate guide but sometimes we need others to help us see the presence of God in our lives. If you would like more information, see the brochure on the table in the foyer or talk with me personally.

-Pastor Karen

Road Signs

We have recently completed our summer series based on the book "Road Signs for the Journey." If you haven't read the book, I would still encourage you to do so. If a caring group or a Sunday school class is looking for more conversation, then I'd recommend reflecting on this book. Corey has the CD and DVD for information that would add to your class or caring group study.

The conversations we have and the questions we raise together and the process in which we explore, are all perhaps just as valuable as finding answers. As Tabor heads into the future, what are the Road Signs telling us? How do we trust that we are on the right road? How do we continue this journey confidently and faithfully?

Benefit for Fred and Brenda Schmidt

The Goessel community is sponsoring a benefit for Fred and Brenda Schmidt at the Pine Edge Golf Course on Saturday, September 27th. If you are a golfer, this would be an opportunity to help Fred and Brenda. If you aren't, you can still make contributions to help with their healing. Contributions/Donations may be made out to the FRED & BRENDA SCHMIDT BENEFIT and sent to: Pine Edge Golf Course, 468 130th, Newton, KS 67114.

Practicing Our Faith

A new year of adult Sunday school is beginning. In light of this centennial year, we want to explore some of the biblical practices which have shaped our faith through the centuries. Sermons will address these practices and most adult classes will be participating in the lessons prepared based on the scripture of the morning worship. If you want to participate but a need a class to attend, see the list of classes found in your mailboxes today and posted on the bulletin board or talk with Kim Funk.

Schedule of biblical practices to be explored:

- Sept. 7 – Baptism
- Sept. 14 – Lord's Supper
- Sept. 21 – Church discipline
- Sept. 28 – Family, singleness, & marriage
- Oct. 5 – Salvation (Centennial preview Sunday)
- Oct. 12 – no SS (Centennial)
- Oct. 19 – Discipleship/Spirituality
- Oct. 26 – The Church in Mission (Bethel College Sunday)
- Nov. 2 – The Church's Relation to Government & Society
- Nov. 9 – Footwashing/anointing
- Nov. 16 – Stewardship (Honoring our Elderly)
- Nov. 23 – The Reign of God
- Nov. 30 – Wrap-up with everyone

Willing Helpers

Willing Helpers met at Bethesda Home to see a slide presentation by Erlene & Bob Unruh along with a meditation. We also sang a couple of hymns with the residents and had refreshments with them while we visited. Our next meeting is Monday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. to learn how to make and bake zwiebacks with Helen Schmidt and make and bake bread with Elaine Unruh. Come for a informative meeting.

Wednesday Evenings at Tabor will start on Sunday!!

- ♦ *Come to hear what's new for Wednesday evenings.*
- ♦ *Come to see what programs will be offered and meet the leaders.*
- ♦ *Come to enjoy a dish of ice cream.*
- ♦ *Come to enjoy a dish of ice cream with toppings!!*

On Sunday, September 28 at 4:30pm the Education Committee will be hosting a Wednesday Welcome. Come and enjoy a *Wednesday Welcome on Sunday* which will leave you anticipating **Wednesday Evenings at Tabor**.

New this year:

- Adult Bible Study from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- New programming for children:
 - Faith Friends (age 3 to grade 1)
 - Faith Adventure (grades 2-5)
- Spanish language class taught by Violet Aquejay

As well as:

- Meals
- Youth Explorers and Youth Group
- Choirs

CROP Walk

The Annual Goessel Area CROP Walk is being planned for Sunday, September 21 at 1:30 p.m. We will begin the walk at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in a 2 mile mini-walk or 6 mile crop walk. People in many countries walk that distance simply to obtain water or firewood. Walkers are invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry on the day of the walk. There will be a drop off box at Alexanderwohl when you begin walking.

Each year Mennonite Central Committee or Church World Service uses your CROP Walk dollars to send millions of pounds of food to hungry people around the world. Some of your CROP Walk dollars are donated to the Tabor Food Pantry to assist local people with their needs. In 2007 the Tabor Food Pantry received \$1,865.25! The total amount received from our Goessel Area Walk last year was \$7,265.00. This amount was donated by the sponsors of the 56 walkers who participated last year. Your church recruiter can you give you a pamphlet explaining how you can also raise funds online for your CROP WALK (www.cropwalk.org)

Ask a friend, family member, mentor or mentee to walk with you or encourage a group such as a Sunday School class or youth group to walk. It's good exercise and a great activity to help those in need! Let's see if we can match last year's amount, or better yet, increase the

number of walkers and donations this year! Let's **"Walk to make a difference"**.

The JR HI Area Youth is again making this a group event. Please get your walking envelope from your church recruiter because we will not be handing them out at a JR HI meeting. Sign up and get your CROP Walk collection envelope from our church CROP Walk Representative, Kevin Nickel.

WDC News

Jumpstart is Coming!

Jumpstart, sponsored by WDC Resource Commission, is just around the corner - on Saturday, September 13, 8:00 a.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. This year we are compacting this event to just a half a day. Hear about resources. Participate in sharing, networking and brainstorming. Be blessed with a freebie. Get equipped for a new year of Christian education. Learn from folks who are teachers and pastors. Got a Q? Call Marlene Bogard at 316-283-6300. Visit: www.mennowdc.org/Jumpstart2008.pdf
Tabor's education commission would like to see many of you attend this event and we will pay your registration fee! Pick up a brochure from the table in the foyer and turn it in to the church office by September 3 to let us know you will attend.

Camp Mennoscah

Spread the word (and work)! Work and Play Camp is September 14-18. We'll be preparing the camp for the winter and having a great time with games and good company. Invite a friend, your Sunday School class, your pastor—we'd love to have them all (and you) at camp. The camp starts with the dedication of the new director's residence at 4pm on September 14th and the fun and games will continue from then on.

Coming in October: MennoFolk Family Camp will be October 10-12.

"I'm fond of the candidate for public office who, during a fierce campaign, penned this note to his opponent: 'Dear Sir: Let us make a deal - if you promise to stop telling lies about me, I will promise to stop telling the truth about you.'

" -Will Rogers

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Centennial Celebration Schedule of Events

October 10, Friday

- 7:30 p.m. - **Lecture** by Jim Juhnke - Topic: *Rev. P. H. Richert*
- **Men's quartet** provides special music
- **Exhibits** in the upper south Sunday school rooms will be open one hour before and one hour after the lecture.

October 11, Saturday

- 1:30-3:30 p.m. - **Family activities** outside for young and old at the church. Come and experience traditional old time games, rope turning, popcorn, wagon rides, and **music by the Greenhorns**.
- 6:00 p.m. - **German Meal** in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and children eleven and under \$8.00. **Reservations are required. To attend the drama you will need to have made a reservation for the meal.**
- 7:30 p.m. - **Drama** in Sanctuary following the meal.
- **Exhibits** will be open: 1:30 -3:30 p.m.; 5:00-5:45 p.m.

October 12, Sunday

- 9:30 a.m.— **Worship Service**. No Sunday school. Services include former pastors and communion. Each person celebrating communion will receive a white handkerchief. Adult and children's choirs perform. **Potluck meal** in Fellowship Hall at noon.
- After lunch - the **opening of the cornerstone** and release of white doves.
- **Tabor Church centennial books** are for sale now.
- **T shirts and canvas bags** may be ordered through September 21.
- **Invitations** have been put in mailboxes or sent to all members of Tabor church. Extra invitations are in the foyer.
- Event will be publicized in newspapers.