

## *In Loving Memory*



Bertha Schroeder ~ April 4, 1912 - August 11, 2010  
Rudy Schmidt ~ April 23, 1923 - October 27, 2010  
Milton Goerzen ~ November 23, 1924 - November 4, 2010  
Susan Schmidt ~ July 19, 1907 - December 25, 2010  
Dorothy Schmidt ~ November 10, 1914 - January 9, 2011  
Ernest Goertz ~ May 2, 1922 - February 18, 2011  
Melvin Franzen ~ November 23, 1925 - February 19, 2011  
Wendy Goerzen ~ December 27, 1961 - March 21, 2011

### **OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

**May 22, 2011**

Offering = \$ 4,415.48	Attendance = 167
Adult S.S. = \$ 18.95	Attendance = 51
Jr. S.S. = \$ 7.56	Attendance = 15

### **The Peace of Christ heals the world.**

When it comes down to being a provider of God's love, there is really only one provider, who sends us out with nothing at all and with everything we need: healing, forgiveness, restoration, resurrection. Those are the only things we really have to share with the world, which is just as well, since they are the only things the world really needs.

-Barbara Brown Taylor, from her book *Bread of Angels*



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*"I will not  
leave you orphaned."*

*-John 14:18*





**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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## Orphaned and Adopted

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### Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE

Sara Unruh

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Venita Schroeder  
*from Psalm 66*

Leader: We bless you, O God. Let the sound of your praise be heard.

**People: For you have kept us and adopted us as your own.**

Leader: We have been tested:

**People: Caught in the net, faced with fire and water.**

Leader: Yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

**All: We bless you, O God, for you have kept us and  
adopted us as your own.**

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"Come, receive his joy"* No. 124CS

\*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"To God be the glory"* No. 102

\*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS

### Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S STORY

Sheri Schmidt

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT *I Peter 3:13-22*

**Mennonite Disaster Service Update:** Please watch the bulletin board in the foyer for the latest MDS updates. Things are changing fast as MDS makes plans to work in Reading, KS, Joplin, MO, Alabama, Mississippi, and elsewhere. If anyone is interested in going on a long weekend type of trip in the near future or planning a longer trip for later in the year, please let me know soon. While this may not be the most convenient time to do a trip, we have a great opportunity to help others in need. Thanks, Dale Alderfer

**Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum** in Goessel is seeking quilted wall hangings. The show is scheduled for June 17-19. We invite you to participate by loaning us your wall hanging for the show. 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., Tues.-Fri.

**Camp Mennoscah - A Splash-worthy Celebration!** We're celebrating Torrey's seven years as our maintenance coordinator and dedicating our new pool on June 5 at 3:30pm. We'll start with a short time thanking Torrey and then move to the pool for a ribbon-cutting and dedication. If the pool is finished (and we certainly hope it will be), we'll dive in for a wet and wild time—bring your swimsuit and sunscreen! We'll see you there!

**Summer youth camps at Camp Mennoscah:** 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.

#### New Addresses:

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#### On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **Camp Mennoscah** news and opportunities.
- ★ **Bethel College:** —Bethel College Women's Association annual meeting and lecture June 2. Details posted.
- ★ **KIPCOR's Film Series:** Showing of *Checkpoint* at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, Krehbiel Auditorium on the Bethel College campus, North Newton. Co-sponsored by Peace Connections
- ★ **Mennonite Central Committee** and **Mennonite Disaster Service** updates.

**Reflections from an MDS volunteer in Alabama:** If you want to see the face of God . . . then I urge you to look at faces. . . . The emotions of the people show plainly on their faces. I have seen grief, pain, frustration, joy, relief, and gratefulness etched in the face of each and every person I have met and know that such emotions were probably mirrored in my own countenance. . . . God is moving through His people and through organizations like MDS. He is felt, but most importantly, HE IS SEEN!

## Announcements

**Thank You!** Hildred Schmidt has spent considerable time and worked tirelessly to update and include family information for Tabor's cemetery records. Thank you Hildred, for sharing your research skills and expertise in family genealogy so that this project would be accurate and informative. Records are now current and have been published in booklet form. A copy has been placed in the library and there is also a copy on the table in the foyer. If you would like a personal copy, they are available through the church office for a \$5.00 donation.

**The deacons have approved a sabbatical for Pastor Karen** for the month of June. She will be attending an eight-day silent retreat from June 2-11 sponsored by Creighton University in Omaha, NE. The retreat will take place in Griswold, Iowa. Please offer prayers as she travels to IA and as she seeks renewal and rest during this time.

