

Reflections from the Field

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

July 10, 2011

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| Offering | = \$ 5,722.44 | Attendance | = 167 |
| Adult S.S. | = \$ 38.50 | Attendance | = 61 |
| Jr. S.S. | = \$ 10.28 | Attendance | = 14 |

Peace is doing, being:

"Peace is not something you wish for;
It's something you make, Something you do,
Something you are, And something you give away."

-Robert Fulghum



*"We are God's servants,
working together;
you are God's field . . ."*

-I Corinthians 3:9

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Tabor Mennonite Church

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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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Praising God

PRELUDE

Diane Unruh

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader, Rosie Jantz

Leader: The small wheat seed can produce a magnificent harvest
of 30, 60, or 100 fold.

People: Good things come from things that seem small and insignificant.

Leader: From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.

People: As God's field, we can bring hope and peace to God's world.

Leader: Come, let us praise the God who showers us with great and
mighty wonders.

**People: Let our spirits soar in gratitude for the opportunities God
gives us to bloom and grow.**

All: AMEN!!

*SINGING OUR PRAISE

"Sing to the Lord of harvest"

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*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE

"You are salt for the earth"

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*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS and DEDICATING THEM

CHILDREN'S STORY

Corey Miller

With MCC, help drought-stricken East Africa: Mennonite Central Committee is appealing for donations to support its response to the drought and food crisis in East Africa that has left about 11 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. Please consider a gift to help fund initial efforts in Ethiopia and Kenya to provide supplemental food for at-risk groups, and to support food-for-work projects. To donate, visit mcc.org or send checks with "East Africa Drought Response" in the memo line to MCC Central States PO Box 235 North Newton, KS 67117. We encourage you also to pray for people in the region.

Missing a Bible? There is a large, brown, NET Bible (New English Translation) on the table in the foyer. Claim it if it belongs to you.

On the Bulletin Boards:

★ **Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum:**

—Threshing days is August 5, 6 and 7.

—Help needed for threshing days with food services and food donations.

—Activities and demonstrations listed.

—Goessel Community Band—Information posted.

—Prairie Rose Rangers to perform August 6.

★ **Western District Conference:** Information regarding WDC Annual Assembly on July 29-30.

★ **AMBS Great Plains Extension** seminary courses for Fall. Registration deadline August 8.

★ Christopher Shaw **organ recital**, Bethel College Mennonite Church Aug. 7.

★ **Camp Mennoscah** news and opportunities.

—Furniture needed

—Young Adult Retreat August 6-7

★ **Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Disaster Service** updates

Announcements

Tabor Food Pantry: The food pantry is currently well stocked but there is a need for mac and cheese meals, ramen noodles, apple sauce and cereal. We could also use the large paper grocery bags. Donations may be left in the blue tote in the foyer. Thanks!

Share your garden produce! There is a table in the Food Pantry room where anyone can bring their garden produce to share and anyone may take some home. Just leave a small donation that will help the Food Pantry Ministry.

Tamales and Lodging: Pastors Alberto and Aurora Parchment are coming to Western District Conference annual assembly at the end of this month. They want to know two things. 1. Does anyone want tamales? If yes, please fill out an order form and put it in Doug's mailbox by July 22. Order forms are on the table in the foyer. 2. Can anyone provide lodging for Alberto and Aurora on July 28 and 29? If yes, let Doug Krehbiel know.

Goessel/Peabody/Walton Lunch Bunch is August 26. Please sign up.

College Students: If you are going to be a New full-time student at a Mennonite College and have not received a scholarship application, please notify Gayle Funk at [316/772-1186](tel:316772-1186) or gayle67114@yahoo.com.

Willing Helpers: Please place your summer offerings in Barb Banman's mailbox.

Timbrel magazine, published for Mennonite Women USA is available to all ladies. Tabor has a group rate that you may be a part of and this gives you a reduced rate. Rates are 1 yr. for \$13.00, 2 yr. for \$24.00 and 3 yr. for \$33.00. Those with renewals due this year will receive a notice in your mailbox. Please make checks out to Willing Helpers and place in Barb Banman's mailbox by August 1.

