



Bertha Nickel Welcomed as Member of Tabor Mennonite on July 18



Worship Themes

- August 1** - *"Redeemed after the Wreck"*
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-9
-Corey preaching
- August 8** - *"Set Free!"* -Luke 19:1-10;
Mark 7:20-23, 8:34-37
-Karen preaching
- August 15** - *"Greatly Gifted"*
I Corinthians 12:12-13,
II Corinthians 3:12-18,
Galatians 5:13-25
-Corey preaching
- August 22** - *"Jesus has the last word!"*
John 1:1-10, John 8
-Karen preaching
- August 29** - *"The End is the Beginning!"*
Revelation
-Corey preaching

Pastor/Staff Schedules in August

Pastor Doug: Sabbatical in August
 Vacations:
 Pastor Karen: August 9 - 15
 Grace: August 4-14
 Kim: August 7 - 11 and 13

Tabor Church News

August, 2010

ōTo The Mountains We Go!ö

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD . . . that he may teach us his ways." – Isaiah 2:3

I know of several families from Tabor that have gone to Colorado this summer for their vacations. I know that people head West to Colorado for one thing: the mountains! And why not? The Rocky Mountains give us a glimpse of something magnificent and unique, awe inspiring and beautiful. Mountains provide something special that we canø experience on the plains of Kansas, like cooler temperatures, hiking opportunities, colorful trees and a respite from mosquitoes!



The prophet Isaiah offered a ömountain topö vision for Judah and Jerusalem that was brighter than their prideful, self-serving religious practices. Isaiah declared that at some future time, öthe mountain of the LORDø house shall be established as the highest of the mountains . . . and all the nations shall stream to it.ö (2:2)

Isaiah had such a creative imagination that he could envision a time when all nations (even the enemies) would come to Jerusalem, gather at the Temple and listen to Godø Word!

It takes an imagination to see this in the world, where ALL people would somehow gather under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and yearn to know Christø teachings. It takes imagination to see ALL of our Tabor church family gather for worship and stay for Sunday school to learn Godø truths. It takes imagination to envision a time when there are no passive Christians but passionate, energetic, radical followers of Jesus who joyfully share their gifts and calling for ministry. It takes imagination to see up the mountain . . . when we often feel stuck in the plains.

Whether you feel refreshed from a trip to the mountains or whether you feel the monotony of the plains, know that Isaiahø vision is still real, for the world and for our faith community at Tabor. Let us go joyfully up to the mountain of God so that . . .

öhe may teach us his ways and . . . we may walk in his paths.ö (v. 3)

-Pastor Corey



New Summer Worship Schedule Concludes

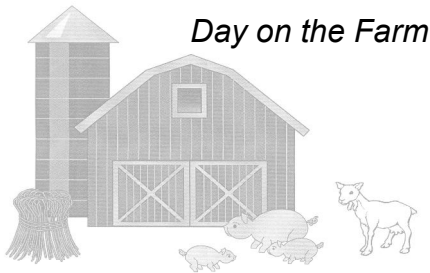
The Summer Worship Schedule concludes in August. For one more month, we are continuing our amazing journey through the Biblical Story lead by Rosie Jantz, Carol Duerksen and Doug Krehbiel. Our hour of Christian Education will begin at 9:30am and then worship follows at 10:45am, but in September, we will go back to having our worship service first, followed by Sunday school.



Pastor Doug on Sabbatical

I am planning to take four masters level courses during my upcoming sabbatical. I have picked courses that I feel will be inspiring and have practical application for my work at Tabor. I will be on full sabbatical during the months of August 2010 and January 2011. I will take sabbatical time at a few hours each week during the months of September through December and be mostly involved in my ministry work as usual during this time. I sincerely thank Tabor for granting me this opportunity. I would request your prayers as I study.

