

On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **MCC and MDS** updates.
- ★ **Camp Mennoscah** news: **Thanks** to Work and Play folks; **Shingling** on Oct 7-10 and 29-30; **Supper and Talent night** tonight at Grace Hill Mennonite.
- ★ **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

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
September 19, 2010

Offering = \$ 4,456.25	Attendance = 195
Adult S.S. = \$ 78.00	Attendance = 105
Jr. S.S. = \$ 9.98	Attendance = 11

The Seeds of Peace:

Jesus sowed his seed in our hearts, then off he went...
He knew things would not be ideal. There were the
birds and the droughts, the weeds and the insects,
the parasites and the blights.
But there was also the power of the seed itself.



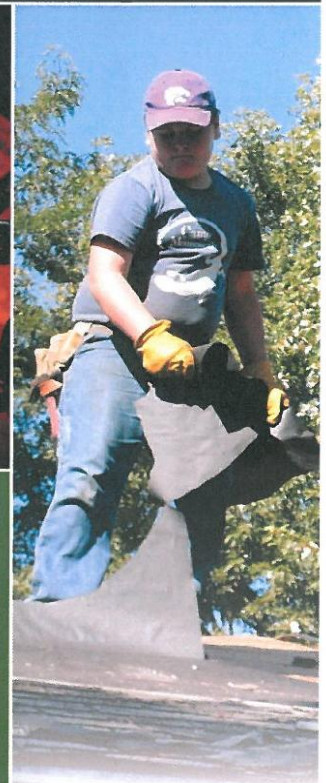
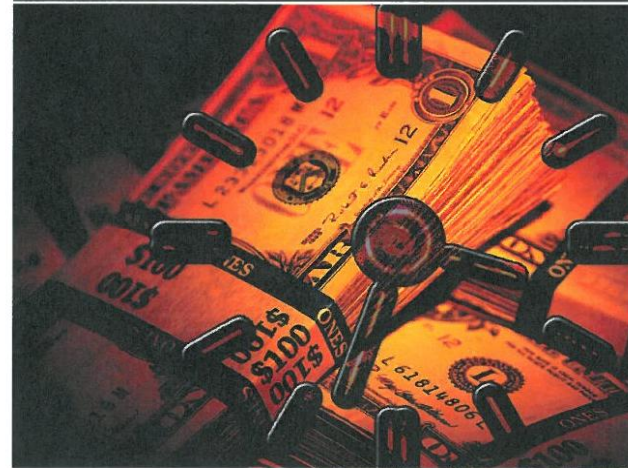
-Joseph G. Donders

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Stewarding God's Gifts



Sunday
September
26, 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.**

Volume LV

September 26, 2010

No. 39

Stewarding God's Gifts

"Carrying the Thread of Gifts"

9:30 a.m.

"On finding one pearl of great value, he . . . sold all he had and bought it."

-Matthew 13:46

Gathering To Worship

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Rosie Jantz

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 46
"I sing the mighty power of God"

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND DEDICATING THEM

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

Hearing God's Word

CHILDREN'S TIME Kevin Nickel

GOSPEL STORY *Matthew 13:44-46*

TEACHING Corey Miller
"Tending God's Treasures"

Responding to God's Word

SONG Cross Road
"Take my life" vv. 1,2

PRAYER FOR THE MORNING

SENT TO NEW LEARNINGS

BREAK OUT SESSIONS

See insert for details

Announcements

The Pictorial directory is here: If you had your picture taken or submitted a photo, pick up your pictorial directory after church in the foyer.

Attention all committees: Please turn in your narrative requests for fiscal year 2011 by October 3 to the secretary's mailbox or email (preferred) to tabor@tabormennonite.org.

MMA - A Partner in Ministry with Tabor Mennonite: Guided by Christian values, we are dedicated to working together to cultivate and grow the resources that enrich our communities and the lives we share. MMA's mission, as the Stewardship Agency for MC USA, is to help Christians like you to integrate your faith and finances and to help you cultivate all of your God-given gifts through practicing holistic stewardship in the areas of Time, Talent, Health, Relationships, and Money in ways that honor God. Approximately 130 Tabor Mennonite members use MMA products. If you need help on your stewardship journey, the team of Advisors at MMA Central Kansas can guide you in integrating your faith values into your stewardship plans. Contact Lewis Unruh, Tabor's MMA advocate, for more details.

Bethesda Pillars Banquet, Friday evening, November 5, 2010 . . . at the Cross Wind Conference Center near Hesston. More details to follow.

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!

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.

