

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Deep Calls to Deep *Called to Deep Wisdom*

God's wisdom undermines our assumptions and takes us deeper than human efforts can lead us. For, as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 1, "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Susan Merrifield
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Joshua Schmidt
WORSHIP MUSIC	" <i>Diamond</i> " -Vandercook	Adriana Duerksen, Trombone Russell Adrian, Piano
CHILDREN'S STORY		Carol Duerksen and Doris Unruh
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>John 2:13-22</i> <i>I Corinthians 1:18-25</i> <i>The Word of God for the people of God ~</i>	Sharleen Francis <i>Thanks be to God!</i>
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
LITANY OF DEDICATION FOR <i>VOICES TOGETHER</i>		
HYMN OF RESPONSE	" <i>When I Survey</i> " -vs. 1, 2, & 4	No.323 VT
RITUAL OF RESPONSE		
	How is God calling you to deep wisdom? What area(s) of your life needs God's wisdom?	
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
BENEDICTION		
SENDING HYMN	" <i>Be Thou my Vision</i> " -vs. 1, 2, & 4	No. 549 VT

Words for hymns in bulletin

Sunday, March 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.

The rosebuds this morning are in celebration of the births of Copeland Robert, born to Josh and Mattison on February 19, and Kollin Orlando, born to JJ and Megan on March 1. Praise God for the gift of new life!



9:00 am: Faith Formation

Sharing and breakout rooms via Zoom.

Zoom connection information:

-Click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7022907372?pwd=Ty9JK0Vyb1ZOLzFnWxwdEwyVXRzdz09>

-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.

10:45 am: Worship Service in the Sanctuary

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

Link: <https://youtu.be/7qViGitHPFA>

Children's Faith Formation: SHINE Spring curriculum.

See announcements for details and find in the email attachment.

The Christian Education Team will once again be providing opportunities for children in our congregation to connect with one another over Zoom. Pastor Katherine will host these on Sunday (March 7). Please plan to use the Faith Formation link during the following times:

1:00 - 1:30: Preschool and Kindergarten

1:30 - 2:00: 1st and 2nd graders

2:00 - 2:30: 3rd through 5th graders

We are looking forward to a time of connecting with one another!

7:00 pm: Book Study, "Who Will Be a Witness?" Via Zoom. Please use the Faith Formation link.

This Week

Mon. March 8, 7 pm - Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. March 9, 10 am - Staff meeting.

Wed. March 10, 6:30 pm - Junior High Fellowship

7:15 pm - TMYF

***Daylight savings time begins next Sunday, March 14.
Remember to move your clocks forward one hour.***

Next Sunday, March 14

9:00 am: Faith Formation via Zoom.

10:45 am: Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent. The theme during Lent is "Deep Calls to Deep." The focus will be Deep Healing and the Scripture passages for reflection are John 3:14-21 and Ephesians 2:1-10. Pastor Katherine will be preaching. Worship will take place in the sanctuary following the protocol set by our Covid Task Force, or you may livestream the service or watch later at the link that will be provided.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ the family of Mary Lou Unrau, who passed away on March 3. Lester and Lois Voth are Mary's brother and sister-in-law. Thanks be to God for Mary Lou's life! Lord, hear our prayers for your presence to sustain all who are mourning her loss. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, March 7 at 3pm at the Alexanderwohl Church for the family. Others may view the service via Zoom using the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81877438710?pwd=TjUraW5wMjRlRik2dWlFV2RVRQKzFuUT09>
If using the Zoom application--Meeting ID: 818 7743 8710 Passcode: 652184
- ★ all who are experiencing illness, recovering from surgery, continuing with medical treatments, and all who are grieving losses. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Please pray for the Constituency Leaders Council of MC USA, which is meeting virtually on March 12 and 13. The Constituency Leaders Council is an MC USA advisory group comprised of leaders from the area conferences, agencies and constituency groups that meets one or two times per year to counsel and advise the Executive Board, functioning as denominational elders.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for ongoing recovery in WDC congregations and communities that experienced damage and disruption recently in extreme winter weather.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Elena Buckwalter de Satalaya and Freddy Satalaya Banda, serving with MMN and VMissions, request that the people God is calling to lead the Mennonite churches' children and youth ministries in Iquitos, Peru, will say, "Yes!" Pray for Elena and Freddy as they extend their assignment for another year.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the birth of Kollin Orlando, born to JJ and Megan on March 1. Kollin weighed 7 lbs.15 oz. and the family is doing well! Big Brother Karson is excited to welcome his baby brother. Kollin is also welcomed by Grandparents Jerry and Janice.

