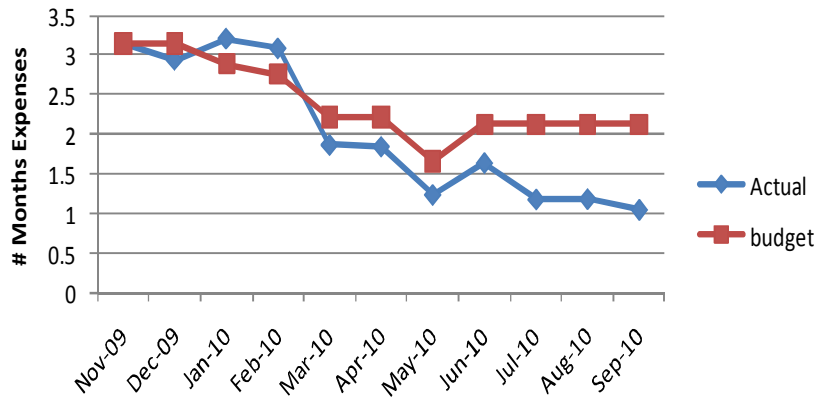


Tabor Trustee Reserves



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 September 26, 2010

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|------------|---------------|------------|-------|
| Offering | = \$ 4,417.56 | Attendance | = 133 |
| Adult S.S. | = \$ 158.16 | Attendance | = N/A |
| Jr. S.S. | = \$ 0.00 | Attendance | = N/A |

One Lord

One Body

One Table



One Communion with Christ

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Tabor Mennonite Church

October 3, 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 Community”

“Let us . . . not neglect to meet together . . . but encourage one another . . .”
-Hebrews 10:25

Gathering To Worship

PRELUDE Adult Worship Team

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Doug Krehbiel
from Psalm 133

Leader: How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along!

People: It's like costly anointing oil flowing down head and beard.

Leader: It's like the dew on Mount Hermon flowing down the slopes of Zion.

People: Yes, that's where Yahweh commands the blessing.

All: That's where Yahweh ordains eternal life!

GATHERING SONG “Praise the Savior, Ye who know Him”
Women's Ensemble

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE “Sing to the Lord of harvest” No. 98

*GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND DEDICATING THEM

“I want to walk as a child of the light” -Kathleen Thomerson

You are welcome to fill out the friendship brochure and place it in the offering bag.

CHILDREN'S TIME Carrie Unruh

Hearing God's Word

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Acts 4:32-35, Hebrews 10:23-25*

SERMON “Rediscovering Community” Corey Miller

Nationally known choral conductor Elvera Voth will sit down at a pump organ at Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum on Sunday, Oct. 10, to play for a "Hymn-sing in the Parlor" in the Friesen House at 3 p.m. Hymnals used will be *Gesangbuch mit Noten* (bring a copy if you have one) and an English-language hymnary. *Faspa* in the Preparatory School will follow the hymn-sing. Seating in the Friesen House will be limited, so please call the Museum (620-367-8534) by Thursday, Oct. 7, for a free reservation. Museum hours are 10-5 p.m. through Sept. 30 and 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday beginning Oct. 1.

Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series: Jesus is coming to Hesston College on October 29-31. There is still time to sign up and discount is available if three individuals from same congregation attend. Contact the church office, see bulletin board or go online for information.

On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **MCC and MDS** updates.
- ★ **Camp Mennoscah** news: **Shingling** on Oct 7-10 and 29-30; **Supper and Talent night** last Sunday raised over \$2,000.
- ★ **Bethel College Fall Fest** information and requests.
- ★ Upcoming events and presentations at **Hesston College**: Bel Canto Singers, Oct. 12, 7pm, Hesston Mennonite Church; Hesston College Theatre & Dept present **Dead Man Walking** Oct 1,2,7,8, 9. See posters.
- ★ Bridges to the Cross, **MC USA Convention**: Pittsburgh 2011
- ★ **Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution** program at Bethel college Oct. 14, 7pm. Detail posted.

Coming in November:

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

The Seeds of Peace

"Live in the present. Do the things that need to be done. Do all the good you can each day. The future will unfold."
-Peace Pilgrim



Announcements

Sharing your Gifts, Talents and Abilities with Tabor: Commitment forms for the Commission on Administration are in your mailboxes today. 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.

Attention all committees: Narrative requests for fiscal year 2011 are due today. Please turn in your narratives to the secretary's mailbox or email (preferred) to tabor@tabormennonite.org.

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

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 \$.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.*

Bethesda Pillars Banquet, Friday evening, November 5, 2010 . at the Cross Wind Conference Center near Hesston. Details can be found in the October Newsletter which is in your mailboxes today.

Bethel College Fall Fest: October 9th
You are privileged and needed to sign up to work at the Bethel College Fall Festival to prepare the sausage on Thurs. evening Oct. 7 at 5:30 p.m., help serve or bake pies on Oct. 9. Sign up sheet on the bulletin.