-Pastor Doug



The 15th annual Day on the Farm sponsored by Mennonite Agri-Urban will be held Saturday, August 21 at the farm of Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp, 3 mi N, 4mi E, 3/4 N of Goesel. This is a great family event that helps children from towns and cities connect with the rural upbringing of many of their parents/grandparents. Events which include horseback rides, cart rides, goat milking, pig catching and interaction with farm animals run continuously from 10am to 3pm. A meal will be served beginning at 11:30. The event is free, however contributions to Agri-Urban are welcomed. Agri-Urban benefits Western District Conference, Mennonite Church USA and Bethel College.

Women Uniquely Created By God

2010 Women and Girls Retreat will be held at Camp Mennoscah on September 10-12. Featured retreat speaker is Florence Schloneger who co-pastored with her husband Weldon, until recently moving to North Newton. Seminars you may register for include: Bible Study-Creation... and re-Creation: women in the image of God, Unusual container Gardening, Making Zwiebach, Make Your Digital Camera Your Friend and others. Details are posted and registration forms can be found on the table in the foyer and are due Aug. 30.

Tabor to serve at Newton's Homeless Shelter

Tabor Mennonite Church will be teaming up with the First United Methodist Church of Newton to provide meals and night supervision at the Newton Homeless Shelter from August 17-24. We need people to help with serving meals and staying for the night. If any of you are interested in helping with this ministry, contact Brent Abrahams soon so he can coordinate our week's schedule. Anyone who volunteers will need to go to a brief orientation training time held at the shelter on the following days: August 12 - 6:30 pm, August 17 - 6:30 pm, August 18 - 10 am.

Annual Mennoglass Festival in the Park

Make plans to celebrate the end of summer with a great evening of food, fellowship and fine bluegrass music in the Tabor park on August 29th.

The serving of great burgers and the fixin's will begin at 5:30pm and live music will follow into the evening. Bring your lawn chairs, some bug spray, and some friends who might just need to become a part of our welcoming congregation! In case of rain, we'll meet in the church basement.



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New Gift Discernment Process

We believe that every member and attender of Tabor Mennonite has special gifts, talents and abilities to offer God and build up the Body of Christ. As Tabor continues to implement a new process of discerning and calling out of these gifts in each of us, we celebrate what the Education Commission has done in identifying tasks and responsibilities and inviting people to sign up on their recent commitment sheets.

The next step consists of the Worship/Fellowship Commission calling out gifted persons to serve in various ministries that enhance our worship and build up community. Sheets will be placed in your boxes on August 22 and will be collected on September 5. In addition to the Worship/Fellowship Commission, there will be an opportunity to discern those who have gifts for being a deacon at Tabor.

Finally, in this year of transition, the Administration and Outreach Commissions will prepare a handout for the congregation on October 3 and it will be collected on October 17. This makes three different commitment sheets representing the four commissions and leadership positions.

The church council will continue to review and relook at how to call out people's gifts. We intend to offer an opportunity this fall to have a gifts, talents and abilities inventory to help bring clarity to the areas God may be calling you to serve in. This journey is one of learning, waiting, discovering and praying. Please give us your thoughts and opinions as we navigate through this together.

Spotlight on Tabor's Young Adults



Hello Tabor Friends!

We are Troy and Sara Jantz. We have one 8 month old son, Hudson. We moved back to Hesston 3 years ago where we both grew up. We really enjoy living in a small and quite community where you know just about everyone. Troy is a pilot working for Executive Air Share, an aircraft management and fractional ownership company, in Wichita. He enjoys going to new places and sometimes endures

less than exciting locations. Troy travels all over the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean transporting individuals and companies in private jet and turboprop aircraft. Some of his favorite spots include the northwestern U.S., central Colorado, and the desert southwest. Sara is the Cash and Investment Manager for Sedgwick County. She manages the County's investment portfolio and has other various accounting duties. While she's not busy counting she's keeping up with local government.

While we aren't busy driving back and forth to Wichita for our jobs we enjoy spending time with Hudson. Every day he is discovering new things and learning new tricks. He forever keeps us on our toes. We also enjoy spending time with family and friends, gardening and exploring our community. When we lived in Lawrence and came home to visit, we would often come to Tabor with Troy's family for Sunday service. In 2006, we were married at Tabor by Corey and soon after became members of the church family. We enjoy the country feel and hospitality that Tabor offers.



