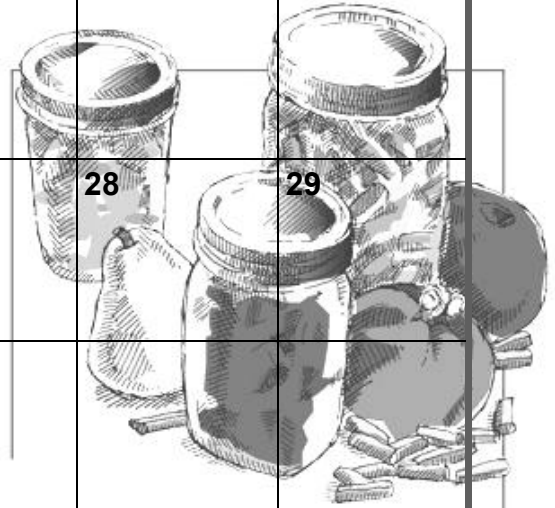


# AUGUST TABOR CHURCH CALENDAR

|   |                                      |   |  |   |   |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
|   |                                      | <b>4</b><br>7:30 pm<br>Trustee Meeting<br>Noon<br>Hesston Lunch<br>Bunch                    | <b>5</b><br>Wednesday<br>Wellness  | <b>6</b><br>Noon<br>Newton Lunch<br>Bunch | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>South Wall<br>Remodel Begins |
|   |                                      |   |  |   | WDC Annual Conference                                 |  |
| <b>9</b><br>9:30 am<br>Worship<br>10:30 SS<br>Jr. High Swim | <b>10</b>                            | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b><br>Wednesday<br>Wellness<br>6:30pm<br>Education Co.<br>7:30<br>Ed & WF Co. | <b>13</b>                                 | <b>14</b><br>7:15pm<br>Willing Helpers<br>at Bethesda | <b>15</b>                                |
| <b>16</b><br>9:30 am<br>Worship<br>10:30 SS                 | <b>17</b>                            | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b><br>Wednesday<br>Wellness   | <b>20</b>                                 | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b>                                |
| <b>23</b><br>9:30 am<br>Worship &<br>10:30 SS               | <b>24</b><br>Newsletter<br>Items Due | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b><br>Wednesday<br>Wellness<br>7:30<br>Church Council                         | <b>27</b>                                 | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>                                |
| <b>30</b><br>9:30 am<br>Worship<br>10:30 SS<br>Mennograss   | <b>31</b>                            | <i>Bulletin<br/>Announcements<br/>due Wednesday<br/>evenings/<br/>Thursday<br/>mornings</i> |  |   |   |  |



## BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Jessie Perry                      | 18 - Rosie Jantz       |
| 4 - Rita Sperry                       | Art Goertz             |
| Duane Unruh                           | Aleq Goerzen           |
| 5 - Joshua Schmidt (Warren/<br>Sheri) | Delbert Thiesen        |
| 6 - Ruby Funk                         | Donald Voth            |
| 8 - Esther Unruh,                     | Brian Voth             |
| Brianna Kalinoff                      | 20 - Wilma Schmidt     |
| 10 - Jordan Voth                      | 21 - Rosella Wedel     |
| 11 - Dave Schrag                      | 22 - Londell Duerksen, |
| 12 - Leona Brandt                     | Melinda Wedel          |
| Jennifer Flaming                      | Diane Loewen           |
| Nathan Ashley                         | 23 - Eric Cress        |
| 13 - LeRoy Funk                       | 24 - Kathy Schroeder   |
| Hildred Schmidt                       | 25 - Ann Thiesen       |
| 14 - Braxton Unruh                    | 27 - Patty Wiens       |
| 15 - Elaine Schroeder                 | Krista Abrahams        |
| Kevin Jantzen                         | Jacob Unruh            |
| 16 - Jim Schmidt                      | 28 - Philip Unruh      |
| Claire Unruh                          | Kathleen Bair          |
| John Peters                           | 29 - Annette Voth      |
| Samuel Abrahams                       | 30 - Doug Krehbiel     |

