

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

**June 19, 2011**

Offering	= \$ 4,676.25	Attendance	= 175
Adult S.S.	= \$ 45.05	Attendance	= 60
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 6.25	Attendance	= 11

**The Peace of Christ shares**

This nation is affluent and has more than it needs. The realization that what we have is a free gift can deepen our desire to share this gift with others who cry out for help. When we bless the fruits of the harvest, let us at least realize that blessed fruits need to be shared.

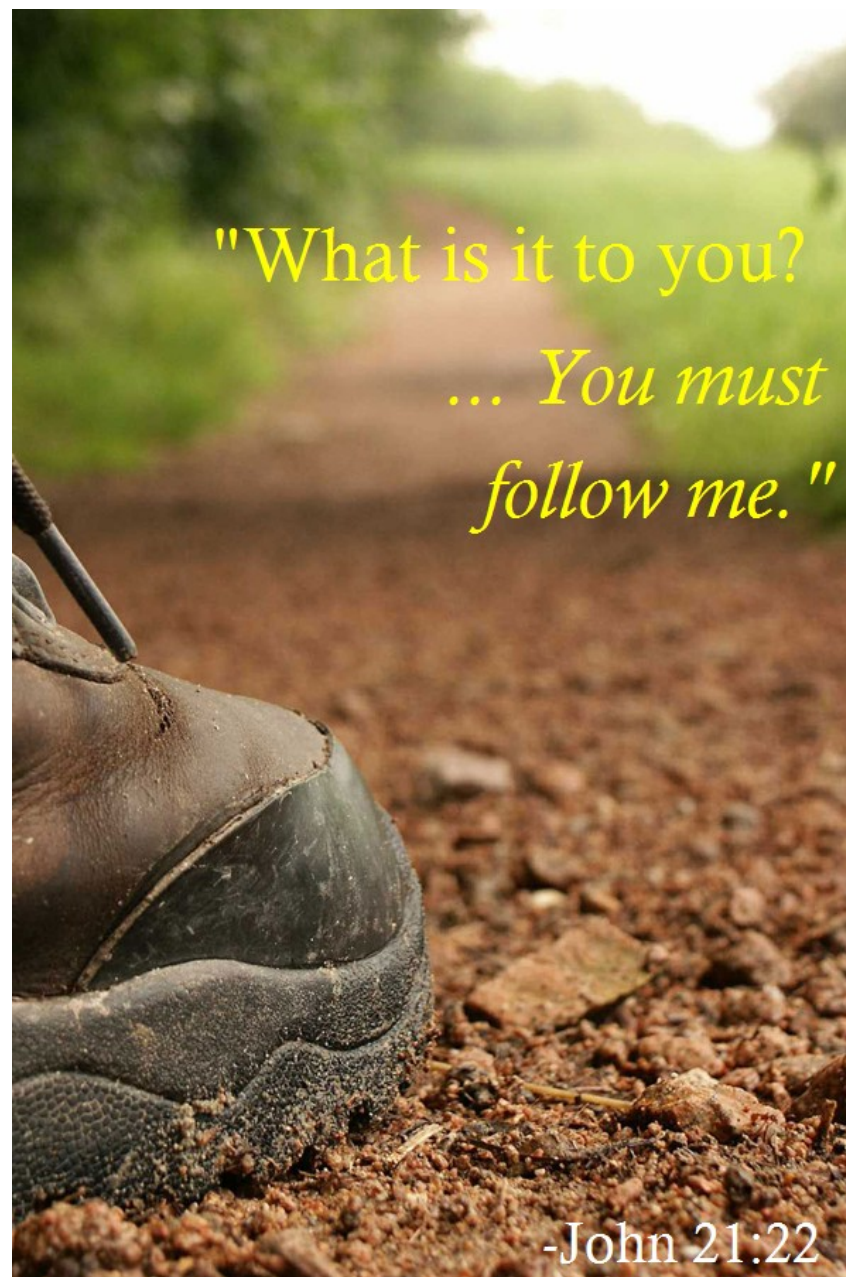


-Henri J.M. Nouwen, from his book *The Genesee Diary*

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"What is it to you?  
... You must  
follow me."

