

Quote from some wise folks . . . . .  
*"It's easier to go down a hill than up."*  
 Give now so the hill isn't a mountain November.

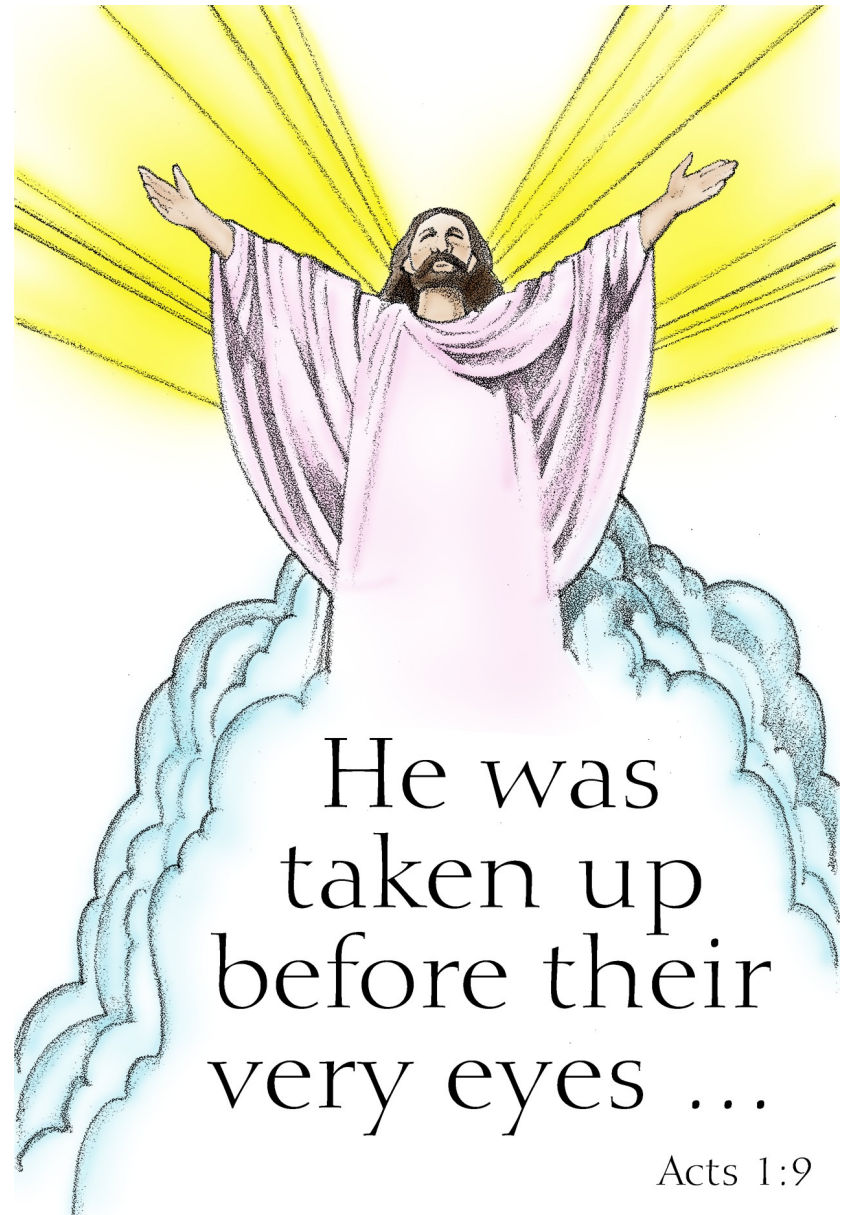
#### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE May 29, 2011

Offering = \$ 3,446.25	Attendance = 179
Adult S.S. = \$ 33.75	Attendance = 61
Jr. S.S. = \$ 8.73	Attendance = 18

#### The Peace of Christ

Maybe I'm not making big changes in the world, but if I have somehow helped or encouraged somebody along the journey then I've done what I'm called to do.

