



COLLEGE

Bethel College
May 22, 4:00 p.m.
Brittany Dirksen

Friends University
May 7
Travis Buller
Brett Goerzen

Hesston College
May 8, 9:00 a.m.
Ron Dirksen
Laura Unruh

Kansas State University
May 14
Jason Unruh
Janessa Wedel

Pratt Community College
May 13
James Goerzen

Notre Dame University
May 21
Daniel Unruh

Wichita State University
May 13
Sara Hall

*The LORD
is our
Good Shepherd*



MIDDLE SCHOOL
Goessel Middle School
May 16, 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Booth
Kellen Froese
Christian Graber
Hannah Miller

HIGH SCHOOL
Goessel High School
May 14, 7:00 p.m.
Michelle Unruh

Newton High School
May 21, 7:00 p.m.
Leah Unruh

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
May 8, 2011			
Offering	=	\$ 3,479.25	Attendance = 208
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 43.00	Attendance = 62
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 9.13	Attendance = 20

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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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Led by the Good Shepherd

"... but now you have returned to the shepherd." -I Peter 2:25

Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME Rosie Jantz

PRAISING WITH THE PSALMIST *from Psalm 23*

Leader: The LORD is our good Shepherd! We have all we need.

**People: God gives us green pastures, still waters,
restored souls and Right paths.**

Leader: God is with us as we go through dark valleys,
comforting us and holding us.

People: God anoints us with good gifts; our cup overflows.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life,
and we will dwell in the house of the LORD forever!**

PRAYER OF BLESSING

*SONG OF PRAISE *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* No. 37

GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND DEDICATING THEM

CHILDREN'S STORY Gayle Funk

BLESSING OUR GRADUATING SENIORS Doug Krehbiel

Announcements continued

Summer Story Time and Reading Program at the Western District Conference Resource Library starts on June 15 for 3-8 year olds and runs for 6 weeks. Creation Care is our theme! Sign your children / grandchildren up today by calling 316-283-6300. Space is limited.

"Once upon a Wall..." is the title of an upcoming quilt show for which Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum in Goessel is seeking quilted wall hangings. The show is scheduled for June 17-19. If you are the owner of a wall hanging or two, we invite you participate by loaning us your treasure for a little while. Your wall hanging will be displayed in a fairy tale/nursery rhyme setting. Deadline for entries is Friday, June 10. For more information, please call the museum at 620-367-8200 during regular weekday hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

You are invited to the AGAPE carry-in meal on May 19th at the Goessel Senior Center. The meal is at 6:00 and a program at 7:00. Please join us! Carol and Donley Duerksen will give an illustrated report of their travels to United Arab Emirates, a Middle Eastern Country. In only 40 years, this country has grown from an unknown place in the desert to a thriving modern global composite of big cities luring business traders and tourists from all over the world.

On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **Camp Mennoscah** news and opportunities.
- ★ **Et Cetera Shop:** Volunteer opportunities.
- ★ **Bethel College:** —Alumni Association banquet May 21.
—Ground breaking celebration for new Academic Center, May 21.
—Bethel College Women's Association annual meeting and lecture June 2. Details for all posted.
- ★ **Offender-Victim Ministries:** Rock Castle Drama Troupe to present Tests of Patience May 27. Details are posted.
- ★ **Peace Connections:** Volunteers needed to help with Kids Summer Food Program
- ★ **Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Disaster Service** updates.

Announcements continued

Three weeks until Bible School! A sign-up sheet is posted for volunteers who can bring snack items. We also would like some more volunteers who are willing to be prayer partners for our VBS staff. If you have questions, please talk to Eunice Nickel or Pam Abrahams.

We will be having our first annual Tabor Womens/Girls Retreat on Saturday, July 9. This is for women and girls of all ages and will take place at Cross Wind in Hesston at the Maybee Center from 9:00-2:00. The main focus will be a farewell for Nancy, Hannah and Rachel, but time will also be spent praying, sharing, and having fun together. The noon meal will be provided. The cost of the retreat will be shared by various committees so no fee is required. Come and enjoy a day with your sisters in Christ!

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.

