

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Identity and Context

On this first Sunday of Lent, we remember how our true identity is grounded in God's good creation. We are God's beloved children who reflect God's good image. At the same time, we recognize our own human frailty and sin. Yet God's love heals and restores us to God's good purposes within the redemption of all creation.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

- PRELUDE Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Peter Goerzen
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- CHORAL INTROIT "Give me Joy in my Heart" Rays of Hope
"Zephaniah 3: 17"
- *CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24: 1-6
- *GATHERING HYMN "God loves all his many people" No. 397
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF CONFESSION "O God, how we have wandered" No. 58 SS
- *PRAYER OF CONFESSION
- *WORDS OF ASSURANCE
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PROCLAIMING

- CHILDREN'S STORY Carol Duerksen
- WORSHIP MUSIC "O Love" -Hagenberg Adult Choir
- SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 3: 14-21* Heidi Goerzen
The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!**
- SERMON "Identity: Grounded in God's Love" Pastor Rosie Jantz

RESPONDING

- *HYMN OF RESPONSE "Love divine, all loves excelling" No. 592
- SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Pastor Phil Schmidt
- ## SENDING
- *SENDING HYMN "The Lord lift you up" No. 73
- *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 Warren and Sheri Schmidt. *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 Jill Litwiller and Yvette Nickel.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. Children will meet in classrooms. Adults will meet in classrooms using the Pathways Bible Study.

11:00 a.m.—Tabor leads chapel at Bethesda

This Week

Tues. March 12: 10:00 a.m.—Staff meeting

Wed. March 13: Wednesday Evening Activities: Spring Break. No meal or children's activities. Adult Choir and Bible Study will still meet. *Bulletin Announcements are due by 8 a.m. on Wednesday.*

Fri. March 15: 6:30 p.m.—Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum Heritage Dinner at Alexanderwohl.

Next Sunday, March 17

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday, we continue our Lenten worship series focusing on the "Journey Forward" worship resources from Mennonite Church USA. Our theme this next Sunday is Follow Jesus, scripture focus is Mark 1:16-20, and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

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

6:00-8:00 p.m.—Catechism.

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on March 3.

- ★ Myron shared a praise for all the volunteers that have donated time to the building project, which has saved us at least \$35,000. May we keep giving generously to the project to bring it to debt-free completion, and may we continue to support our annual budget at the same time. Thanks be to God for the generosity of gifts received and for the tremendous gift of our volunteers!
- ★ Diana gave thanks for the safe arrival of their grandson. She also shared a testimony about listening to God's call and answering, "Here I am, Lord." As a result, she enrolled in a CNA course (later in life) which gave her 12 years of caring for Bethesda Home residents. Thanks be to God for the gift of new life through grandson, Brody, and for the leap of faith Diana took later in life to answer God's call. Lord, hear our prayer that others might answer God's nudging with, "Here I am, Lord."
- ★ Jill requested prayer for her daughter, as she leaves on a weeklong medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Lord, hear our prayer for safe travels, and that she will be strengthened in her faith through the opportunities before her as she shares her translating skills and is a witness for your great love and care for all people.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Cleo Koop, who will be traveling with 10 Hesston College students over spring break, March 9-16, to serve with Mennonite Disaster Service in La Grange, Texas. The MDS work is a long term rebuilding project follow up from Hurricane Harvey in 2017.
- ★ the many people working diligently on our church building project. Lord, hear our prayer for safety and strength.

Dates to Remember:

- March 21: Stories & Stuff
- March 24: Progressive Dinner
- April 3: Pine Car Derby
- April 7: Membership Meal
Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, Tabor College
- April 10-16: Serve at New Hope Shelter
- April 12-13: MCC Sale
- April 14: Palm Sunday
Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, Bethel College
- April 15: TMW Salad Supper
- April 18: Holy Week Meal and Service
- April 20: Easter Egg Hunt
- April 21: Easter Breakfast and Worship

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

March 3, 2019

Offering	= \$ 3,559.30	Attendance	= 90
Adult F.F.	= \$ -- --	Attendance	= 36
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 8.07	Attendance	= 32

Quarterly Budget Update:

2019 Annual Budget:	\$ 276,571.00
Targeted Giving through February	\$ 69,147.00
Actual Giving through February	\$ 55,859.41



Cost of entire project = \$1,300,000

Money already received	\$1,093,774	This week's progress
Pledges remaining to be paid	\$35,251	\$25
Challenge Grant if goal is met	\$100,000	
Needed to meet Challenge Grant	\$70,975	\$750



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Prelude: 9:15am
Worship: 9:30am
Fellowship Time: 10:30am
Faith Formation: 10:45am
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As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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Deacons:

Barb Abrahams	Carol Duerksen	Erica Stoltzfus
Duane Duerksen	Emil Schmidt	John Unruh