**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! *All adults are asked to bring a favorite fruit or vegetable for snack during the Sunday School hour on June 5 and be prepared to talk about meaningful times of eating together with family and friends around the tables.*

**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.

**Bible School is only one week away!** 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.

**Memorial Day decorations:** At the request of the landscape committee we ask that you do **not** use glass containers for your flowers or decorations in the church cemetery. Also, If you want to have your decorations back after Memorial Day, please have them removed within 2 weeks or they will be removed for you. Thanks, The Trustee's

**Western District Conference Annual Assembly: Make No Excuses – Simply Come to the Banquet** is the theme for the conference on July 29-30 at Bethel College and Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. Please register by July 15 – fees increase substantially after the deadline. *Please contact the church office if you are willing to serve as a delegate for Tabor. Brochures are on the table in the foyer.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Olivia Duerksen

\*GOSPEL READING

*John 14:15-21*

SERMON

*"Orphaned and Adopted"*

Corey Miller

### Responding to God's Word

SONG

*"Zephaniah 3:17"*

No. 133CS

RECEIVING A NEW MEMBER

Yvette Nickel

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 777

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

\*SENDING SONG

*"I will sing of my Redeemer"*

No. 344

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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## Today

With the tornados this past week, many people have suffered. Even in suffering, God is never far away. As we turn to Jesus who comforts and helps us, we recognize that we are not orphaned or abandoned. We are God's own children. As the Spirit abides in us, we are empowered to keep Jesus' commandments to love.

We are so glad you are here with us. This morning you were greeted by Fred, Diane, Michelle and Luke Unruh and Harlin and Doris Unruh.



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

### **Today continued**

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 provided by Carrie Friesen 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.

**7:30 p.m.**—Memorial Service at Goessel Mennonite Church

## **This Week**

### **Monday, May 30**

**10:00 a.m.**—Memorial Service at Tabor Mennonite Cemetery

**11:00 a.m.**—Memorial Service at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Cemetery

### **Wednesday, June 1**

**6:30 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness

## **Next Sunday, June 5**

**9:30 a.m.—Worship:** Next Sunday is Ascension Sunday, the day when Jesus ascended into heaven. The theme for the day is “Going Up and Coming Down”, the texts are Psalm 47, Acts 1:1-11 and Luke 24:44-53 and Corey will be preaching.

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

## **Prayer Requests**

*The following items were shared last Sunday, May 22.*

- ★ Myron Voth shared about his recent experience at the Homeless Shelter and how he was able to receive God's love through the residents at the Shelter. He also shared that the peace ministries that had been previously supported by the Peace and Justice Committee are cared for by the deacons. Myron asked for input from the congregation to help the deacons determine what peace ministries they should support financially.
- ★ Jason Unruh shared that he will begin a two year term of service with Mennonite Central Committee on the Meat Canner. He will leave in mid-August for his assignment. A team has been assembled to support and pray for Jason while he is gone. Jason's support team includes: Jim and Diana Schmidt, Russ and Sharleen Francis, Doug Krehbiel and Bob and Erlene Unruh.

### **Prayer requests continued**

- ★ House Hunt for Millers: Corey and Nancy traveled to Iowa last weekend to try and clarify some housing options. The one option seemed to fade away for us and the other option appears to be opening up. It's been a stressful time of sorting through, discerning, praying and making decisions, but we realize that many of you have already gone through this at least once. This has been a brand new experience, but people have been helpful, and prayers have been appreciated very much. We will let you know more information when we know more information.

### **Happenings:**

- ★ Several men from Tabor went to Reading, KS on Friday to help with the clean up from the recent tornado there.
- ★ Sarah Booth, Kylee Unruh, Luke Unruh, Kellen Froese and Hannah Miller are attending the annual Goessel area-wide Junior High retreat at Camp Wa Shun Ga this weekend. The group left on Saturday and will be returning on Tuesday afternoon. This is a significant event that has nurtured faith in our young people for decades.
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The Caring Quilt and Children's Caring Quilt are home.

### **Remember to pray for:**

- ★ Our junior highers, who are attending Camp Wa Shun Ga this weekend at Rock Springs 4-H Camp.
- ★ Yvette Nickel as she joins the faith family at Tabor Mennonite Church
- ★ Pastor Karen as she begins her sabbatical.
- ★ Our Bible School coordinators and staff as they prepare for the week of Bible School.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the follow up to *Breaking New Ground*, the church planting consultation held in Oklahoma City on Friday and Saturday. Pray that we might be faithful to the opportunities God opens for us.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for the trustees of London Mennonite Centre as they make decisions regarding the future. Pray that the Centre will continue to prophetically speak into England's changing reality with the good news of Jesus.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the seniors of the 22 member high schools of Mennonite Schools Council who will graduate this month and next. Pray that they will feel God's presence as they make decisions about their futures.