



Sunday Worship Themes

February 4 - Upside Down King:

Upside Down

Luke 5:27-39

Pastor Phil preaching

February 11 - Upside Down King:

Youth Sunday, Elbiata Singers

Luke 6:20-36

Pastor Katherine preaching

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

February 18 - Upside Down King:

(Lent 1) Planks and Stones

Luke 6:37-42

John 8:2-11

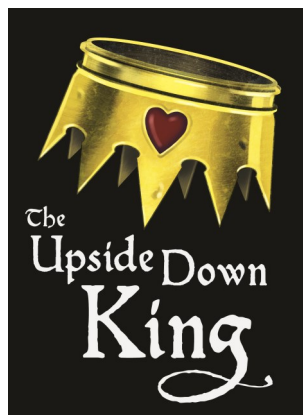
Pastor Katherine preaching

February 25 - Upside Down King:

(Lent 2) Don't Keep the Faith

Luke 8:26-39; 10:1-16

Pastor Phil preaching



Tabor Church News

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Katherine's Candor

For this Lenten season, we are blessed with the opportunity to continue making our way through the Gospel of Luke, following the way and the life of our Upside Down King. We will continue to use Carol Duerksen's curriculum for our worship series, which is based on the musical she wrote with Doug and Jude Krehbiel.

- Lent will begin with an Ash Wednesday service on February 14 from 6:30-6:45pm, reminding us that God so loved the world, that God sent the only begotten Son so that the world might be saved through him.
- Sunday, February 18 will focus on Luke 6:37-42 and John 8:2-11, reminding us that when we judge others, we are only a stone's throw away from judgment ourselves.
- Sunday, February 25 will focus on Luke 8:26-39 and 10:1-16, which speak of healing, casting out demons, and Jesus' holistic message of inner peace as well as our call to be peacemakers.
- Sunday, March 4 will focus on Luke 11:1-4 and Matthew 6:9-13. This Sunday will focus on the Lord's Prayer. May God's will indeed be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- Sunday, March 11 will focus on Luke 12:13-34, reminding us that, though today may be filled with anxiety, God is still ultimately in control. May we store up for ourselves the treasures of the kingdom, which will never be taken away from us.
- Sunday, March 18, we will remember and celebrate Palm Sunday one Sunday early (so that we can focus on Jesus' passion the following week). The text will be Luke 19:28-40. This triumphal entry reminds us that Jesus is a different type of king, one who comes to us riding on a donkey (and a borrowed one at that) rather than riding on a magnificent war horse.
- Sunday, March 25 will focus on Jesus' passion found in Luke 22 and 23. It is a story of trauma, torture, temptation, and terrifying loss. Yet Jesus remains faithful to the ways of God's kingdom, even though it comes at a tremendous cost.
- On Wednesday of Holy Week we will celebrate a traditional Seder service, one that would have been similar to the one that Jesus would have shared with his disciples in the upper room before his trial and crucifixion. Please be sure to look for more details as Holy Week draws nearer.

During Lent, we remember and proclaim again the life, passion, and death of our King. We will have many opportunities to reflect upon whether we, like the crowds or some of the disciples, will be drawn away by the professed safety, comfort, and abundance of the empire. Or, will we, like others of the disciples, follow the upside down ways of our King until the very end?

~Pastor Katherine



Tabor Mennonite Women

About 100 women attended the TMW Christmas brunch on Dec. 9. A group of ladies, (Dora Goerzen, Lois Voth, Sharon Unruh and Ilona Abrahams) that meet on a regular basis, had the theme of "service" this past year and they provided decorations and the delicious brunch. Marcene and Karen Andres provided the program, sharing a skit they wrote about two sisters who didn't get along, but met after their mother died to divide the Christmas ornaments that she had left for them. Sharing what they remembered of her special Christmas ornaments bridged a gap that they had for many years. They also shared several piano duets and in their usual manor incorporated humor, too! Their delightful presentation of the children's story, Jeanette Isabella, was written by Karen.

Submitted by Denise Nickel



**OLYMPIC COUPLE'S
COMPETITION**

Sunday, February 18, 3-5 pm
Tabor Church Fellowship Hall

**Olympic style
minute-to-win-it games!**

Sign up on the bulletin board

**Olympic medals awarded
for each event!**

Childcare provided

Phil's Ponderings:


Tabor Church Family,

Thank you to everyone who participated actively in our Congregational consensus-building conversation¹ this past Sunday! Throughout our time together, we listened well to one another, we laughed together, we shared affirmations and hopes as well as concerns. In the end, we reached an overwhelming consensus to move forward with the next phase of the building project. Pastor Katherine and I are honored to be two of your pastors and it was a joy for us to help facilitate this time of conversation and discernment.