## ANNIVERSARIES

- |                             |          |         |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------|
| Logan & Tara Duerksen       | Aug. 1,  | 10 yrs. |
| Ron & Nancy Schroeder       | Aug. 4,  | 8 yrs.  |
| Nathan & Sara Hall          | Aug. 7,  | 5 yrs.  |
| Harlin & Doris Unruh        | Aug. 8,  | 28 yrs. |
| Chuck & Joy Goertzen        | Aug. 8,  | 23 yrs. |
| Joel & Janice Worthington   | Aug. 9,  | 13 yrs. |
| Nick & Sara Unruh           | Aug. 9,  | 1 yr.   |
| Ernest & Elma Goertz        | Aug. 11, | 62 yrs. |
| Pete & Sharon Unruh         | Aug. 15, | 39 yrs. |
| Emil & Vickie Schmidt       | Aug. 15, | 22 yrs. |
| Bob & Erlene Unruh          | Aug. 16, | 59 yrs. |
| Brian Voth & Gayle Funk     | Aug. 16, | 29 yrs. |
| Aaron & Lindsay Banman      | Aug. 16, | 6 yrs.  |
| Allen Voth & Cindy Kraybill | Aug. 17, | 13 yrs. |
| James & Kaylee Harris       | Aug. 20, | 21 yrs. |
| Roland & Madelyn Lytle      | Aug. 20, | 32 yrs. |
| Dave & Debbie Schrag        | Aug. 21, | 33 yrs. |
| Corey & Nancy Miller        | Aug. 21, | 16 yrs. |
| Norman & Marcia Hiebert     | Aug. 22, | 45 yrs. |
| Myron Voth & Phyllis Regier | Aug. 25, | 30 yrs. |
| Mike & Marlene Bogard       | Aug. 27, | 32 yrs. |

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### Worship Themes

- August 2** - "Do You Hear Voices?"  
Matthew 25:31-46, John 20:19-22  
Carol Duerksen and  
Maynard Knepp preaching
- August 9** - "Step out in Faith"  
Exodus 1:15-23, Hebrews 11:1-3  
-Karen preaching
- August 16** - "Out of the mouth of babes"  
II Kings 5 -Karen preaching
- August 23** - "Conference Sunday"
- August 30** - "Sabbatical Reflections"  
Corey preaching

### Sunday School Schedule

- Adults - Neglected Voices
- August 2** - No Sunday School  
**August 9** - Naomi Barends  
**August 16** - Jill Brandt & Lori Anderson  
**August 23** - Conference reporting  
**August 30** - Corey Miller
- Children - The 10 Commandments
- August 2** - No Sunday School  
**August 9** - Do not steal.  
**August 16** - Do not give false testimony.  
**August 23** - Do not covet.  
**August 30** - Commandment celebration.

# Tabor Church News

August, 2009

## The Master Mechanic

The bible is full of metaphors that have deeper meaning. Just a few examples in the New Testament include Jesus using metaphors to describe the Pharisees as rotting tombs, his followers as salt of the earth, and himself as bread, the true vine, living water and light.

Examples of the many metaphors in the Old Testament include mention of "eating" and "drinking," to refer to learning spiritual truths or the Word; and vines, trees, briars and thorns, cattle, and even fish to refer to people. God is seen as a potter, builder, farmer, hero, doctor, judge, king, father, and shepherd.

The bible used imagery that the listeners could relate to in their own context --familiar everyday word-pictures to make something mysterious easier to relate to. So in an attempt to do this for modern readers (and especially all the car lovers in this congregation!), I decided to give a shot at rewriting a familiar passage where the metaphor is a person seen as a car.

### The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm from a Car's Perspective

The Lord is my Master Mechanic  
He keeps me running on all 8 cylinders

He parks me in the shade,  
He drives me down beautiful, scenic highways.

