

## John 3:1-15

<sup>3</sup> There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. <sup>2</sup> After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup> “What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. <sup>7</sup> So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> “How are these things possible?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus replied, “You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don’t understand these things? <sup>11</sup> I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won’t believe our testimony. <sup>12</sup> But if you don’t believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

<sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

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# FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:00 a.m.  
September 2, 2018

## GATHERING

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome and Announcements		Holly & Pastor Lee
Prelude to Worship		Shirley Baltzer
*Hymn of Affirmation	I know not why God's wondrous	No. 338
*Call to Worship		Holly Swartzendruber
A mighty wind has blown, <b>and tongues of fire have danced!</b>		
The Spirit is with us, <b>just as Jesus promised.</b>		
God's Spirit moves among us and gathers us together.		
<b>God's Spirit gives us power and calls us to serve the world.</b>		
<b>ALL: God's Spirit is poured out upon us. Come, let us worship God with joy!</b>		
*Invocation		Holly Swartzendruber
Gathering Hymn	Holy Spirit, come with power	No. 26

## SHARING

Children's Story		Aleen Ratzlaff
Sharing and Prayer		Holly & Pastor Lee
Prayer Song	Joys are flowing like a river (vss. 1-3)	No. 301
Offering		Shirley Baltzer

## LISTENING

Scripture Reading	John 3:1-15	Holly Swartzendruber
Message	"Revisiting the Holy Spirit's Work"	Pastor Lee

## RESPONDING

*Hymn of Response	Lord, I am fondly, earnestly	No. 514
*Benediction		Pastor Lee

**WELCOME TO ALL** who are worshipping with us this morning!

**FMC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

**ADULT WEDNESDAY NIGHTS** this fall will be led by a coalition of Worship and Nurture Committees. Have a great idea? Touch base with Hank, Asia, Aleen, or Ethan.

**IN ORDER TO REDUCE OUR PLASTIC WASTE**, we will be using metal silverware on Wednesday evenings. A willing dishwasher is ready to work!

**THE BAKING COMMITTEE** has several sign-up sheets on the white board to which we wish to draw your attention. For cinnamon roll baking on Saturday, September 8th, we need people to donate ingredients, time, or freezer space. For peppernut sales on Saturday, September 15th, we need workers. Please help where you can!

**MARYN ROBSON**, who plays piano for us on the 5th Sundays (and, most recently, last Sunday) is one of several gifted Tabor students who will be performing "instrumentals, dance and other talents that are guaranteed to please" at the Lifelong Learning session this coming Friday, September 7: 9:45 in the Heritage Lobby of the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts. Come enjoy some young talent and support Maryn!

**MINI COMFORTER BLITZ** at MCC Center in North Newton on October 12-13. Save The Date – times will be announced later.

## **AMONG OUR FRIENDS**

### **TABOR COLLEGE:**

Exaudio, the Tabor College lectureship in vocation and service, presents Dr. R. Mark Shipp, Professor of Old Testament at Austin Graduate School of Theology, Austin, Texas. His theme will be "The Timeless Psalms" as he describes a project of creating hundreds of new worship pieces based on the Psalms of the Bible. His presentations will be accompanied by the Tabor College Concert Choir who will perform selections of these new pieces.

**Part 1 — Monday, September 10, 2018 — 11:00 a.m.**

**Part 2 — Monday, September 10, 2018 — 7:00 p.m.**

Shari Flaming Center for the Arts, Richert Auditorium on the Tabor campus.

The term *Exaudio* is a Latin word that means to listen, comprehend, and respond faithfully. For additional information about this event, go to [www.tabor.edu](http://www.tabor.edu) and type "Exaudio" into the search box.

**MCC:**

BIKERS AND CONTRIBUTORS NEEDED! The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, September 15, originating at the MCC offices, 121 East 30<sup>th</sup> St., North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Guatemala. Rides of approximately, 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. More information is available on the MCC website: [mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride).

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>Today:</b> Tammy Wintermote
<b>Thursday:</b> Carson Linnens, Marlin & Cheryl Bartel

**CALENDAR**

Sept. 2	11:10 a.m. Cong. Meeting concerning pastoral search
Sept. 5	Wednesday Night Begins 7 p.m. Follow-up congregational meeting 8 p.m. Care Committee Meeting
Sept. 6	7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
Sept. 8	Youth meet with Tom Harder – Time TBD
Sept. 9	9:30 a.m. Fall SS Begins with worship at 10:35 a.m. Tom Harder candidate visit – Carry-in following 7 p.m. Safe Sanctuaries Training
Sept. 12	7 p.m. Informal visit with Tom Harder
Sept. 16	Congregational vote regarding Tom Harder
Sept. 20	7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Special Offerings:

7/8/18 – Western District Conference: \$410.00

8/12/18 – Mennonite Church USA: \$569.00

FMC Ministries Fund:

Year-To-Date Income: \$84,555.00

Year-To-Date Expenses: \$85,810.31

Balance: -\$1,255.31

Income needed at this point in the fiscal year to stay on pace to

fully fund our FMC ministries budget: \$111,546.15

Year-To-Date FMC Ministries Income: \$85,810.31

**\*Next week's special offering will go to the Care Committee (Deacon's Fund) unless otherwise designated.**