



OLD TESTAMENT STORIES:

Daniel and friends . . . Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

Today our worship focuses on two popular stories from the book of Daniel . . . the story of Daniel's friends and the fiery furnace, and Daniel and the lion's den. As these stories were used as examples of faithfulness and as words of encouragement for the people of Israel during a difficult time, we explore what they can mean for us in our present day context.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Susan Merrifield
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joshua Schmidt
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 121*
- *GATHERING HYMN *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns"* No. 101
accompanied by Marcene Entz
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAISE *"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"* No. 624
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- WORSHIP MUSIC James Goerzen
- CHILDREN'S STORY Leann Toews
- SCRIPTURE READING *Daniel 3:16-26; 6:10-22* Venita Schroeder
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE *"In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting"* No. 619
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *SENDING HYMN *"A Wonderful Savior"* No. 626
- *BENEDICTION
- POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, February 19

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/djeSUDdPzmc?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

1:00 pm: Tabor leads Chapel at Bethesda.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, Feb. 20 - 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study. Book of Acts.

Tues, Feb. 21, 9:30 am - Staff meeting.

7:00 pm - Deacon meeting.

Wed, Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday. See announcements.

Wednesday Evening programs.

5:45 pm - Supper for everyone: *Suggested donation \$3.50.*

6:30 pm - Check in for pine car race

7:00 pm - Pine Car Race

7:30 - 8:30 pm - Adult Choir

Next Sunday, February 26

9:30 am: Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. The theme for Lent is Created in the Image of God: Shaped by Jesus. Lent 1 - Shaped by Testing. Scriptures for reflection are Matthew 4:1-11, Romans 5:12-19, Psalm 32, Genesis 2:15-71 and Genesis 3:1-7, and Pastor Todd will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Upcoming:

Sun, March 5 - Area Jr. High Fundraiser

Mon - Wed, March 6, 7, 8 - MCC Comforter Blitz at Yoder

Mon, March 6 - TMW Exchange Student Sharing

Wed, March 8 - Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum Pizza Supper

Sun, March 26 - Youth Sunday and Dessert Auction

Wed, April 5 - Quiz Bowl Event

Sun, April 9 - Easter Sunday

Fri, April 14 - Sat, April 15 - Kansas MCC Relief Sale

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on February 12

- ★ We continue to invite prayer for the people of Turkey and Syria who experienced an earthquake and a series of aftershocks resulting in extensive devastation and loss of life with over 40,000 deaths and many more injured and without homes.
- ★ We thank God for the outstanding leadership Laura Unrau and Michelle Unruh have provided the Junior High Camp 412 the past many years. We ask for prayer as the Goessel Ministerial Alliance seeks individuals to replace Laura and Michelle in this role.
- ★ We are thankful for a wonderful "Know Jesus" experience for our Junior High youth.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC staff members as they carry out conference ministries to support ministers, provide resources for congregations, and equip church planting partnerships.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's Service Adventure leaders are gathering this week at Camp Friedenswald in Michigan. Pray for them as they worship, fellowship and discern together how to enrich their ministries in the households and communities where they live and work.

Congregational Announcements

Ash Wednesday: February 22. For anyone who wishes to receive the sign of the cross in ashes, Pastors will be available in the foyer as people enter the church building before the meal and before the derby.

Pine Car Race is February 22 at 7 pm. Check in time is 6:30 pm. An alumni race will follow the K-8th grade races. If you are willing to provide some cookies or snacks for race night, that would be fantastic. See you then!

Job Opening: Secretary/Treasurer, Tabor Mennonite Church. For more information, please contact one of the Trustees: Russell Adrian, Kenton Nickel, Jim Schmidt or Cory Unruh.

Goessel Community Junior High will be hosting Camp 412 at the Disciple Center at Tawakoni near Augusta. In order to help cover the costs of camp, we will once again be having our fundraiser meal on March 5 at Goessel High School. We're changing up the menu this year! We will be serving pancakes, sausage, applesauce and dessert beginning at 11:30. The meal is by donation with \$8 per person being the suggested amount. We're excited to be able to go to camp again and appreciate your support!

Tabor Mennonite Women would like to invite anyone interested (yes, not just women!) to an entertaining evening with Carol Duerksen interviewing Exchange Students about their experiences in their host homes, school and communities on Monday, March 6 at 7 p.m. A social will follow the program.

The Comforter Blitz in Yoder KS will take place March 6-8. Tabor Mennonite Women have been asked to help serve snacks and lunch on March 8. If you are interested in helping, or plan to attend that day, be at the church by 8am to carpool. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the foyer and also indicate if you are willing to drive. We will return around 5pm. We will not need to be in the kitchen constantly, so we should have lots of time to tie comforters too. If you have questions, contact Sharon Adrian.

Conference and Community Announcements

Mennonite Church USA:

--February is Black History Month. Be sure to check out Mennonite Church USA's timeline honoring "Black History in the Mennonite Church." mennoniteusa.org/resource/black-history

--Registration for MennoCon23 will open on March 1. Mennocon23 will be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6, immediately followed by the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly and the new Youth and Young Adult Climate Summit. Subscribe to MC USA's PeaceMail weekly newsletter for the latest updates.

