



# *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

--Psalm 119:105

During this Year of the Bible, we invite you to join with others in the congregation to take the Bible to heart, internalizing words of scripture that can serve as affirmation, encouragement, and instruction.

On the reverse of this sheet is a chart that will help you keep track of your progress. We invite you to write the name of each household member on a blank at the top of the page. Then place in a prominent place, perhaps using the magnet to hang it on your fridge or a similar location.

Included is a list of nearly 30 verses or passages that you might try to learn over the course of the year. We have chosen these texts using suggestions from the congregation and the work of Mennonite Education Agency in identifying passages that have been significant for many Christians, including Anabaptists, over the years. Many of them are in the *Dig In* curriculum most adult classes are using at some point in the year.

Several of the passages on the list are marked with an asterisk. These are passages that we will be internalizing together as a congregation during worship over the coming year. In addition, there are several blank lines, so feel free to add other verses that are significant for you.

Some of the passages are shorter and some are longer, and you may learn them in any order. You will likely find the passages to be familiar, and perhaps you have already internalized some of them. That's great! Pick another one and seek to learn it by heart. ***When you have learned a new one, stop by the "Learning by Heart" table to register your accomplishment and join in a visual representation of our learning together.*** There will be prizes as you reach certain milestones.

We invite you to find creative ways to learn the verses. Some ways that people have used successfully:

- Write the verse on an index card and carry it with you on your daily walk.
- Use a whiteboard to write out the verse and read it aloud multiple times. Each time you read, erase another word or two until the verse is internalized.
- Pick up an audio CD of the verses at the Learning by Heart table beginning October 5. Set your CD player on auto repeat and listen to the passage until you know it by heart.
- Read it as a family as part of your mealtime or other prayers.

If you have questions, contact a member of the Year of the Bible reading and learning by heard sub-group: Cynthia Bontrager, Jane Detweiler, Jerry Detweiler, Jane Ross Richer, and pastor Lyle Miller.