

Tabor Mennonite Church

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No. 3

We are Witnesses:

Paul's Third Missionary Journey

Today we continue our journey through Acts by reflecting on Paul's third missionary journey and especially on his words to the Ephesian elders (Acts 20: 17-38). Paul pressed on through hardship and resistance to "complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace" (Acts 20: 24b). Likewise, may we press on through difficulty in life to witness and proclaim the good news of God's grace.



GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE		Diane Unruh
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Leann Toews
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from Paul's letter to the Philippians</i>	screens
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>"All in all"</i>	No. 60 CS
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF PRAYER	<i>"When peace, like a river"</i>	No. 336
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		

PROCLAIMING

WORSHIP ANTHEM	<i>"The Morning Trumpet"</i>	-arr. Hayes	Adult Choir
			Trumpet: Peter Goerzen
CHILDREN'S STORY			Eunice Nickel
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Acts 20: 17-38</i>		Diane Loewen
	The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!		
SERMON	<i>"Onward!"</i>		Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Guide my feet"</i>	No. 546
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		Pastor Katherine Goerzen

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN	<i>"I'm pressing on the upward way"</i>	No. 96 SJ
*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE		

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Dora Unruh and Russ and Barb Abrahams. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, and a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Yvette Nickel and Dawson Duerksen.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

2:30 p.m.—Mennonite Heritage Agricultural Museum annual meeting, Goessel Mennonite Church.

This Week

Tuesday, January 22: **10:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting
11:30 a.m.—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, January 23: **Wednesday Evening Activities**

Thursday, January 24: *Bulletin Announcements due by 8 a.m.*
Newsletter items are due

Next Sunday, January 27

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we continue our "We Are Witnesses" worship series through Acts by focusing on Acts 21 and Paul's arrest. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

6:00-8:00 p.m.—Catechism.

Dates to Remember:

Jan. 30–Feb. 5: Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter

Feb. 3: Ministry Storytelling, Communion

Feb. 9-10: 'Know Jesus' at Hesston College for Jr. Highers

Feb 17: Building Fundraising Concert by Hesston and Bethel College Choirs

Feb 24: Youth Sunday

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE January 13, 2019

Offering	= \$ 3,673.00	Attendance	= 221
Adult F.F.	= \$ 19.00	Attendance	= 57
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 12.27	Attendance	= 41

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on January 13.

- ★ Jim shared Ephesians 2:19-22, which was our focus at the Prayer & Visioning Retreat on Saturday. Thanks be to God for the opportunity we have to grow together into a holy temple with Christ Jesus as our cornerstone.
- ★ Ilona gave thanks for the opportunity she has had seeing her students grow and mature during their years in the Goessel school system. Thanks be to God for the many ways they contribute to our community, especially giving thanks for the Goessel Elbiata Singers who shared their musical gifts with Tabor.
- ★ Janna shared thanks for the large group of runners who turned out for the annual Neuf 9K run. The Hesston College scholarship in memory of Russ Neufeld, is now fully endowed. Thanks be to God!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ the many people working diligently on our church building project. Lord, hear our prayer for safety and strength.
- ★ our nation’s leaders and those impacted by the government shutdown. Lord, hear our prayer for peace, justice, wisdom and strength.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilt is home.



Cost of entire project = \$1,300,000

Money already received	\$1,038,060	This week’s progress
Pledges remaining to be paid	\$55,542	\$25
Challenge Grant if goal is met	\$100,000	
Needed to meet Challenge Grant	\$106,398	\$5,325

“Onward!”

Looking Back

Looking Ahead

Pressing Onward



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Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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