Following is a brief summary of our meeting, including what was presented, a tally of responses, a summary of affirmations and concerns that were shared, and the next steps in the process:

Presentations

Following a prayer walk around the proposed new building space, we gathered in the Fellowship Hall around 12 round tables. Jim Schmidt called the meeting to order and welcomed presenters from the Finance and Facilities Task Forces forward. First, Carol Duerksen reminded us of the process we have gone through over the past years and months to get to where we are today. Next, Lewis Unruh highlighted our current financial situation related to the fund-raising campaign. Third, Kenton Nickel described the building plan, referencing the handout on each table. Finally, Myron Voth described the details for borrowing the remainder of the money needed for construction. After these presentations, on behalf of the Finance and Facilities Task Forces, Myron recommended that we move forward with construction by giving Max Fuqua the green light², acknowledging that this means we will likely need to take out a loan of \$400,000 or less. At this point, I introduced the consensus conversation by referencing the slip of paper with an upside down stoplight on it. I invited each table group to check for consensus on the proposed direction by going around the table and having each individual respond with "Green light," "Yellow light," or "Red light" and also give their reasons for why they picked that color.

	3. "Green Light"	Yes, I support the proposal.
	2. "Yellow Light"	Yes, I can support the proposal, although I have some concerns.
	1. "Red Light"	No, I cannot support the proposal.

Tally & Responses:

After table groups heard from each individual at their table, we collected the following tally: 80 green, 17 yellow, 2 red. This indicates almost 98% consensus to move forward!

There were a variety of written and verbal responses shared. Yellow and Red light concerns included: the impact that a large loan will have on our unified budget, uncertainty if we can sustain higher giving levels, the reality that some people have given all that they can, church attendance, the desire to pay more attention to the struggles and needs in the world, and the hope that we could finish raising the money first before building. Green light affirmations included: it's time to move forward, we have a need for additional space, a delay could break momentum, building will benefit the future of Tabor, trusting that the rest of the money will come in, and continued excitement for new opportunities and possibilities that this building will bring.

¹Say that 5 times fast!
²After we give Max the green light, it will likely be about 6 months before construction begins.

Next Steps:

Next steps in the process include:

- The Finance and Facilities Task Forces met on Thursday, February 1 to draft a recommendation to bring to Church Council.
- Church Council will meet on Monday, February 5 to receive the recommendation, draft a motion that will be brought to congregational vote on February 11, and begin discussing implications for moving forward with construction in 2018.
- We will have a congregational vote of affirmation on Sunday, February 11 following the worship service that morning. While the consensus conversation indicated our congregation's strong desire to move forward, the vote will be the official decision to move forward and give Max Fuqua the green light.

I want to extend my thanks once again to everyone who participated in this meeting. It is a true joy to be able to enter into respectful conversation together: a true community-building exercise! It was also amazing to acknowledge significant concerns while also seeing a clear and overwhelming consensus for moving forward. May God's Spirit continue to lead and direct us as we journey forward in this process and as we all journey forward in faithfully following Jesus.

~Peace, Pastor Phil



Becoming an effective change agent is why you should attend Anabaptist Vision & Discipleship Series (AVDS) February 23-25, at Hesston College. You might ask, what can one person do to stand against "the troubles of this

world"? The challenges are monumental and endless: economic injustice, gender inequity and racism. AVDS will explore this question and work towards answers. You can find or create a small group that shares your passion and begin learning strategies for fighting injustice with others in your congregation and community.

Conference partners, Dr. Drew G.I. Hart and Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) faculty, will set the stage for our work together. Then, in small, powerful Change Agent groups, participants can engage each other to develop meaningful responses and strategies for change. Saturday Change Agent groups will examine the competencies and listen to the words of Jesus led by Wichita area pastors Kevass Harding and Lois Harder, Hesston Bible professor Michele Hershberger and Dr. Hart.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Cost is \$75, but the deacons will help offset registration costs. Watch the bulletin for more info.

Karina Brandt: Journey International

Last week, the two Journey International teams from Ecuador and Peru met with Linda Shelly from MMN. They had a retreat in a village near Quito. This week, they are back to work at the church. Karina's work in Quito centers around helping refugees obtain resources like food, language help, school supplies and other items like clothing and housewares. Many of these families have left their home quickly and take nothing with them. They arrive from Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Columbia and many other countries. They are not used to the cooler temps in the higher altitude of Quito. Temps are very mild most of the time (50s-70s) so most homes have no air conditioning or heating.