Come join the fun at Bethel College Fall Festival on Saturday, October 9th. The Swiss German meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Thresher Gym. Stop by the Market on the Green for a large selection of baked goods and Bethel memorabilia. Don't miss the food, fun and fellowship!

Responding to God's Word

ANTHEM "Taste and See" Women's Ensemble

COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SENDING SONG "I am the Bread of life" No. 472

*BENEDICTION "We go now to love and serve the Lord"

POSTLUDE

Today

We are God's people, God's community, called to live in unity in spite of our diversity. What does it mean for us at Tabor to live in community with each other? How can we experience more connectedness to each other and to God? We look again to the example of the early church to invite us to imagine what our community might look like. We are so grateful for everyone who has come to worship together.

On this World Wide Communion Sunday, we invite all adult believers who earnestly love and follow Jesus, to receive communion this morning. We will also be offering prayers of anointing for healing and blessing during our communion time.

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

This morning you were greeted by Mary Jane and Orlin Janzen and Bonnie and Steve Janzen. *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 in the nursery during the worship service.



*Come Holy Spirit.
Fill the hearts of thy faithful people
and kindle in us the fire of thy love.*

Today Continued

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.

Crop Walk Today is the day! You can still sign up as a Walker and as a Donor. CROP Walkers, please arrive at Tabor Mennonite Church between 1 and 1:15 to check in and pick up your t-shirt so we are ready to walk by 1:30. Last year we raised over \$8,000! Help us meet or exceed that amount for Mission Projects! Everyone must check in. You may bring your own water bottles but there will also be three water stops available. Please bring your CROPWALKER ENVELOPE with your sponsor list and enclosed money. It is your registration/insurance form. If you are under 18, the envelope must be signed by a parent. Or, turn in your completed envelope and money to Kevin Nickel this morning and he will turn it in for you at the walk. Turn in any unused envelopes to your Kevin Nickel. Sponsors should make checks out payable to MCC or CROP. Bring an item for our local Tabor Church Food Pantry. Did you know that 25 % of money raised goes directly to Tabor's food pantry ministry? Last year over \$2000 was given to the Food Pantry. Thank you all for your efforts in raising money and *Ending Hunger, One Step at a Time*. Walkers from Tabor are: Eunice and Kenton Nickel, Hannah, Rachel, Nancy and Corey Miller, Lee and Phyllis Goertzen, Brent Abrahams, Jessie Perry, Nick Schroeder, Nicole Heath, Mark Schmidt, Carson Voth and Gayle Funk.

This Week

Pastor Corey will be attending a retreat with 5 other pastors to reflect on their lives and ministries. He will be at Prairie Oasis (near Walton) on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Monday, October 4

1:00 p.m.—Work at MCC Center in N. Newton

7:00 p.m.—Budget Taskforce will meet.

Tuesday, October 5

12:00p.m.—Hesston Lunch Bunch

7:00 p.m.—Trustee meeting.

- Education Co. meeting.

Wednesday, October 6

Full Wednesday night programming to begin

Thursday, October 7

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

Saturday, October 9

- Bethel College Fall Fest
- Jake Unruh/Stephanie Vetter wedding.

Wednesday Evenings at Tabor

5:45-6:30 - Supper for all. **Sign up for meal.** *Bring your own table service.*

Menu: Hamburgers, baked beans, cole slaw, pumpkin chip cream pie.

6:30-7:15 - Children of Light, Faith Friends, Adult Bible Study

7:00-8:00 - TMYF

7:15-8:15 - Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers

7:15-8:00 - Worship Team, Cross Roads, Faithful Fitness

8:00-9:00 - Adult Choir

Next Sunday, October 10

9:30 a.m.—Worship: We will continue our series on *Carrying the Threads*.+ The focus of the morning will be on the Thread of Peace. The texts are Isaiah 41:9-13, I John 4:7-21 and Karen will be preaching.

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

Prayer Requests

No items were shared last Sunday, September 26.

Happenings:

- ★ The memorial service for Delbert Thiesen was held on Friday at St. Luke's Presbyterian church in Newton.
- ★ Welcoming and Sending signs have been created and placed above the doorway of the sanctuary. The Worship/Fellowship commissioned Nathan Ashley to create these signs to enhance our worship.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Renewed and faithful giving towards our current budget goals.
- ★ Jacob Unruh and Stephanie Vetter as they prepare to join their lives together in marriage.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Joy Mennonite as they celebrate their 20th Anniversary and discern what to do with facilities. A fire destroyed the church's detached garage with Minister James Branum's apartment above it.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Lillian and Norm Nicolson and their toddler, Nadine, live among the Siamou people in Burkina Faso. Pray that God may give them wisdom to present the message of Jesus in culturally appropriate ways.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Mel Felts, the new principal at Hopi Mission School in Kykotsmovi, Ariz., as he gives leadership to staff, students and the school board.