Thanks

Dear Tabor Church Family, Thank you for the cards, letters, and phone calls - they helped brighten my days. I hope I will be better soon. I hope that when there will be church services in the sanctuary again, I will be able to come. It will be good to see everyone again. You helped me a lot.
~ Thank you! Wilma

We have felt your caring support of us and our family these past few weeks as we have dealt with Carrie's vehicle accident and then my mom's death five days later. It all makes a person stop and think again about how precious and fragile life is, as well as how precious the gifts of family and friends are. For the many ways you shared with us, either by a card, text, e-mail, phone call, or a meal... thank you. We have appreciated each one.
~ Diana and Jim

Congregational Announcements

Singing During Worship: As it is still not safe to sing together as a congregation inside, Worship Council would like to put together a few trios and/or quartets of people to lead the singing during our indoor worship. If you are interested in being a part of something like this, please let Pastor Katherine know. Thank you!

Children's Faith Formation for ages preschool-8th grade will be provided through SHINE at home. This is a weekly lesson which will be attached to the bulletin emails. Families will be provided with new booklets for the spring quarter and will continue to use the All of Us Bible story book. We are hoping to plan an outdoor gathering for families of children in these grades later this spring when the weather warms up. If you have any interest in helping plan this event, please contact Pam Abrahams or Pastor Katherine.

Mission Partners: Tabor church has recently agreed to begin a Mission Partner relationship with Joseph and Rachel Givens and their two young children, Elijah and Micaiah. The Givens serve with Mennonite Mission Network in Calais, France working primarily with refugees from the Middle East and Africa. (See March newsletter for more details.) At the Church Council meeting on Tuesday, it was decided to support this partnership with a minimum of \$1,500 annually. Giving opportunities will be offered throughout the year and communications with the Givens family will be sent via email and mail. We look forward to developing this relationship!

Share and Easter Lily to honor loved ones at the Easter service on April 3. Names of those to be honored, along with names of those sharing the lilies need to be turned in to the church office by Wednesday evening, March 31 to be listed in the bulletin. Please deliver your lily to the foyer of

the church by 11 am on Saturday, April 2 with the name of donor clearly marked on the bottom of the plant. Donors may pick up their plants after the Easter service. Plants left at the church after Easter Sunday will be used in future Sunday visuals and/or taken to Bethesda for residents to enjoy.

Deacon Updates:

--The Deacons are currently discerning individuals to fill John Unruh's unexpired term.

--Marcene Entz is requesting a leave from some of her duties on the Deacon Board. She will continue to be in contact with persons on her Deacon list as well as other congregants, while also relating to John Unruh's Deacon list (following his resignation) until his replacement is secured. However, Marcene will not be participating in administrative or public duties as a Deacon for the time being. The board has agreed to this temporary leave of absence. If members of the congregation have concerns about this arrangement, they should feel free to contact any member of the Deacon Board.

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.

Rejoice! Devotionals for the spring quarter are available in the foyer or you may contact the church office if you would like to pick one up or have one mailed to you.

Camp Mennoscah is accepting registrations for Summer Youth Camps at this time. Tabor Church Education Committee will again offer \$50 scholarships to all children attending camp. Due to uncertainties surrounding camp schedules and availability, scholarship money will not be paid to Camp Mennoscah directly. Instead, please contact the church office with the dates that your child/children attend camp and the scholarship money will be reimbursed directly to you.

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

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!

Kansas MCC Relief Sale

2021 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
July 2 and 3, Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

Bohne Berrogi Sales: As with many things related to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, the usual order of business will not be possible due to Covid-19. To make sure that people have the opportunity to purchase and take home some bohne berrogi, the Bohne Berrogi Committee will be making and selling this ethnic delight at Moundridge High School on April 3 from 9:30-10:30 am. The Bohne Berrogi will be sold, by the dozen at \$20.00 a dozen, no sauce will be provided. No advance orders will be taken. This will be the only opportunity to purchase Bohne Berrogi unless some are not sold. Left overs will be frozen and sold at a later date or at the Relief Sale in July. Support the MCC Relief Sale with your purchase.

Plants and Things: Because July 2 and 3 is a bit late to be thinking about purchasing plants and starting or adding to a garden, the "Plants and Things" booth will be open on April 10. "Plants and Things" will be set up at the MCC Building in North Newton utilizing the parking lot and the warehouse facilities. Please start the seeds that will become a part of your contribution to MCC and the sale event.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference :

--Wait! Where's my latest issue of *WDC Garden*? In 2021, Western District Conference plans to refresh its website and make it THE PLACE to go to for all WDC news, articles and information. Content typically found in *WDC Garden* will now be exclusively available on the website. As we transition to a more web-based approach for disseminating information and a refreshed website, you can already find the latest content at: www.mennowdc.org - check it out!

--Raising Disciples with Natalie Frisk. Western District Conference, First Mennonite Church (Beatrice, NE) and Beatrice Mennonite Church will be hosting a virtual event March 14 and 21 with featured speaker Pastor [Natalie Frisk](#). The series will include: "Kids in the Kingdom" - a pre-recorded message by Pastor Natalie Frisk and "Jesus Centered Parenting: Q & A" - a live/interactive zoom gathering with Natalie. Two additional sessions and an interview will be pre-recorded and available for viewing. Facebook event info: [Raising Disciples - Natalie Frisk](#) Natalie Frisk is the curriculum pastor at The Meeting House Church in Toronto, Canada, and is a sought-after speaker on topics of youth and children's ministry, spiritual formation, and discipleship, and is the author of the book *Raising Disciples: How to Make Faith Matter for Our Kids*, published by Herald Press. Videos will be available via a YouTube link. For additional information, email pastor@summitstreetchurch.com.

Mennonite Church USA: The Lenten season is upon us! Find Mennonite Church USA's Lent at Home 2021 resource for home-based guided daily and weekly worship -for all ages - here: mennoniteusa.org/lentathome

Camp Mennoscah:

--Vernike Casserole Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah on March 13! Reserve your meal of vernike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and peach crisp online before March 7. You can also call 620-297-3290. This fundraiser supports the vital faith formation for youth and young adults that happens at camps and retreats. Pick up meals at Moundridge High School on March 13. Join in the fun to help make this return to summer youth camps as smooth and amazing as possible!

--Amphitheater Improvement: We are ready to finish this project up. Work days are scheduled for the following days: March 12 to 13, March 26 to 27, April 2 to 3, April 9 to 10, May 14-15. A team of five volunteers will work from 9am - 4pm each day installing the new stone benches. Bring a lunch and water bottle with you, and plan to arrive at the North cabin area to check in around 9 am. Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

--Youth Volunteer Weekend for Grades 7-12 is March 21. There will be service projects, worship, lunch & socially distanced fellowship. Register online, email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290. Masks required.

--Looking for kitchen staff and nurses! Contact Camp Mennoscah at office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for available weeks and details. Kitchen staff can receive a scholarship up to full camp fees for their camper.

Celebrate the launch of *Voices Together*: Our March 10th virtual ZOOM event will feature the visual art in the collection along with the scripture readings and songs that surround them. No Registration required. Sign up for an email reminder, VoicesTogetherHymnal.org, or save the event link and join us on March 10 at 6:30 pm.

Offering February 28, 2021

\$ 870.00

Giving at Tabor

As we again meet in person, you are welcome to bring your offerings and place them in the containers that are available as you enter the sanctuary. You may also continue your faithful giving to the ministries of the church in the following ways:

- 1) Mail your offering to:
Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, Kansas 67114
- 2) Start an automatic deposit from your bank account. Contact the church for more information. 367-2318; kfunk@tabormennonite.org
- 3) Use the online bill pay option that your bank has in place. Contact your financial institution if you are not familiar with this process.

Hymns for Worship

When I Survey

Voices Together No. 323
Public Domain

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Be Thou my Vision

Voices Together No. 549
Public Domain

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

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