

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

August 28, 2011

Offering = \$3,508.80
Attendance = 173

Pastor June's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 1:00- 4:00.
Please call before coming, as June may be out visiting.

Please add the following information to your church directory:

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316-283-0106 (H)
316-239-8747 (C-June)
Home number is most reliable.

Peace: Building Community

The whole meaning of Christian community lies in offering a space in which we wait for that which we have already seen. Christian community is the place where we keep the flame alive among us and take it seriously so that it can grow and become stronger in us.



-Henri Nouwen



-John 15:4a

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Tabor Mennonite Church

September 4, 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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Christian Formation Sunday

Community: Circle of Belonging

"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." -John 13:34

Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE

Jerry Toews

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Carol Duerksen

All: Today we celebrate a new year of learning and growing in faith.

Leader: God welcomes us to dwell in the Trinity of love.

**People: We are learning to live as one body formed by God,
transformed in becoming more Christ-like,
and empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: We *worship* our God who created us.

People: We form a community based on love.

Leader: We bear fruit as *witnesses* guided by the Holy Spirit.

All: Love is at the center of this circle of belonging.

*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *"Come, receive his joy"* No. 124CS

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"O Power of love"* No. 593

*GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *"Sonata Seconda Largo & Allegretto"* Francesco Veracini
Flute: Hildred Schmidt, Piano: Virginia Skinner

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S STORY/DEDICATION OF TEACHERS Gayle Funk

The Mennonite Church USA Newton offices will hold an open house on Thursday, Sept. 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. 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.

The Goessel Area Crop Walk for the hungry is scheduled for Sunday, September 25 at 1:30 p.m., starting from Alexanderwohl Shelter House. Remember people who don't have enough food to eat or clean water to drink. Help improve these living conditions by Walking or giving a Donation for the walk. Contact Kevin Nickel for a CROP WALKER ENVELOPE and begin inviting sponsors. We encourage payment at the time commitments are made, or at least before the WALK date. Make your checks out to CWS (earmark on the check and recruiter envelope to designate for MCC).

The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices, N. Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for a MCC water development project in Mozambique. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride are planned. Informational brochures are available on the bulletin board. The brochure is also available on the MCC website: <http://centralstates.mcc.org/programs/flatlander>. Or, you can register on-line at that website.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has surpassed its initial target of raising \$1 million for the East Africa drought and is now expanding its response to the continuing crisis in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia. MCC is planning to provide emergency food assistance and emergency relief for internally displaced people around the Somalia border town of Dholeb, the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya and in two districts in southeastern Ethiopia. MCC continues to work with long-term partner organizations in over 50 countries to help lessen the effects of future droughts. Please consider giving a gift for 'East Africa Drought', or to 'Where Needed Most' to support MCC's sustainable development work around the world. Send checks to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or donate online at mcc.org.

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. Pat Schmidt and Marlene Bogard will tell stories. Space is limited - call to sign up today! 316-283-6300.

On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Disaster Service updates.
- ★ **Camp Mennoscah:** See bulletin board for details of events.
Women & Girls Retreat : September 9-11.
Work & Play Camp September 18-22.
Scrapbooking Retreat September 30- October 2.

Thanks for your quick response to the announcement for Tabor providing tractor drivers for the State Fair. Tabor's involvement in the MCC Sale is one for us all to be thankful for. -Leann and Jerry Toews and Kristin and Archie Schmidt.

Anniversary Celebration: Willis and Thelma Goerzen will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on September 9, 2011. We as their children are asking that you would please give them a card shower on that date. Please send the cards to their home at 713 N. K-15 Hwy, Newton, KS 67114. We as a family will be celebrating on Sunday September 11. Please join us in celebrating the wonderful years together that God has given our parents! Thank you, Venita Schroeder and Bryan Goerzen and children.

Christian Education is looking for one or more persons who would be interested in working with the Jr. high group on Wednesday evenings starting in October. Corey had been the teacher for many years. Pastor Karen is willing to work with you regarding curriculum and even do some teaching if needed. Please contact her or Brenda Buller, chair of the committee, if you are interested.

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.

