

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	Mark 4:1-20, 33-34	Phyllis Voth, Glen Unrau
Message	<i>"Listen!"</i>	Pastor Caleb
Song of Preparation	<i>Be a Sower</i>	VT 789
Responding to the Gospel	<i>(open sharing)</i>	

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessings</i>	VT 812
*Benediction		Caleb Yoder
*Postlude		Mary Schmidt

*All who are able are invited to stand.

+ The peace lamp is a visual reminder that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe in uncertain times that God's shalom will prevail.

Song Leader: Kyle Unruh

Greeters: North – Eric & Gretchen Schrag; South – Les & Ann Flaming

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Janice Voth, Natalie Church, Laura Voth

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

October 2 Attendance: Sunday School – 101; Worship -142 in person, 16 Zoom households

October 2 Offering: Sunday School – \$30.33; First Fruits – \$6,540.84

Questions for Reflection

1. What insights do you have to why Jesus would teach in parables rather than "saying it directly"?
2. What does this parable communicate about who God is?
3. What things can you see "getting in the way" of perceiving the kingdom of God?

Next Sunday, we continue with the parable of the wheat among the weeds (Matthew 13:24-43).

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We're grateful for the beauty of the changing seasons and the reminder of God's steadfast and unchanging love.
- ❖ We thank God for the birth of Aubryn Vera Friedberg to Kevin and Kendra (Flaming) on Tuesday, October 4, at 11:41 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs, 1.5 ozs. and was 18.75" long. Aubryn joins big brother Levi and happy grandparents Dwight and Tammy Flaming.
- ❖ We pray for Braxton Church as he and Amanda and her cousin return to Boston Children's Hospital October 14-19. We pray for his doctors and caretakers as Braxton undergoes 2 specialized surgical procedures on

October 17 to treat his ongoing GI and airway medical conditions. We pray also for Kelcey and Natalie as they remain at home.

- ❖ We pray for those who are struggling with undiagnosed or otherwise uncertain health issues.
- ❖ We give thanks for the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize winners; human rights advocate Ales Bialiatski from Belarus, the Russian human rights organization Memorial and the Ukrainian human rights organization Center for Civil Liberties. These organizations, along with Mr. Bialiatski are beacons of peace and hope!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 9

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Monday, October 10

1-6 pm Blood Drive at Goessel Church

5:45 pm Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm Church Council

Tuesday, October 11

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 12

Midweek Activities

Sunday, October 16

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

COMING EVENTS

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| Oct 21 | 10 am Senior Coffee – Deputy Kaylan Miles from the Marion Co. Sheriff's Office will bring us a presentation on scams. |
| Oct 23 | Congregational meeting during worship time to renew pastoral calls for Pastors Caleb and Lois |
| Oct 23 | 5:00 pm – Mentor/Mentee Olympics |
| Oct 27-28 | Annual MCC relief meat canning – schedule coming |
| Oct 30 | noon – Mennonite College Student Ministry fundraiser takeout meal |
| Oct 30 | 7 pm – Professor Dwight Krehbiel - see announcement |
| Nov 6 | 5:30-6:30 pm – Bethesda's Annual Pillars drive through meal |
| Nov 13 | 5-6:30 pm – Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Caleb will continue this Wednesday. We will gather in the conference room at 7:50, just after the dismissal of choir. You may also join on Zoom. Each week we will delve deeply into one of Jesus' parables about God's grace and our discipleship. The study and insights we come to together will bear fruit in the following Sunday's service.

Anabaptist Bible – Study Group: We would like to form a small group of 4-6 people to study 3 biblical passages in order to contribute study notes that would be published in the margins of a new Anabaptist Bible that is in development. The project is seeking 500 such study groups from different Anabaptist-related churches worldwide. Pastor Caleb is interested in facilitating this study group. Please let the church office or pastors know if you might be interested in participating.

Budget Update - Thank you for the increased giving of First Fruits offerings during the past number of weeks. This has allowed us to get caught up with our Local Church ministry expenses through the month of September. Currently we have received 61% of our First Fruits goal for 2022. During the final quarter, there are a number of large once-a-year expenses so we will need continued generous support during this final quarter. Thank you for your generosity.

Mentor/Mentee Olympics will be happening on Sunday, October 23, at 5 pm. Please reserve the date! Meet in the Fellowship Hall for the light competition. Dress casually and supper is included!

Climate Change-Earth Care presentation – The AMC Peace Committee invites you! Professor Dwight Krehbiel of Bethel College, will bring a presentation at Alexanderwohl on climate changes and Earth care. Zach Kennell, student of Dr. Krehbiel, will share about his senior project on the EnROADS climate simulator. Sunday evening, October 30 at 7:00 pm.

New Hope Shelter - We need volunteers to sign up for evening shifts October 15 -18, 5 -11 pm. Meals will be served by Seekers & Sojourners, Young Adult class, Route 15, and Friends & Followers. Thank you!

Tabor Church Food Pantry – See Announcement Sheet for details

Thank you to all who planned and carried out our church retreat at Camp Mennoscah, particularly Janice and Delton Voth who organized and provided wonderful meals.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
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