-John 21:22



**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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## Follow Jesus with the Gifts You've Been Given

*"What is it to you? . . . You must follow me." -John 21:22*

### Praising God

PRELUDE	Deloris Schmidt
WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP	Worship Leader, Warren Schmidt
*GATHERING OUR PRAISE	<i>"Come, let us all unite to sing"</i> No. 12
*PRAYER	
*LITANY	No. 754
*SINGING OUR PRAISE	<i>"God is here among us"</i> No. 16
*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS	
WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS and DEDICATING THEM	
<i>Please pass your wheat to the center isle.</i>	
CHILDREN'S STORY	Gayle Funk

### Hearing God's Word

HYMN	<i>"Be thou my vision"</i> No. 545
SERMON	<i>"What's Your Number?"</i> Doug Krehbiel

**Remember the Blood Drive** at Goessel Church on June 30 from 2:00-6:00. Every donor can sign up to win the Music City Getaway with passes to the Grand Ole Opry and 2 nights stay at Opryland Hotel. Summer is a good time for students to donate blood. You may donate at age 16 with parental consent. There is additional height and weight criteria for those 18 and younger. Check the chart by the poster on the bulletin board for the specifics. The volunteer sign-up sheet is also there - so please sign up if you can help.

**Joyful Noise Childcare:** In an effort to bring some excitement to Goessel, fireworks will be sold in front of the Childcare from June 27 to July 4. We invite you to indulge your childhood dream of selling fireworks. If you are 14 yrs and older, there are shifts to accommodate all schedules! Please sign up on the sign up sheets provided for you on the bulletin board by June 26. Be a part of bringing excitement to Goessel while living the dream of selling fireworks! For questions, call Lynette Duerksen, 367-8160

**Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum:** Uncle Milt's Shed, the Children's Make-it-Take-it craft area at the Threshing Day festivities in August, is once again asking for your help! We are asking for donations of old-fashioned wooden or plastic spools and old white bed sheets (may be torn). If you have any of these items to donate, please bring them to the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum in Goessel by July 12. If you have questions, contact Susan Nafziger at 367-4623.

**Journey to Forgiveness:** TODAY, 7pm, First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro. Come explore the power of forgiveness and hope with Bess Klassen-Landis, as she shares her story of forgiving after the murder of a loved one. Hear her message of love, advocating for repeal of the death penalty. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty. See poster.

**African Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM)** invites you to a gathering with Pastor Benjamin Mubenga, leader of one of the three principle Mennonite denominations in Congo, on Thursday, June 30, 6:30 p.m., at First Mennonite Church of Newton. This will be an information-sharing event in advance of celebrating 2012 as the centennial year of the Mennonite presence in Congo. Please come and enjoy the opportunity for fellowship and learning.

### On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **Camp Mennoscah** news and opportunities.
- ★ **Mennonite Central Committee** and **Mennonite Disaster Service** updates
- ★ **West Zion Concert Series**, Moundridge, June 26, 7pm.
- ★ **Peace Connections:** Kids Summer Food Program

## Announcements

**Summer Sunday School:** There are more opportunities to sign up for Sunday School snacks! These snacks, from the cookbook *Simply In Season*, will be served to both children and adult classes. Thank you!

**Junior Dept. Summer Sunday School:** There are Sundays still open for both teachers and helpers. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help.

**Tabor Women's/Girls Retreat:** July 9 from 9:00-2:00, at Cross Wind Maybee Center in Hesston. Come and enjoy a day with your sisters in Christ and say farewell to Nancy, Hannah and Rachel. Noon meal provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

**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. Register by July 15 for early discounts. ***Tabor is allowed 11 delegates.*** ***Please contact the church office if you are willing to serve as a delegate. Brochures are on the table in the foyer.***

**How to:** Plant a church, turn a church around, support immigrants, plan for end of life, welcome children, appreciate Anabaptist identity, seek God, eat healthy, celebrate a 75th birthday, teach children, serve holistically, eat a cupcake, create a 200-word testimony. It's all happening at WDC Annual Assembly, July 29-30 in North Newton, KS. Be there – you are invited to attend this Banquet, planned just for you! [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org)

**CROP:** Mennonite Central Committee continues to work in partnership with CROP to eliminate hunger around the world. Designate your commodities to MCC at the elevator this harvest season or send checks to MCC with CROP designated in the memo line. Contact Maynard Knepp with questions at 316-283-2720 - MCC Central States PO Box 235 North Newton, KS 67117.