October 1 is the early bird deadline for . . . 3-D Jesus, the 2010 Fall Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series. Join us on October 29-31 at Hesston College as we explore what it means to really understand, follow and be transformed by Jesus. *Contact the church office if you plan to attend.* Groups rates (3+ people) for only \$75 a person! Individual \$100. Register now at www.hesston.edu/AVDS

Prayer Requests

Happenings:

- ★ Church council met on Wednesday night and had vibrant discussions about our budget shortfall, suggestions of how we will finish out this year, and ideas for how we might budget in our future. A 6 member task force was assembled to think about these issues. In the meantime, everyone is invited to give as generously as possible to our budget for this year.
- ★ Delbert Thiesen Memorial Service: There will be a memorial service for Delbert Thiesen on Friday, October 1 at 3:00pm at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Newton. Keep the family in your prayers as they tend to many details.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ The family of Delbert Thiesen as they grieve his sudden death.
- ★ Renewed and faithful giving towards our current budget goals.
- ★ Courage and wisdom to be faithful stewards of all that God has given.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for our Conference Ministers: Clarence Rempel, Gilberto Flores, and David Gerbrandt. Pray for our ministry staff: Marlene Bogard (Nurture), Doug Krehbiel (Youth), and Olivia Bartel (Camp). Pray for our support staff: Nancy Funk, Phyllis Regier, and Sandra Martinez. The staff will gather for a retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 30 . October 1.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Amanda and Gamaliel Falla are engaged in a powerful ministry of church planting and leadership training along the Caribbean coast of Colombia. Pray for them and the pastors of young congregations, many of whom have dramatic conversion stories.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for wisdom and discernment for faculty and staff members at Mennonite seminaries, colleges/ universities, and schools as they guide and mentor students in their education and faith journeys.

Stewarding God's Gifts

"Carrying the Thread of Gifts"

12:30 p.m.

"Do not neglect the gift that is within you . . ." -I Timothy 4:14

Continuing Our Worship

CALL BACK TO WORSHIP

Corey Miller

Leader: We have gathered on the Lord's day to worship, learn and study.

People: We have been given many gifts by God and have learned how we can use them wisely.

Leader: We have eaten well, thought deeply, and before we nap, we gather to remember . . .

People: The great treasure that God offers to all, Jesus Christ.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Praise, I will praise you, Lord"

No. 76

HEARING/SEEING GOD'S WORD

I Timothy 4:11-16

TESTIMONIES FROM THE MORNING

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN'S LEARNING

PRAYERS OF THANKS FOR ALL THAT WE'VE LEARNED

Karen Andres

*SONG

"You shall go out with joy"

No. 427

SENT OUT TO SERVE WITH GOD'S GOOD GIFTS



Come Holy Spirit.

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

This Week

Today

Stewarding God's Gifts takes courage, wisdom, perseverance and joy. Today we gather with anticipation and expectation of what we may learn in our time of worship and study this morning. We are so grateful for all the people who have made this day possible.

After gathering for a brief time of worship at 9:30am, we will split into groups to attend 2 of 4 different workshops that help stewardship practices. After the first session, we will have another session that will conclude at 11:45am. Everyone is invited to stay for our potluck meal and our time of learning will conclude with a brief time of worship at 12:30pm. You won't want to miss the stories and music! We will be dismissed by 1:00pm. Just listen for the bells and we'll direct your paths!!

We are so glad you have joined us to worship. This morning you were greeted by Eleanora Goertzen and Lee, DeVon and Reece Hiebert. *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 by Yvette Nickel 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.

Monday, September 27

Newsletter items are due.

7:00 p.m.—Creative Finance Task Force will meet.

Tuesday, September 28

12:00p.m.—Goessel/Peabody/Walton Lunch Bunch at Agape Center in Goessel. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

7:00 p.m.—MCC Meat Canning meeting at Tabor Church.

Wednesday, September 29

6:30 p.m.—Youth Explorers BBQ at the parsonage.

7:00 p.m.— Faithful Fitness exercise group.
TMYF

7:30 p.m.— Women and Girls of all Ages: If you like to sing, please come join us as we rehearse for Communion Sunday, October 3. we will practice only one time on September 29. The commitment is small, so don't miss this opportunity! · Marcene Entz

Next Sunday, October 3

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 Community. The texts are Psalm 133, Acts 4:32-35 and Hebrews 10:23-25 and Corey will be preaching. This is also World Wide Communion Sunday, so we will be celebrating around the Lord's Table.

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

The CROP Walk is one week away (Oct. 3) and we would still like to sign up more walkers for the 6 (or opt. 2) mile walk which will leave from Tabor Mennonite Church at 1:30 (walkers, be there by 1:15)! We need 15 more walkers to meet last year's number! Help those in underdeveloped countries by walking and raising donations. You will get a free t-shirt this year when you walk to *End Hunger, One Step at a Time*. See Kevin Nickel for a CROP WALKER ENVELOPE, or see **Brent Abrahams, Kenton and Eunice Nickel, Mark Schmidt, Nicole Heath, Corey, Rachel and Hannah Miller, Lee and Phyllis Goertzen, Nick Schroeder and Kevin Nickel** to make a donation. Checks made out to MCC will go to MCC and checks made to CWS will go to CWS. Tabor Food Pantry items will be collected the day of the walk. Especially needed are: canned fruit, toilet paper and laundry soap. Please pay your walker before the WALK.