Western District Conference: WDC Annual Assembly ("Make No Excuses, Simply Come to the Banquet") will take place July 29-30 at Bethel College and Bethel College Mennonite Church. Brochures available on the table in the foyer, or online: www.mennowdc.org. **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.**

CROP: Mennonite Central Committee continues to work in partnership with CROP to eliminate hunger around the world. Forms were in your mailboxes. Designate your commodities to MCC at the elevator this harvest season or send checks to MCC with CROP designated in the memo line or place donations/forms in Harlin Unruh's mailbox.

Proclaiming God's Word

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT *I Corinthians 3:5-11* Doug Krehbiel

SPECIAL MUSIC Unruh Cousins

*HEARING THE GOSPEL *Mark 4:26-32*

SERMON *"Observations from the Field"* Corey Miller

Responding to God's Word

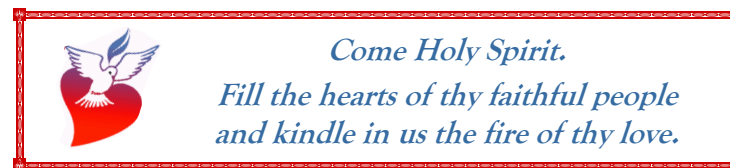
RESPONSE SONG *"As rain from the clouds"* Insert

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SENDING SONG *"Jesus, has done so much for me"*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Today

We are God's field. After 13 years of sowing seeds, nurturing plants and witnessing harvests, I stand in this amazing field at Tabor and give thanks for the mystery and wonder of what God has done in this time and in this place. May we worship the God who brings growth to all who trust in Christ.

Everyone at Tabor is so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Brandon, Kristi, Kylee, Audessi, Porclein, Braxton and Quinli Unruh and Kenton and Eunice Nickel.

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 Kristi Unruh in the nursery during the worship service.

After the children have been dismissed for Sunday School you will be given opportunity to fill out the commitment form which you received this morning. This is for the immediate needs of the education committee. If you need more time to complete this form, or for those who are not here today, there is a box in the foyer where forms may be returned.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday school for everyone. Adults meet in the fellowship hall. Topic: *Karen will be sharing pictures and stories from her sabbatical.* 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

Wednesday, July 20

9a.m.-3 p.m.—**Willing Helpers** summer work day at the MCC Center. All women and girls are welcome to come work. Bring a sack lunch. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for carpooling, leaving at 8:45 a.m.

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness.

7:00 p.m.—Worship Fellowship meeting.

Next Sunday, July 24

9:30 a.m.—Worship: Next Sunday is Corey's last Sunday at Tabor Mennonite. The theme will be "The Last Lap" and the texts will be John 20:19-23 and Hebrews 12:1-3. Come run this last lap with Corey and his family, giving thanks to God for all that has happened over the past 13 years.

Miller Farewell:

During the Sunday school hour, Corey and Nancy and the girls will share pictures and stories of where they will be going and what they hope to experience in Iowa. There will also be pictures from the past 13 years of the Miller's time here at Tabor.

In the evening, at 6pm, we will have a "Farewell with our Blessings" in the park. Come share and hear stories and enjoy good food and fellowship. Mennonite men will bbq chicken. Drinks and dessert provided. Please bring a side dish and table service, lawn chairs, and good stories to share of our time with the Millers.

Prayer Requests

The following items were shared last Sunday, July 10.

- ★ Deacon Chair Bill Unruh shared that June Thompson has been called to serve as the Transitional Pastor at Tabor Mennonite, starting September 1. We believe that God has provided what we need in June to move into the future as a congregation.
- ★ Brenda Buller shared that Christian Education committee has many needs and invited people to be prepared to respond to commitment sheets that would be passed out next Sunday.
- ★ Corey shared that Marie Unruh would soon be returning to the United States to begin reacclimating her to a new culture once again.
- ★ Erlene Unruh shared how wonderful it is to know of so many of our youth and young adults that are involved in MVS in some way or another.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for two new working groups getting underway in Western District Conference – the Human Sexuality Discernment Task Force and the Church Planting Task Force.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: .Pray for Moriah Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network who is serving in Melbourne, Australia. She works with Praxis Victoria, training youth and community workers, and with Urban Seed, a Christian organization that assists marginalized people while developing supportive communities.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for high school youth in Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary's !Explore program as they experience new ways of praying, search for answers to theological questions, test ministry gifts, and listen to God.