--Interested in volunteering at MennoCon23, Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6? Mennonite Church USA is seeking coordinators for special events, children's and junior youth programming, and more! Fill out a form here: mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-volunteer-form

Camp Mennoscah:

--Summer youth camp registration is open and Camp Mennoscah is receiving registrations. The summer theme is FruitFULL Faith. Get ready to learn and sing about the Fruit of the Spirit this summer! Register by March 1 for a \$20 discount, or by April 1 for a \$10 discount.

--Kitchen staff and nurses needed for summer youth camps from June 4 through July 28. Most people come out for a camp week, but we will also schedule partial weeks, as needed. Kitchen staff receive a camper discount for up to full camp fees and need to be able to follow directions with a willing spirit. Nurses must be an RN and can receive either a stipend or a camper discount.

--Upcoming:

Spring Scrapbook and Craft Retreat, March 10-12 and 17-19

Youth Volunteer Weekend, March 24-25

Men and Boys Retreat, March 31-April 2

Mennonite Central Committee:

-- **MCC is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria.** MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbors by providing a gift online at mcc.org/earthquake, by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

-- **MCC Central States annual meeting**, March 4 from 1-3 p.m. at MCC in North Newton. This will primarily be an in-person event, but if you would like a link to join via Zoom please email tinaschrag@mcc.org for the link.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The February edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: read about the MDS Annual Celebration in Lancaster, PA and check out the videos from the gathering; and a volunteer writes about the transformative experience during her time at Monte Lake, BC. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3EboHDz>

Newton Et Cetera Shop

--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 stop by, call us at 316.283.9461, or attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: Thursday 2/16/23 5-6 PM or Thursday 3/09/23 5-6 PM. We hope to hear from you soon!

--Newton Et Cetera Shop welcomes your donations at our back door Tues.-Fri. 9:30-5:00 and Sat. 9:30-3:00. We're happy to help you find new homes for your gently-used clothing, furniture, home goods, toys, books, movies, small electronics, and more. Please call us with any questions if you're wondering what we'll accept: 316-283-9461. Your donations help to support people in need in our community and around the world through the work of our local partners and Mennonite Central Committee!

Bethel College:

--Sun., Feb. 19 – KIPCOR Film Series presents No Time to Waste: The Urgent Mission of Betty Reid Soskin, 2 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. This film looks at the legendary 101-year-old park ranger's inspiring life, work and determination to restore critical missing chapters of America's story. An audience talkback will follow the screening. Free and open to the public, with a freewill offering taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.

--Tues., Feb. 21 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert, directed by Kristopher Hilding, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Features music of Vivaldi, Brahms, Dvořák and Saint-Saëns. Livestream will be available at Bethel College Music Department YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@bethelcollegemusicdepartment>

First Mennonite Church of Halstead invites you to their annual Verenike Supper Fundraiser on February 25 at their church building 427 W 4th. The menu will be verenike, ham gravy, zweiback, green beans, sausage, and pie. There is a Drive-thru/Carryout option from 4-5pm on the west side of the church and a Dine-in option from 5-7pm in the fellowship hall. Proceeds will go towards local missions projects.

Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income webinar on Thursday, Feb. 23, starting at 6:30 p.m. Specifics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be time for questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.



April 14 - 15, Hutchinson Fairgrounds

- Children's Coin Offering last Sunday was \$60.72. Thanks!
- Deadline to donate items for the Quilt Auction is March 6. Quilts and comforters that Tabor are donating to the sale are on display in the Hospitality Hall. If you have a quilted item you are donating, please bring it and add it to the display!
- Help take pictures of Tabor folks in action getting ready for the MCC Sale and also at the sale; and send those pictures to: unruh.sherry@gmail.com. These pictures will be used for our Sunday morning report after the MCC Sale.
- IF you truly love and support a certain activity, such as the MCC Sale, do more than just say it. Support it with your TIME and MONEY. That is true support.
- This year we have budgeted \$88,000 for our cost to put on the sale. Kansas Mennonite Churches raise ALL of this through your donations to Pre-Sale Expenses; so that EVERY Dollar spent at the Sale goes to fund MCC Programs. Some examples of expenses are: \$1050 for raisins; \$2200 for eggs; \$6050 for sausage; \$950 for Borscht ingredients. We have ALREADY raised \$56,000 and have \$32,000 to go. MANY small donations get us there. Please put checks, payable to KMRS (Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale), in Jerry and Leann Toews' church mailbox and designate for Pre-Sale Expenses.
- Website is: kansas.mccsale.org

Sermon Notes

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 passages you can read through to start studying: 1 Kings 17, 2 Kings 2:7-12, Job 1-2, and Psalm 23.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE February 12, 2023

Offering	= \$ 3,330.00	Attendance	= 130
Adult FF	= \$ 31.00	Attendance	= 37
Jr. FF	= \$ 24.87	Attendance	= 41
Worship Link Views		=	54



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