

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Seeking God's Ways: *From Fear to Compassion*

As we seek God's ways, we move from a place where fear dictates our actions to a space where our response to others is guided by compassion.¹
Questions to Ponder: What is causing you to feel afraid? How can you release these things to God, freeing you to respond out of compassion rather than fear?

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Deloris Schmidt
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Venita Schroeder
LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL		
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from Psalm 27</i>	
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>"We Sing to You, O God"</i>	No. 80
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		
WORSHIP MUSIC		Venita Schroeder
CHILDREN'S STORY		Carol Duerksen and Doris Unruh
SCRIPTURE READINGS	<i>Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35</i>	
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	Sharon Adrian
SERMON	<i>"The Fox and the Hen"</i>	Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Don't Be Afraid"</i>	No. 596
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Psalm 46</i>	Pastor Katherine Goerzen
RELEASING OUR FEARS	<i>"When the Storms of Life Are Raging"</i>	No. 595
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER		Pastor Luke Unruh

¹Focus Statement for the 2nd Sunday of Lent from the 2022 Lenten/Easter Worship Resources in the *Leader* magazine.

*SENDING HYMN *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* No. 716

*SENDING PRAYER

*SENDING BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, March 13

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtu.be/DpiXVAKEqno>

The flowers this morning are in celebration of Evie Schmidt's 80th birthday, which is today! They are shared with the congregation by the Women of Worth Faith Formation class. Happy Birthday Evie!



10:45 am: Faith Formation. Brian Bisbee from New Hope Shelter will share about the ministry of New Hope. All Junior Youth, High School Youth and Adults are welcome to attend.

4:00 pm: Chapel at Bethesda.

This Week

Mon, March 14, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.

7 pm - Men's Bible Study.

Tues, March 15, 9 am - Staff meeting.

7 pm - Deacon meeting.

Wed, March 16, 5:45 pm - Wednesday Evening supper & programs.

Thurs, March 17, 8 pm - Tabor Men's Ensemble practice.

Fri, March 18 - Sat, March 19 - Cultivating Generous Congregations, Dyck Arboretum. *See announcement for details.*

Next Sunday, March 20

9:30 am: Next Sunday is the Third Sunday in Lent. The theme is Seeking God's Ways and the topic is "From Earning to Receiving". Scriptures for reflection will be Luke 13:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; and Pastor Luke will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation. Austin Unruh will share about his work at Echo Ranch in Alaska.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, March 6.

- ★ Bonnie Janzen shared that her sister, Cindy, died this past week. We pray for God's peace to surround Bonnie and her family as they remember Cindy's life and mourn her death. We also pray for Bonnie as she travels, as well as for Steve as he is unable to join her due to his appendicitis. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ Lois Voth shared that her oldest sister, Judy, underwent emergency brain surgery at the end of February, and that she has not yet regained consciousness. Lord, hear our prayers for healing and for your love to surround Judy's family in this time of waiting and uncertainty.
- ★ Pastor Katherine shared that Ann Thiesen fell and broke her leg a few weeks ago. As she prepares to transition back to her home, we pray for healing and strength as she recovers. Lord, hear our prayers.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ our Pastor Search Team as they continue their work. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ those in our church family who are grieving and who are dealing with health concerns. Continue to pray for the sister of Ruby Graber and others who have loved ones facing difficulties. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ those affected by the devastating fire at Cottonwood Complex in Reno County. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ the war in Ukraine and all who suffer injury and injustice there, and in other parts of the world as well. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they consider nominees for elected leadership positions in our conference.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Prince of Peace Mennonite Church and the Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, Alaska, as they recently welcomed three new participants from Germany. Ask God to bless their transition to a larger household.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the opportunity to gather on Saturday to tie comforters for MCC Relief and enjoy the company of others while working. Thanks be to God!

Congregational Announcements

Good news! After two long years of not meeting, the Adult Choir will once again resume rehearsals to prepare music for Easter Sunday morning. If anyone who has not joined choir previously would like to sing for Easter, please attend our four practices. This would not commit you to anything long term but would give you a chance to help us musically celebrate the Risen Lord. We will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Hospitality Hall beginning on March 23. As church COVID policy has not changed yet, we will wear masks during rehearsal. Please join us if you are able!

“Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” is sponsored by the Deacons and Pastors on Sunday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. We hope this will be the first in several small group gatherings that we would like to see happen in 2022. This is not to take place of events that the Fellowship Committee will be planning, but to focus on small group events. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board where you can sign up as a HOST or a GUEST. Hosts will provide the main dish and the guests will be assigned a salad or dessert once your placement has been made. We will let you know how many to cook for. Guests should arrive at the church at 5:30 p.m. with the food you have been asked to bring and you will be informed who's house you will be traveling to for your meal. There will be an opportunity to carpool from the church if you wish. Questions can be directed to Denise Nickel, Carol Duerksen, Ruby Graber or Pastor Luke.

Kansas MDS Unit is planning a response to the Cottonwood Complex Fire in Reno County. We would like to assess available equipment that volunteers would be willing to bring for clean up. If you have a high loader, bobcat, backhoe, dump truck please indicate your availability for using on this project by contacting Cleo Koop at cleohkoop@gmail.com or 316-282-0797. As soon as there is clearance for clean up, information will be sent out inviting volunteers.

The Covid Task Team requests your participation in the survey that you will have received via email, or you can pick up a paper copy and return it to Gayle Funk's mailbox. The results of the survey will help us determine how we best meet the desires of the congregation in regards to Covid protocol. It should only take you a few minutes to complete. Thank you for your time!

Tabor Mennonite Women are collecting sewing kits for MCC supported programs that teach sewing or tailoring and provides the tools to make and mend clothing or to begin a business. *Anyone may donate supplies and place them in the basket in the foyer.* You will find a list of items on cards below the mailboxes in the foyer.

Summer Camps: Registration for children/youth summer camps are now open for Camp Mennoscah and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Tabor Education Co. will once again offer \$50 scholarships for camp registrations. Please sign up on the bulletin board to receive your reimbursement. (Camp Mennoscah discount ends April 1)

MC USA Special Assembly: If you are planning to be a part of the table talk discussions to help delegates discern how to vote for the 4 MCUSA resolutions at the assembly in May, please participate in the book study or read the book *Oriented to Faith* AND/OR watch the 4 MCUSA webinars on each of the resolutions. For more information on the resolutions, and to access the webinars, see website: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/>.

One more delegate position needs to be filled for Tabor. If you are interested in being a delegate, or if you have questions regarding any of the above, contact one of the pastors or deacons.

Heritage Dinner Reminder: Friday, March 25 beginning at 6:30pm in the Tabor Mennonite Church Hospitality Hall. To learn about the progression of stores that occupied the space of the Goessel Grocery and Deli store, contact the museum before Monday, March 21, to make your reservation for the Heritage Dinner fundraiser. Tickets are \$50 per person over 12; tickets for those ages 12 and under are \$15. First-time attendees may purchase a ticket for \$25. If you are not able to attend the program but would like to carry out a meal, please contact the museum to make arrangements.

Where have all the Pastors Gone? - March 25 - 26, Hesston Mennonite Church and online. A weekend college event presented by Hesston's Center for Anabaptist Leadership and Learning (CALL) program, the seminar will explore strategies to encourage discernment and development of calls to leadership within our congregations. Discuss barriers to the pastoral call and work at strategies to remove those barriers. Explore ways the church can change to make the pastor role more attractive. Online and in-person options available. Learn more and register at hesston.edu/weekendcollege. To receive a group discount, please contact the Tabor Church office if you plan to attend this event.

Conference Announcements

Mennonite Central Committee:

--MCC's peacebuilding work and response to conflict. In this live session, MCC staff and alumni will share stories about what peacebuilding work looks like in the midst of conflict in Ukraine, Colombia and DPRK (North Korea). They'll explore questions like: What does peace look like in the middle of war? And, how do we embody a peace perspective? Join the live virtual visit on Wednesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. CST. For more information and to register for the event, visit mcc.org/webinars.

Community Sponsorship: Are you interested in learning more about how you can welcome a refugee or asylum-seeking family into your community, or is your congregation already welcoming newcomers? MCC will provide resources, education, and support as congregations welcome a family together. Fill out [this short survey](#) as a first step or contact MCC's Newcomer Connections Coordinator at welcome@mcc.org to learn how to get involved in community sponsorship.

--MCC is seeking host families in Newton and Wichita. MCC is expecting 3 international service workers to join our communities in August of 2022. Host families are needed to provide a private bedroom, within their home, and serve as a bridge to church, community, activities and places of interest. A monthly stipend of \$350 is available for the host family to assist with the basics of food, toiletries and household expenses. If interested and for more information, please contact Abby Endashaw at abbyendashaw@mcc.org or (720) 500 – 3413.

Camp Mennoscah:

--The dam in the Ninnescah River will be replaced on March 20 beginning at 2pm. Kevin Neufeld will organize and direct volunteers.

--Youth Volunteer Weekend is April 9-10! Start your weekend of fun on Saturday at the MCC Sale in Hutchinson (on your own or with your youth group) and then bring the fun with you to Camp Mennoscah in the afternoon.

--Camp needs to prepare for groups using the dining hall and other main camp buildings this spring. Tasks include basic cleaning, washing cookware and dishes and moving tables. Contact us for times.

--Kitchen staff is needed for June 19-23, July 3-9 and July 17-23.

Camp Mennoscah Contact Information:

Phone: 620-297-3290

Website: www.campmennoscah.org

Email: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or office@campmennoscah.org

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites you to become a volunteer! Help us to share God's love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you'd like to join us, please attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: Thursday 3/24/22 6-7 PM and Saturday 3/26/22 11A-noon. We hope to see you soon!

Hesston College:

--Bel Canto Singers Home Concert: *Deep Peace* - March 22, 7 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church. Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will travel to Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio for a spring break tour. The program is inspired by this year's theme verse at Hesston College, Ephesians 4:2-3, in which Paul calls Christians to lift each other up in community. A full itinerary of their tour, beginning on March 12, along with live stream link of the home concert can be found at www.hesston.edu/music.

--The Office of International Admissions at Hesston College is looking for host families for the 2022-23 school year. We will need homes that can house one or more students during fall or spring breaks, and possibly Thanksgiving and Christmas. If interested, please contact Gretchen Gier and she will discuss possibilities with you. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet young people from around the globe. gretchen.gier@hesston.edu

Bethel College:

--Sun., March 20 – **Bethel College's Staley Lecture Series presents Karen González**, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel. González is the author of *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible and the Journey to Belong* (Herald Press, 2019). She will also speak in Bethel College's convocation on Mon., March 21, 11 a.m., Memorial Hall.

--Fri.-Sun., March 25-27 – **Spring musical at Bethel College, Bright Star** Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Fri. March 25, Sat. March 26, 7:30 pm, Sun. March 27, 2 pm.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
April 8 & 9 at the KS State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson

NOTES

--CHILDREN'S Coin Offering was \$59.65 last Sunday. THANKS and continue collecting those coins. It continues to add up.

--THANKS to the HS Youth who spent Wed evening volunteering at Jerry Toews Shop to help Detail the donated 2006 Chrysler 300 that was VERY dirty. The youth did a FANTASTIC job!! THANKS for your participation and THANKS to Sponsors Pastor Luke and Sarahanne for organizing the event.

--As of this week Kansas Mennonites have contributed ALMOST all of our \$80,000 Budget for Pre-Sale Expenses. We have only \$1900 to go. Have you helped with Pre-Sale Expenses yet? NO gift is too small. We are ALMOST there. The KS MCC Sale operates with MANY folks each doing a little. It really is AMAZING. Please put your checks made out to KMRS in our *(Jerry and Leann Toews)* box. THANKS

--PLEASE help take pictures of Tabor folks making things or participating in events and send those pictures to: unruh.billsherry@gmail.com. We will use these for the Relief Sale Slide Show Sunday morning after the sale.

--PLEASE label your donations of items on display and who did them. It is a marketing tool for our Buyers.

--MOST of the Sign-Up opportunities are NOW on the Website. Things are changing. We used to have the Sign-up Sheets on the tables in the Hallway. Now that is ALL done online. It is NOT difficult. IF you do have trouble, let Jerry and Leann know and we WILL get you signed up.

Go to the website: kansas.mccsale.org

Click on Tab at top for "Volunteers"

Pick the place you want to help and click on that

Pick the time you want to volunteer and click on that

There will be instructions on where to meet and what to do -- SIMPLE

--SAT., Mar. 26 -- Verenike Making Day; Parkview MB Church, Hillsboro; FUN, FUN, FUN

--SAT., Apr. 2 -- Bohne Beroggi Making Morning, Moundridge HS

--5K Team so far: Keri & Cory Unruh; Wyatt Sommerfeld; Hoxie, Cayla & Reece Hiebert; Stephan & Corynn Nickel; Nathan, Sophia, Katherine & Peter Goerzen; Elton & Denise Nickel; Heath, Lina & Michael Unruh; Lee & Phyllis Goertzen; Les Goerzen.

IF you are participating in the 5K please do your signup on line AND tell Jerry you are participating.

--GO Woodworkers and OTHER crafters; one month to go.

--website: kansas.mccsale.org Check it out. Also on Facebook.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
March 6, 2022			
Offering	= \$10,122.00	Attendance	= 117
Adult FF	= \$ 17.00	Attendance	= 35
Jr. FF	= \$ 20.25	Attendance	= 32
Worship Link Views		=	26



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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.

Pastor: Katherine Goerzen Cell: 316-727-4986 email: kgoerzen@tabormennonite.org	Supply Pastor: Luke Unruh Cell: 620-386-4596 email: lunruh@tabormennonite.org
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Deacons:		
Carol Duerksen Ruby Graber	Denise Nickel Emil Schmidt	Kristi Unruh (to be affirmed) Lewis Unruh

Pastor Search Committee:		
Reece Hiebert, co chr. Eunice Nickel, co chr.	Nancy Funk, sec. Lewis Unruh, deacon rep. Pastor Katherine Goerzen	Larry Goerzen Sheri Schmidt