



Quote from some wise folks . . . . .

*Just what makes that little old ant . . . think she can move that rubber tree plant . . .  
 Anyone knows an ant . . . can't . . . Whoops there goes another rubber tree . . .  
 Whoops there goes another rubber tree . . .*

Just Sayin . . . . .

#### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE October 9, 2011

Offering = \$ 4,333.50	Attendance = 172
Adult S.S. = \$ 85.00	Attendance = 91
Jr. S.S. = \$ 15.28	Attendance = 21

#### Peace

“For this Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts,  
and tells us that we really are God’s children.”

–Romans 8:16 NLB




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**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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“Holy Spirit Imagination”

Gathering

PRELUDE

Diana Schmidt

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader, Rosie Jantz

Leader: Speak to all the world

of the Child by whose word the universe is held together!

**People: We can hardly speak for ourselves;**

**how can we speak in the name of the Son of God?**

Leader: “Whom shall I send?” God asks us. “Who will go?”

If those whom God has shown love have no words,  
who can tell the world that God’s reign is among us?

**People: Send us the advocate,**

**the Holy Spirit to teach us,**

**to remind us of everything Jesus proclaimed.**

Leader: Show us how to bring your presence to others--

**People: when we keep silence,**

**when to act in secret,**

**when to openly name the name.**

Leader: Free our hearts, our hands, our voices to confess Christ,

to give people the reason for the hope that is in us.

**All: Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,**

**You took the form of a servant.**

**You preached peace.**

**You healed the oppressed.**

**You died for us.**

**We will tell the world that you are the author of our salvation.**

**Here we are; send us!**

\*HYMN

“Here in this place”

No. 6

**A Sister Care Seminar:** Early registration for Sister Care on Nov. 11-12 at Hesston Mennonite Church is being extended until October 31. Willing Helpers will pay \$10 registration of any Tabor women who would like to attend. Registration forms are on the bulletin board. Turn forms in with \$35 to Denise Nickel’s box and she will send in registrations with full payments.

**Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series,** Hesston College, October 28-30. See posted information on the bulletin board. *Call or email the church office if you are planning to attend.* **The deacons are offering 3 scholarships in the amount of \$85 per person to attend the AVDS conference at Hesston College. Please contact Kim Funk as soon as possible to receive this scholarship, which will be given on a first come first served basis.**

**The AGAPE Senior Center** thanks all of you that helped with our fundraisers - Biscuit and Sausage Gravy Breakfast, Garage Sale and Bake Sale. Community support is needed to keep AGAPE open. -AGAPE Senior Center Board

**Harder Benefit:** Please mark your calendars for Friday, Oct 21 at 6:00 pm for a Chili Supper and Auction Benefit for the family of Corey Harder. Corey is the brother-in-law of Duane and Janna Duerksen. He is fighting a cancerous brain tumor and has many expenses that go along with this illness. This event will be held at the Saint Luke Church at 808 E. 6th Street in Newton. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for more details.

**On the Bulletin Boards:**

- ★ **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum:** Kauffman Museum at Bethel College, October 16, 3:30 pm.
- ★ Shirley Sprunger King **organ recital** at the Bethel College Mennonite Church, October 16, 3:30 p.m.
- ★ Program sponsored by Quilters Corner and Quilt Committees of **Kansas MCC Relief Sale.** October 18, 7pm, Hesston Mennonite Church
- ★ **Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church,** rural Inman, annual Mission Supper from 5 to 7pm on Saturday, October 22.
- ★ **Dyck Arboretum:** Sunday, October 23, 4:30 pm, first concert of the 2011-2012 Prairie Window Concert Series.
- ★ Don Zook of Pitkin, CO will present a program at Whitestone Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 23, 6:30 pm about the **Seagoing Cowboys** who were caretakers of livestock shipped to Europe after World War II.
- ★ **West Zion Mennonite Church Concert Series** continues October 23 at 7 pm. Performers include the Newton Community Children’s Choir,
- ★ All women are invited to a **Women’s Gathering about Leadership and the Church** October 27, First Mennonite Church, Newton.
- ★ **Goessel Blood Drive:** October 29, mobile unit in Goessel.
- ★ **Harvey Co. Homeless Shelter:** Celebration of Hope Dinner Theater, December 1 & 2, Hesston Mennonite Church.

## Announcements

**Upcoming Sunday Worship Services:** We will have three services (October 30, November 6 and November 13) focused on the Tabor mission statement. Today heads of committees will find questionnaires in their mailboxes regarding mission at Tabor to process with their group at their next meeting. Please return the sheet to my mailbox by November 6. Giving thought to these questions will hopefully provoke practical application, stir up creative thought and help all of us start thinking about how we are guided by the mission statement, and how the mission statement guides us. —June

**Sunday School Hour:** Jason Unruh, Our Canner Man, will present a talk and pictures about his experience in Haiti during the Sunday School hour on October 30. All adult are invited to attend this special presentation, which will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

**Opportunity for Service:** Several of our Tabor congregation who are residents of the Kidron-Bethel Retirement Center would like to worship here on Sunday mornings. If you would be able to take a turn picking them up and/or taking them back after worship, please speak to June or Kim ASAP.

**Communion for all:** If you are aware of a home-bound person who would like to receive communion, please contact a pastor or deacon.

**Visits with June:** I have really enjoyed visiting with you as families, individuals and groups. There are only two more Sunday morning gatherings - October 23 and November 6. If you or your group are interested, sign up soon on the office door. Other opportunities include Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:15, 7:15-8:00, and just about any other time that is mutually possible. Check the sign-up sheets around the office door or call [316-283-0106](tel:316-283-0106).

