

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### “Stories that Stick” Hope

This week we are focusing on the theme of hope as we reflect on a couple of Jesus’ parables about the Reign of God. Even when hope seems elusive, God is always working to infiltrate the world with love and justice and set all things right.

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Mark Schmidt
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Leann Toews
GATHERING HYMN	<i>“What Is the World Like”</i> --vs. 1, 2, 5	No. 298 <i>Voices Together</i>
CHILDREN’S STORY		Sheri Schmidt
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 13:18-21</i> <i>The Word of God for the people of God ~</i> <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	Janna Duerksen
SERMON	<i>“It’s the Little Things”</i>	Pastor Phil Schmidt
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>“Seeds Sending Song”</i>	No. 777 <i>Voices Together</i>
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER		
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
SENDING HYMN	<i>“My Hope is Built”</i> --vs. 1 & 2	No. 621 <i>Voices Together</i>
BENEDICTION		

*Words for hymns in bulletin*

## Sunday, February 7

Come together in spirit to worship God and experience God’s love. As we unite our hearts, may we be mindful of God’s saving grace, especially as we face difficult circumstances through uncertain times.

### Faith Formation

**9:00 am:** Sharing and breakout rooms via Zoom.

Zoom connection information is below.

-Click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7022907372?pwd=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnWxwdEwyVXRzd09>

-Or, open Zoom and type in the following information:  
Meeting ID: 702 290 7372 , Password: 2020

-Or, call in by dialing the following number: +1 346 248 7799, then dialing the Meeting ID (702 290 7372 ) followed by pressing the # key twice.

**Children’s Faith Formation:** SHINE Winter curriculum.

See announcements for details and find in attachment to email.

### 1:30 pm: Worship Service

We invite everyone to drive to the church parking lot to listen via FM Radio 107.1, or view via YouTube Livestream (YouTube recording is also available following the service). <https://youtu.be/VFORKNBzmno>

Following the service, everyone is welcome to fellowship in the parking lot and visit with Pastor Phil since this will be his second to last Sunday serving as Tabor’s Pastor.

**Following Worship Service:** Junior High Youth Fellowship.

### This Week

#### Saying Good-bye to Pastor Phil:

I, Pastor Phil, welcome opportunities to connect with you and say good-bye. Please feel free to give me a call sometime, or join me on Zoom using the Faith Formation link on Wednesday evening between 7 - 8:30 pm, or come by the church during one of the following times for an in person visit: Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon between 1:30 - 3:30 pm, or Thursday and Friday morning between 10 am - Noon.

**Mon. Feb. 8, 7 pm** - Men’s Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

**1-6 pm** - Bloodmobile at Goessel Mennonite Church.

*See announcement for details.*

**Tues. Feb. 9, 10 am** - Staff meeting.

**Thurs. Feb. 11, 7 pm** - Christian Ed Meeting.

## Next Sunday, February 14

**9:00 am:** Faith Formation via Zoom.

**Worship:** We continue our “Stories that Stick” worship series by focusing on the theme of “Love.” The scripture focus will be Luke 6:32-36 and Pastor Phil will be preaching. Several other people will also be sharing during the service and WDC Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider will worship with us and lead a sending litany for Pastor Phil.

**Drive-in worship services will be held on February 14 at 1:30 pm.**

This will allow us to gather during a warmer part of the day. Join us for Pastor Phil's last Sunday as we celebrate his ministry with us. Drive in to the church parking lot to listen via FM Radio 107.1, or view via YouTube Livestream (YouTube recoding will also be available following the service).

**Following Worship Service:** Junior High Youth Fellowship.

### Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ the family and friends of Elaine Schroeder. Elaine passed away on February 3 due to Covid. Lord, hear our prayer for comfort and peace.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for health care workers and chaplains in WDC congregations and communities, as they care compassionately for those in need.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God that travel restrictions were lifted, permitting Pablo Sanchez, from Argentina, to finally join the Service Adventure unit in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Pray for him as he adapts to the household which is comprised of Lexie Coburn, Luisa Dutchersmith, leaders, Eric and Julie Yoder and their family.