Summer Faith Formation



Adults lead by Rosie Jantz



Music composed by Doug and Jude



Children learn Stories of God's People

3-D Jesus

Do we emphasize certain aspects of Jesus and neglect other aspects in ways that distort who Jesus really is? In our negligence, do we make Jesus into our own image instead of the other way around? These are central questions to be addressed at 3-D Jesus, the Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series for 2010, held at Hesston College, October 29-31.

The goal of 3-D Jesus is to discover the whole of the story of Jesus, said Michele Hershberger, conference coordinator. We will look at his life, death, resurrection and ongoing work and presence in the church and the world as a continuous narrative . . . allowing that story to change our churches and us.

The main speakers for the conference are Dr. Steve Dintaman, Professor of Theology at LCC International University, in Klaipeda, Lithuania and Pastor Meghan Good from Albany Mennonite Church in Albany, Oregon. They will help participants explore the consequences when Christians focus primarily on a certain dimension of Jesus, such as his death or his role as a social critic.

A special feature of 3-D Jesus is the use of teaching vignettes. Instead of workshops, participants will struggle with the hard stories about Jesus through the venue of drama, modern-day parables, and interactive teaching techniques, followed by small and large group discussions. Leaders for these vignettes are Dr. Rev. Kevass Harding of Dellrose Methodist Church, Wichita, KS; Pastor John Murray of Hesston Mennonite Church; and Marion Bontrager and Michele Hershberger, both faculty members at Hesston. Other features of 3-D Jesus include a dramatic presentation of the Sermon on the Mount and a banquet.

Information for 3-D Jesus can be found on the Hesston College website or as the 3D Jesus page on Facebook. Persons may register for the conference on-line at www.hesston.edu/AVDS or call Elaine Schmidt at 620-327-8290.

Western District News

Report from Amazing/Challenge Conversation tabulated by Clarence Rempel Western District Conference Assembly:

Groups of three to five delegates met in circles at the WDC in Waxahachie, TX and shared about their congregations as a way of getting acquainted and as a way of informing the new conference minister as to the shape of the Western District Conference.

What is amazing about your congregation?

10. Music ó We have talented musicians. We've made a peaceful music transition to including more variety.
9. Workers ó People just sign up and do it. Great leadership couple. Strong leadership from those 40-65.
8. Local Service ó Members volunteer for many community ministries ó Homeless Shelter, Angel's Attic, Food Pantry, Service Sunday. People care and are involved.
7. Pastors ó We have a wonderful new pastor. Great pastoral team. Amazing first time pastor.
6. Youth ó Great youth outreach. Strong youth group.
5. Hospitality ó We embrace diversity. We have a wide welcome. New Mennos are coming. People of many different church backgrounds from Unitarian to Pentecostal.
4. Growth ó We have an influx of young adults. We're growing. Tabor College faculty and administration are coming to our church. Many new people.
3. Vision ó Excitement in vision process. Being vision. SWOT got us going.
2. Giving ó People generously giving. Surpassed budget. Increased giving to WDC. Met budget.
1. Blessing ó God has blessed us through the years. Congregations celebrating 25, 30, 100, 125, and 135 years of God's provision.

What is the challenge for your congregation?

8. Homosexual issue
7. Outreach ó Hard to share faith, reaching out in the community
6. Decline ó Less participation. We need to grow.
5. Young families ó We need young families. Hard to provide children's Sunday school. Create community for young families. Sports on Sunday competing with church.
4. Pastoral transition. Retirement of pastor. Looking for a new pastor. Transitioning to new pastoral leadership.
3. Young adults ó We need to reach young adults in their 20s and 30s. Young adults have gone to college and didn't come back.
2. Closedness ó We're too ingrown. Need to accept people who are different. Need to be open to new Mennos.
1. Aging ó We are an aging congregation. How will we keep going?

*"Today is Monday, the day after tomorrow is Wednesday.
The week is half over and we haven't done anything. Let's get to work!"*