Tabor Church Retreat: Forms for the Tabor Church Retreat at Camp Menoscah were in mailboxes last Sunday. 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 forms to the rack in on the table in the foyer by Sept.11. Plan to come relax, fellowship and have fun as we find out why *"God won't, if we don't!"*

Short Term Volunteer Mowing Project: The trustees are looking for several people to help with mowing and landscaping around the parsonage this fall and again in the spring. This will be on an as needed basis this fall, maybe only needing mowed 3-4 times, depending on the rainfall or lack there-of. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board if you are interested in helping out or visit with a trustee if you have questions.

New Coffer Maker in Kitchen: It is hooked directly to a water line. Please follow the directions listed on the side of the coffee maker when making coffee. If there are any questions, please see Keith Banman.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 1:27; John 15:12,13; John 16:12-15*

SERMON *"Living the Trinity - Get Real"* Karen Andres

Responding to the Spirit

RESPONSE HYMN *"Filled with the Spirit's power"* No. 289

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR JUNE THOMSEN

SHARING and CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SENDING HYMN *"We will follow"* No. 160CS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today

Christian Formation can happen in many ways in the church and involves learning to be who we are in a more reflective way. Today we explore how the Trinity (Circle of Belonging) can be our model as our faith is forming in community. Abiding in the vine helps us be real with God and with one another.

A very special welcome to June Thomsen as she begins her time of ministry with us here at Tabor.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by John and Ruth Peters and Pete and Sharon 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 is provided by Nancy Schroeder in the nursery during the worship service.



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

Today Continued

10:45 a.m.—Sunday school for everyone. Today begins the new Sunday school year. A list of classes was in your mailboxes last Sunday and is also posted on the bulletin board.

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.

Commitment forms are due today: Prayerfully consider which ministries are a fit for you and how you can fill the positions that are listed. Please return your forms to the box on the table in the foyer.

This Week

Tuesday, September 6

12:00 p.m.—Hesston Lunch Bunch.

7:30 p.m.—Trustee meeting.

Wednesday, September 7

6:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness.

7:00 p.m.—TMYF Kickoff in the Tabor Church Park.

Next Sunday, September 11

9:30 a.m.—Worship: Next Sunday's theme is the first of three worship services based on our identity as a "People of God - Called Out!". The sermon will be based on Exodus 1-12, with a focus on Exodus 3. June will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday school for everyone. All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home next Sunday, September 11, right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

Conversation Circles will begin next Sunday, September 11, 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.

Starting September 11, 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*

Prayer Requests

The following items were shared last Sunday, August 28.

- ★ The deacons shared the new caring quilt designed by Wilma Schmidt with the congregation. Appreciation was shared for all who contributed to making it happen so quickly - Darlene Schroeder, Lois Voth, Kim Funk, Alice Funk and Bonnie Janzen.

Happenings:

- ★ Tabor welcomes two exchange students this year. Both students are from Germany.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the Beatrice Mennonite Church and their new pastor, John Regier, who is being commissioned today for this new place of ministry.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Last month, children in Japan from areas contaminated by radioactivity were invited to Menno Village, a partner of MMN, for several weeks to play outside and to enjoy clean food and water. Pray that what these children learned about Jesus' love will continue to give hope to them and their families.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Bethel College students and the campus community as they celebrate the life and mourn the loss of senior Seth Dunn, killed in an accident on August 1.

Announcements

Thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement that was given to me on my installation Sunday last week. The colors were beautiful and the sunflowers and wheat in the arrangement really looked "Kansas-like" and warmed my heart. It was a good morning and a time of celebration. Thank you again for this gift and for all the love and prayers that you have offered to us. May you be blessed as you have blessed me.

Peace in Christ, Corey Miller

Thanks to everyone who attended the Joyful Noise Childcare open house as we celebrated 10 years of service to the community and acknowledged the closing of the childcare. The board is planning an auction of building contents Sept 14th at 5:30pm. The building and surrounding property will be listed with a realtor. Please plan to attend and support the childcare! Thank you for all your support and encouragement. The JNCCC board, Susan Saunders, Kim Voth and Lynette Duerksen.