



STORIES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT:
Five Courageous and Clever Women

Starting this Sunday, we will be reflecting on some of the Old Testament stories that the children are learning about on Wednesday evenings. Today our worship focuses on the women who saved Moses' life when he was an infant. We give thanks for the ways that God has been working through faithful people throughout all generations!

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Russell Adrian
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reece Hiebert
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 146*
- *GATHERING HYMN *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns"* No. 101
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAISE *"God of the Bible"* -vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5 No. 420
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- WORSHIP MUSIC *"O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"* Sophia Abrahams and Sophia Goerzen
- CHILDREN'S STORY Carol Duerksen
- SCRIPTURE READING *Exodus 2:1-10* Barb Abrahams
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE *"There Is a Line of Women"* No. 546
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *SENDING HYMN *"My Soul Cries Out"* No. 412
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, January 15

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Warren and Sheri Schmidt. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:30 am: Worship
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
<https://youtu.be/lbZrG3Nf4OA>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, Jan. 16 - 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study. Book of Acts.

Tues, Jan. 17, 9:30 am - Staff meeting.
7:00 pm - Deacon meeting.

Wed, Jan. 18, 9:00 am - TMW quilting and tying comforters.
Wednesday Evening programs.

5:45 pm - Supper for everyone: top your own nachos bar.
Suggested donation \$3.50.

6:15 - 7:30 pm - Preschool - Grade 5
6:15 - 7:45 pm - Junior High / High School
6:30 - 7:30 pm - Adult Bible Study

Thurs, Jan. 19 - Newsletter items are due.

Fri, Jan. 20, 6:00 pm - MDS Cabinet Shop Appreciation for volunteers.

Next Sunday, January 22

9:30 am: Next Sunday is Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday. The theme is Jesus Christ: Our Hope. Scriptures for reflection will be Isaiah 40:28-31, Psalm 62:1-6, Luke 18:35-43, and 1 Peter 1:3-6, and Pastor Todd will be preaching. We will also celebrate Holy Communion.

A special offering will be received for Mennonite World Conference since this will be Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday. This will be the 5th Sunday Offering for this quarter (even though this is the 4th Sunday of the month ☺)

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

2:30 pm: Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum annual meeting at Goessel Church

4:00 pm - Tabor will lead the Chapel Service at Bethesda Home.

Upcoming:

Tues, Jan. 24 - Special Church Council meeting
Sat, Feb. 4 - TMW comforter tying afternoon
Sat, Feb. 4 - Sun, Feb. 5 - Know Jesus -- Junior High Event, Hesston College
Sun, Feb. 5 - SOUPer Bowl
Wed, Feb. 22 - Pine Car Derby
Tues, March 7 - TMW Exchange Student Sharing

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on January 8

- ★ Let us keep the Schrag family in our prayers following the passing and memorial service for Jim Schrag. We thank God for Jim and Judy's ministry at Tabor Mennonite, and especially invite God's presence to be with Judy during this time.
- ★ Pastor Katherine shared about the biking accident suffered by Ben Woodward Breckbill, pastor at Shalom Mennonite Church. We ask for God's presence and healing to be with Ben at this time and for a speedy and complete recovery.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ as we return to normal schedules following the holiday season and the shorter, colder days of winter, we pray for those who may suffer from depression, anxiety and loneliness.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as it begins work to prepare nominations of conference leaders for election at WDC annual assembly in 2023.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer, and their son, Jordan, who are spending the next several months renewing relationships in Ecuador. Due to complications from the pandemic, deaths of loved ones and illness, the Ross Richers had not been able to return to Ecuador for more than two years. Pray that God's Spirit will guide and bless their ministry.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The life of Jim Schrag! Jim was pastor here at Tabor from 1973 to 1985. Jim passed away on January 7. There is a card in the foyer that you are welcome to sign and/or write a note in and the card will be sent to Judy.

Congregational Announcements

Council Members Plus All Committee members please come to a special council meeting **Tues, Jan. 24, 6:00-9:00 p.m.** starting with an **evening meal** followed by some discussion to start the new year. "Our Committee Structures: What is Working and What is Not?"

Tabor Mennonite Women will meet on Saturday afternoon, February 4 to tie comforters for Mennonite Central Committee. You are welcome to sew tops to be tied. Let Sharon Adrian or Kim Funk know if you would like a kit from MCC, or use your own fabric if you wish. You may also contact Sharon or Kim for instructions to sew tops. Details for the afternoon will follow in the coming weeks.

It's SOUPer Bowl time! Here are the details: You are invited to join us Sunday, February 5 at 5:30 in the Hospitality Hall for an evening of soup and storytelling. We encourage you to sign-up to bring a pot of soup, bread or a dessert by taking one of the slips from the bulletin board in the foyer. Drinks and tableware will be provided. Also be thinking of any stories that you would be willing to share. Maybe an entertaining story about Tabor church from years ago? Or a funny story about an encounter with a critter. Talk to Kenton or Eunice Nickel or Pam or Brent Abrahams if you have questions or a story you would like to share.

Bible Study Opportunity: In honor of Anabaptism's 500th anniversary in 2025, MennoMedia is putting together an Anabaptist Bible. There is an opportunity for Anabaptist congregations to contribute to this Bible, by studying 3 passages of Scripture (assigned by MennoMedia). If you are interested in participating in a Bible Study that will contribute reflections, insights, and questions for marginal notes in this Bible, please speak with Pastor Todd or Pastor Katherine. Thank you!

