



AMAZING GRACE

Grown-ups say "Grace is sufficient."
Kids sing "Grace is bigger."

Grown-ups call it Calvary.
Kids talk about The Grace Place.

Grown-ups talk about "finding grace."
Kids say take some Vitamin "G".

We called this a musical for children.
We discovered it's a musical for everyone.

See Grace through a child's eyes...
You'll be amazed!

The Children of Light Choir

will present the musical

"Amazing Grace"

Sunday evening, May 8, at 6:30 pm

A cookie social will follow.

We hope you can come!



Doubt and Belief

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Tabor Mennonite Church

May 1, 2011



**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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No. 18

Turn to Jesus, go with the Spirit
"Doubt and Belief"

"Do not doubt but believe." -John 20:27b

Gathering Our Praise

GATHERING HYMN "Proclaim the tidings near and far" No. 282

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Duerksen, Worship Leader

PRELUDE Michelle Unruh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The risen Jesus stands among us,

**People: the marks of the nails plain on his hands,
the words of peace clear on his lips.**

Leader: We turn to Jesus,

People: and our doubts give birth to faith.

PRAYER

*SINGING OUR PRAISE "O sons and daughters, let us sing!" No. 274

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP

Proclaiming God's Word

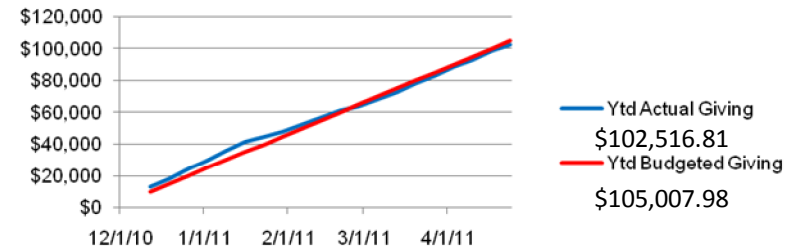
CHILDREN'S STORY Leann Toews

SCRIPTURE READING *John 20:19-27* Marcene Entz
Sheri Schmidt, Carol Duerksen

DRAMA "Thomas" Donavon Schmidt

SERMON "Closed Doors, Opened Windows" Karen Andres

Tabor Annual Giving through 4-24-11



Quote from some wise folks
Slow and steady wins the race.
Keep on giving . . . the race is a close one.

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
April 24, 2011**

Offering = \$4,081.35 Attendance = 284

The Peace of Christ comes at Easter

"Let every man and woman count himself immortal.
Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in His resurrection.
Let him say not merely, 'Christ is risen,' but 'I shall rise.'"
- Phillips Brooks



Announcements continued

Looking for a fun way to spend an evening? How about spending it enjoying games and fellowship with the people living in the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Our church's week to serve is coming up May 11-17. Check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, and help us fill our week. If you have questions contact Brent or Pam Abrahams.

Camp Mennoscah: The Early Discount deadline for **summer youth camps** at Camp Mennoscah is May 2. Just fill out your registration form and send it in with your full payment and we'll take \$10 off your camp fees! *All Tabor Jr. and Youth campers will be given a \$50 scholarship from Tabor's Education Committee. Sign up on the bulletin board with your name and dates that you will be attending camp. When registering, mark the box on the form indicating that you are receiving a scholarship and a check will be mailed to Camp Mennoscah.*

A **Camp Mennoscah sing-along** event will take place this evening from 6:30-8:00 pm at Memorial Hall, Bethel College. Former camp song leaders (Nathan Stucky, Rachel Dirks, Blakely Bunning, Aaron Dyck, Jesse Graber and Doug Krehbiel) will lead us in singing favorite camp songs. This event is for everyone including grandparents, children, youth groups, and families. A free-will offering will take place at the event with proceeds going toward the new swimming pool at camp. Camp-style popcorn and generic pop will be offered following the event. Hope to see you on May 1!

Relief Sale Annual Meeting: If you would like to attend the KS MCC Sale Annual Meeting and Banquet, please RSVP to Jerry and Leann Toews by May 1. Banquet will be held at Bethel Mennonite, Inman, May 10 at 6:30pm. Anyone can attend. Cost is \$10. The financial report will be given and we will present the BIG check to Maynard Knepp for MCC.

Joyful Noise CCC: Over the next year, all of the cribs at Joyful Noise will need to be replaced due to new crib regulations. We can't accept gently used donations but will have to purchase 3 brand new cribs. We are also looking for people willing to cook lunch for the kids at Joyful Noise. This could be as simple as making a casserole and dropping it off or cooking in our kitchen. Please contact one of our board members: Liz O'Brien, Amanda Church, Lynette Duerksen, Susan Saunders or Kim Voth or JNCCC's director, Michelle Roberts at 367-4620.

