

February 25, 2007

## ***“God’s Hand Delivers Us”***

*“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*  
- Romans 10:13

### Gathering

PRELUDE Kristi Diller  
INTROIT *“God of the Bible”* Adult Choir  
WELCOME Worship Leader, Peter Goerzen

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 63 & Psalm 91

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.**

Leader: We trust in the Lord, who is our refuge,  
who commands his angels to guard us.

**People: God delivers and protects us when we are in trouble.**

**All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.  
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy,  
and you uphold us.**

\*GATHERING OUR PRAISE *“Brethren, we have met to worship”* No. 8

### Praising God

\*PRAYING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“Praise, I will praise you, Lord”* No. 76

\*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please pass the welcome pads*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP

CHILDREN’S STORY Maynard Knepp

SPECIAL MUSIC *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”* Adult Choir  
Violin, Marthe Ketels

### Hearing God’s Word

HEARING THE GOSPEL *Luke 4:1-13*

MUSIC *“He delivered me”* Quartet

SERMON *“God Saves Us”* Corey Miller

### Responding to God

SONG OF FAITH *“And I will raise you up”* No. 596

CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Leader: We are all invited to call upon the Lord today.  
Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

**People: Saving God, we call upon you, for you alone can save.  
When we find ourselves wandering in a wilderness,  
we call to you.**

Leader: When we face temptations (*pause*) we call to you.  
When our souls hunger for what only you can provide (*pause*),  
we call to you.

**All: *In the morning and in the evening, we will call upon the Lord.***

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

## COMMUNION

### SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*Lord we give you our thanks*

**-“Thanks be to God”**

*Lord we pray to you*

**-“Hear our prayer”**

\*SONG OF HOPE

“He leadeth me”

No. 599

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## Today

Lent is a journey that explores our human emptiness and God's saving power. When we enter the wilderness and wandering and temptation, God's hand delivers us. Today, we confess our trust in a saving God. Today, we come to the Lord's table to confess our need for a Savior. Thanks be to God, we are being saved!

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Carol Duerksen & Maynard Knepp and Darwin & Kim Funk. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back & join us again soon.

May we be blessed in our worship this morning. We are so glad you are here.

Childcare is available during worship today.

**10:45**—Sunday School for all ages.

**SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING:** If you work with our children or youth and have not attended and signed the participation covenant then today is your chance to do so. Pam Abraham's will be leading the training session during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary. All members and regular attenders of Tabor are encouraged to attend and it is a requirement for those of you who work with our children and youth. The guidelines of the safe sanctuaries policy are designed to help nurture and protect our children, and all who worship at Tabor. It demonstrates that we acknowledge the risks and reality of abuse and are willing to put our best foot forward to prevent abuse in any form from happening to anyone here at Tabor.

On the table in the foyer are **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

**7:00 P.M.—MAYNARD KNEPP SERVICE TRIP REPORT.** You won't want to miss out on hearing about Maynard's MCC trip to Africa. Come and hear stories. Come and see pictures. Come and be inspired to serve in the name of Christ. *Area churches have been invited to attend. Please bring cookies to share during the fellowship time which will follow.*

## **This Week**

### **Wednesday, February 28**

**6:00-6:45 p.m.**—Supper-*sign up for meal* Fundraiser: Pizza served by Mennonite Heritage Museum.

—*Everyone who attended Stewardship University, please meet during the supper hour in the NE corner of the fellowship hall. Be prepared to share reflections and highlights from seminars you attended.*

**6:30-7:15 p.m.**—Children of Light

**6:45-7:00 p.m.**—Supper Clean Up

**6:45-7:15 p.m.**—Sonbeams Choir

**7:00-8:00 p.m.**—TGYF; Adult Bible Study: *Transforming Conflict: Denise Goertzen will join us again to talk about Active Listening.*

**7:15-8:00 p.m.**—Children's Bible Study, Worship Team

**7:15-8:15 p.m.**—Faith Weaver Friends, Youth Explorers

**8:00-9:00 p.m.**—Adult Choir

### **Saturday, March 3**

**7:00 a.m.**—Men's Bible Study. Hebrews 9.

## **Next Sunday, March 4**

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday is the second Sunday in Lent. The focus of the morning will be "*God gathers us together in safe shelter.*" The texts are Genesis 15:1-12, Psalm 27, and Luke 13:31-35. The Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College will be sharing their gift of music and Bible professor Michelle Hershberger will be preaching.

We invite you to enter the sanctuary quietly and reflectively during the season of Lent. Come early and use the time for prayer and centering your hearts on Christ. May we all prepare to be fed in this season of Lent.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for everyone. All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goertzen's home right after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

**NOON:** The Goessel Area Jr. High will have their annual fundraiser here at Tabor. Lasagna, tossed salad, french bread and cookies will be served. Donations will go toward expenses for Camp WaShunGa in May.

*Jr. Highers - Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of food and 2 dozen cookies. Everyone's help is needed for set up, serving, and clean up. More details will follow this week in the mail.*

Remember to pray for:

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Leadership Commission as it plants new churches, identifies new pastors and credentials pastoral leadership for all WDC congregations. Also pray for the new church plant in North Houston and the church planter, Aurora Parchmont, and that God will provide an adequate facility for their meeting place (presently in a trailer-home.)

Mennonite Mission Network: Please pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participant Laura Rheinheimer who has begun her MVS assignment in Harlingen, Texas. Pray that God will give her wisdom and strength as she helps provide legal assistance to political refugees.

Mennonite Education Agency: Ask God to give John D. Roth, Goshen College history professor and director of Mennonite Historical Library, the words to speak Feb. 25-28 while serving as church leader-in-residence at Hesston College. Pray that God will bless his interactions with students. May what they hear challenge them to greater faithfulness to God.

## **Announcements**

**THANKS:** Cast members and parents of "The Upside Down King" would like to thank you for your generous donations towards our trip to San Jose this summer. We feel blessed and encouraged by your support! Please continue to pray for the cast members as they soon begin to work on the musical, and as we continue to raise funds for this trip.

**IN MAILBOXES MARCH 4:** In following Tabor's regular pastoral review schedule that established a major review every 3 years with a mini-review in the other 2 years, you will find in your mailboxes next Sunday a simple but comprehensive survey that the Pastoral Review Committee (PRC) has prayerfully compiled to help guide our congregation in a process of reflecting on and reviewing the various ministries of our pastors here at Tabor Church, as well the health of our congregational life. Because neither Karen nor Doug have yet had the benefit of such a valuable measurement tool during their time here, they will also be included in this evaluation process. The purpose of a pastoral review is to affirm and strengthen the pastors and the congregation in their relationship and ministry. Please spend some time in thoughtful and prayerful reflection as you respond to the questionnaires, then return your completed form to the designated box in the foyer **no later than Sunday, March 18, 2007**. All responses will be kept completely confidential. For more information, or if you have questions or comments about the process, please contact a member of the PRC: Barb Abrahams, Jim Schmidt, Rosie Jantz, Donavon Schmidt, Fred Unruh, Sheri Schmidt, or Pastor Corey.

**TEXAS SERVICE TRIP:** We have a group of 16 people going to Port Arthur, TX, to help re-build after Hurricane Rita. This group will be leaving on March 10th and arriving home March 17th. If you would like to contribute financially, make checks payable to Tabor Church, earmarked "Texas Service Trip" and put your donation in the secretary's mailbox.

**COOKS NEEDED** for Wed. evening meals for the month of March. Sunday school classes, small group, anyone who can help, talk to Brenda Buller.

**GROCERY SHOWER MINISTRIES:** Tabor is exploring a new ministry that is intended to nurture our young married people. We are proposing that we would have a Grocery Shower for those who are getting married. We would gather (perhaps on Sundays for a potluck) and bring items of food for the young couple starting out, and would bless them as they begin their life together. We think this is a wonderful gesture of hospitality to the wonderful young adults in our midst. If you are interested in helping to coordinate these events, please contact Corey or Barb Abrahams.

**"GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?"** The quarterly fellowship committee would like you to participate in some good food, fun, and fellowship on March 11 at 6:00 p.m. by hosting or being a guest in a mystery meal. Note the deadline of TODAY to return the completed forms, found earlier in your mailboxes, to Carrie Friesen.

**MENNONITE HERITAGE MUSEUM FUNDRAISER DINNER** - March 24, 6:30 p.m. at the Tabor Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Ann Richardson will be presenting "Signatures from History" which includes autographed handkerchiefs from some of the most famous people in the world. Music by "Sisters Forever". Tickets for the dinner and program will be \$65.00. Board members and the Museum Gift Shop will be selling tickets in March. Museum memberships may also be purchased at this time. More information coming soon!