Recommendation for Ordination: The Deacons and Pastors would like to inform the congregation that they are discerning a recommendation to Western District Conference for ordination of Michael Unruh, Campus Pastor at Bethel College and a member of Tabor Mennonite Church, following his 2-year licensing period. We would like to welcome any comments, affirmations, or questions from the congregation by January 15 which the Deacon Team will review at their January 17 meeting. Please put them in Denise Nickel or Emil Schmidt's church mailbox or email evschmidt@mtelco.net or denisenickel1970@gmail.com.

Kansas Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale:

WANTED - Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the KS MCC Sale. Items you no longer need can help Feed and Cloth Thousands in desperate living conditions. ALL donations are Tax Deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620 367 8257. Help make a difference.

Museum Annual Meeting: Say "cheese" with Jason Schmidt and Miriam Goertzen-Regier of Grazing Plains Farm at the annual meeting of the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum on Sunday, January 22, at 2:30 pm at Goessel Church. Jason and Miriam's presentation will follow the business portion of the meeting. After the program, the faspas (light meal) will include cheese samples from Grazing Plains Farm. Please come early to the meeting to purchase or renew your museum membership of 2023.

The Tabor Church Directory is being updated for print. Please contact the church office with any changes or corrections to your listing.

Conference and Community Announcements

Western District Conference:

--In this last month of our fiscal year, Western District Conference invites you to share a gift with WDC to help our congregations **Witness & invite** others to faith in Jesus Christ, **Dwell** in just & loving relationships, and **Connect** to God's mission in the world. Current projections suggest that WDC income will fall short of expenses for the current year. Your generous gifts are invited to help close the gap towards WDC's 2022 budget goal! You may make an online contribution (credit card, PayPal, Google Pay accepted) or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117. We are grateful for your generosity!

--WDC's Hope Fund assists WDC congregations and commissions in response to the impact of the COVID pandemic, natural disasters and other emergencies resulting in added expenses, stress, and loss of income. Thanks to generous contributions from WDC congregations, members and friends, 28 grants were made from 2020 to 2022, totaling over \$62,000. Nearly a third of WDC congregations and the Ministerial Leadership Commission have received grants (some receiving multiple grants) to assist with needs such as rent, utility bills, facility repairs, groceries, medical costs, transportation, children's daycare, mental health counseling and coaching. After all this good work, the Hope Fund is running low and seeks new contributions in 2023! Donations designated "Hope Fund" may be made online or sent to Western District Conference at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117.

Mennonite Disaster Service is building our team and searching for qualified, motivated individuals who have a knowledge of and passion for the MDS mission, vision and values and a commitment to the Anabaptist church. We are searching for a Regional Operations Coordinator who will oversee all MDS project operations in Region 3 (Plains states, west of Mississippi), and facilitate volunteer engagement in the investigation and development of projects. Find more information, on our webpage www.mds.org/employment/.

Celebrate Martin Luther King Day: Everyone is invited to an afternoon of storytelling and learning at the Harvey County Historical Museum & Archives on Monday, Jan. 16 at 2 pm. The museum, with the Newton Community for Racial Justice (NCRJ), will host several storytellers from Newton's Black community who will share their experiences. The museum is located at 203 N. Main, Newton. The event is sponsored by NCRJ and the Harvey County Historical Museum & Archives and is a free event.

Trinity Mennonite Church is planning to end its time as a congregation. The congregation has given their building at 211 S. Elm to the Hillsboro Community Childcare Center, a much needed ministry in the community. A church "close out sale" (garage sale) will be Saturday, January 21 in the Fellowship Hall with craft items, toys, Christmas decorations, artificial 6 foot trees, artificial flower bouquets, candles, vases, different hymn books, ping pong table, foosball game, electric treadmill, costumes (and other items found in Sunday School closets and worship supply closets). Come explore from 9 am-2 pm! All purchases are by donation to the Childcare Center. For bigger items like pulpits, upright pianos, communion tables, communion sets, organ, pews, banners, large hedge-wood crosses, etc. please call the church at 620-947-3824 to express your interest. Our last service will be April 9, Easter Sunday morning at 10:30 am following a sunrise service (at the actual time of sunrise) and a 9:30 brunch. Guests and former members of Trinity are welcome to attend.

Bethel College:

--Mon., Jan. 16 – Bethel College celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, featuring Marche Fleming-Randle, "Together We Can Be the Dream," 7 p.m., Memorial Hall.

--Save the date: Sat., Jan. 28 – Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, "Kansans Create!," noon-4 p.m., museum parking lot and grounds. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or kauffmanmuseum.org

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Seminary Preview Webinar. Thinking about seminary? Or do you know someone who might be? Join us online on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 8–8:45 p.m. EST, and get a glimpse of what Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary has to offer — whether you want to study at a distance or on our campus in Elkhart, Indiana. Areas of study at AMBS include pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, Christian formation, peacebuilding, Anabaptist theology, environmental sustain.

Sermon Notes

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE January 8, 2023

Offering	= \$ 3,330.00	Attendance	= 129
Adult FF	= \$ 32.22	Attendance	= 42
Jr. FF	= \$ 9.38	Attendance	= 43
Worship Link Views		=	35

When we wrap up our Wednesday Evenings later this spring, there will be a **Quiz Bowl event on April 5** in which everyone is invited to participate - children youth, and adults! This will feature questions from Scripture passages that we have been learning about during the spring semester. ADULTS, if you would like to participate, here are 3 passages you can read through to start studying: Genesis 37, Exodus 2:1-10 and 3:1-8



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