

The graph above shows visually the impact that lower offerings have had on our Trustee cash balance. The lines represent the number of months expenses maintained in our Trustee cash reserves. These reserves are at historically low levels. Trustees will be looking for ways to increase these reserves in the coming budget year. For the balance of this budget year, members and attenders are encouraged to look for ways to increase giving to address this issue. God has blessed us abundantly. Your gifts are important to the ministry of our congregation. On behalf of the Budget Task Force, thanks for your willingness to increase your giving.

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE  
October 3, 2010**

Offering = \$ 5,839.25	Attendance = 163
Adult S.S. = \$ 83.87	Attendance = 70
Jr. S.S. = \$ 5.61	Attendance = 11

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Dear friends,

Let us love  
 one  
 another,



for love  
 comes from God.

~1 John 4:7

*THREAD OF PEACE*

Tabor Mennonite Church

October 10, 2010



**As God's children and the body of Christ,  
we are called by God to offer hospitality,  
healing and hope in the name of Christ.**

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## “The Thread of Peace”

*“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid . . .” -Isaiah 41:10*

### Gathering To Worship

PRELUDE

Diana Schmidt

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP      Worship Leader, Venita Schroeder  
*from Isaiah 41*

Leader: I called you from the earth's reaches.

I did not reject, you, I chose you.

Fear not, because there is nothing to fear;

Do not panic, do not be dismayed,

**People: For I am your God.**

Leader: I will strengthen you, I will help you,

I will uphold you with my righteousness.

Those who oppose you will vanish.

**People: For I am the LORD your God.**

Leader: Who says to you, do not fear, I will help you.

**People: Do not fear. I am with you.**

\*GATHERING SONG      *“How firm a foundation”*      No. 567

\*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE      *“O Power of love”*      No. 593

\*GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINANCE TASK FORCE UPDATE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND DEDICATING THEM      Ben Schmidt  
*You are welcome to fill out the friendship brochure and place it in the offering bag.*

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** Central States has begun preparations for the 2010 meat canning season and unfortunately MCC is feeling the effects of soaring global food prices. At this time, MCC does not have any canned turkey in our warehouses, and prices have increased from \$0.98/lb last year to \$1.50/lb. We hope to can roughly 88,000lbs, the same amount as last year, however in order to achieve this we need to raise \$50,000 more to purchase turkey meat. Canned meat is a unique resource that MCC provides and is highly requested by our partner organizations around the world. Please consider making a gift to MCC so we can continue to provide this important resource, in the name of Christ. Make checks payable to MCC with "Meat Canning CS" designated in the memo line and send them to MCC Central States PO Box 235 North Newton, KS 67117. Or you may place your donation in the container in the foyer. Make your check payable to Tabor Mennonite Church, earmarked MCC meat canning and Tabor will send the donations to MCC Central States.

**The MCC Meat Canner** is coming to the MCC Center in N. Newton on Nov. 1 and 2. Sign up on the bulletin board to help with this important ministry.

#### On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **MCC and MDS** updates.
- ★ **Harvey County Homeless Shelter** newsletter and Annual Christmas Dinner Theatre.
- ★ **Camp Mennoscah** news: Dam coming out Oct 17. Shingling on Oct 29-30
- ★ **Peace Connections:** Ally Training for Circles of Hope, Oct. 30
- ★ **Hesston College:** Bel Canto Singers, Oct. 12, 7pm, Hesston Mennonite Church.
- ★ **Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution** program at Bethel college Oct. 14, 7pm.
- ★ **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series:** Hesston College, Oct. 29-31.
- ★ **Job Opening:** Office Manager, MC USA.

#### Coming in November:

1st half annual meeting on November 14. Fundraiser meal at noon followed by meeting at 12:45pm. *Tabor's fiscal year ends November 30.*

#### The Seeds of Peace:

"As we work for justice and peace, we plant seeds of hope. Our hope is reflected in our faith. As we plant the seed, we see the whole tree in the seed. We not only see it, we feel it growing. We not only feel it, we taste its fruit."



-Ricardo Esquivia, JustaPaz, Colombia Mennonite Church

## Announcements

**Thank you** to the Mennonite Men for helping us move heavy furniture out of the house in preparation for our auction on Sept. 24. Your willingness to help was greatly appreciated. Blessings to all. · Mae Frey and family

**Tabor Church Membership:** If you are interested in joining Tabor church and becoming more a part of our community of faith, talk to pastor Corey about it.

**The Christian Education Committee** is searching for someone who would be willing to plan the Christmas Eve program for this year. For the past several years it has been difficult to find individuals to assume this responsibility. The committee has discussed whether this is an indication that Tabor Church is ready for a change. If no one feels led to volunteer, the committee will evaluate what changes or options need to take place. Please let Ilona know by October 17 if you are interested.

**Sharing your Gifts, Talents and Abilities with Tabor:** Commitment forms for the Commission on Administration were in your mailboxes. Please prayerfully consider what your response will be. You are also given opportunity to discern others for the positions and tasks listed. Forms are due in the box in the foyer by October 17.