The FINAL figure for this years MCC Sale is \$431,000 plus. When many organizations are having to cut back, we feel like we have seen another miracle. A check for \$420,000 was presented to Maynard Knepp at the Annual Meeting for the work of MCC. Maynard reminded us how these dollars are multiplied thru the efficiency of the many MCC volunteers around the world where the worst humanitarian crisis occur. We were reminded how MCC brings hope and joy to people who are making less than \$2 a day (\$700 annually) and MCC's dedication of teaching people skills so that they can better sustain their families.

Pre-sale expense income from the Mennonite Churches in Kansas was up this year as it was here at Tabor. Our expenses were down this year. We are excited that Bill Unruh was elected to the Sale Board. The House Against Hunger is nearly completed and will be listed for \$174,000 in June. It is in the intentional community just north of Lorraine Mennonite Church, Wichita. It is a high energy efficient house with solar collectors that heat water for floor heat. If you know of anyone looking for a comfortable, energy efficient house in Wichita, please help us advertise. THANKS for ALL your efforts to help make the KS MCC Sale so successful.

Hearing God's Word

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT *I Peter 2:19-25*

SPECIAL MUSIC Kellen Froese

*HEARING THE GOSPEL *John 10:1-10*

SERMON *"Hearing His Voice"* Corey Miller

Responding to the Spirit

SONG OF RESPONSE *"Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us"* No. 352

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SENDING SONG *"Just a closer walk with Thee"* No. 174CS

*POSTLUDE

Today

We reflect today on Jesus, who is the Gate and the Good Shepherd, the One who knows his sheep by name and the One who offers abundant life for them. The invitation for us sheep is to listen to the voice of Jesus.

We are so glad you are here with us. This morning you were greeted by Nancy and Ron Schroeder and Erlene and Bob Unruh.

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.



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

Today continued

Childcare is provided by Kristi Unruh 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.

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch. Thank you to Helen Schmidt for always providing zwieback for college student meals. Thanks also to Carrie Unruh and Elaine Unruh for providing salads and desserts. It is all greatly appreciated.

This Week

Tuesday, May 17

7:00 p.m.—Deacon meeting.

Wednesday, May 18

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

7:00 p.m.—TMYF

Next Sunday, May 22

9:30 a.m.—Worship: Next Sunday continues the season of Easter. The theme for the day is "Living Stones", the texts are Psalm 31:1-5, I Peter 2:4-10, John 14:1-14 and Pastor Corey will be preaching. We will be celebrating John Goerzen's believer's baptism in this service. We also will be receiving both John and Terah into membership of the Tabor Mennonite Church.

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

The Peace of Christ brings Hope.

Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well,
but the certainty that something makes sense regardless
of how it turns out.

-Vaclav Havel



Prayer Requests

Happenings:

- ★ Several volunteers have been helping at the Homeless Shelter in Newton during Tabor's week of responsibilities. Consider helping out or donating to the needs there.
- ★ Christian Education is beginning their new year on June 1 and will be transitioning new people on the committee. Thank you to those who have served tirelessly in making this transition possible.
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Caring Quilt and Children's Caring Quilt are home.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Our graduating high school seniors who are ending one chapter in their lives and beginning another.
- ★ Rain. We rely on God to provide for us all the things that we need.
- ★ Our farmers as they consider their options because of the lack of rain.
- ★ Western District Conference: Praise God for the Christian formation ministry of Camp Mennoscah. Pray for Director Olivia Bartel and staffers as they prepare for a new camping season. Pray for the funding of the new swimming pool.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Join MMN personnel, partners and supporters in a day of prayer on Wednesday to create a 24-hour prayer chain that spans the globe. Thank you for contributing your link in supporting God's work.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: We give thanks for young children, for their energy and enthusiasm, for their joy in life and learning, and for their potential. We thank God for the caregivers who nurture them.
— Mennonite Early Childhood Network

Announcements

Adult Summer Sunday School will be featuring the *Simply in Season* cookbook and leader's guide. For some Sundays, we are asking people to try a recipe and bring enough for the whole group to share. On the bulletin board is a sign-up sheet with a recipe for anyone who would like to contribute. You can share this task with several other people as well. So, share your gift of cooking with others!

The Junior Dept. Summer Sunday School plans are being made and your help is needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board to teach a lesson or two or help in a variety of other ways. Call Kristi Unruh if you have questions.