

Tabor Mennonite Church

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First Sunday in Lent

Planks and Stones

When we judge others, we are only a stone's throw away from judgment ourselves. Time after time, in situations where judgment and punishment would have been expected, Jesus instead offered forgiveness and love.



GATHERING AND PRAISING

- PRELUDE Jerry Toews
- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jason Unruh
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- INTROIT *"How Great, Almighty, is Thy Kindness"* -arr. Lundquist Adult Choir
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *from Romans 14 & 15*
- *GATHERING HYMN *"There's a wideness in God's mercy"* No. 145
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAYER *"Help us to help each other"* No. 362
- *PASSING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
Coins for MCC Relief Sale, Items for MCC Relief Kits

PROCLAIMING

- CHILDREN'S STORY Jill Litwiller
- CHORAL ANTHEM *"There is an Everlasting Kindness"* Adult Choir
-Getty, arr. Shackley Pennywhistle, Emil Schmidt
- SCRIPTURE DRAMA *Luke 6: 37-42* Kevin Nickel, Gayle Funk,
Kristin Schmidt, Denise Nickel, Carol Duerksen
- SCRIPTURE READING *John 8: 2-11* Ron Schroeder
Sharleen Francis
- The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**
- SERMON *"Planks and Stones"* Pastor Katherine Goerzen

RESPONDING

- *HYMN OF PRAYER *"Jesus, help us live in peace"* No. 52 STJ
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Phil Schmidt

SENDING

*SENDING SONG

"Together"

Screens

*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 Brent and Pam Abrahams and family and Bruce and Nancy Funk. *A special welcome is extended to all visitors.*

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, and a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Pamela Abrahams and Justice Johnson.

In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are visiting 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.

3:00 p.m.—Olympic Couple's Competition.

This Week

Sunday, February 18 - Tuesday, February 20

Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter

Tuesday, February 20

9:15 a.m.—Community Prayer **10:00 a.m.**—Staff meeting

Wednesday, February 21

2:00 - 6:00 p.m.—Red Cross blood drive at Goessel Church

Wednesday Evening Ministries

Thursday, February 22

Newsletter items are due

Friday, February 23 - Sunday February 25

AVDS at Hesston College

Next Sunday, February 25

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is the Second Sunday in Lent and we will continue our worship series focused on "The Upside Down King." The theme will be "Don't Keep the Faith". Scripture focus will be Luke 8:16-39, 10:1-16, and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

We are collecting items for MCC relief kits during the season of Lent. Feb. 25: 4 adult size toothbrushes and 2 wide-tooth combs (6-8 inches).

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

11:45 a.m.—MCC Fellowship Meal.

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on February 11.

- ★ Jason was grateful for the opportunity to have Brenda Yoder from Dove's Nest come and speak to children, youth, and adults from our congregation. Thanks be to God for the sharing and learning that took place! He also encouraged people who struggle with sexual addictions to seek out a pastor or trusted friend who can help provide accountability. Lord, hear our prayer for peace and healing for all whose lives are affected by pornography and sex trafficking.
- ★ Josh requested prayers for a friend of his who had to drop out of college because of a death in the family; he is now helping with the family farm. Lord, hear our prayers for peace as he mourns the loss of his grandfather and as he mourns the loss of his friends and education; grant guidance and support as he transitions and as he begins to pay back his student loans.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Karina, as she continues to serve with Mennonite Mission Network Journey International in Ecuador.
- ★ All who are recovering from flu and other illness, surgery, or grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Those impacted by the school shooting in Florida this past week and the violence taking place around the country and world. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Caring Quilt Locations: The caring quilts are home.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The strong vote of affirmation to move forward with the next phase in the facilities process. Thanks be to God! For grace to do so with wisdom and faith, Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ The appointment of Glen Guyton to serve as the next Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA. Glen says, "I look forward to working with our conferences and congregations to help them live out their witness in their context in new and creative ways." Thanks be to God!

Dates to Remember:

March 3: TMW project day for MCC	March 15: WDC Women's Spring Supper
March 4: WaShunGa fundraiser meal	March 18: Palm Sunday observed
March 5-7: MCC Comforter Blitz	March 25: Passion Sunday, Communion Tabor leads chapel at Kidron Bethel
March 8: Tabor program at Bethesda	March 28: Holy Week Meal and Service
March 11: Tabor leads chapel at Bethesda	April 1: Easter Sunday Breakfast and Worship
Daylight savings time begins	



GOAL = \$1,000,000

Committed = \$909,981

\$90,019 Still Needed

This week's receipts:

New Contributions = \$500

Funds for pledge fulfillment = \$100

Tabor Trustees, Remaining HVAC Fund = \$770

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE February 11, 2018

Offering	= \$ 3,691.35	Attendance	= 183
Adult F.F.	= \$ 27.00	Attendance	= 50
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 11.64	Attendance	= 38



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Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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