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The Bible and Our Bodies: Adopted Into God's Family

Jesus said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." John's prologue proclaims that "all who receive Jesus and all who pledge their allegiance to him are given power to become children of God." We are all adopted into God's family. All are welcome as beloved brothers and sisters in Christ.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Russell Adrian

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP Michael Unruh

INTROIT "The journey is our home" -Pote Adult Choir

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING HYMN "Brethren, we have met to worship" No. 8

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Hallelujah! we sing your praises!" No. 88 STJ

*PASSING THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you ~ **and also with you.**

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING

HYMN "God's family" No. 112 CS

CHILDREN'S STORY Kristin Unruh

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3: 12-17 Venita Schroeder

WORSHIP ANTHEM "Peace be in you" -Pote Adult Choir
-based on Colossians 3: 13-17 flute: Kristin Unruh

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1: 3-14 Pastor Phil Schmidt
Mark 3: 31-35 Venita Schroeder

The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Adopted for a purpose: Doing God's Will" Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

HYMN OF RESPONSE "We are people of God's peace" No. 407

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN "We will walk with God" No. 78 STJ

*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Phil and Sarahanne Unruh and family and Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp. *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 Krista Graber.

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.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

11:45 a.m.—We ♥ Grace potluck. Come to the fellowship hall to celebrate with Grace.

This Week

Monday, February 13

7:00 p.m.—Tabor Mennonite Women meet to hear from Exchange Students.

Tuesday, February 14

9:00 a.m.—Staff meeting at MCC Center to join in letter writing/assembling prisoner care kits.

Wednesday, February 15

Wednesday Evening Ministries

5:45 - 6:30 p.m.—Supper. *Please sign up.*

—TMYF will be assembling College Student Care Packages.

—Adult Bible Study participants read Micah in preparation.

See bulletin board for full schedule.

Thursday, February 16

Newsletter items are due

10:00 a.m.—Stories and Stuff

Friday, February 17 - Sunday, February 19

AVDS at Hesston College

Next Sunday, February 19

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is our annual Ministry Storytelling Sunday. During the worship service, representatives from each of our church commissions will share about how they have seen God at work in the past year as well as what hopes they have for 2017. We will also celebrate Communion.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone.

11:45 a.m.—TMYF Fundraise meal. Everyone is welcome! Donations are for the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando, FL. Thanks for your support!

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, February 5.

- ★ Anna Unruh shared a praise for the Jr. High students who attended the area wide "Know Jesus" event at Hesston College. Thanks be to God for this opportunity to learn to know Jesus in meaningful, fun and exciting ways.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ *Caring Quilt locations:* The caring quilts are home.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Grace Regier and her many years of service as church custodian at Tabor. Thanks be to God!

Dates to Remember:

February 25: Women's Retreat in Goessel
 March 5: Camp WaShunGa fundraiser meal
 March 12: Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Fellowship Meal
 April 7-8: Mid Kansas MCC Sale
 April 16: Easter Sunday
 April 23: Child Dedications
 April 21-23: Community Renewal with Bryan Moyer Suderman
 July 4-8: Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando, FL

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE February 5, 2017

Offering = \$ 4,636.00	Attendance = 143
Adult F.F. = \$ 32.00	Attendance = 67
Jr. F.F. = \$ 10.06	Attendance = 36

Wednesday Evening, February 8
 Attendance = 121

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.

Questions for Reflection : The Church as God's Family

- What stood out to you from the Scripture passages this morning? What struck you? What questions were raised? What new insights did you gain from hearing them in the context of the church as God's Family?
- What do Jesus' words "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" mean for you? For Tabor? For the global Church?
- What does it mean to "do the will of God"?
- How does the New Testament imagery of adoption (see Eph. 1:5; Rom. 8:15, 23; Rom. 9:4; Gal. 4:5) speak to you? Are there new insights that this provides for our faith journey?
- How does our experience with our own families (both the baggage and conflicts as well as the acceptance and nurturing we have received) add to or hinder our understanding of the church as family?
- What prevents us from seeing everyone in the pews as our brothers and sisters? What prevents us from seeing those from different denominations as our brothers and sisters? What prevents us from seeing people from different ethnicities and nationalities as our brothers and sisters?
- What do we need to let go of in order to see *all* who follow Christ as our brothers and sisters?
- What would change if we truly saw the church as our family?
- What are your responses to this series on healthy sexuality? What was meaningful? What raised questions for you? Are there things that you wish would have been addressed that weren't? What have you been pondering throughout this series? What new insights have emerged?
- How has this series impacted your understanding of yourself, the mission of the church, and the culture around us?



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