

**Letting God's Peace live through us**

Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up.  
- Anne Lamott

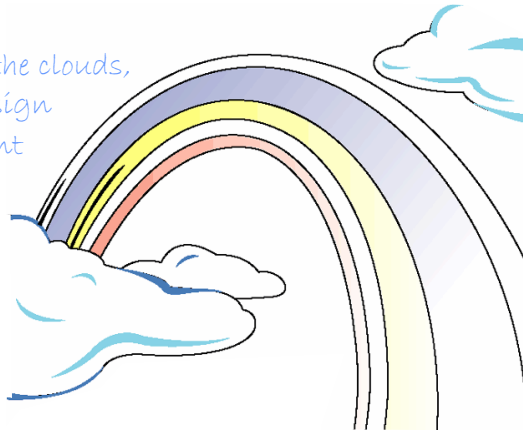


**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE  
February 22, 2009**

Offering	=	\$3,583.00	Attendance	=	250
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 49.00	Attendance	=	73
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 6.74	Attendance	=	20

**Did You Know?** He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. -Micah 6:8

*"I have set my rainbow in the clouds,  
and it will be a sign  
of the covenant  
between me  
and the earth."  
~Genesis 9:13*



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**Tabor Mennonite Church**  
March 1, 2009



Tabor  
Mennonite  
Church

**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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## A Sign from Above

*one* "You are my son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."  
-Mark 1:11

### Gathering

PRELUDE

Marcene Entz

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Venita Schroeder

Leader: We gather in this Lenten season to remember, repent,  
and seek renewal.

**People: Creator God, open our minds and hearts to your Spirit  
and help us to claim your promises.**

Leader: We see your movement throughout history;  
From destruction to provision, from flood to foundation,  
from death to life.

**People: You are an active, responsive God.  
We trust your mysterious ways and rest in your mercy. Amen.**

SONG OF TRUST

"You are all we have"

No. 158CS

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

### Praising God

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE "Sing praise to God who reigns" No. 59

\*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS  
*You are welcome to fill out the friendship brochure and place it in the offering bag.*

CHILDREN'S STORY Ilona Abrahams

SPECIAL MUSIC "Gonna Sing to the Lord" -Wagner Children of Light

### Western District Conference:

**\*\*How Can I Keep From Singing:** Love to sing? Love to learn? Join with dozens of other Mennonites on Sat. March 21 from 2-5 p.m. at the Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge and be resourced as we explore the Hymnal Supplements Sing the Story and Sing the Journey with Director Ken Nafziger and accompanist Ken Rodgers. On Sunday, March 22, all are welcome to attend a Hymn Sing at 2 p.m., also with Ken at Eden. An offering will be taken. This event sponsored by WDC Music and Worship Task Force and Eden Mennonite Church. *Registration will be paid by Tabor Church. Turn registrations (found on the table in the foyer) to the church office.* Details and poster can be found on the bulletin board.

**\*\*Building Vitality in Rural Congregations and Communities** a seminar sponsored by Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, is on March 7, 8:30am - 4pm. See bulletin board for details.

**Camp Mennoscah:** Register now for summer camps. 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.*

### On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **Hesston College Centennial:** Historical items sought for auction.
- ★ **International Women's Day concert,** March 8, 7pm, Bethel College.
- ★ **Hesston Bethel Performing Arts** present The David Munnely Band, March 1, 3pm Bethel Memorial Hall
- ★ **Benefit Concert for Harvey County Homeless Shelter,** March 28, 7pm, Hesston MB Church
- ★ **Mennonite World Conference** tour: Friends of Dr. John and Clara Schmidt+contact Mennonite Travel Service if interested as this will determine if tour will take place. See brochures on table in foyer.

### Kansas MCC Sale ~ April 17 and 18

**\*\*Penny Challenge:** Our children will be passing the cans for the Kansas MCC Sale to pick up the loose change that we carry in our pockets. Paper coins are also encouraged. The children will collect coins each Sunday through April 12. **THIS HELPS TEACH ALL OF US THAT SMALL THINGS CAN MAKE BIG DIFFERENCES IN PEOPLES LIVES.** Do your part to help along.

**\*\*Please 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!

## Announcements

**Thank you** to everyone who attended the Goessel Area-Wide Jr. High Fundraiser. We appreciate your support and look forward to Camp WaShunGa in May.

**Time for College Student Care Packages:** See the poster in the foyer. Please take a student name and bring their care package by March 8 and place on the table north of the kitchen in the basement. Care package contents must be placed in a 1-gallon zip-lock bag. Thank you for remembering our college students.

**Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship** would like to invite everyone to their fiesta on Sunday, March 22 at noon. We are raising money to attend the Mennonite Convention in Columbus, OH this summer. We will be sharing our funds with the youth attending from the Potter House Church. Hope to see you there!

**March Madness is Back!** The men of Tabor Church will once again be taking on the best of the best in the Western District Conference Basketball Tournament this year. If you are interested in playing with us please contact Ben Schmidt by phone, 386-4315, or email, [benjaminjschmidt@hotmail.com](mailto:benjaminjschmidt@hotmail.com). The tournament is held at Bethel College March 17-21.