Continue to Pray for:

- ★ Pastor Phil and his family in this last week as Tabor's Pastor. Lord, hear our prayer for opportunities to find meaningful ways to say goodbye to Phil, Mary, Ethan and Noah.
- ★ the Tabor Deacon Board as they meet to discern interim leadership and for our congregation as we move into this time of transition. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ all in our congregation and community who are sick with COVID-19, all who are recovering from surgery, all who are dealing with other illness, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ all who live and work at Bethesda Home, Schowalter Villa, Kidron Bethel and area nursing homes as they continue caring for residents recovering from Covid. Lord, hear our prayers for strength, healing, and peace.
- ★ school administrators, teachers, and students as they continue to deal with staff and students out due to Covid and quarantine. Lord, hear our prayer.

## Thanks

Friends at Tabor Mennonite,  
On behalf of the Camp Mennoscah Board, I want to express our gratitude for your continued support and generosity. This last year was definitely filled with challenges. We are praying that 2021 will look a little more normal. We look forward to seeing many of you out at camp this year. Blessings, Joan Entz and The Camp Board

## Congregational Announcements

**Pastor Phil and Mary wished to communicate their future plans**

with the congregation and will keep us updated if things change via bulletin announcements. At this point, Phil will take two months off and then plan to move to Goshen, Indiana, on April 12. He will be living with his sister and her husband as he begins his work at Belmont Mennonite Church. Mary and the boys have requested and been granted permission per the Deacons and Trustees to continue to pay rent and live in the parsonage through the end of May. They hope to join Phil in Goshen at the beginning of June, or when their housing arrangements become available; exact timing may be adjusted/extended as needed per the pandemic.

**Basement Remodel:** The trustees are moving forward with the basement remodel. Donations to offset expenses for this project are welcome. Please make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with designation 'basement remodel' clearly indicated on the memo line. You may mail your donation to the church or drop off at the church office. Thank you for your interest and support.

**Ash Wednesday Service:** Pastor Katherine will lead a brief Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 17, beginning at 6pm. This will take place under the Tabor Church carport. Everyone is welcome to come and receive the ashes.

**Book Study:** Pastor Katherine will be leading a Book Study on Drew Hart's new book “Who Will Be a Witness?” Our first meeting will be on Sunday, February 21 at 7pm over Zoom. If you are interested and would like a copy of the book, please let Pastor Katherine know. Thank you!

**Children's Faith Formation:** In February a weekly page of suggestions from the SHINE winter quarter curriculum will be provided via email. The "All of Us" book and student booklets handed out before Christmas will be used. Please contact Pam Abrahams with any questions.

**Directory Updates:** Please submit any updates for the 2021 Tabor Church Directory to [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org) or call 367-2318. If no answer, please leave a message. Thank you.

**Bloodmobile:** The need for blood products is ongoing. Please consider donating on February 8 between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Mennonite Church. Single unit donations are greatly appreciated. In addition, Power Red donations, which are the equivalent of two red cell units, are encouraged if you have type O+, O-, A-, or B-. Sign up for your appointment time at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Testing for COVID antibodies is performed. For more information contact Rosie Reimer 620-367-2418 or Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

**Hesston College** online event for February 20, 2021: What if They Don't Come Back? More information: <https://www.hesston.edu/academics/departments/call-program/weekend-college/what-if-they-dont-come-back/> ***If you plan to attend, please contact the church office. You will be registered with Tabor to qualify for a group registration discount.***

**MCC Sale Date Change:** Please put July 2 and 3, 2021 on your church calendar for this year's MCC Sale. We are hoping and praying that COVID-19 will be under control by July so we can hold the MCC Sale this year.

**Small Group Gatherings:** If you would like to schedule an in-person or Zoom meeting for your small group, faith formation class, or another gathering, please let church staff know and we will get that set up!