**Greensburg Tour:** Sign up on the bulletin board to go on the Greensburg green town tour on Saturday, Oct. 22. Leave Tabor at 7:30 am. On the sign-up sheet, note if you would like a ride or can drive so we can plan our car pools. From 10-12:30 we will tour many of the rebuilt buildings since the tornado, then have lunch at the Coffee House (hopefully with some Greensburg Mennonite folks) & last tour the Mennonite Church. You will be responsible for the \$5 tour cost & lunch. We'll be using the remaining Stewardship budget to pay for fuel expenses. Please join us!

**The Tabor Church Mennonite Men's Annual Chicken BBQ** will take place on Thursday November 3rd, 5:00-7:00pm, at Tabor Church. Come enjoy our special chicken recipe with delicious sides and ice cream bars for dessert. Men can sign up for shifts on the bulletin board.

**MCC Meat Canner:** Sign up to help with meat canning on November 7 and 8. Donations for meat can be left in the meat canning semi in the foyer ;) Make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church, earmark MCC meat canning.

## Praising

\*PRAYER

\*HYMN *"We praise thee, O God"* No. 99

\*GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

## Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S FOCUS Sheri Schmidt

WORSHIP MUSIC *"Isn't it Amazing Grace"* -Karen Dean Children of Light

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 55:6-13* Doug Krehbiel

SERMON *"Holy Spirit Imagination "* Jim Schrag

## Responding

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Here I am, Lord"* No. 395

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## Sending

\*HYMN *"You shall go out with joy"* No. 427

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## Today

Today we are invited to wonder how the Holy Spirit might inspire our thinking in new ways and to imagine what God may be calling us toward as individuals, households, and as a congregation. May God be pleased with our worship today.



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

### Today Continued

Thanks to Jim and Judy Schrag for their presence and ministry among us today. Jim, Judy and their children were a part of the Tabor congregation from 1973 to 1985.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Fred, Diane and Luke Unruh and Elmer and Lynne Voth

*Please note the friendship cards in the songbook holders. A special welcome is extended to all visitors. Visitors are invited to fill out the back of the friendship card and place it in the offering bag.*

Childcare is provided by Jill Brandt in the nursery during the worship service.

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

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.

**12:00 noon**—We will continue our fellowship with the Schrags during a potluck meal following the Sunday School hour. All are invited!

Pastor June will return to Newton this afternoon, while Pastor Karen will be out of the office through Tuesday.

**7:00 p.m.**—A service of pastoral ordination will be held for Peter and Katherine Goerzen this evening at Grace Hill Mennonite Church, where they are both pastors. A hymn sing at 6:40pm will precede the service. Peter grew up attending Tabor Church and is the son of Les and Cynthia Goerzen, and brother of John and James Goerzen. Everyone is welcome to attend. *A card for Peter and Katherine is in the foyer for you to sign and will be taken along with the flower arrangement on the table in the foyer to the service this evening.*

## This Week

### Monday, October 17

**7:00 p.m.—Willing Helpers:** Violeta Ajquejay will provide us with devotions and Glenna Schrag will share many interesting titles and stories for us from Faith and Life Bookstore. If you like to read, this is the place to be. If you don't like to read, Glenna might convince you to!

### Wednesday, October 19

**Wednesday Evening programming.** *Sign up on bulletin board for meal.*

**Menu:** Sausage & Rice casserole, vegetable, fruit, cookie.

*Please sign up in the foyer to help cook, serve or cleanup following a meal.*

**Faith Adventure:** Field trip to Carol and Maynard's farm. We may leave a little early and will be back to the church by 8:30.

## Wednesday Evenings at Tabor - JOIN US!

<b>5:45-6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Supper</b>
<b>6:30-7:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Children of Light Choir</b> (grades 1-8) <b>Faith Friends/Sonbeams</b> (ages 3-Kindergarten) <b>Adults Conversation Circles</b>
<b>7:00-8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>7:15-8:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Faith Adventures</b> (grades 1-5) <b>Youth Explorers</b> (grades 6-8)
<b>7:15-8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship Team &amp; Crossroad practice</b> <b>Faithful Fitness</b>
<b>8:00-9:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>

## Next Sunday, October 23

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday is Bethel College Sunday. Patty Shelley will be preaching on "Making Peace with Abraham". Scriptures are Genesis 12:1-3, Romans 4:13-25 and James 2:19-26. The Bethel College Choir will offer music.

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

## Prayer Requests

*The following items were shared last Sunday, October 9.*

- ★ Pastor Karen gave thanks for the rain and asked for an "Amen".
- ★ Brittany Voth, serving with MVS in St. Louis, was home for a visit and gave an update on her ministry there.
- ★ Alvin Schmidt expressed concern over discerning which request for funds to support.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for pastors Katherine and Peter Goerzen, who will be ordained today at the Grace Hill Mennonite Church, rural Newton.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, Mary Raber of MMN and post-graduate students from Ukraine and Czech Republic plan to begin a week-long course that combines ministry with study. Pray that the program will bring glory to God and strengthen the students spiritually.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Bethel College, Goshen College and Hesston College during their fall breaks. Give thanks for students and faculty as they take time for refreshment or to catch up. Pray for safety and energy for the athletic teams, Goshen College's Parables worship team and Hesston College's Bel Canto Singers as they travel and interact with others.