

MCC Sale News:

Kansas MCC Relief Sale: April 12 and 13.



-THANKS so much for Tabor's Generosity at the MCC Fellowship Meal last Sunday. We raised \$1,645 for the sale and fed 80 hungry Mennonites.

-Children's Coin Offering last Sunday was \$165.40. FANTASTIC!!! Keep putting in the paper coins. It really helps the total.

-Tabor people have contributed \$745 toward pre-sale expenses. Don't rely on others to do this. Everyone giving a little is how the KS MCC Sale works. Please do your part. Thanks.

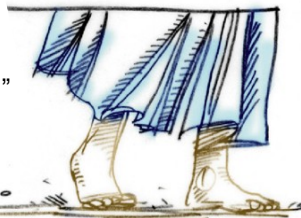
-MCC is one of the MOST efficiently run Humanitarian Aid organizations with the majority of MCC workers being volunteers. MCC operates in 60 countries with many programs teaching families to find solutions to poverty by improving agricultural practices. Many other programs deal with providing access to clean water.

-\$20 provides enough seed to plant an acre of pinto beans. \$30 irrigates an acre where a family raises food for 6 months. HOW MANY PEOPLES LIVES CAN YOU CHANGE WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE KS MCC SALE???

"Follow Me"

"Service isn't about being a doormat
but about being a door for joy to walk through."

-Ann Voskamp



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



Who is the Greatest?

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Tabor Mennonite Church

February 24, 2013



**As God's children and the body of Christ,
we are called by God to offer hospitality,
healing and hope in the name of Christ.**

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Gathering

PRELUDE Jerry Toews

WELCOME and INVOCATION Worship Leader, Warren Schmidt
from Psalm 25

Leader: Make me know your ways, O God;
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
**People: for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 37

*PRAYER

Praising

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise, I will praise you, Lord" No. 76

*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS
Children's coin offering for MCC

Receiving

CHILDREN'S STORY Leann Toews

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:30-37 Sheri Schmidt

SERMON "Who is the Greatest?" Doug Krehbiel

Responding

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF RESPONSE "I bind my heart this tide" No. 411

CONFESSION

Leader: Remember your mercy, O Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.

**People: Do not remember my sins;
in your love remember me.**
(silence)

Leader: You relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.

**All: You consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins. Amen.**

ANTHEM "To You I Call" -Dale Grotenhuis Adult Choir

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Sending

*SENDING HYMN "Make me a servant" No. 101CS

*BENEDICTION *from HWB #763*

Leader: We came to worship.

People: We go now to serve.

Leader: We have been given the light.

People: We go now to let it shine.

Leader: We have been blessed by God's love.

People: We go now to share it.

Leader: We are Christ's disciples.

People: We go now to witness to all.

*POSTLUDE



**Come Holy Spirit.
Fill the hearts of thy faithful people
and kindle in us the fire of thy love.**

Today

During the five Sundays of Lent before Holy Week, we will slow down our pace through Mark's Gospel and take time to reflect on Jesus' and the disciple's journey to Jerusalem (Mark 8:27-10:52). As we Journey with Jesus, we will truly learn what it means for him to be Messiah and Son of God (Mark 1:1) as well as what it means for us to be his followers. This morning, we will focus on Jesus' teaching about greatness (Mark 9:30-37). Let us observe carefully how Jesus redefines greatness and what that means for our everyday living.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp, and Michael Unruh. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

Childcare is provided by Sharleen Francis in the nursery during the worship service.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone.

On the table in the foyer are **Prayer Request Cards**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

This Week

Sunday, February 24 - Friday, March 1

MDS Trip to Joplin, MO

Tuesday, February 26

12:00 p.m.—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch at Bethesda Home. *Please sign up.*

Wednesday, February 27

9:00 a.m.—Women's Bible Study. Join us on Feb 20 as we begin a 6 week study on The Last Days of Jesus.

Wednesday Evening Activities

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.—Lent Community Prayers. *See announcement for details.*

6:00 - 6:45 p.m.—Supper ***See Announcement.*** *Sign up for the meal.*

6:30 - 6:45 p.m.—Kids' Movement

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

6:45 - 7:15 p.m.—Sonbeams, Children of Light, Faith Friends (age 3-5)

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.—TMYF

7:15 - 7:45 p.m.—Faith Friends (K-gr. 1)

7:15 - 8:15 p.m.—Faith Adventures, Youth Explorers

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.—Adult Choir

Saturday, March 2

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.—Lent Community Prayers. *See announcement for details.*

Next Sunday, March 3

9:30 a.m.—Next week we continue our journey with Jesus and his disciples toward Jerusalem. Our focus for the morning worship service will be on receiving the Kingdom of God like a little child. Scripture for reflection is Mark 10:13-16. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone.

The Sister Care Sunday School elective for women and "Under Construction: Reforming Men's Spirituality" elective for men will begin. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you will be participating.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on February 17:

- ★ Bill Unruh shared with the congregation that we are inviting Rosie Jantz to candidate for Associate Pastor on March 9 & 10. Praise God for guiding us to this point, and let us continue to pray for God's direction. Pray also for Rosie as she prepares to candidate.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Rosie and the Tabor congregation as we listen to God's leading during this time of discernment.
- ★ The individuals from Tabor who are working in Joplin, MO this week with Mennonite Disaster Service.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, as they commission their new pastors – Rosie Epp and Ray Reimer.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Don and Marie Gaeddert of MMN are building relationships with Chinese students and colleagues through teaching university-level English classes. Pray for them as they continue to adapt to life in China and support believers through attending a local church.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Praise God for the successful educational programs of the Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education office of MEA—Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) and Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary)—and for how they have impacted the church.

Announcements

MCC WaterWorks: \$3,082.60 was collected during the Christmas season through children's story cans, feeding the sheep, and the Christmas Day offering. THANKS to all who gave so generously to provide clean water for people in poverty. The money was sent to MCC for its WaterWorks projects.

New on Tabor's Website: Check out the sermon blog link to participate in conversation based on the week's theme. From the homepage, click on 'Worship' then 'Sunday Morning Worship' then click on the 'sermon blog' link.

Pizza! Since last Wednesday evening activities were cancelled, we'll try again for the Menno Brothers pizza this week Wednesday, February 27. Also on the menu is fresh tossed salad and cookies. Come out and support the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum, who will be serving the meal. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Interested in Praying together this Lenten season? Pastor Phil will be facilitating **community prayer times** during the season of Lent on Wednesday evenings (5:30-6pm) and Saturday afternoons (1-1:30pm). We will be praying together using the Anabaptist Prayer Book: Take Our Moments and Our Days (Volume 2). We will begin this Wednesday evening, February 20. All are welcome. If you are able to purchase your own copy of the prayer book, please do so and bring it with you.

Young Adults: We have a group of young adults at Tabor who have been gathering monthly since October and are interested in hosting a get-together for other young adults in the area. Here are the details:

- What: Potluck Dinner!
- Where: Tabor Mennonite Church
- Who: Post-College, Pre-Family Adults
- When: Saturday, March 9 at 5:30pm

We will need to know how many people plan to attend, so please invite anyone who is interested to RSVP to pschmidt@tabormennonite.org by March 6th. Please bring your own table service and a potluck dish to share. Drinks will be provided. *See posted flyer for more details.*

Mark your calendars ladies - The annual SPRING SUPPER is planned for Thursday, March 21 at Whitestone Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, Hesston. Watch for more information and see the posted flyer.

Marriage Enrichment: We are planning a marriage enrichment retreat for April 19-20. This is an opportunity for all married couples to devote quality time to their marriage. We will spend a night away (location TBD) and have good opportunity for couple discussion. Pastor Phil and Mary will facilitate this weekend. More details to come. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested.

Mennonite Convention in Phoenix: Are you interested in being a Tabor delegate for the Mennonite Convention this summer? The Convention is in Phoenix from July 1-5. Tabor Deacons are willing to cover registration cost (\$199/person) for up to three delegates. Please let pastor Phil know if you are interested.

Time for Basketball: The 2013 WDC Basketball Tournament will be held on the evenings of March 19, 21 and 22 at Bethel College. Registration deadline is March 1. Please contact Phil Unruh if you are interested in playing on Tabor's team.

2013 Directory: Updates for the 2013 Tabor Church Directory are due on March 12. If you would like to have your cell phone number listed, please let Kim know. Email: kfunk@tabormennonite.org, or place in secretaries mailbox.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

February 17, 2013

Offering	=	\$ 4,256.87	Attendance	=	218
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 52.54	Attendance	=	88
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 16.08	Attendance	=	33