**Camp Mennosciah:** The new Camp Mennosciah pool is up and running. It's great to have campers and guests using this great new pool. We hope all of you have a chance to visit with your family or church group or as a camper and make your own splash in the pool. There are still funds that need to be raised to pay for those last square feet of pool, so give us a call about how to help out. We also need a few more donations of \$2000 or more to meet our pool Challenge Grant.

Camp Mennosciah is seeking furniture donations for the Bluestem house on the new property. There are 3 bedrooms and a living room area that we would like to furnish before the end of July so we can use the building for our senior high camp staff.

For all of the above: Call [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) or email [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org)

## Responding to God's Invitation

SONG                      *"In the Highways"*                      Hannah and Rachel Miller

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

\*SENDING SONG                      *"Heart with loving heart united"*                      No. 420

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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## Today

Competition is a powerful instinctual drive in human nature. We often compare ourselves to others . . . others in society and other Christians. Jesus says -- don't compare . . . follow me with the gifts that have been given you and the circumstances you find yourself in.

We are so glad you are here with us. This morning you were greeted by Barb and Keith Banman and Carrie, Lewis, and Jason 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.*

Childcare provided by Nancy Miller in the nursery during the worship service.

This morning farmers have again been given the opportunity to bring a portion of wheat as a first fruits offering of the harvest that God has given us. This wheat will be ground and the flour will be used for our communion bread next Sunday.

The Summer Banner in the front of the church speaks of the rhythm and season of summer. From the swirling Kansas winds, to the thunderstorms, to the golden wheat and growing milo, summer is a time for seed growing and seed harvesting. Praise God for the season of summer!

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday school for everyone. Adults meet in the fellowship hall. Children K-5 meet in room 13, preschool children rooms 11-12.

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.



## This Week

### Monday, June 27

7:00 p.m.—Deacon's meeting at Bonnie Janzen's home.

### Tuesday, June 28

12:00 p.m.—Goessel/Peabody/Walton Lunch Bunch. Please call the Agape Senior Center (367-2275) to attend Lunch Bunch.

### Wednesday, June 29

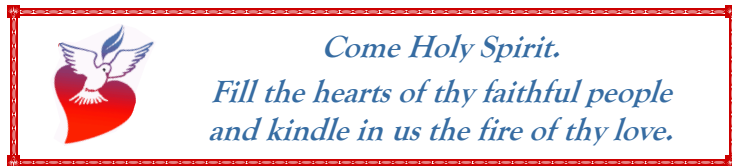
6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness.

5:00 p.m.—LuEtta Frey auction. The Miller family will have items they will not be moving to Iowa on the sale as well.

## Next Sunday, July 3

9:30 a.m.—**Worship:** Next Sunday the theme will be "Breaking Bread Together." The texts are Exodus 16, Acts 2:43-47 and portions of John 6. Pastor Corey will be preaching and we will be celebrating communion at the Lord's Table.

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



## Prayer Requests

*The following items were shared last Sunday, June 19.*

- ★ Ilona Abrahams shared how much of a blessing children are to her, both in the classroom and as a part of our worship services.
- ★ John Goerzen shared of some recent opportunities to serve. He spent some time recently in Joplin, MO helping with cleanup from the tornado and traveled with the Mennonite Men's Choir out East last weekend.
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- ★ Janna Duerksen asked for prayers and financial help for Joyful Noise Community Child Care. Janna also invited people to serve on the Board of Directors, if they felt called to that.

Happenings:

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

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Pastor Karen as she continues her sabbatical throughout the rest of the month of June.
- ★ Laura Unruh, as she anticipates being Tabor's lone delegate at the Mennonite Conference in Pittsburg in July.
- ★ Tabor folks as they travel for summer vacations.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Christina Litwiller who is being ordained at the Salina Mennonite Church today.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for the increase in Sunday school attendance at Zhong-He Church in Taiwan as a result of Marietta Sawatzky's English classes for children on Saturday afternoons. Pray that her students will encounter Jesus' love through the stories that Marietta uses to encourage conversational language skills. Marietta and her husband, Sheldon, serve through MMN.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the adults and youth who are preparing to attend and/or work at the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa.