



Sunday Worship Themes

March 4 - Upside Down King, Lent 3:

Layers of the Lord's Prayer

Luke 11:1-4

Pastor Phil preaching

March 11 - Upside Down King, Lent 4:

No Worries!

Luke 12:13-34

Pastor Rosie preaching

March 18 -Upside Down King,

Lent 5 / Palm Sunday:

Marvelous in Our Eyes

Luke 19:28-40

Pastor Phil preaching

March 25 -Upside Down King,

Lent 6 / Passion Sunday:

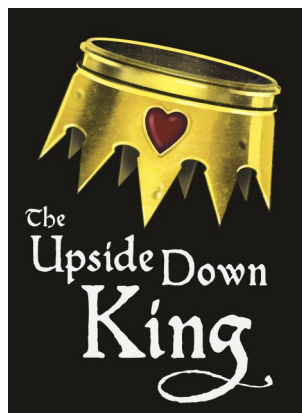
Communion

My Believer Was Broken

Luke 22-23

Pastor Katherine preaching

March 28 -Holy Week Meal and Service



Tabor Church News

March, 2018

Katherine's Candor

I had the opportunity to attend the Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series at Hesston College this past weekend. The topic was "Before the Unthinkable Happens: Confronting Our Role in Injustice." The keynote speakers were Adrien Roberson (Faculty from the Kansas Leadership Center) and Drew G. I. Hart (if you haven't yet read his book *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Sees Racism*, I would highly recommend this timely resource).

I especially appreciated seeing the Kansas Leadership Center methods combined with Scripture, as each KLC competency was paired with a sermon. Following each sermon, we discussed in table groups how we can begin to apply these leadership methods in a way that is in keeping with God's Kingdom to address different forms of injustice that we encounter on a regular basis (such as racial injustice, gender injustice, and economic disparities). These round table discussions, where we were able to share openly about our frustrations and hopes with people representing different age groups, life experiences, and congregations, again reminded me of how glad I am that we at Tabor are developing a culture to share openly with one another in a similar fashion. We may not agree on everything, but we are willing to sit down with one another to listen and to share our own stories. This gives me great hope.

But I wonder about next steps. Confronting injustice (especially as it pertains to race, gender, and economics) is tremendously important to me, but I wonder to what extent this plays out in my day-to-day living. Can people tell by watching me that my actions are in keeping with the words I preach on Sunday mornings? How much of my comfortable, middle-class lifestyle am I willing to give up in order to more completely live out my longing for justice in the land? What am I willing to lose for the sake of the Gospel?

Clearly justice is important to us as a congregation as well. What are ways that we can build upon our conversations and seek to empower each other to live these out on a daily basis? What are others saying about us and our life together? In what ways are we as a congregation confronting injustices within our own communities in ways that are meaningful and that provide a witness to God's Kingdom?

God, grant us strength and creativity to live the words we say, to have compassion for the people who are especially dear to your heart, and to live out the justice of your upside down kingdom. Amen.

~Pastor Katherine



Tabor Mennonite Women

Over 20 Tabor Mennonite Women were delightfully entertained at our Feb. 19 program by Carol Duerksen and exchange students. The exchange students Steffen, Marina, Angels, Luka, and Juan, reigning from the countries of Spain and Germany, shared stories about their homeland and their adjustments and experiences in the States. Some new experiences they shared included: trying the interesting combination of a peanut butter/jelly sandwich, participating in school sports, enjoying their family members, and being whisked away on a family outing within just hours of arriving in the States. Thank you, Carol, for this ministry which makes it possible for so many young people to be able to have a cultural experience and for those of us in the community who benefit from them being here.