-- Sister Thea Bowman



He was  
 taken up  
 before their  
 very eyes ...

Acts 1:9

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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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## Ascension Sunday

*"You will receive power when the Holy spirit has come upon you." -Acts 1:8*

### Praising God

PRELUDE

Cross Road

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP   Worship Leader, Carrie Sommerfeld  
*from Psalm 47*

Leader: Shout to God with loud songs of joy, for the LORD is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.

**People: God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD goes with the sound of a trumpet.**

Leader: Sing praises to God. Sing praises to our King.

**People: For God is the king over the nations.  
God sits on his holy throne.**

**All: The LORD, our God, is ruler over all the earth!**

\*GATHERING OUR PRAISE   *"Rejoice, the Lord is king!"*   No. 288

\*PRAYER

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE   *"All hail the power of Jesus' name"*   No. 285

\*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS and DEDICATING THEM

CHILDREN'S STORY

Carrie Unruh

### Hearing God's Word

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT

*Acts 1:1-11*

**Circles of Grace** is a curriculum endorsed by Western District Conference to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others. Training to teach this curriculum will be held at First Mennonite in Newton on June 18 from 9:00-12:00. Brochures are on the table if you would like to sign up. Anyone is welcome. -Christian Education

**Camp Mennoscah** - We're celebrating Torrey's seven years as our maintenance coordinator and dedicating our new pool TODAY at 3:30pm. We'll start with a short time thanking Torrey and then move to the pool for a ribbon-cutting and dedication.

**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.

**Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum:** This Friday, June 10, is the deadline for entering a quilted wall hanging or two (or more) in Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's quilt show titled "Once upon a Wall...." If you have quilted treasures you want to have on display during the show, please call [620-367-8200](tel:620-367-8200). The event is scheduled for June 17-19 at the museum in Goessel.

**Agape Senior Center:** June 16 Tina Block Ediger will speak on "*My cousin, Anna, a woman who survived Stalin's years of terror.*" Because she will be speaking of extreme brutality and starvation her relatives were forced to go through, she has asked that in lieu of payment to her we all bring food for the local food bank. Everyone welcome. Bring food for pot luck and table service. Meal 6 p.m., program 7 p.m.

### Joyful Noise Community Child Care:

**In a quandary over last minute child care needs?** Never fear, Joyful Noise Community Child Care is available to provide childcare to infants, preschool and grade school age children on a flexible schedule during the summer months. Contact Michelle Roberts, JNCCC Director at 357-4620 for more information.

**Not your Aunt Tessie's garage sale!** Saturday, June 11, in conjunction with the Goessel area wide garage sales, we will be showcasing various vendors who are donating part of their proceeds to the child care. Purchase or add to your 'Scentsey' warmer and fragrance collection, Sara Unruh will be assisting you with Mary Kay purchases and the ever useful Tupperware will be available. This will take place on the Crossroads Credit Union lawn from 8am to noon, and yes, Aunt Tessie has promised to part with some of her attic stash! See you there! —The JNCCC board of Directors.

## Announcements

**Adult Summer Sunday School** this summer features 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!

**Junior Dept. Summer Sunday School** is using the Gather Round lessons for grades K-5 and Wee Wonder lessons for preschool. There are Sundays still open for both teachers and helpers. Talk to Kristi Unruh, Carrie Friesen or Denise Nickel to volunteer and be a part of our children's ministry here at Tabor.

**VBS begins Monday!** Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help during the week, agreed to be a prayer partner for the week, and signed-up to bring food for snacks. There are still a few open slots to bring food if you would like to sign-up today. We appreciate the support and prayers of the congregation throughout the week both for the staff volunteering their time and gifts and for the children coming to learn and have fun.

**We will be having our first annual Tabor Women's/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. Pastor Karen will also lead us as we spend time 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! Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend to help in planning the noon meal.

