

Joshua 2:1-14 (CEB)

¹ Joshua, Nun's son, secretly sent two men as spies from Shittim. He said, "Go. Look over the land, especially Jericho." They set out and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab. They bedded down there.

² Someone told the king of Jericho, "Men from the Israelites have come here tonight to spy on the land."

³ So the king of Jericho sent word to Rahab: "Send out the men who came to you, the ones who came to your house, because they have come to spy on the entire land."

⁴ But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. Then she said, "Of course the men came to me. But I didn't know where they were from. ⁵ The men left when it was time to close the gate at dark, but I don't know where the men went. Hurry! Chase after them! You might catch up with them." ⁶ But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the flax stalks that she had laid out on the roof. ⁷ The men from Jericho chased after them in the direction of the Jordan up to the fords. As soon as those chasing them went out, the gate was shut behind them.

⁸ Before the spies bedded down, Rahab went up to them on the roof. ⁹ She said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land. Terror over you has overwhelmed us. The entire population of the land has melted down in fear because of you. ¹⁰ We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Reed Sea in front of you when you left Egypt. We have also heard what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites on the other side of the Jordan. You utterly wiped them out. ¹¹ We heard this and our hearts turned to water. Because of you, people can no longer work up their courage. This is because the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on earth below. ¹² Now, I have been loyal to you. So pledge to me by the LORD that you in turn will deal loyally with my family. Give me a sign of good faith. ¹³ Spare the lives of my father, mother, brothers, and sisters, along with everything they own. Rescue us from death."

¹⁴ The men said to her, "We swear by our own lives to secure yours. If you don't reveal our mission, we will deal loyally and faithfully with you when the LORD gives us the land."

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November 4, 2018

The Women Who Brought You Jesus

Prelude Patty

Gathering

Opening Hymn: "A mighty fortress is our God" (HWB #329) Linda
Call to Worship and Prayer Lynn
Pass the Peace

Praising God

Lament for the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh - see insert
Hymn: "O God, This Day We Grieve" see insert
Songs of Praise: Music Team
"There is more love somewhere"
"Beauty for brokenness"
Offering*

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Joshua 2:1-14 James
Sermon: "**Rehab: Ironic example of faithfulness**" Pastor Joel Shenk

Responding

Hymn of Response: "View the present" (SS #108)
Communion (*Anyone who follows Jesus as Lord is welcome to participate*)
Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Announcements
Sending Song: "With kindness" Music Team
Benediction

Hymn Books used:

(HWB) *Hymnal, A Worship Book* - blue, hard cover
(SJ) *Sing the Journey* - green, soft spiral bound cover
(SS) *Sing the Story* - purple, soft spiral bound cover
(MH) *The Mennonite Hymnal* - red, hard cover
(S&R) *Sing and Rejoice* - green, hard cover

* Giving by credit card is available. See Mike Peeters, TMC Treasurer.

Baby's Nursery is at the back of sanctuary - unsupervised
Toddlers and Children's Play Room - Room 102 - Karen Rupp
Today's Sound Technician - Joel Nofziger

CALENDAR

Today - 10:45 am - Fellowship and refreshments in the fellowship hall --
all are welcome to stay.
11:00 am - Intergenerational Sunday School

11/04 Apple Gleaning - 3:00 pm at Erie Orchard
11/04 Hayride and bonfire - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Erie Orchard
11/06 Sew & So - 9:00 am at TMC
11/18 Harvest Festival - Service at 4:00 pm, Meal at 5:00 pm
11/23 No TMC Connect event due to Thanksgiving Weekend
11/28 Worship Commission - 7:00 am at Teresa's home
11/28 Leadership Team - 7:00 pm at TMC
11/29 Mission Commission Meeting - 5:30 pm at TMC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Care Commission** is organizing volunteers to rake leaves for some in our church who can use this help. If you are willing to help, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall for your best time slot. This will enable us to more quickly coordinate the volunteers when the leaves come down.

Our church helps support **Grace Pantry**. This is a mission that area churches created to support TPS teachers by providing free school supplies for them to use for their students who may not be able to supply them themselves. If you would like to serve at the Pantry, it is open the second Wednesday each month during the school year from 3:15-5:30 pm for teachers connected with the schools' area churches support (including McTigue). Main responsibilities are to assist teachers in finding what they need, restocking supply bins, and keeping things organized. There is a sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board by the Fellowship Hall along with a map for directions.

The **Erie Orchards hayride and bonfire** will be tonight from 6-8 pm (1235 E. Erie Road, Erie, MI.) Hotdogs, donuts and drinks will be supplied. Please bring snacks. **You are invited to come at 3:00 pm for gleaning apples** (picking apples still on the trees) that will be donated to local food pantries. Please bring boxes.

The **Harvest Festival** will be held on **November 18th**. The Thanksgiving worship service begins at 4:00 pm and the meal will be served at 5:00 pm. This year's event will be a full Thanksgiving dinner. You are asked to sign up if you plan to be here, and to sign up if you can bring items for the meal. Both sign up sheets are located on the Fellowship Hall counter.

You are invited to participate in Advent services through special music or special elements of the service. If you would like to participate, please talk to Ana, Teresa, or Laura.

Join local nonprofits, community members and Everence on Nov. 27 to maximize charitable giving! There will be appetizers, dinner, and up to \$500,000 in matching funds for donations made to any 501(c)(3) that night. Learn more at everence.com/GivingTuesdayNWO. An information card is in your mailbox.

Fellow TMC participants,
Following the first two months of this fiscal year, we are **down** in giving considerably. If unforeseen circumstances have limited your ability to give as you expected, please speak to a member of the Leadership Team so we can plan to accordingly.

October Month-End Budget Update

Needed weekly: \$3,200.11
Average weekly giving in October: \$2,470.93
YTD budget behind by \$8,653.27

PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers for those running in the "Racing for Recovery" event today. This run is for improving the quality of life for everyone affected by addiction. Jon and Laura and others from our congregation are participating in memory of Joe.

Anika Cunningham is being treated for Lyme Disease. She also lost her bag and wallet. Prayers for healing and for her frustrations.

Prayers go out for the members of the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Richard and Teresa asked for prayers that their anxieties be eased. They have to replace their septic tank and are experiencing problems getting the permit to do so. This may take up to four weeks total for resolution. Teresa listened to a podcast on prayer, and it renewed her expectations of God's will.

Amy will be away from home for a week. Max and Molly are putting a book together to show James what he has to do. Prayers for all of them.

Joan's brother-in-law is in deep grief over the death of his wife. They have a daughter who has bipolar and is having difficulties during this time.

Pray for Jeannette who often visits TMC with Joan. She had knee surgery that did not go well. Doctors are trying to keep the function of the knee working. Pray for healing and uplifting of her spirits.

Karen Hall's daughter, Kristy, is going through a divorce. She and the girls are currently living with Karen.

61 years ago this week, Wilma Bender's baby boy died after five days of life. Wilma thanks God for his faithfulness.

Jennifer became a Christian five years ago, and this is the anniversary of the first date with her husband.

Michael Ann has walking pneumonia. Pray for her healing.