

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## LIVING INK: TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF

As we turn over the page of each chapter in the grand covenant narrative, we find ourselves invited to “re-turn” to the open arms of Christ and his ways, and to experience his good news of reconciliation.

### GATHERING, CONFESSING, AND RECONCILING

PRELUDE	Youth Group
*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP	Justice Johnson
*GATHERING PRAYER	
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>“Here in this place”</i> No. 6
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION	No. 693
*WORDS AND HYMN OF ASSURANCE	<i>“Amazing Grace!”</i> ~v. 1 No. 143
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS	

### PROCLAIMING GOD’S STORY

WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>“Blessed be your name”</i>	Youth Group
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32</i>	Karina Brandt Drew Goerzen, Jordan Griffin
The Word of God for the people of God ~ <i>Thanks be to God!</i>		
CHILDREN’S STORY	Audessi Unruh and Destiny Johnson	
SERMON	Matt Regier	
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>“Come, thou fount”</i> -vv. 1 & 2	No. 521
SERMON	Luke Unruh	

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S STORY

HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>“Far, far away from my loving father”</i>	No. 139
-vv. 1, 3, 5 ending with refrain		
RITUAL OF RESPONSE	Josh Schmidt	
OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS		
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER	Olivia Duerksen Pastor Katherine Goerzen	

## SENDING

*SENDING HYMN	<i>“Pass it on”</i>	No. 129CS
*BENEDICTION	Josh Schmidt	
*POSTLUDE	Josh Schmidt and Luke Unruh	

## Today

Today is Youth Sunday. A special thanks to our youth for sharing their gifts in worship this morning.

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Bob and Erlene Unruh and Duane and Sharon Adrian. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, as well as a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Sharleen Francis.

In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are a visitor to Tabor, please fill out a **Welcome Card** and return it in the offering bag. If you have a prayer request or praise item, please fill out a **Prayer Request Card** and return to a Pastor's mailbox.

**11:00 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone.

**11:45 p.m.**—Jr. High Camp WaShunga Community Fundraiser at the Goessel High School cafeteria.

**4:00 p.m.**—Pi Faspa

**6:00 p.m.**—Catechism class will meet

## This Week

### Monday, March 7

**7:00 p.m.**—Tabor Mennonite Women: Exchange Students and dessert

### Monday, March 7 - Wednesday, March 9

Comforter Blitz at Journey of Yoder

### Tuesday, March 8

**10:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting

**7:00 p.m.**—Library Committee meeting

### Wednesday, March 9

**Wednesday Evening Activities**

### Thursday, March 10

**7:00 p.m.**—Christian Education meeting

—Tabor program at Bethesda

## Next Sunday, March 13

*Daylight Savings time begins. Move your clocks forward.*

**9:15 a.m.**—Prelude

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. The theme is “Living Ink: An Unexpected Twist.” Scriptures are Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8 and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

**10:45 a.m.**—Fellowship Time

**11:00 a.m.**—Faith Formation for everyone

**12:00 p.m.**—MCC Fellowship Meal

**4:00 p.m.**—Tabor leads chapel at Bethesda

## Prayer Requests

*The following requests were shared on Sunday, February 28.*

- ★ Barb extended a special welcome to the Goessel High School FFA Chapter and thanked God for the many ways that they do service in and outside of the community. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Janna shared about conversations she had on Friday with students who had parents that worked at Excel. She heard stories of panic, relief, grief, and many more emotions. She shared some words of comfort from Isaiah 55:6-7 and Psalm 63:7-8. She invited us to continue praying for comfort and healing to all individuals and families impacted by the shootings at Excel. May God's right hand uphold them all.
- ★ Pastor Phil also invited the congregation to continue praying for everyone impacted by the shootings at Hesston, including Tabor people that work at Excel, family and friends of those who were killed (Josh Higbee, Brian Sadowsky, Renee Benjamin, and Cedric Ford), those who were injured in the shootings as well as their family and friends, those who were on the scene as first responders (including Hesston Police Chief Doug Schroeder), and many others in the community impacted by this terrible tragedy. For God's love that casts out fear, Lord, hear our prayer. For God's peace that passes all understanding, Lord, hear our prayer. For God's comfort, healing, and grace, Lord, hear our prayer. Please contact a pastor or deacon if you would like to process the Hesston tragedy and pray together. You are welcome to come to church anytime to pray before the cross in the sanctuary.
- ★ *Caring Quilt Locations:* The caring quilt is with Elaine Unruh. The children's quilt is home.

## Dates to Remember:

March 17: *Stories and Stuff*

-Mennonite Women Spring Supper at Whitestone Mennonite Church

March 19: Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum Heritage Dinner

March 20: Palm Sunday

March 24: Maundy Thursday--Holy Week Service at Tabor, Communion

March 26: Easter Egg Hunt in the park

March 27: Easter Sunday--Breakfast & Worship, Communion

April 6: Pine Car Derby

April 8-9: KS MCC Relief Sale

April 24: Fellowship Event--Progressive Dinner

April 25: Tabor Mennonite Women Salad Supper

May 1: Membership Meal

May 8: Child Dedications

May 15: Pentecost--Baptisms, welcoming new members and Communion

## OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

**February 28, 2016**

Offering	= \$ 4,246.00	Attendance	= 167
Adult S.S.	= \$ 57.00	Attendance	= 52
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 13.89	Attendance	= 36

***Announcements and conference prayer requests are on the announcements page, which was either emailed to you or can be found in your church mailbox. Additional copies can be found in the literature rack.***



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Prelude: 9:15am      Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am      Faith Formation: 10:45am

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