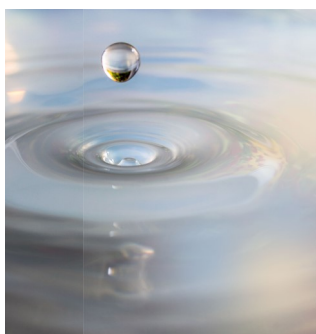


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SHAPED THROUGH THIRST

On this third Sunday of Lent, we reflect on the story of Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman at a well. Though Jesus should not have talked with her to begin with, due to cultural and religious expectations and precedents, she is the one to whom Jesus first reveals his "Living Water." As it was with this woman from Samaria, our own souls are parched and yearn to be drenched in God's love. May God's "Living Water" quench our thirst and sustain us always.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Diane Unruh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Venita Schroeder

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 42*

*GATHERING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMNS "How Great Thou Art" No. 436
"Lord, I Am Fondly Earnestly Longing" No. 555

*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Ilona Abrahams

WORSHIP MUSIC "Come Unto Me" -arr. Dale Wood Adult Choir

SCRIPTURE READING *Exodus 17:1-6, John 4:5-42* Steve Janzen
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen

RECEIVING THE LIVING WATER

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

*SENDING HYMNS "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" No. 536
"Rain Down" No. 703

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, March 12

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

https://youtube.com/live/_mJDq0j54gg?feature=share

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

All Children's FF classes (through grade 12) will be playing board games in the basement during the faith formation hour.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, March 13 - 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.
Men's Bible Study. Book of Acts.

Tues, March 14, 9:30 am - Staff meeting.

Wed, March 15 - No Wednesday Evening programs.

Next Sunday, March 19

9:30 am: Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent. The theme for Lent is Created in the Image of God: Shaped by Jesus. Lent 4 - Called to Life. Scriptures for reflection are John 11:1-45; Romans 8:6-11; Psalm 130; and Ezekiel 37:1-14, and Pastor Todd will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Upcoming:

Fri, March 24 - Sat, March 26 - TMYF Lock-in & Mystery Supper
Sun, March 26 - Youth Sunday, Fundraiser Meal and Dessert Auction
Fri, March 31 - Sun, April 2 - Men and Boys Camp at Mennoscah
Wed, April 5 - Quiz Bowl Event
Thurs, April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service
Sun, April 9 - Easter Sunday
Fri, April 14 - Sat, April 15 - Kansas MCC Relief Sale
Sun, April 16 - Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at Tabor College
Mon, April 17 - TMW Mystery Evening
Sun, April 23 - Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at Bethel College

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on March 5

- ★ prayers of gratitude were expressed for the Elbiata singers from Goessel High School who joined us for worship.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Michael Unruh had his ordination interview with the Ministerial Leadership Commission of the Western District Conference this past week. We are filled with joy and thanksgiving to share that Michael was strongly affirmed for ordination. There will be a service sometime in the spring to mark this significant milestone in Michael's ministry.
- ★ The Caring Quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for interim and transitional pastors in WDC, as they accompany congregations navigating change and discerning future pastoral leadership.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: From her home in Burkina Faso, Anicka Fast serves with Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference. One of her ministries is to amplify the voices of African Christian historians. Pray for her as she helps facilitate a history-writing workshop for Congolese Mennonites in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, this month.
- ★ Mennonite World Conference: Praise God for the persistent efforts of Mennonite pastors in Ukraine. They bring hope to people in hopeless situation, showing the love of Christ. Recently, church buildings in occupied areas have been taken over by Russian forces. Church activities, including outreach to children and senior citizens, have lost their home. Pray that the Spirit of God would continue to strengthen Ukrainian brothers and sisters with hope in this time of suffering.