On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **Camp Mennoscah** news and opportunities.
- ★ **AMBS Summer Seminary Courses.** Register by May 9.
- ★ **Bethel College Alumni Association** banquet May 21. Details posted.
- ★ **Mennonite Central Committee** and **Mennonite Disaster Service** updates.

Responding to the Spirit

RESPONSE HYMN *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus"* No. 46CS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN *"We walk by faith"* No. 570

*POSTLUDE

Today

Today is the second Sunday of Easter. Jesus appears to the disciples unhampered by locked doors. In their fear and doubt, the disciples turn to Jesus who brings resurrection to all. May we too, though we walk by faith and not by sight, go with the Spirit believing and rejoicing.

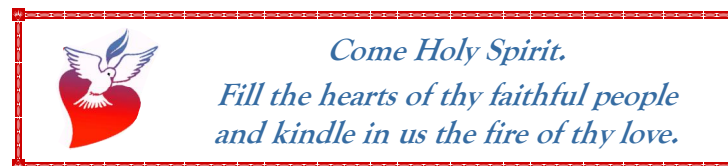
We are so glad you are here with us. This morning you were greeted by Van, Brenda, Viola and Trevor Schmidt and Donavon and Deloris Schmidt.

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.

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.

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



Today continued

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Just one last reminder that today is the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner meals. We hope everyone has some great food and fellowship with their fellow Tabor brothers and sisters.

Pastor Corey has been candidating this weekend at West Union Mennonite Church, Parnell, Iowa for their lead pastor position. The Millers will be driving back to Kansas this evening. Next Sunday, the West Union congregation will vote on whether to call Corey to be their pastor. Corey and his family invite you to pray for them as they listen, discern, process and travel this weekend.

This Week

Tuesday, May 3

12:00 p.m.—Hesston Lunch Bunch.

7:00 p.m.—Worship Fellowship meeting at Jude Krehbiel's home.

7:30 p.m.—Trustee meeting.

Wednesday, May 4

6:00 p.m.—Children of Light Choir pizza party

6:30 p.m.—Children of Light rehearsal, Faithful Fitness, VBS Staff Orientation

7:00 p.m.—TMYF

Saturday, May 7

8:00 a.m.—**Spring work day.** There are a number of projects, weather permitting, that we wish to tackle in the park and cemetery, also some cleaning and painting in the church building. Please plan on helping however you are able. If you can provide some refreshments for break time, this too is appreciated. A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer so we can plan our day. If you have questions or ideas about anything that needs attention within our facilities, please talk to one of the trustees. Thanks for your help!

9:00-10:00 a.m.—Children of Light musical rehearsal.

Next Sunday, May 8

9:30 a.m.—Worship: Next Sunday continues the season of Easter. The theme for the day is *Meeting Jesus on the Road*; the texts are Acts 2:14, 36-41, Psalm 116, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35 and Pastor Corey will be preaching. We will be dedicating 5 babies to the Lord in the worship service.

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

6:30 pm.—*Amazing Grace*+a musical presented by Children of Light will be held at Tabor next Sunday evening. *Please bring cookies to share at the social following the performance.*

Prayer Requests

No items were shared last Sunday, April 24.

Happenings:

★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Caring Quilt and Children's Caring Quilt are home.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Corey, Nancy, Hannah and Rachel as they explore God's calling for their lives.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray that God would call together the right mix of people for the church planting consultation in Oklahoma City on May 27-28. Pray for our session leaders . Gilberto Flores, Wilbert Shenk, and Conrad Kanagy . in their preparations.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Côte d'Ivoire as the nation transitions to new leadership. Remember also the family of MMN teachers, Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig, based in Abidjan.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Goshen College celebrates baccalaureate and commencement today for the class of 2011. Give thanks for the 259 graduates and their families. Pray for the days and decisions ahead for the graduates, as they apply their learning to their work, service and faith journeys.

Announcements

Share Your Gifts: Carrie Unruh has faithfully decorated the "window" in Pastor Karen's office for many years. For some variety, we are looking for people who would be willing to share their gifts of creativity (art work, wall hangings, photography or other) to display in the window. Please let Karen or Carrie know if you have something to share. We will begin in June. This is a way to honor God by sharing the gifts we have been given with one another.

The Willing Helpers May 16 Mentor event has been **changed to May 23, 7:00 p.m.** due to Goessel 8th Grade Promotion. There will be four stations and participants will be choosing two to take part in. They are: Pie making with Kristin Schmidt; Quilting with Wilma Schmidt and Alice Funk; Scrap-booking with Janna Duerksen and Sara Unruh; Photo Computer with Monica Voth. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board soon to get an idea of how many sign up for which station.