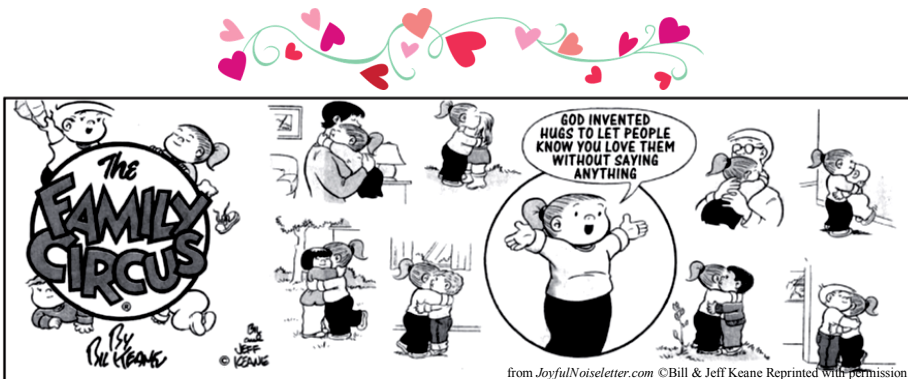
In February, Tabor will be collecting jackets for the program to give to the refugees. This could be a windbreaker, fleece pullover, light sweater or thick flannel shirt or jacket (not winter coats); we can send nice used jackets from a thrift store or new or even some your kids have outgrown. Kids sizes are most needed since they get mostly adult items donated. Other suggestions are brightly colored and size adult large or smaller. You can put them in a large box in the library at church. There will also be a collection box for any money you want to donate to help cover extra shipping costs. Eric, Jill and Emily will be taking them in extra checked baggage when they visit at the end of March.

-Jill Litwiller

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MCC Relief Kits

Throughout Lent, we will be collecting supplies for relief kits for MCC during our Sunday morning offering time. Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. Shopping lists will be in mailboxes.





TABOR CHURCH CALENDAR

				1 12 pm Newton Lunch Bunch	2	3 6-8pm Living in a Porn Filled Culture: Education with Brenda Yoder
4 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am FF Adults: Brenda Yoder 11:45 am: Potluck	5 7pm Church Council	6	7 Wednesday Evening Activities	8	9	10
11 9:30am Worship Youth Sunday 10:45 am Facilities Vote; FF 11:45: TMYF fundraiser meal	12 7 pm TMW Exchange Student Program	13 9:15 am Community Prayer 10 am Staff Meeting	14 Ash Wednesday Service and Evening Activities	15 10 am Stories & Stuff	16	17
18 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Faith Formation 3-5pm Fellowship Event	19	20 9:15 am Community Prayer 10 am Staff Meeting	21 Wednesday Evening Activities	22 Newsletter Items Due	23	24
25 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am: FF 11:45 am: MCC Fellowship Meal	26	27 9:15 am Prayer 10 am Staff Mtg 11:30 am Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch	28 Wednesday Evening Activities			

Tabor Serves at New Hope Shelter

AVDS at Hesston College



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| 1 - LeRoy Goertzen
Justin Graber | 20 - Jessica Wulf
Adriana Duerksen |
| 2 - Stan Schmidt
Dora Unruh | 21 - Barb Abrahams
David Wedel |
| 3 - Roman Chiappetti | 22 - Chris Schmidt
Van Schmidt |
| 4 - Leah Unruh | 23 - Tara Duerksen
Nancy Ediger |
| 6 - Richard Voth | Tara Coopridner,
Jerry Graber |
| 9 - Jerry Voth | Carol Schroeder |
| 10 - Christian Graber
Vatiken Unruh | Laura Goerzen |
| 13 - Erica Stoltzfus | 24 - Lynette Johnston |
| 14 - Dwight Schmidt | 25 - Jenny Goertzen
Emma Coopridner |
| 16 - Rodney Franz | 26 - Dora Goerzen |
| 17 - Katherine Goerzen
Isabelle Alderfer | 27 - Mae Frey
Andrew Seibel |
| 18 - Kristin Schmidt
Sharon Unruh
Austin Hiebert
Aubrielle Francis
Lydia Nickel | 28 - Marcene Entz
Stanley Ediger
Kindra Goertzen |
| 19 - Kevin Nickel | |

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| Fred & Brenda Schmidt | February 3, | 45 yrs. |
| Richard & Sharon Schroeder | February 21, | 48 yrs. |
| Patty Wiens & Tim Bechtle | February 23, | 36 yrs. |
| Elmer & Lynne Voth | February 26, | 41 yrs. |

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings, 8am.