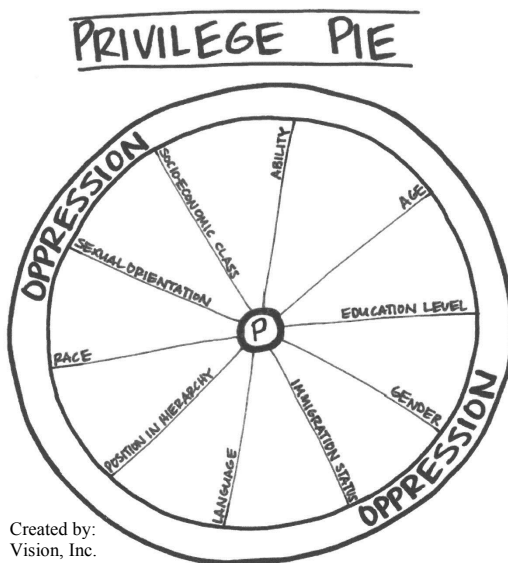
We look forward to our Project work time on Sat., March 3 tying comforters and making other items to be sold at the MCC Sale.

-Denise Nickel, reporting



Phil's Ponderings: "Privilege Pie"

I am currently in the middle of an online class entitled "Power Dynamics and Culturally Aware Coaching." This class is a follow-up coaching class to the training I did last September at the Kansas Leadership Center. The threefold focus of this class is 1) to become more self aware of privilege and power dynamics in my life and in the world around me, 2) to gain more knowledge about privilege and power dynamics and the systems behind them, and 3) to learn new skills to address privilege and power dynamics in positive and productive ways. As I journey through this class, I am finding myself challenged to learn and grow. One of the exercises we did in preparation for one of the class sessions was called "Privilege Pie" (see graphic below). Each piece of pie represents a different area of privilege in society. The more privilege one has, the closer they are to the center of the pie. The less privilege one has, the closer to the crust of "oppression." Privilege represents "unearned benefit." In other words, as defined in our class, "privilege provides freedoms, favors, benefits, opportunities, advantages, immunities, and exemptions from a liability or duty that are not available to all people." As I looked at the "privilege pie," I recognized that I am near the center of privilege in each slice. I have a lot of "unearned benefit" in society. I'm enjoying a lot of pie that I did nothing to earn. What about you? How much privilege do you have? How much privilege pie do you enjoy?



Many of us at Tabor Mennonite have a lot of privilege in society. We have a lot of "unearned benefit." Our first step is recognizing the privilege that we have (self-awareness). Our second step is learning more about privilege and power dynamics in society (knowledge). And our third step, if we dare to take it, is to practice (skills) new ways of using privilege not just for our own benefit, but rather for the benefit of others, especially those who have much less privilege in society. After all, as witnessed by the Gospel of

Luke, this is exactly the kind of ministry Jesus practiced throughout his life. Furthermore, this is exactly the kind of ministry that Jesus calls us into if we are willing to respond faithfully to his call to follow him and to be sent by him into the world.

Sisters and brothers, as we seek be faithful to Jesus and his call in our lives, 1) may we all become more self-aware of our own privilege, 2) may we all seek to learn more about privilege and power in society, and 3) may we all seek to practice new skills for the purpose of sharing our "privilege pie" more freely with the world.

~Pastor Phil

A Letter

January 27, 2018

To my Tabor Church family as well as MANY other friends,

I want to write a brief letter to you and tell you how I appreciate you so much. It was a privilege to have many brief visits with Rev. Richert and later Rev. H.B. Schmidt who had been my teacher in the Sand Creek school. I cherish friendships very much even if I have not been able to attend personally. I am now 95 years old and soon move to HEAVEN!! Since Rev. Richert was in the hospital and Goessel Nursing Home for many years, I visited with him many times. One time when I was there he dictated a sermon to me and Rev. Schmidt read it to us in church on a Sunday morning after that.

I have been here at Bethesda Home several years. I can't walk, I use my wheelchair. Yes, I am Very grateful. I seldom have pain. I ride round in that building some every day. I can read some but not long at one time. The church newsletter and other papers are brought to me usually by Kim Funk, as she passes through Goessel when she goes to church. So I give my love and best wishes to ALL my friends everywhere. Yes. I would enjoy your visits.

