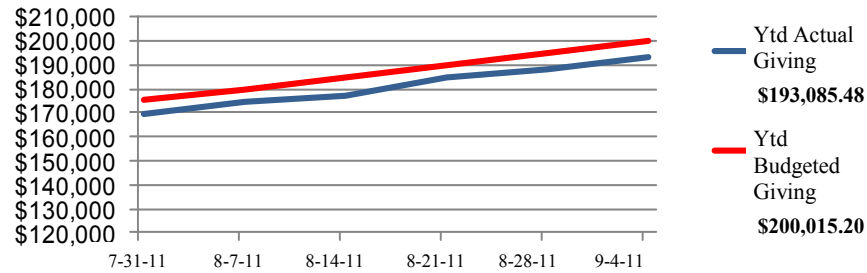


Tabor Annual Giving through 9-4-11



Quote from some wise folks

Time is money.

This budget gap needs to go away.

Your extra gift just 'in time', saves a lot of meetings in November.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

September 4, 2011

Offering	= \$ 5,037.62	Attendance	= 165
Adult S.S.	= \$ 31.00	Attendance	= 52
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 6.26	Attendance	= 8

Perspective on Peace

"I know there is anger. I feel it myself. But I don't want my son used as a pawn to justify the killing of others. We as a nation should not use the same means as the people who attacked us."

—Oscar Rodriguez, (whose son died in the attack on the World Trade Center)



God's People on a Journey

Called Out

Tabor Mennonite Church 620-367-2318

Interim Pastor: June Thomsen 316-283-0106

Associate Pastor: Karen Andres 316-799-2857

Youth Pastor: Doug Krehbiel 316-283-7351

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Tabor Mennonite Church

September 11, 2011



**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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“Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic as brothers [and sisters], be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because of this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.”

-I Peter 3:8-9

Gathering

PRELUDE

Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Warren Schmidt

Leader: We have come to worship you, O God;

People: gather us in.

Leader: Some of us come full of happiness;

People: gather us in.

Leader: Some of us come a little sore from what life brings;

People: gather us in.

Leader: Some of us come indifferent or confused;

People: gather us in.

Leader: We honor you - who forms us and calls us each by name.

You are our God, known yet unknown,
present here yet everywhere
now and forever.

You have made us distinctly unique
and yet a part of your people world-wide.

**All: Gather us in to your fierce love, your tender care,
your abundant grace.**

Leader: *Amen.*

HYMN

“Holy Spirit, come with power”

No. 26

Praising

PRAYER

*HYMN

“Sing praise to God who reigns”

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The Fall session of PreSchool Story Time at the Western District Conference Resource Library will begin on Wed. Sept. 21. Children age 3 - 5 are encouraged to attend this enriching time with books, friends and fun. Space is limited - call to sign up today! 316-283-6300.

Bethel College Fall Fest: Please sign up to help or bring pies to Bethel College Fall Festival on October 8. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Child friendly treasures! Please come and see what the Joyful Noise Community Childcare auction has to offer! The event begins at 5:30pm on Wednesday eve, Sept 14th. A treasure trove of craft supplies, toys, games, books, and child sized furniture awaits those who come and enjoy the great selection from our 10 years of providing child care. Goessel FFA will be serving hot dogs and chili, so come for an evening of great bargains and good food! — The JNCCC board, Susan Saunders, Kim Voth and Lynette Duerksen

On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ Letter from **Brittany Voth** serving with MNN in St. Louis.
- ★ Letter from **Jason Unruh** serving with MCC in Akron.
- ★ **Camp Mennoscah: Work & Play Camp** September 18-22.
Scrapbooking Retreat September 30–October 2.
- ★ Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series at Hesston College Oct. 28-30: **Getting Beyond them and Us—to We.**
- ★ **KIPCOR Film Series:** Sept. 15, 7pm, Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College.

New Address:

Brittany Voth
3522 Wyoming St,
Saint Louis, MO 63118.

blog site: <http://brittanyjv.blogspot.com>

Pastor June's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and **Friday** 1:00- 4:00.

Please call before coming, as June may be out visiting.

Please add the following information to your church directory:

Ib and June Thomsen	Phone: 316-283-0106 (H)
308 E 2nd St.	316-239-8747 (C-June)
Newton, KS 67114	Home number is most reliable.

Prayer requests continued

- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Today has been designated as Christian Formation Sunday by Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. Pray that the themes of community and acceptance will not only be highlighted by congregations celebrating this Sunday but also by those congregations who are recognizing the anniversary of the September 11 tragedy and its impact on the U.S. and its people.

Announcements

Beginning today, I will be available to meet with you in your home, over lunch or coffee in a restaurant, or in my office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, as well as Monday and Wednesday evenings. Appointments can be made for Saturday or Sunday afternoon/evenings by calling me at 316-283-0106 or 620-367-2318. I hope to visit with as many of you as possible by the middle of November in one setting or another. Beginning in Oct. there will also be a group option on Wednesday evenings. The purpose of these visits is to help me become familiar with the people and needs of the congregation, and you, with me. The conversation starters are (1) Tell me something I should know about you, (2) Tell me something that I should know about the Tabor congregation. You will have opportunity to ask your questions, as well. Sign up sheets are posted on the foyer bulletin board for these visits. I look forward to meeting with you! - *Pastor June*

Commitment forms: If you have not turned in your commitment forms you may still do so. Please return to the box on the table in the foyer.