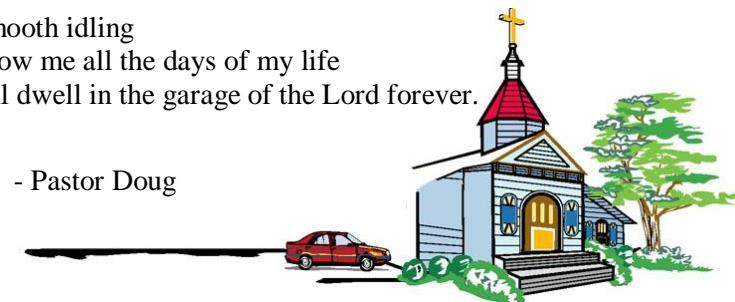
He gives me precision tune ups and regular maintenance.  
Love got His personal guarantee of satisfaction  
And an eternal warranty.

Yea though I blow a main seal,  
I will fear no junk yard:  
For Thou ratchet and Thou torque wrench they comfort me.

Thou givest me an oil change and a 27 point inspection  
In the presence of mine competitors.  
Thou detailist my interior;  
My fuel tank runneth over.

Surely smooth idling  
Shall follow me all the days of my life  
And I will dwell in the garage of the Lord forever.

- Pastor Doug



## Greetings from Katy Schmidt

Hello Tabor Church!

I am having a wonderful time in Chicago. Through my internship at Shedd Aquarium I am learning so much about marine mammals and the various aspects of their care. At work most of my time is spent in the kitchen sorting fish, weighing out diets, and cleaning. When these duties are finished I help the trainers during presentations by opening gates, assisting with husbandry procedures, and carrying buckets. A couple of times I even participated in a mock blood draw on a dolphin and touched a beluga's tongue!

In addition to the marine mammals, I am helping to train and care for 5 dogs that Shedd rescued from local shelters. The oceanarium was recently renovated, which took about 9 months and during that time the whales, dolphins, and other animals were staying at other facilities. The dogs were then incorporated into a show that demonstrated how pets can be trained in the same way that the dolphins are trained, with positive reinforcement, and establishing that excellent companions can be found in animal shelters. We walk, train, and spend quality lounging time with the dogs. It is an awesome experience to be so directly involved with the care and training of such wonderful and loving animals. Now that the marine mammals are back home the dogs are part of the welcoming committee; we take them to say hello to guests standing in line or inside enjoying the aquarium.

While I am in Chicago I am living with my sister, Jody, and her roommate. It has been wonderful spending time together. I am enjoying attending her church and I was happy I could be in the congregation on the Sunday she joined Chicago Community Mennonite Church. When we are not at work we cook, watch movies, go to museums, take walks along the lake, and enjoy the city. · Katy Schmidt

Noticing his grandson admiring his new watch, the grandfather remarked, "That sure is a nice watch. Does it tell you the correct time?"

"No, grandpa," his grandson said. "It's old fashioned . . . you have to look at it."

## Mennoglass in the Park

Make plans to attend *Mennoglass in the Park*, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 30. This year we will again feature several groups that will offer bluegrass music. As always, you will hear some very local talent. We will be grilling mouthwatering hamburgers with all the fixin's. We hope you will make special effort to reach out and bring a friend with you to enjoy this night of fellowship and celebration of music. Bring your lawn chairs and if the weather is uncooperative, we will still have a party in the church basement!

## Caring Group Moments

Moment 1: A caring group was originally formed in 2001 consisting of Tabor women living in Newton and North Newton. Edna Dyck, former associate pastor, invited them to her home for an occasional brunch. When Edna left her position at Tabor, the group did not meet for a while. Then in 2003 the group began meeting again at Ruby Funk's house for a time and later at Kidron Bethel, where most of the members lived. Charlene Stoetzel suggested that the group do more than visit and eat. So we began with memory verse work and when that became too difficult, we shared favorite verses with one another. For a time we shared favorite hymns at the suggestion of Dorothy Schmidt. In 2004, the group consisted of Charlene Stoetzel, Gladys Thiesen, Dorothy Schmidt, Ruth Epp, Susie Goertzen, Ruby Funk and Karen Andres, meeting once a month. Since then Frances Voth has also joined our group. The group continues to change due to health problems and we've had to say goodbye to Ruth and Susie.