## Conference Announcements

### Western District Conference:

**Now What?! Post Pandemic Faith Formation:** Do you want to talk with other people who care about faith formation? What have we learned about new ways of sharing the Jesus story in the past year? What will we lay aside? What questions remain unanswered? Join Kathy Neufeld Dunn and Resource Library Director Jennie Wintermote for a virtual dialogue Saturday, February 27, 9 am CST. To register, please email [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) for the Zoom link.

### Mennonite Church USA:

--MC USA's annual **Lent at Home** guide is now available for download at: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/lent-at-home/>.

### Mennonite Central Committee (MCC):

--The annual **MCC Comforter Blitz** is happening virtually this year from now through March! The Kansas Friends of MCC committee is challenging congregations and individuals to complete 300 comforters for MCC by the end of March! Read all the details and information on getting comforter making supplies from MCC at [mcc.org/blitz-at-home](http://mcc.org/blitz-at-home). Share pictures of your work on the MCC Comforter Blitz Facebook page. Contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316.804.8432 with questions.

--You are invited to join the virtual **MCC Central States annual meeting** on Saturday, February 27 at 9 a.m. CST The meeting will include a reflection on MCC in pandemic times, details about what COVID-19 has meant for MCC thrift shops and a look at our financial statements. To join the meeting please email [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org) and then Zoom meeting information will be sent directly to you.

--Use your skills or try something new! Join the summer staff of MCC's **Sharing With Appalachia People** (SWAP) program to support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia or Harlan, Kentucky. Positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators are now open. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. For more information and to apply, visit [mcc.org/swap-summer-staff](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-staff) or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 633-4008 or [AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org).

### Camp Mennoscah

--There are **volunteer opportunities for you!** Camp Mennoscah continually has year-round work to support the maintenance and upkeep of the campus and facilities. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Email [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

--Registration is open for the **Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** at Camp Mennoscah on March 5-7 and March 19-21! Once the retreats are full, sign up on the waitlist. Register at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org)! --Nothing's better than a summer at camp! [Watch this video](#) created by Mennonite Camping Association about why you should work at camp. [Applications for Camp Mennoscah Summer Staff](#) positions are now being accepted!

--Camp Mennoscah is an amazing **space for families and groups** to connect! Facilities for differently sized groups are available with a variety of gathering areas. Trails and fields are waiting to be hiked and used for fun activities, too! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) to reserve.

**For Sale:** The Kansas MCC Sale has 2 Steel Shipping Containers for sale. These make excellent storage Buildings that can be moved to your farm or property. They are rodent and moisture proof. They are ALL steel construction with a heavy oak floor capable of handling a fork lift. Size is: 40 feet long by 8 ft wide by 8 1/2 ft tall. Donation of \$2,500 requested which is below current value. They come with heavy timbers to set on. FREE Delivery close to Inman; additional mileage charged outside Inman area. ONLY 2 AVAILABLE. Call Jerry Toews at 620-367-8257

First Mennonite Church, 427 W. 4th, Halstead, KS will have a **drive-through verenike supper** on February 20 from 4-7 pm. This year they will offer a reduced menu of verenike, ham gravy and sausage. The cost is by donation and proceeds will go to local Covid-19 relief.

**Everence** will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning* webinar, on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

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### Hymns for Worship

What is the World Like

Voices Together No. 298

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What is the world like when God's will is done?  
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:  
roots thread the soil, branches reach for the sun.  
This is how God moves us each to believe.

What is the world like when God's will is done?  
Witness the wandering child coming home;  
watch as the parent breaks into a run.  
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

These are the stories that Jesus imparts,  
filled with the Spirit, who joins us as one.  
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,  
this is a new world where God's will is done.

Seeds

Voices Together No. 777

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These seeds you have sown in our hearts and in our bones,  
cover them with your love.  
Use our hands, use our feet, to show your love and your peace,  
and cover us, cover us, cover us with love.

My Hope Is Built

Voices Together No. 621

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My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

In ev'ry rough and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the vale.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

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