

May 13, 2007

“Celebrating New Birth”

“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth . . .” -Isaiah 43:19

Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE

Cynthia Goerzen, Layci Froese,
Rachel Miller, Aleq Goerzen, Reece Hiebert,
Mark Schmidt, Jessie Perry, Kellen Froese,
Hannah Miller, Katie Bair, Michelle Unruh

WELCOME

Worship Leader, Carol Duerksen

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 68

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

People: Lift up a song to him and be exultant before him.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation.

**People: Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD,
the Lord, belongs escape from death.**

Leader: Awesome is God in his sanctuary!

ALL: God gives power and strength and new life to his people!!

PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE

“To God be the glory”

No. 102

*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please pass the welcome pads*

SONG

“Mother’s Love”

Kellen Froese

WORSHIPING WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND DEDICATING THEM

Celebrating New Life In Christ

SONG

“Children of the heavenly Father”

No. 616

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN TO THE LORD

Jenna Jo Stucky daughter of Nate and Janel

Adriana Lee Duerksen daughter of Duane and Janna

Reed Cooper Friesen son of Shannon and Carrie

Tristan Liam Francis son of Russ and Sharleen

SONG

“Lord, we bring to you our children”

Insert

HEARING THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Reader’s Theater

Isaiah 43:15-16, 18-21

BAPTISM

Troy Jantz

Sara Jantz

Bradley Kohlman

SONG "Wade in the water" No. 446

HEARING GOD'S WORD *Ephesians 4:1-7, 17-24*

SERMON "Finding the Right Fit" Karen Andres

Responding to God's Word

SONG "I was there to hear your borming cry" Doug & Jude Krehbiel

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Lord we give you our thanks -**"Thanks be to God"**

Lord we pray to you -**"Hear our prayer"**

*SENDING SONG "When we walk with the Lord" No. 544

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

Today we celebrate new life through baptism and new birth. God offers the gift of new life through Jesus Christ to everyone. Receiving that new life requires stripping off the old self and being "clothed" with the new self. May you find the "right fit" as you experience what new thing God is doing in your life.

We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us!

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Carrie & Justin Sommerfeld and Brandon, Kristi, Kylee, Audessi & Porclein Unruh. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back & join us again soon.

Childcare is available during worship today.

10:45a.m.—Sunday School for everyone.

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.

7:00 p.m.—The Possum Boys will be holding their CD release concert here at Tabor Mennonite Church. Come for a night of bluegrass, and buy your own copy of their first CD for \$15. Members of the group are Bethany Amstutz, Nate Stucky, Derek, Brett, and Grant Klingenberg.

This Week

Monday, May 14

6:30 p.m.—**TABLE STORIES:** Salad supper for all women and girls. Enjoy a meal at a uniquely decorated table and hear the stories about each table's decorations or collections. Please bring a salad for the meal and sign up for the event.

Wednesday, May 16

7:00 p.m.—Faith Exploration Class will meet with the Deacon's at Tabor.
—No TGYF

Next Sunday, May 20

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday the theme is Graduation and Ascension Sunday. The texts are Psalm 97, Acts 16:16-34, John 17:13-26 and Corey will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone.

Prayer Requests

Announcements

THANKS to all Tabor 5K runners for the MCC Sale this year. Tabor runners brought in just over \$3000 this year. Tabor had 36 signed up to run and 21 of you BRAVED the less than ideal running conditions to run in the sloppy snow and ice. That's dedication!! 10 Tabor runners received medals. What a team!
—Jerry Toews

RESPONDING TO GREENSBURG: The Greensburg Mennonite Church building and parsonage were destroyed in the Greensburg tornado on May 4. The congregation is a member of Mennonite Church USA through its membership in South Central Conference. The congregation is celebrating their 75th anniversary in September and we invite all to pray for this congregation as they now renew their congregational life and community ministry. If you want to contribute to the church, you may send your check to Mennonite Church USA, Box 347, Newton, Kansas 67114. Earmark the check for Greensburg Mennonite Church. Or you can also make a donation to Mennonite Disaster Service: 717-859-2210 (Akron, PA), or go to: http://mds.mennonite.net/Donate/Online_Giving.

We assume that we will take a group out to Greensburg sometime. If you want to volunteer contact Jim Schmidt our Mennonite Disaster Service representative or call Melvin Miller, 620-538-2867.

LUNCH BUNCH: Goessel/Peabody/Walton lunch Bunch will meet on May 31 not May 24 from 12-1pm at the Goessel AGAPE center. Please sign up if you plan to attend. Nancy Schmidt will be catering the meal.

COMING SOON! 30 DAYS OF GENEROSITY: Beginning Sunday, June 3, we will embark on a holistic stewardship journey of worship and study that will challenge our hearts and minds regarding our use of time, talent, health, relationships and more. Participants will engage in daily readings and reflections during the week, and then gather on Sundays for worship and for table discussion in the fellowship hall.

WDC ANNUAL CONFERENCE: WDC delegates will hear about the work of the conference and will also act on revisions to the constitution (see www.mennowdc.org, click on "Tulsa" to view proposed changes), a ballot, and a 2008 budget. Program change for Saturday evening - it will be an evening of music - hymn singing and more (instead of a youth musical).

BETHEL COLLEGE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION is sponsoring a Faculty Public Lecture on June 7, 7:30pm in Krehbiel Auditorium. Dr. William Eash will acquaint us with Monastic Life and Gregorian chant. Refreshments will be served and there will be a short BCWA annual meeting.

CAMP MENNOSCAH:

Summer Camps - Registrations are already coming in for the 2007 camping season and the camps are filling up. Please send in your registrations soon in order to be placed in the camp you want!

The Just for You (JOY) retreat (for those with disabilities) is coming around the bend Memorial Day weekend.

Camp Mennoscah needs your help. Last year we helped many children come to camp, who would not have been able to otherwise, using our Camp Scholarship Fund. We need help restoring the fund so we can help other children this year. Please pray to see if God is leading you towards giving to this fund and helping a child attend camp.

Urgent help is needed for this summer! Camp is in need of a head cook (paid position) for the entire summer. Rewards: lots of smiles, thank you(s) and seeing children enjoy the beauty of God's nature at camp. Benefits: \$250 per week plus room and board. Qualifications: a willing heart to

supervise/lead assistant and volunteer cooks; develop menus and maintain kitchen and food service at camp during summer camping season and as needed by rental groups; assist in ordering groceries and supplies; meal preparation, service and clean-up.

We are also in need of volunteer assistant cooks and nurses. If you would like to spend a week at camp, please contact the camp as listed below. It's a great way to see how God touches the lives of our children.

*Contact Information: Joyce Pankratz, Executive Director
Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65 Murdock, KS 67111
620-297-3290 campmno@mennowdc.org*

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

Newsletter from Ron & Susan Goerzen serving with The Navigators.

God's Peace: It can be lived out in your life

Without faith, hope, and love nothing sinful is totally abolished, nor is anything good fully attained.

- St. Maixmos the Confessor