Thanks

We would like to extend a huge thank you on behalf of all the Goessel Community Junior Highers for your support at our fundraiser meal last Sunday. It was fun to see our junior highers working together and the fellowship among everyone! We loved seeing a packed cafeteria! This ministry wouldn't be possible if not for all of you. Please keep us in your prayers as we anticipate and plan for Camp 412 in a few months! Thank you for supporting our youth! ~Michelle Unruh & Laura Unrau

Congregational Announcements

Stories of Service: For the past several months I have been gathering information for individuals who served in some sort of service capacity. Information was sent to individuals who were involved in CPS, I-W, Pax, VS, etc. I am in the process of compiling the Service Record documents I have received. The stories are fascinating. If you have not responded, please do so before the end of March. Several hard copies will be placed in the church library and one additional copy will be placed in the church archives. Feel free to send them via email or put a hard copy in my church mailbox. Thanks, Ilona Abrahams

Join us at Alexanderwohl for Senior Coffee Friday, March 17, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Susan Mayo will tell us about Flint Hills Counterpoint -- a collaboration between composer Susan Mayo, filmmaker Cyan Meeks, and the community of rural Marion County, Kansas to explore and discover the wonders of Marion county, deepening the experience through arts interventions. Flint Hills Counterpoint is committed to fostering land stewardship through conservation, arts, and community programming.

The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, March 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Dennis and Jan Schmidt (1219 Alamo, Goessel, KS) to tour their unique collection of family and community artifacts known as "The Schmidtsonian." Shasta (Schmidt) Hamilton will serve as guide for the visit. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum (620-367-8200).

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.

Conference and Community Announcements

Western District Conference:

--The WDC Gifts Discernment Committee is at work again seeking to identify leaders for the conference. While we always welcome any nominations or suggestions of people who might have leadership gifts to share, this year we are specifically asking for help in discerning nominees for the role of Moderator-elect. Please prayerfully consider if there is someone in your community (or yourself) who might be called to this important leadership role in the conference. Suggestions or nominations can be emailed to wdc@mennowdc.org

--The WDC Resource Library is looking for wrapping paper donations to be used in the summer reading program. Any holiday, any style--we'd be happy to use up some "vintage" odds and ends from your house. :) Email Jennie at crlib@mennowdc.org if you have some to donate.

--Dismantling racism in WDC: The WDC Executive Board is working on next steps following an anti-racism audit of WDC's organizational culture and leadership structure <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-anti-racism-report-announcement-summary/>. If you – or another WDC member you know of – has interest, training or gifts to share in dismantling racism and nurturing intercultural competency, and would like to participate in WDC's ongoing work in this area, the Board invites you to contact WDC at 316-283-6300 or wdc@mennowdc.org. The Board will consider these suggestions as it discerns leadership and specific ways to implement the commitment stated in the WDC Constitution: WDC "seeks to foster a biblical, multicultural vision of the missional church by being inclusive of, walking with and learning from many cultural and racial/ethnic groups. Desiring to follow the way of Jesus, we seek to dismantle racism and prejudice in our congregations, conference, institutions and communities."

Mennonite Church USA: Glen Guyton, Executive Director of MC USA, will speak March 19, during morning worship at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave., Moundridge, as part of the congregation's annual Peace Sunday. He will give the sermon during the worship service which begins at 9:30 am and will share his story during the Sunday school hour following. Virtual attendance for the worship service is also an option. All are welcome to join! Please email the Eden Church Office by March 17 for the Zoom link at edenoffice@edenmennonite.org.

Celebrating Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service: Join in the Celebration on Sunday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 429 East 1st, Newton. Kilometer 81 the singing group comprised of the family of Ken and Amy Regier will lead us in celebrating through song and music. We will hear about different projects volunteers have been involved with during the past year. This event will also be a fund raising event for The MDS Cabinet Shop. Monday, March 20, 7 pm. will be the Kansas MDS Unit Board of Directors meeting via zoom. All are invited to join using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/KansasAnnualMeeting>.

Camp Mennoscah:

--Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to the Youth Volunteer Weekend on March 24-25 for a focused time of worship and service. The retreat begins on Friday at 7pm with registration followed by snacks, games, and campfire. Rachel and Isaac, the Senior High Camp program directors, will lead activities. Ben Woodward- Breckbill will lead worship times.

--While we may be adding to the number of summer staff, here is the crew as of March 1: Peter Buller, Schyler Entz, Daniel Miller, Edel Miller, and Jacob Schrag. We are excited to have them at camp this summer! Additional staff are needed for lifeguarding, grounds, kitchen staff and nurses.

Summer youth camp registration is open and Camp Mennoscah is receiving registrations.

--Scholarship funds for campers are needed. If Camp Mennoscah gives the same amount in scholarships as last year, the account will be depleted. Donations to the Scholarship Fund are most welcome. Gifts can be made online or sent to Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock, KS, 67111 with "Scholarship Fund" in the memo. Share the gift of faith formation and friends with others!

Contact: Website: www.campmennoscah.org Phone:620-297-3290.

New Hope Shelter: *Come Help Us Celebrate!* Groundbreaking for New Hope Shelter will take place on March 24 at 4pm, 308 S. Meridian, Newton. This is a day we have been anticipating for a long time. The Hopes, Dreams, Prayers, and Contributions of all of you have made this day possible. Please come and enjoy this time with us on the site of what will be our New Home as a Shelter. In the years to come hundreds of people will be blessed by this facility and you can still have a part in helping us with ongoing contributions to supply the daily need we provide.

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association: The January 12, 1888, blizzard will be the focus for Lois Preheim, author and educator, who will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association. Her book, "Trailing the Schoolchildren's Blizzard" chronicles experiences of families living in ten locations along the storm's route extending from Canada down through the United States. The annual meeting will be held on March 12 at 2:30pm at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge.

Bethel College:

--TODAY (Sun., March 12) – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Nationally recognized local artist Phil Epp will present "Images of Art and Design in Central Asia," a program related to the museum's current special exhibit, "Reeds & Wool: Patterned Screens of Central Asia."

--Mon., March 20 – Bethel College presents the 3rd annual Ada Schmidt-Tieszen Lecture, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center (regular convocation). Dr. Tonya Hansel, faculty at the Tulane University School of Social Work, will speak on "Climate Change and Severe Weather Events: Social Workers' Present and Future Roles in Disaster Relief and Recovery."

Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.



OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE March 5, 2023			
Offering	= \$ 7,404.69	Attendance	= 182
Adult FF	= \$ 43.00	Attendance	= 35
Jr. FF	= \$ 24.92	Attendance	= 35
Worship Link Views		=	46

SERMON NOTES

Lenten Reflection:

--How do you experience Jesus as your Living Water? How is your spiritual thirst satisfied?

--How are you witnessing to Jesus' Living Water in your encounters with others?

April 14 - 15, Hutchinson Fairgrounds

--2nd thru 8th Graders - You are doing a WONDERFUL job with your memory work on the 23rd Psalm. Keep working on it daily to continue improvement. We would like to recite it for the Church one of these Sunday mornings before the sale and will give you your \$25 MCC Bucks at that time. Tabor Children, YOUR efforts are significant in helping raise money for people that are having difficult times. Keep up the GOOD WORK!!

--Children's Coin Offering was \$70.68. AWESOME!!

--5K Run/Walk Forms are on one of the MCC Sale Tables in the Northeast corner of the Hospitality Hall. You can either mail this form in OR you can sign up on the Website. JOIN THE TABOR 5K TEAM THIS YEAR. Congregation, we encourage you to be a Sponsor or a Runner. Let us know if you are participating and we will get your names in the bulletin..

--Looking for someone to sponsor in the MCC 5K? Many of the junior high youth are signed up to participate, so find some youth to support!

--SIGN UP to help bake 25 Dozen Zweibach and 15 Pies. The signup sheet is on the MCC Sale Tables in the Hospitality Hall.

--Baked Goods is asking for more Cinnamon Rolls and Peppernuts. They sell like HOTCAKES and supplies run out quickly.

--SALE BILLS are on the MCC Sale Tables. PLEASE TAKE SOME AND PUT THEM UP AT YOUR WORKPLACE ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS and help us advertise.

--Kansas Mennonites have raised OVER \$80,000 of our \$85,000 Budget for Pre-Sale Expenses!!! We have \$4,240 left. If you can help raise these last dollars, put your checks in Jerry and Leann Toews church mailbox.

--Website is: kansas.mccsale.org



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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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