

## Thank You:

We have been so blessed to have been surrounded and nurtured by this congregation over these past 13 years. Thank you for all that you've done. Thank you for your kind expressions of love, especially in the past few chaotic and challenging weeks for us, especially lifting Nancy up in your prayers. Thank you for loving and caring for Hannah and Rachel in all their growing years. It has been a privilege serving Christ with you as your pastor. I will always look forward to hearing about what God is doing at Tabor Mennonite.

Until we meet again along this race we run.....

Pastor Corey, Nancy, Hannah and Rachel

### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

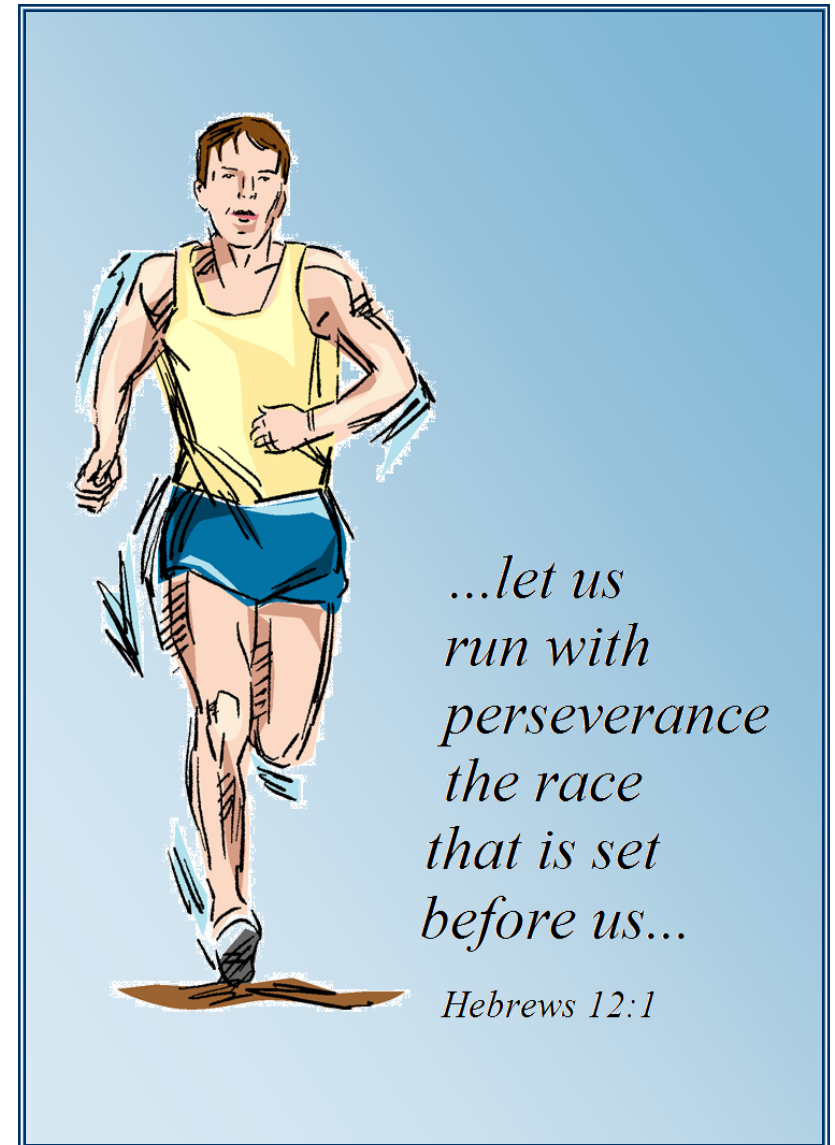
July 17, 2011

Offering	=	\$ 7,107.48	Attendance	=	192
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 21.50	Attendance	=	64
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 12.44	Attendance	=	19

### The Way of Peace:

"We who were formerly no people at all, and who knew of no peace, are now called to be . . . a church . . . of peace. True Christians do not know vengeance. They are the children of peace. Their hearts overflow with peace. Their mouths speak peace, and they walk in the way of peace."

- Menno Simons



*...let us  
run with  
perseverance  
the race  
that is set  
before us...*

*Hebrews 12:1*

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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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## Running the Good Race

*"Let us run with perseverance the race set before us,  
looking to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith . . ." -Hebrews 12:2*

## Praising God

PRELUDE

Kellen Froese

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP      Worship Leader, Carol Duerksen

Leader: God of Abraham and Sarah, of the children of Israel,  
of the congregation of Tabor, of Corey and Nancy,

**People: We come here this morning to celebrate your calling in our lives.**

Leader: Lord of letting go's and endings, of blessings and beginnings,

**People: Hold our hearts in your loving care.**

Leader: Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith,

**People: Guide our feet on our journey with you.**

**All: Send us out to proclaim your good news!**

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE      *"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"*      No. 71

\*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

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

\*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS (pass the peace)

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS and DEDICATING THEM

## Hearing God's Word

CHILDREN'S STORY

Kim Funk

\*HEARING THE GOSPEL      *John 20:19-23*

SPECIAL MUSIC      *"Go Light Your World"* -Chris Rice      Bill Froese

### 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.

★ **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series** at Hesston College: Oct. 28-30, theme *Getting Beyond Them and Us – to We*. See details.

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

★ **Camp Mennoscah** news and opportunities.

