

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:35 a.m.

September 9, 2018

GATHERING

Gathering Music		Maryn Robson
Welcome and Announcements		Doug Miller & Darrel Knoll
Prelude to Worship		Maryn Robson
*Hymn of Praise	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	No. 37
*Call to Worship		Darrel Knoll

Here we are, Lord, your church traveling
along on an ever-changing journey.

Show us your path, we pray.

Here we are, Lord, at a very sacred time and place
of worship seeking your will for us.

**May your perfect will be done, today
and in the days to come.**

Here we are, Lord, listening for your guiding voice.

**May we hear you clearly with assurance and unity
of hearts and minds.**

***ALL: Here we are, Lord, grateful for the guiding presence
of your holy spirit. AMEN***

*Invocation		Darrel Knoll
Hymn of Affirmation	Christ is our cornerstone	No. 43

SHARING

Children's Story		Frog & Toad
Sharing and Prayer		Doug Miller & Darrel Knoll
Prayer Song	Lord, listen to your children	No. 353
Offering		Maryn Robson

*Special offering today goes to the Care Committee (Deacon's Fund)
unless otherwise designated.

LISTENING

Scripture Reading	Luke 10:25-37	Darrel Knoll
Message	"Who is our neighbor"	Tom Harder

RESPONDING

*Hymn

When I Needed a Neighbor

On Insert

*Benediction

Tom Harder

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

WE WELCOME TOM HARDER and his wife Lois to our worship service today. Tom is the candidate recommended by the pastoral search committee. He will participate in our morning worship and share about himself and his ministry following our carry-in meal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO

6th graders and younger meet upstairs. Arrive 9:30-9:45. Teaching begins at 9:45. Teachers and helpers will be scheduled on a rotation including: Tracy, Asia, Jan A., Lenna, Julie and Tammy. We will be using the Shine Sunday School Curriculum.

7th-12th Sunday School meets with Hank in the youth room beginning at 9:30.

Alive: Meets in the "pie room" downstairs. Contact Doug Miller or Tim Frye for info.

Adult 2: Meets in the fellowship hall. We will be continuing our summer pattern of open fellowship time as well as praying for one another. Contact Asia Frye for more info or to help organize.

Parkside: Meets at Parkside at 9:15. Contact Susie or Nadine for more info.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS INFO

Children's and middle school classes meet from 6:45-7:45.

High School meets from 7-8:30.

Adults meet from 7-7:45.

Pre-K- 1st meet downstairs with Amanda and Becky. They will be using Shine Curriculum.

2nd-4th meet upstairs with Judy and Rachel.

5th-7th meet downstairs with Deryll and Danie.

8th-12th meet in the youth room with Hank and Tim.

CIRCLES IS STARTING a second group in Peabody on September 12. Please be in prayer for all involved.

THERE WILL BE A POVERTY SIMULATION on Sept. 22, from 9:30 - 12, followed by lunch, at Halstead First Mennonite Church. There is no cost. Please contact Susie Kliever for more info. It's a great opportunity to go beyond imagining how poverty feels to experiencing it for a morning. Open your eyes and heart!

ON SEPTEMBER 30 PARKVIEW CHURCH will host a Hymn Sing. The event will begin at 7 p.m. People will have an opportunity to choose hymns they wish to sing. There will be a special piano duet from Karoline (13) and Vasalisa (11) Cherenkov. These girls are phenomenal in their talent. The family moved here from the Ukraine. A short devotional will be brought by Pastor Tom Byford. This invitation is extended to all!

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 and type “Exaudio” into the search box.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Monday: Doug Bartel

Wednesday: Jackie & Becky Gage

Friday: Bob & Judy Jantz

CALENDAR

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

Bio on Tom Harder

Tom Harder has significant historical connections with Hillsboro. He is not related to Keith (that they know of), but his great-great-grandfather Johann Harder was one of the original settlers of the Gnadenau village just south of Hillsboro, having come from the Ukraine by ship in 1874. Johann is buried in the Gnadenau cemetery two miles south on Indigo Road (as are both Tom's parents, Leland and Bertha). Tom's great-grandfather David Harder was one of the early faculty members at Tabor College (and is buried in the cemetery on D Street). Tom's grandfather Menno (not Keith's father Menno!) also taught at Tabor, while his grandmother Katherine had a beauty shop in town. Ask Tom about that some time.

Tom grew up in Elkhart, Indiana, where both of his parents taught at the Mennonite seminary. He attended Bethel College (as did his parents and older brother John), majoring in music. His plan was to teach music at a major university, and to that end earned a master's and doctorate in classical guitar performance. But God had other plans.

Tom and Lois met at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan (a very important place in both of their lives), had their wedding there, and two of their three daughters were born there. After serving six years as coprogram directors of the camp, they moved to Wichita in the fall of 1996, where they began serving as copastors at the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church. During that time, they both earned their Master of Divinity degrees from AMBS (2006). They resigned just this past August after twenty-two years at the church.

Tom and Lois continue to perform together as a duo, but unfortunately their family band ("Five Times Harder") is at least three times harder to get together, as all three daughters have now left home. Meanwhile, Tom feels very much at home in pastoral ministry. Ask him about that some time.

[When I Needed a Neighbor]