Karen reflects: "I appreciate the diversity within this group and yet the shared experiences that each of them have. As the youngest member, I enjoy hearing about their lives when they were young and stories about Tabor Church. They also share flower seeds and give free advice. For an hour, I'm not just their pastor, I'm one of the gang. And that feels good."



Moment 2: The gals in our small group helped Rosie Jantz celebrate her graduation from Tabor College. We went to a lovely tea room called Aunt Hatties and out for a movie. We have been blessed to support Rosie these last years as she committed herself to studying Christian ministry. Rosie found out that she loves to learn and we all have benefited from that process. She is a treasure in our small group. ô Barb Banman

| Stewardship Update | 2009 Budget | Goal through July | Giving through July |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                    | \$288,742   | \$188,793         | \$149,691           |

Approximately \$35,000 needed per month, this fiscal year to reach goal

## Sabbatical Travels with Bobblehead Corey

Serving with MDS in Louisiana

I had an amazing service trip to Diamond, Louisiana (June 21-26). This Mennonite Disaster Service unit was set up on the St. Jude Mission Church property. MDS had been present in this area for a few years already and had done a lot of clean up and construction.

My day began at 6am, where we had to make our sack lunch for the day.



We ate breakfast at 7am, had devotions at 7:30am and then were off to our work sites, where we sweated and labored until 4pm. The evenings were times for visiting, playing ping pong and listening to some stories of people who survived Katrina. It was an exhausting and inspiring time in Diamond. Working hard and helping those in need is in the DNA of Mennonites and I realized once again how wonderful this ministry is. There remains a lot of work to do in the Gulf States.

The project coordinators were appreciative of our group's effort and they gave me specific instructions to bring more people from our church to come and serve! My suggestion is to do it in January!!

## Rural Communities and the Land we live on

Over the last several weeks, I have been reflecting, praying and studying about rural communities and rural churches in those areas.

I took a little trip to South Dakota to spend some time with my folks and my brothers. I was able to cut 15 acres of alfalfa one day, go for walks with my mom, visit with the pastor at Salem Mennonite Church about rural issues and alternative agricultural practices and community revitalization plans, and spend some good time with my brothers.

I have been busy reading about rural issues and rural congregations over the past several weeks. There is much to learn and there rightly seems to be an urgency about this because unless communities and churches make some shifts in their mentality, ministry and purpose for being, it seems the depopulation of rural America off the farms will continue and that will affect our communities and churches.

Finally, I have been continuing to tend my garden. There is something very therapeutic about putting your hands in the dirt, or hoeing weeds, or tending the hard ground. All the conditions of a summer garden remind me that the Master Gardner God sees all these less than ideal conditions in my own life and in the life of our church. But our Good Gardner continues to do His thing . . . and miraculously, graciously, a plant grows here, a flower blooms there and eventually, fruit comes and life is sustained.



Praise God for the land that we live on, for the food that comes from our gardens, our fields and our feedlots. Praise God for this beautiful rural area where we live and move and have our being.

ô Bobblehead Corey

For more details and pictures, see bulletin board in the foyer.



## Western District Conference

Coming Up:

Aug. 7-8 - **WDC Annual Conference**,

Aug. 15 - **Day on the Farm** at the farm of Maynard Knepp & Carol Duerksen.

Sept. 11-13 - **Women & Girls Retreat** at Camp Menno'scah. The theme for the weekend is "Our Kaleidoscope of Life." **Karen Andres and Marcene Entz will be sharing** how their friendship has endured through personal experiences of depression and being called to ministry. These issues for women will be expressed through "Mary & Martha" skits.

Oct. 30 to Nov. 1 - **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship** at Hesston College

## Peace Connections

Opportunity to make a difference in the community: Ally training offered by the Circles Initiative. An ally is someone willing to make an intentional friendship with an individual or a family with limited resources. Training includes the following - Saturday morning sessions (8-10am) at Peace Connections, Aug. 29, Sept. 12, Sept. 26 We are seeking 20+ allies to befriend Getting Ahead class graduates. Please call 316-284-0000 if you have questions or would like to learn more!