I am your friend,
Helen Schmidt



Pastor / Congregational Review

As outlined in the Tabor Church bylaws, it is almost time for our congregation to begin our pastor / congregation review for all three pastors. Rather than doing three separate review processes, Tabor Deacons have affirmed doing one review process for all three pastors and the congregation. Jim Stucky, from Western District Conference, is serving as our review consultant and will assist us throughout the review process. Jim will be present with us during worship on Sunday, April 8, to introduce the process, which will take place throughout April. Following the review process, votes of affirmation will take place for each pastor.

Please watch for further information this spring.

-Tabor Deacons

Karina Brandt: Journey International

From Karina:

This week we have assisted 81 refugees (a normal week for us), most of whom need jackets and coats. Some of them come in wearing flip flops, shorts, t-shirts and almost all of them come in without jackets or coats. We offer each person to get up to 5 pieces of clothing but we don't get a lot of warm clothes donations. These are a very necessary things. It's not quite as cold as I have heard it is in Kansas right now, but it can get pretty chilly in the evenings and when it rains. And none of the houses here have heating.

Tabor is 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 suitcase in the library at church. There is also a collection box for any money you want to donate to help cover extra shipping costs. Eric, Jill and Emily will be taking the donations in extra checked baggage when they visit at the end of March.





TABOR CHURCH CALENDAR

				1 Pastor Rosie returns from Sabbatical 12 pm Newton Lunch Bunch	2	3
4 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am FF Noon: Camp WaShunGa Fundraiser Meal	5	6 9:15 am Community Prayer 10 am Staff Mtg	7 Wednesday Evening Activities	8 7pm Tabor Program @ Bethesda	9	10
← MCC Comforter Blitz @ Yoder →						
11 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am FF Tabor Chapels: 11am@ Bethesda 3pm@ Kidron/Bethel	12	13 9:15 am Community Prayer 10 am Staff Mtg 7pm Deacon Meeting	14 Wednesday Evening Activities	15 10 am Stories & Stuff WDC Spring Supper	16	17
18 <i>Palm Sunday Observed</i> 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am FF	19	20 9:15 am Community Prayer 10 am Staff Mtg	21 No Wednesday Evening Activities	22 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	23	24
25 <i>Passion Sun. Communion</i> 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am FF	26	27 9:15 am Prayer 10 am Staff Mtg 11:30 am Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch 7 pm Worship Planning Team	28 6 pm Holy Week Meal and Service	29 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	30 <i>Good Friday</i>	31



1 - Richard Johnston
Tayler Buller
Taylor Hall
3 - Melissa Kalinoff
6 - Jerol Schmidt
Keri Unruh
8 - Sandra Duerksen
Austin Unruh
Eve Buller
9 - Kristie Diller
Brenda Buller
10 - Susan Merrifield
Josephine Unruh
12 - Kathryn Smith Derksen
13 - Dana Gleason
Evelyn Schmidt
16 - Duane Duerksen

17 - Nicholas Johnson
19 - Carol Duerksen
Eva Pankratz
20 - Eileen Schmidt
21 - Elaina Graber
Miles Lafferty
22 - Delaney Duerksen
24 - Samantha Haxton
25 - Norma Graber
Laura Unrau
26 - Lee Hiebert
27 - Boyd Unruh
28 - Lynne Voth
Jonathan Ens
30 - Sophia Goerzen
Sawyer Unruh
31 - Norah Schmidt

Russ & Sandra Duerksen March 7, 31 yrs.
Londell & LeNora Duerksen March 13, 42 yrs.
LeRoy & Alice Funk March 16, 70 yrs.
Darren "DJ" & Lisa Schmidt March 26, 7 yrs.
Bruce & Eileen Schmidt March 29, 49 yrs.



Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings, 8am.