**Men's Chorus:** If you enjoy singing men's chorus music PLEASE join us after adult choir practice on Wed., Oct. 20 and 27th. We will sing Sun., Nov. 7 for the H. B. Schmidt Historical Program. I will try and make it fun, Jerry Toews

**Willing Helpers** please sign up as soon as possible to come to our work meeting at the Newton Etc. Shop on Oct. 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you want to car-pool meet at the church at 6:40 p.m.

**Bethesda's Twenty-second Annual Pillars Banquet** . Nov. 5, 6:30 pm., Cross Wind Conference Center near Hesston. Punch bowl & informal social 6pm. Featuring Greg Claassen, Ventriloquist. An event for all ages! Contributions of \$150 per person may be given to Bethesda Board Members or the Bethesda Home Business office. (\$25 for High School age and younger.) All proceeds go toward the ministry of Bethesda Home. Your support is **Greatly** appreciated. **Pillars Banquet contributions may be given to** John Goerzen or Barb Abrahams . or call Bethesda Home to make your reservations.

## Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S STORY		Gayle Funk
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>"Nearer, my God to thee"</i>	Kellen Froese Cynthia Goerzen, accompanist
HEARING THE SCRIPTURE	<i>I John 4:7-21</i>	Sheri Schmidt
SERMON	<i>"Free to Love"</i>	Karen Andres

## Responding to the Spirit

CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*"Know this: You are the beloved of God, who did not give you a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline."* -II Timothy 1:7

RESPONSE HYMN *"Healer of our every ill"* No. 377

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## Sending

\*SENDING HYMN *"May the grace of Christ our Savior"* No. 423

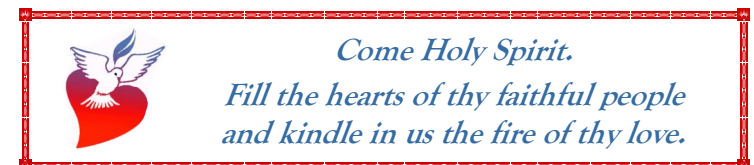
\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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## Today

At Tabor Church, we have believed that to follow Jesus means we are to be peacemakers. Fear can cause us to carry hatred in our hearts. In I John we read that love casts out fear. May God create something new within us so that we are free to love and bring peace to our world.



## Today Continued

This morning you were greeted by Brandon, Kristi, Kylee, Audessi, Porclein, Braxton and Quinli Unruh and Doug and Jude Krehbiel. Please note the friendship cards in the songbook holders and fill one out if you have requests or if you are a visitor and place it in the offering bag.

Childcare is provided by Nancy Miller in the nursery during the worship service.

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.

## This Week

### Monday, October 11

7:30 p.m.—Budget Taskforce will meet.

### Tuesday, October 12

7:00 p.m.—Deacon meeting at Tabor.

### Wednesday, October 13

Full Wednesday night programming

### Friday, October 15-Saturday, October 16

· Young Adult Marriage Retreat at Prairie Oasis

### **Wednesday Evenings at Tabor**

**5:45-6:30** - Supper for all. **Sign up for meal.** *Bring your own table service.*  
*Menu: South of the Border Special, French bread, mixed fruit and sugar cookies.*  
**6:30-7:15** - Children of Light, Faith Friends, Adult Bible Study, Worship Team  
**7:00-8:00** - TMYF  
**7:15-8:00** - Cross Roads, Faithful Fitness  
**7:15-8:15** - Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers  
**8:00-9:00** - Adult Choir

## Next Sunday, October 17

**9:30 a.m.—Worship:** We will continue our series on *Carrying the Threads*.+ The theme of the morning will be *Holy Place, Holy Space*.+ The texts are Isaiah 54:2-4, Acts 2:43-47, Matthew 18:19-20 and Corey will be preaching.

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

**4:00 p.m.—** Oct. 17, there will be a special meeting to discuss the **Goessel area-wide Junior High ministry** and its events. The Goessel Ministerial Alliance invites parents of junior highers and other interested people to this meeting to discuss and discern what kinds of programming we may offer this school year. We would welcome any 7th and 8th graders to attend as well. The meeting will be held at Goessel Mennonite Church.

## Prayer Requests

No items were shared last Sunday, October 3.

Happenings:

- ★ The funeral service for Alvin Schmidt's sister, Velma Claassen, happened on Wednesday at First Mennonite Church in Newton.
- ★ Pastor Corey helped to teach a youth ministry class on Monday night at Bethel College with Marlene Bogard.
- ★ Jacob Unruh and Stephanie Vetter were united in marriage yesterday here at Tabor.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Peace in our lives, Peace in our families and communities, Peace in our world.
- ★ Our Wednesday evening activities have begun and several new children are attending. Let's all do what we can to provide real *hospitality, healing and hope* for them. Pray for the leaders, teachers, sponsors and coordinators of all the ministries for Wednesday night.
- ★ Jacob Unruh and Stephanie Vetter as they begin their married life.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Dr. Perry White, who will be inaugurated as president of Bethel College today.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Remember the Bethel College community—students, faculty, staff, administrators, board members, alumni and friends—gathered on campus today for the culmination of Fall Festival weekend and the inauguration of the new president, Perry D. White, in a morning worship service.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Robin Gingerich and the faculty and staff of LCC International University in Lithuania as they share their faith through teaching and mentoring more than 650 students this academic year.