—Furniture needed

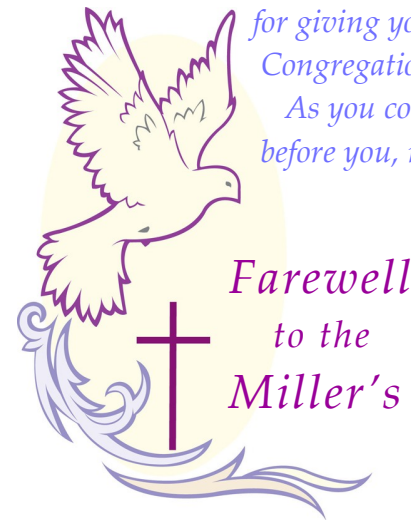
—Swimming pool construction funds update and needs

—Young Adult Retreat August 6-7

★ **Et Cetera Shop:** Dates for upcoming promotions which support MCC.

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

*Thank you, Corey, Nancy, Hannah and Rachel  
for giving yourselves to the Tabor  
Congregation these past 13 years.  
As you continue to run the race  
before you, may God's love, peace  
and grace follow you.*



## Announcements

**Education Commitment Forms:** Commitment forms for the immediate needs for Christian Education were filled out last Sunday. There are extra forms on the table in the foyer if you have not had the opportunity to volunteer for one of the ministries listed. Return form to the box provided.

**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.

**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:3167721186) or [gayle67114@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**Save the Date** - Outing planned by the Stewardship Committee. Prairie Festival at The Land Institute in Salina--Saturday, Sept. 24. More details coming in the Tabor newsletter.

**Make no excuses, simply come to the banquet**, based on Luke 14:15-24. The countdown to the WDC Annual Assembly is about over. The program will begin Friday, July 29 at 2 p.m. with an opening session featuring the state of the conference, a 75th birthday party for the Conference Resource Library, a supper meeting for pastors and spouses, and the opening worship service featuring Sara Wenger Shenk, President of Assoc. Menn. Biblical Seminary.

**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.

**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](http://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.

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT *Hebrews 12:1-3*

SERMON *"The Good Run . . . that continues"* Corey Miller

### Responding to God's Word

RESPONSE SONG *"They that wait upon"* No. 584

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LITANY OF RELEASE AND BLESSING  
Clarence Rempel, WDC Minister

\*SENDING SONG *"God of grace and God of glory"* No. 366

\*BENEDICTION *"Guide my feet"* No. 546

\*POSTLUDE

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## Today

Everyone is a runner. Everyone runs at different speeds, has different experiences, and finishes at different times, but we are all called to run this race, looking to Jesus the whole way. As I come to my last lap in my race at Tabor Mennonite, I give thanks for the good run that this has been together with you.

We welcome Western District Conference Minister Clarence Rempel to our worship service today as he leads in the litany of release and blessing for Pastor Corey and his family.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Norma and Paul Graber and Alice and LeRoy Funk.

*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 Nancy Schroeder 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.

**Miller Farewell: During the Sunday school hour**, Corey and Nancy and the girls will share pictures and stories of where they will be living and offer more details about the community they will be living in. 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 fellowship hall. Come share and hear stories and enjoy good food and fellowship. Meat, drinks and dessert provided. Please bring a side dish, table service, and good stories to share of times spent with the Millers.

## **This Week**

**Monday, July 25—Newsletter items are due.**

**Tuesday, July 26**

**12:00 p.m.—Goessel/Peabody/Walton Lunch Bunch** . Please sign up.

**7:00 p.m.**—Worship Fellowship meeting.

**7:00-8:30 p.m.**— MCC will offer training for Fear Not: Seek Peace. This is a new campaign which provides educational materials and resources on the subject of domestic violence, gun violence, and militarism. If you are interested, contact MCC at 283-2720.

**Wednesday, July 27**

**9:00 a.m.**—The Millers will be loading up a moving truck. Any people who are willing to come and load up items are welcome and appreciated.

**6:30 p.m.**—Faithful Fitness.

**Thursday, July 28**

The Millers will leave for Iowa.

**Friday, July 29-Saturday, July 30**

**Western District Conference Annual Assembly.**

## **Next Sunday, July 31**

**9:30 a.m.—Worship:** Next Sunday is Western District Conference Sunday and the theme is "Make No Excuses: Come to the Banquet". The text is Luke 14:15-24 and Bill Froese is preaching.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday school for everyone. Adults meet in the fellowship hall. Topic: *Food and Justice*: Becky Nickel from Prairie Harvest will share. Children K-5 meet in room 13, preschool children rooms 11-12.

## **Prayer Requests**

*The following items were shared last Sunday, July 17.*

- ★ Phyllis Goerzten shared sadness in the news of Joyful Noise Community Childcare Center closing.
- ★ Lee Goertzen shared that he drove the Conference truck to Assembly in Pittsburg and had a great time doing it.
- ★ Doug Krehbiel shared about the great experience that he and the youth group had at Camp Friedenswald on their service trip.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Corey, Nancy, Hannah and Rachel as they say their good byes, pack up their possessions, travel on the road, and start a new chapter in their lives.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the Western District Conference Assembly, "Make No Excuses, Simply Come to the Banquet!" gathering at Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, July 29-30. Pray for Sara Wenger Shenk, President of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and our keynote speaker, and all those leading Learning Tracks.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: On the last Saturday of each month, Quito (Ecuador) Mennonite Church offers peace education workshops to about 50 neighborhood children. Through theater, songs and crafts, MMN partners help kids learn about Jesus' example of peace. Pray that God's peace may grow in the lives of each participant.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Remember Hesston College alumnus Tim Shue and his band, Honeytown, as they perform a concert at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus.