

Kansas MCC Sale

The dates of this years MCC Sale are April 17 and 18.

Consider helping with KS MCC Sale pre-sale expenses this year. Our expenses to put the sale on are around \$80,000 and we raise that money before the sale so all proceeds of the sale go toward relief. This is our 41st Kansas MCC sale--consider giving \$41 OR round it up to \$50.

Be thinking of what you can build or donate this year and start the project.

Jerry & Leann Toews and Archie & Kristin Schmidt will be hosting a MCC Fellowship Meal at Tabor Church on Sunday, March 8 at noon. The cost is \$15 per person. Payment may be made on the day of the meal. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up by Feb 22.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

February 1, 2009

Offering	=	\$5,123.15	Attendance	=	201
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 69.70	Attendance	=	93
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 21.09	Attendance	=	16

Did You Know? \$300 of our annual budget supports the Stewardship committee. A major part of these funds are used to encourage and support persons to attend Stewardship University to learn about stewardship of all aspects of our lives.

Letting God's Peace live through us

And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them.

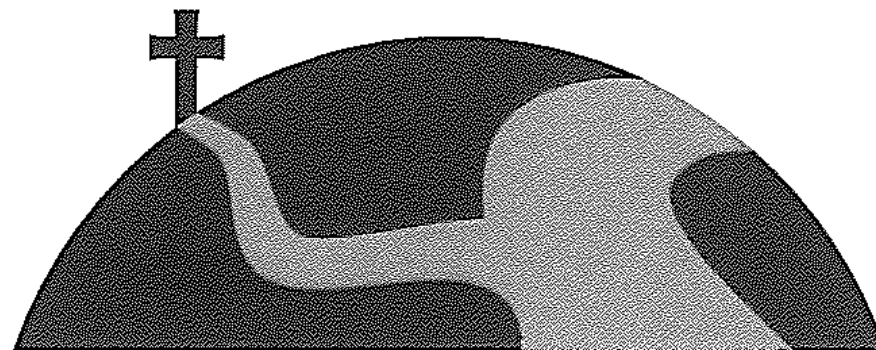
- Luke 18:7-8



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Following Jesus in a world that is not

Tabor Mennonite Church
February 8, 2009



**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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“Following Jesus in a world that is not”

Gathering to Worship

“Today salvation has come to this house.” -Luke 19:9

PRELUDE Marcene Entz

WELCOME Worship Leader, Sharleen Francis

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather to worship as children of God,
known and loved by our Creator.

**People: We gather to worship as followers of Jesus Christ,
longing to be true and faithful disciples.**

Leader: We gather to worship as those in whom the Spirit dwells,
called to plant seeds of justice and hope in our world.

**All: *Knowing who we are and who invites us here,
let us worship God with joy!***

***INVOCATION**

Praising God

*SINGING OUR PRAISE No. 59
“Sing praise to God who reigns”

***GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHILDREN'S STORY Doug Krehbiel

OFFERING OUR PRAISE Sonbeams
“Jesus Bids us Shine”

Camp Mennoscah:

Registrations for summer camps are already here! Our theme this summer is Breakthrough! based on stories from Mark and Luke. *Camp catalogs have arrived and can be found on the table in the foyer. The Education Committee will be awarding \$50.00 scholarships to all those attending summer camps at Mennoscah and Rocky Mountain Mennonite. Sign up on the bulletin board if you are planning to attend.*

Have you heard about our new retreats? We have a **Scrapbooking Retreat**, March 6-7, and a **Sustainable Foods and Farming Retreat**, March 21-22. both brand new this year. And don't forget our **Retirees' Relaxation Retreat**, April 27-29!

Calling all counselors and summer staff! Camp Mennoscah will be at Hesston College on February 9 & 10 and at Bethel College on February 11 for summer staff and counselor recruiting. Torrey and Olivia will be there to answer your questions from approximately 9am to 1pm.

2009 Men and Boys Retreat is April 24-26 - Mark your calendars now. This retreat has been a tradition for over 50 years and is popular with young and old. Contact Brent Voran for information: 316-284-2657, bcvoran@cox.net.

For all of the above find links to information and registration forms at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section, or contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org.

Offender/Victim Ministries Annual Meeting Monday, February 16, 6:30 pm at the Amish Community Building in Hutchinson. Dinner provided; donations appreciated. RSVP to 316-283-2038 by Monday, February 9.

On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ Letter from **Lenore Waltner**.
- ★ Letter from **Mission Partners** Joe and Anna Sawatzky.
- ★ Newsletter from **Chuck & Joy Goertzen** serving with Campus Crusade.
- ★ Hesston Bethel performing arts presents **The King's Singers**, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m. at Bethel College Memorial Hall. Tickets \$19-\$23.
- ★ Hesston College Theatre and Music Dept. present **Godspell** beginning Feb. 19. See poster.
- ★ **MDS Update** for Feb. 5.
- ★ **Peace Connections** Annual Meeting, Thursday, March 5, 6 pm at First Mennonite Church, 429 E. See poster.

Mennonite Central Committee:

New Wine/New Wineskins: Reshaping MCC for the 21st Century is engaging all MCC stakeholders in discerning God's direction by creating a common vision and revised structure for MCC. The process will incorporate the voices and best ideas of the entire MCC community around the globe. It holds the potential to unify MCC and increase its capacity for meaningful impact around the world. We want your input! To participate contact Tina Schrag (316-283-2720 or trs@mcc.org) to see if there is room available.

- February 21 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the MCC Center, North Newton
- You can also go online to mcc.org/newwineskins and give your input.

A seminar entitled "The Global Food Crisis: Hunger for Justice" will be held at the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church (Wichita, KS) on March 28-29. Planned by the MCC U.S. Washington Office, the seminar will feature plenary sessions and workshops on a variety of topics, including the history and causes of the crisis; the impact of bio-fuels; sustainable eating; and how to advocate effectively; and an overview of MCC food projects. U.S. Senator Sam Brownback has been invited to speak; the seminar will also include an optional visit to the senator's office in Wichita on Monday, March 30. For further information and to register, go to the church office for brochure, or go to: <http://mcc.org/us/washington/programs/seminar/>.

MCC Central States Annual Meeting & Worship Service at Albuquerque Mennonite Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Saturday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. The program will focus on our continuing work in New Orleans.

Western District Conference:

How Can I Keep From Singing on March 21 at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, is a music resourcing event featuring Ken Nafziger from Eastern Mennonite University. Everyone interested in singing is invited! Ken will be leading us through the *Sing the Journey* and *Sing the Story* hymnal supplements. Brochures can be found on the table in the foyer or at www.mennowdc.org/HowCanIKeepFromSinging.pdf. Registration will be paid by Tabor. Sponsored by Eden Church and the Music and Worship Task Force of Western District. Let's bring our voices together in song!

"Building Vitality in Rural Congregations and Communities" a seminar sponsored by Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, is on March 7, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Shannon Jung, Professor of Town and Country Ministries, St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, will help you consider how you can build the future of your rural church. See information/registration form at: <http://www.mennowdc.org/RuralCongregationsSeminar030709.pdf>

Kansas Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) is working with congregations to put our faith into action on climate change--promoting energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. Learn more about ways congregations can participate at (<http://kansasipl.climateandenergy.org>); a covenant, an energy audit form and other resources. Lynn Schlosser, pastor of Bergthal Mennonite Church, is a contact person (ltschlosser@yahoo.com).

Hearing God's Word

PRAISING WITH THE PSALMIST *Psalm 146* Ron Schroeder

CONFESSING

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *"I know not why God's wondrous"* No. 338

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*GOSPEL READING *Luke 19:1-10*

SERMON *"Free to Follow"* Karen Andres

Responding to God's Call

HYMN OF FAITH *"Jesus, you have called us"* Doug and Jude Krehbiel

OFFERING OUR GIFTS
A portion of this offering supports the work of the Stewardship committee.

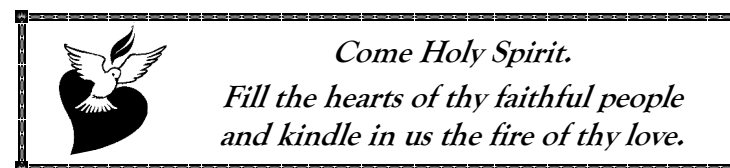
*HYMN OF HOPE *"Love the Lord (With All)"* No. 32CS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

In Jesus we see an astonishing revelation of God's love for the whole world, a love that overflows all boundaries and brings healing, peace and great joy. When we follow Jesus, our true identity as children of God is renewed and, in consequence, all other loyalties and commitments take their place in relationship to our core allegiance to Christ.



Today continued

This morning you were greeted by Bill & Sherry Unruh and Rod & Ilona Abrahams. *Please note the friendship cards in the songbook holders and fill one out if you have requests or if you are a visitor.* We are so glad that you are here to worship with us.

Childcare is provided by Phyllis Goertzen in the nursery during worship.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School for everyone.

All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home right after the service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

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.

This Week

Monday, February 9

7:00 p.m.—Meeting for parents of youth going to Columbus #9 in the south upstairs SS rooms of Tabor Church. We will review purpose, schedule, finances, fund raising and how to handle a unique ministry opportunity connected to this event.

Tuesday, February 10

7:00 p.m.—Deacon's meeting at Bill Unruh's.

Wednesday, February 11

6:00 - 6:45p.m.—Supper for Everyone. *Please sign up for meal.*

6:30 - 7:00p.m.—Sonbeams **6:30 - 7:15p.m.**—Children of Light

7:00 - 8:00p.m.—Faith Friends, TMYF, Adult Study

7:15 - 8:15p.m.—Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers, Worship Team

8:00 - 9:00p.m.—Adult Choir.

Next Sunday, February 15

9:30 a.m.—**NEXT SUNDAY** the theme is "*Living in the Empire.*" The texts are Genesis 41, Psalm 96 and Matthew 22:15-22. Corey will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Worship Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Worship Enrichment Seminar for those involved with morning services. Those adults not involved in the seminar are invited to the South SS rooms for refreshments and fellowship. Children through HS will meet as usual.

Noon Potluck: Caring Group celebration. Bring your own tableware.

6:00 p.m.—**Sunday Night at the Picture Show:** Bring your date, mate, friend or just yourself to Tabor for a picture show and popcorn. Travel to Costa Rica with Michael Unruh and New Zealand with Marie Unruh as they share pictures and stories of their experiences in these countries. Admission is free and so's the popcorn!

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Gilberto Flores as he begins his ministry with WDC as Associate Conference Minister for Texas this month. Pray for the churches in Texas, the pastors, and for the mission to be the people of God.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN workers Christine and Phil Lindell-Detweiler, South Africa, request prayer that peacebuilding initiatives can bear fruit in the current contentious political climate. Pray that Way of Life church, a Network partner, and other black churches in the Khayelitsha township can capture the vision for proactive peacebuilding for the well-being of their community.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Thank God for the dedication of Bethel College's nursing faculty and students as junior nursing majors participate in the annual lamplighting service today. Pray for Phyllis Miller, interim director of nursing, and that a permanent director may be found to lead the program.

Announcements

Thanks:

It is a blessing to have such wonderful people, this congregation, and Pastor Corey and Karen who all prayed for me when I had surgery and now through my treatments. Everyone is my fish net who stretched out their arms of care and concern. Thank you very much. . Ann Thiesen

Thank you for your contributions to the Mennonite College Scholarship fund. \$2364.00 was received. You may still place donations in Gayle Funk's mailbox if you did not attend the fundraiser.

Stewardship University: Today is your last day to sign up for Stewardship University. Feedback following previous events has been very positive from Tabor members. A variety of courses in all areas of stewardship are offered. Enrich yourself, discover your gifts, gain new insights by attending this year. Cost for the Saturday, Feb. 21 event is only \$10 if you register today! *Turn in forms to Kim BEFORE Sunday school today as registration needs to be taken care of today to meet early deadline for special rates.*

Area Jr. High Fundraiser: Why go home to cook after church when you can just stay, relax and enjoy a hot sloppy joe and cinnamon roll for lunch? The Goessel Area Wide Junior High Youth invite YOU (and everyone you know) to their annual fundraiser meal to help send them to Camp Washunga in May. They'll be serving up the hot eats in the Tabor fellowship hall after Sunday School on February 22nd. Please come help support our junior youth! HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE (well, here)!