**Directory:** The 2009 Tabor directory will be printed soon. Please submit information, updates and address changes to Kim as soon as possible.

**Annual Sunset Supper:** for all women, Thursday, March 19, 6pm at Hesston Mennonite Church. Meal served at 6pm (cost \$6 per person, pay at the door) followed by a program. Carol Duerksen and Laurie Oswald Robinson, two of the authors of the devotional *Now It Springs Up+*, will speak on *God and You: As Big As You Are+* and Cousins Four will present special music. An offering will be taken for Mennonite Women USA. Reservations required. Please sign up on the bulletin board by March 8 if you are going.

### **Mennonite Central Committee:**

**\*\*If you can tie a knot, you will have a great time at the MCC Comforter Blitz on Mon., March 9 from 10am to 9pm and on Tues., March 10 from 9am to 5pm at the South Hutch Mennonite Church Journey at Yoder campus (same location as last year). Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information. The MCC Comforter Blitz is a special project of Kansas Friends of MCC.**

**\*\*Registration deadline extended for MCC Spring Seminar: Hunger for Justice: the Global Food Crisis+, March 28-30 at the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita. For more information and to register, see the brochures on the table in the foyer or go to [www.mcc.org/us/washington/programs/seminar/](http://www.mcc.org/us/washington/programs/seminar/). The new early registration deadline is March 6.**

## Confessing our Sins

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT

*Genesis 9:8-17*

SILENCE and CONFESSION

Providing God, we're often tempted by fruitless self-sufficiency. Help us instead to trust your faithful care and draw us close to you and our neighbors.  
We pray these things in Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

SONG OF TRUST

*"You are all we have"*

No. 158CS

## Hearing God's Word

\*HEARING THE GOSPEL

*Mark 1:9-15*

SERMON

*"Watched over in the Wilderness"*

Corey Miller

SONG OF FAITH

*"I am weak and I need thy strength"*

No. 553

## Responding to God's Invitation

RECEIVING COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER and OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*Coins collected for MCC Relief Sale Penny Challenge  
A portion of this offering enables the flower committee to provide visual enhancements for our worship.*

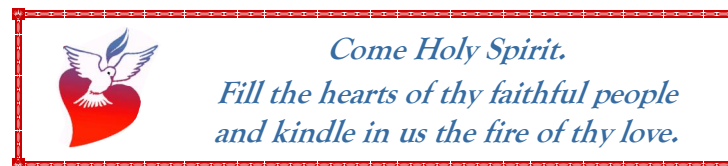
\*SENDING SONG

*"There's a wideness in God's mercy"* vv1,3,5

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\*BENEDICTION *"You are my children, my Beloved, with you I am well pleased."*

POSTLUDE



## Today

From above, God provides for us. With a symbol of promise emblazoned across the sky, God moves from destruction to provision for all our needs. We are invited to respond in trust, giving ourselves to God and believing God's promise. On this first Sunday of Lent, we gather to remember the journey that Jesus took to the cross.

We welcome all adult believers who earnestly love Jesus and are committed to His church to receive communion this morning. May you be filled with the fullness of God's love as you receive His grace and follow Jesus in your life.

This morning you were greeted by Pam, Brent & Samuel Abrahams and Kathy Schroeder & Richard Drake. *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 Jill Brandt in the nursery during worship.

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.

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

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

## This Week

### Tuesday, March 3

**7:30 p.m.**—Trustee meeting

### Wednesday, March 4

**10:00 a.m.**—Men's Morning Manna at Daylight Donut shop in Hesston.

**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 Bible Study

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

**8:00 - 9:00p.m.**—Adult Choir.


### Thursday, March 5

**7:00 p.m.**—Worship Fellowship meeting.

## Next Sunday, March 8

**9:30 a.m.**—**NEXT SUNDAY** we continue our Lenten season, "Our lives are in your hands." The theme of the morning is *the impossible is possible.* + The texts are Genesis 17:1-7, Psalm 22, Romans 4:13-25, and Mark 8:31-38. Elaine Schroeder will be leading us in worship and Corey will be preaching.

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



### The Lent Season

Lent is a season of quiet reflection and contemplation. We invite everyone to read over the scripture texts during the week and come to worship earlier, so we can experience all that God desires for us. We invite everyone to be seated in the sanctuary at 9:25am, so the prelude music can help us all center on God.

**Thoughts for Lent Two:**  
We ponder again Abram's journey into the unknown wilderness based on a promise from God. Where is God calling us? Do we dare to journey into the unknown with God? Do we believe that God is with us in the unknown wilderness?

## Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for your pastor(s) and their leadership. How is the face of God reflected in your congregation?
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN Board continues meeting today and tomorrow in Harrisburg, Virginia, following participation in the Damascus Road Anti-Racism Training prior to the meeting. Pray that board members will have energy for the tasks at hand.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Campus Pastor Todd Lehman and faculty member Gerry Selzer, along with eight Hesston College students, who will spend their spring break serving persons affected by Hurricane Ike in September 2007. Their work will consist mostly of reroofing homes at an MDS project site in Anahuac, Texas, near Galveston. Pray for safety for the college crew and that they will have opportunity to minister to the people they serve.