**Joan Boyer** will be ordained to Christian ministry on March 4, 10:15am at First Mennonite Church, Newton. Carry-in meal after the service. The congregation and Western District Conference invite you to this worship celebration.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Delton and Marian Franz will be held Sunday, March 11, 3:00 p.m., at Bethel College Mennonite Church, N. Newton. Delton, who was the first director of Mennonite Central Committee's Washington Office, died March 6, 2006. Marian, long-time director of the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, died Nov. 17, 2006.

**ANABAPTIST LECTURE:** Paul Veraguth, a Swiss-Reformed pastor from Wattenwil, Switzerland, will give a lecture and power-point presentation about the "Year of the Anabaptists" taking place in Switzerland during 2007. Veraguth has been a leader in reconciliation efforts between the Reformed churches and Anabaptist/Mennonite groups. It will take place on Thursday, March 1,

2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kropf Center, room 150 on the Hesston College campus. It is free and open to the public.

**MARCH FOR PEACE:** On March 16, a Christian PEACE Witness for Iraq will be held at the Washington D.C. National Cathedral. Organizers are from denominational peace fellowships along with the Peace and Justice Support Network of the Mennonite Church USA. The Western District Conference Resource Commission is offering six \$300 scholarships to members of WDC congregations who attend this Witness. For more information about the scholarships call Marlene Bogard at 316-283-6300. *Tabor Church will have its own peace activities on that day, marking the fourth anniversary of the war in Iraq.*

**SPRING SUNSET SUPPER:** March 15, Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston. Theme: "Women Proclaiming Jesus as Lord". Supper at 6pm (cost \$5.00) followed by program featuring Tom and Lois Harder family. Offering for Mennonite Women USA.. This event is for all women. Sign up for reservations by March 8. Additional information posted.

**Newsletter items are due in the secretary's mailbox tomorrow.**

**ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:**

**Peace Lecture Series:** Peacemaking in an Age of Terrorism, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m., Shalom Mennonite, Newton; "Scarlet Daughters", March 8, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College. Information on Kansas Friends of MCC "**Comforter Blitz**" on March 8. Camp Mennoscah: **Explore the Night Sky**. March 16-18. Deadline to register March 1.

## **KANSAS MCC SALE NOTES**

39th annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale  
April 13 & 14, 2007 - Kansas State Fairgrounds

The Children's Coin offering last Sunday for the MCC Sale brought in \$77.28. FANTASTIC!! "**Change Does Change Lives**". THANKS Children for doing your part!!

This Sunday the Quilts and Wall Hangings made my Tabor Church members are on **display in the basement**. PLEASE take time to go down and look them over. They will be on display this one Sunday ONLY as they will be going to the MCC Center so they can be listed in the catalog and for advertising. THANKS to ALL of you who have helped with these fantastic efforts.

This Sunday we have the table in the foyer with the **signup sheets and MCC sale information**. PLEASE look it over and sign up NOW. By signing up NOW you greatly help those in charge to know that help will be coming for the different shifts. By waiting until the week before the sale, makes it much more difficult for those in charge.

Today is Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale **Fellowship Sunday**. We extend a warm welcome to visitors in our worship service today who are guests. Some of our families are guests in other congregations. These fellowship meals help to build a bond between our congregations and other Mennonite, Amish and Brethren in Christ churches supporting the relief sale.

We are VERY thankful that Brandon and Kristi Unruh, Brad and Sara Hiebert, and Pete and Sharon Unruh are going to fill the shoes of Marc and Joyce Watts. Marc and Joyce have been in charge of "**Plants and Things**" at the Kansas MCC Sale for the past 20 years and will be turning over the keys of the shop to the Unruh Clan after this year's sale. We are SO excited to see younger blood stepping up to the plate; AND we are equally thankful for the MANY years of service that Mark and Joyce have given to the Kansas MCC Sale. AMEN!!

### ***God's Peace: It can be lived out in your life.***

You must be men and women of ceaseless hope, because only tomorrow can today's human and Christian promise be realized; and every tomorrow will have its own tomorrow, world without end. Every human act, every Christian act, is an act of hope. But that means you must be men and women of the present, you must live this moment--really live it, not just endure it--because this very moment, for all its imperfection and frustration, because of its imperfection and frustration, is pregnant with all sorts of possibilities, is pregnant with the future, is pregnant with love, is pregnant with Christ. - *Walter J. Burghardt*