Wednesday Evening Activities will begin on October 5. Watch for information and plan to participate in the activities offered.

Support Tabor's Voluntary Service workers: Donations for Brittany Voth, serving in St. Louis, may be placed in Barb Banman's mailbox. Donations for Jason Unruh, serving with MCC meat canner, may be placed in Jim and Diana's mailbox.

The Goessel Area Crop Walk: NOW is the time to sign up for the Goessel Area Crop Walk taking place on September 25, 1:30 p.m. Walk 2 miles or 6 miles. See Kevin Nickel for a CROP WALK envelope. NOW is the time for walkers to collect donations. NOW is the time ALL OF YOU to find a walker to donate money to CWS (earmark for MCC if you are interested). Please pay your walker BEFORE the Walk. NOW is the time to END HUNGER, ONE STEP AT A TIME. Food Pantry items will be collected the day of the walk. Especially needed are: cereal, canned fruit, toilet paper and shampoo.

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Proclaiming

CHILDREN'S STORY Eunice Nickel

SPECIAL MUSIC "When Israel was in Egypt's land" Josh Booth

SCRIPTURE *Exodus 3:1-12* Donavon Schmidt as Moses
Bill Froese, Reader

SERMON "The People of God - Called out!" June Thomsen

SILENCE - *time for considering my response to God's word to me today.*

Responding

HYMN "Obey my voice" No. 163

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*HYMN "When we walk with the Lord" No. 544

*BENEDICTION *I Thessalonians 5:23-24*

*POSTLUDE

Today

Today we begin a short series of three services that help us focus on the significance of congregational identity. What are your thoughts about the identity of Tabor Mennonite Church?



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

Today Continued

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Alvin & Wilma Schmidt and Van, Brenda, Viola and Trevor Schmidt.

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.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday school for everyone. All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

Conversation Circles will begin today during the Sunday School hour. Please sign up on Pastor June's door for these one-time meetings of six people plus Pastor June. The conversation questions are on the sign-up list.



The flowers on the communion table are in celebration of Willis and Thelma Goerzen's 60th wedding anniversary. The flowers by the organ are in honor of Ruby Funk's 90th birthday.

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

Sunday, September 11—Sunday, September 18

Pastor Doug and Jude on vacation.

Wednesday, September 14 and Friday, September 16

Pastor Karen will be attending Spirituality Workshops in Wichita.

Wednesday, September 14

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness.

7:00 p.m.—TMYF

Thursday, September 15

4:00-6:00 p.m.—Mennonite Church USA Newton offices will hold an open house at 718 N. Main St., Newton. Everyone is welcome to come meet churchwide staff and Executive Board members of Mennonite Church USA and to tour the newly renovated offices.

Saturday, September 17

Annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride

Tabor Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

Next Sunday, September 18

Next Sunday is the Tabor Church Retreat. Today, (September 11) is the deadline to sign up. Extra forms are available in the foyer and on Tabor's website. If you are interested in carpooling or helping out during the weekend, there are sign-up sheets posted in the foyer. Please return registration forms to the rack on the table. Plan to come relax, fellowship and have fun as we find out why "God won't, if we don't"!

Upcoming:

Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m.—Church Council

Wednesday, September 21, 9:30 a.m.—Willing Helpers work day

Thursday, September 22, 6:00 p.m.—Worship Fellowship meeting

Sunday, September 25—The scripture reading for the sermon is Exodus 13 - 24. Look for the various ways that God led the Israelites as they left Egypt and moved into the wilderness.

Prayer Requests

The following items were shared last Sunday, September 4.

- ★ Jim Schmidt asked for prayers for Ben Schmidt and Alexis Van Rossun as they are married on September 10. He also reminded us to pray for Jason Unruh as he has kept busy with the meat canner.
- ★ Elaine Schroeder shared concerns regarding issues surrounding 9/11.
- ★ Pastor Karen shared the joy of Willis and Thelma Goerzen's upcoming 60th wedding anniversary.

Happenings:

- ★ Doris Janzen passed away last Sunday evening. Her funeral was at Bethesda on Thursday.
- ★ Ben Schmidt and Alexis Van Rossun were married at Hesston Mennonite Brethren Church on Saturday.
- ★ Many of our women are at Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah this morning.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Praise God for the abundant provisions for Grace Mennonite Church, Enid, Oklahoma, that is dedicating their debt-free, \$1.4 million new facility today. Pray for a strong outreach in this new location.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: A country in Asia where MMN personnel minister is in the process of passing a law that could make it very difficult to share the good news of Jesus. Pray for wisdom, courage and protection for Christians in this country as they find creative new ways to pass on their faith.