**A CD recording of the music** from Pastor Doug's musical sermon "The Sermon on the Mount in Song" presented at Tabor on February 27, 2011 is now available for the regular Tabor copy fee of \$1.00. Please see Lee Goertzen to order a copy.

**Willing Helpers** summer work day will be JULY 20, 9-3 p.m. at the MCC Center. All women and girls are welcome to come work. Please put your Willing Helpers summer offerings in Barb Banman's mailbox.

**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 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Sarah Booth

\*HEARING THE GOSPEL *Luke 24:44-53*

SERMON "Going Up and Coming Down" Corey Miller

### Responding to God's Invitation

SONG "Alleluia, Gracious Jesus" Insert

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

\*SENDING SONG "Our God Reigns" vv. 1, 2, 5 No. 14CS

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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## Today

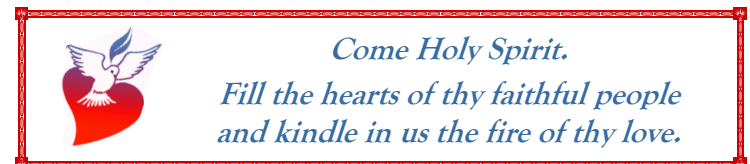
When Jesus ascended into heaven right before his disciples' eyes, they could not stop looking up. Before Jesus ascended, he shared some important news with them: the Holy Spirit would be coming to them and they would be witnesses to the world. Today, may we open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are so glad you are here with us. This morning you were greeted by Lynne and Elmer Voth and Charles and Dora 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 Leah Unruh and Jasmine 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.



### **Today continued**

The flowers this morning are in celebration of Bill and Nada Voth's 60th wedding anniversary on June 2. Congratulations!



**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday school for everyone. Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall. Grades K-5 will meet in Room 13 (bottom of the stairs) and Preschool Children will meet in the South SS Rooms in the basement.

## **This Week**

### **Monday, June 6 - Friday June 10**

**8:30 – 11:45 a.m.**—Vacation Bible School.

### **Tuesday, June 7**

**7:30 p.m.**—Trustee meeting.

### **Wednesday, June 8**

**6:30 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness.

**7:00 p.m.**—Church Council.

## **Next Sunday, June 12**

**10:00 a.m.—Worship:** Next Sunday is Bible School Sunday! The theme for the morning is “Taste and See”, and the Bible School children will give the program.

No Sunday school—please visit the classroom and fellowship hall to see what our children have done!

**Noon:** Plan to stay for the annual picnic in our church park. The meal is potluck, bring table service and lawn chairs. Drinks provided. Don't miss out on the fun!

## **Prayer Requests**

*The following items were shared last Sunday, May 29.*

- ★ Lewis Unruh gave an update on the transition process for a new pastor. The deacons have met with the conference minister and have decided to look for an intentional transitional pastor, who would hopefully start September 1. The deacons will continue to inform the congregation of their work and the process. Lewis also asked that the congregation be in prayer for both our outgoing pastor and the one whom God will call to come.

Happenings:

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

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Our Bible School coordinators and staff as they prepare for the week of Bible School.
- ★ Pastor Karen as she experiences the Spirit at her retreat.
- ★ Bill and Nada Voth as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.
- ★ A fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our lives, that we might be God's faithful witnesses.
- ★ Western District Conference: Thank God for the generosity of God's people in giving and volunteering towards the construction of the new swimming pool at Camp MennoScah. Pray that staff and campers will encounter Jesus Christ and meet the Spirit in this summer's camping ministry.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Robert Morrison serves with MMN's partner program, DOOR. Robert and five other “part-time parents” at *La Casa de Comunidad* in Hollywood, Calif., seek to be channels of God's love to the children who come to the center. Pray for wisdom, energy and hope to overcome great obstacles.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Eastern Mennonite Seminary students taking the ten-day intensive courses, “Mennonite Faith and Polity” and “Biblical Foundations of Justice and Peacemaking.”