

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

If you want to build a ship, don't herd people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea. - *Antoine de Saint-Exupery*



**Kansas MCC Sale ~ April 17 and 18**

**\*\*Penny Challenge:** Our children will be passing the cans for the Kansas MCC Sale. Total for Feb. 22 was \$67.75 and last Sunday, March 1 was \$78.64.

**\*\*People who have built items for the MCC Sale** may bring their items at anytime and put them on or around the table in the northwest corner of the basement.

**\*\*PLEASE** put your **pre-sale expense money** in your contact people's boxes.

**\*\*List your quilt in the Quilt Auction Buyer's Guide.** To ensure listing, quilts and quilt-related items should be sent with contact couples to the April 2 sale meeting, given to a quilt committee member, or taken to the MCC Center in North Newton by April 6.

**\*\*Be starting seeds or think about transplanting plants for the MCC Sale.** Also remember if you have unwanted garden tools "PLANTS & THINGS is always looking for those kind of items to sell. If you enjoy working in that area; please sign up to help Brad & Sara; Kristi & Brandon; & Pete & Sharon.

**\*\*See table in the foyer for more information.**

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

**March 1, 2009**

Offering	=	\$4,244.01	Attendance	=	189
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 71.69	Attendance	=	86
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 15.65	Attendance	=	19

**Did You Know?** \$285,700 is our total budget for 2009. This is our calling for 2009.



*Come Holy Spirit.*

*Fill the hearts of thy faithful people  
and kindle in us the fire of thy love.*

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**Tabor Mennonite Church**  
March 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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## The Impossible is Possible

*"For those who want to save their life will lose it."*

*-Mark 8:35*

### Gathering

PRELUDE

Jerry Toews

INTROIT

*"God of grace and God of glory"*

Adult Choir

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader, Elaine Schroeder

Leader: Hear the call, God's people: barrenness is not the end.

**People: Through God, what was impossible comes true.**

Leader: Trust that God to keep promises,  
and commit yourself to God's vision.

**People: We accept God's call.**

Leader: With God there is new purpose and vision for the future:

**People: God blesses us for service.**

SONG OF TRUST

*"You are all we have"*

No. 158CS

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

### Praising God

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE

*"Praise, I will praise you Lord"*

No. 76

\*GREETING EACH OTHER and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*You are welcome to fill out the friendship brochure and place it in the offering bag.*

CHILDREN'S STORY

Carrie Unruh

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Great is thy faithfulness"*

Adult Choir

**How Can I Keep From Singing:** Singers unite! A special opportunity for learning new songs and hymnody happens on Sat. March 21 from 2-5 p.m. at the Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. Director Ken Nafziger will introduce the Hymnal Supplements Sing the Story and Sing the Journey to choirs, directors, everyone who loves to sing. On Sunday, March 22, all are welcome to attend a Hymn Sing at 2 p.m., also with "the Kens" at Eden. An offering will be taken for expenses. This event sponsored by WDC Music and Worship Task Force and Eden Mennonite Church. *Registration will be paid by Tabor Church. Turn in registrations (found on the table in the foyer) to Pastor Karen TODAY.* Details and poster can be found on the bulletin board.

### Camp Mennoscah:

**\*\*Register now for summer camps.** The theme this summer is Breakthrough! based on stories from Mark and Luke. *Camp catalogs 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.*

**\*\*For our summer youth camps, we are looking for folks to help out in the kitchen.** Discounts available for campers of parents who volunteer.

**\*\*It's not too late to register for our Growing and Eating Faithfully Retreat!** Camp Mennoscah's first Sustainable Foods & Farming Retreat is March 21-22.

**\*\*Men & Boys Retreat** April 24-26: Contact Brent Voran for information: 316-284-2657 or [bcvoran@cox.net](mailto:bcvoran@cox.net).

Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) for information on all of the above. Brochures can be found at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) in the Coming Events section.

**Peace Connections** Annual Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 6 pm at First Mennonite Church, Newton. See posted details.

**CPT Lecture:** Mark Frey, with Christian Peacemaker Teams, will speak on **Christian Peacemaker Teams: A Growing Experiment in Front-Lines Peacemaking** at 7:30 pm Thursday, March 12, Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College, North Newton. This lecture is sponsored by the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) and is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken. For further information call 316-284-5217.

### On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ New play by **Ted and Co. TheaterWorks** March 22, Hesston College.
- ★ **International Women's Day concert**, March 8, 7pm, Bethel College.
- ★ Offender/Victim Ministries **M-2 training** March 28. Details are posted.

## Announcements

**Special Thanks** to my Tabor family as well as everyone who has shown me such great love in various ways during these past several months following my hip fracture. Your cards, visits, prayers, phone calls, flowers as well as your genuine friendship has been so very helpful during this time of recovery. Sincerely, Helen Schmidt.

**Willing Helpers** meets Monday evening, March 16, at 7:00pm (note earlier time) for a time of working on projects.

**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.

**Annual Sunset Supper:** for all women is March 19, 6pm at Hesston Mennonite Church. You must sign up (bulletin board) today if you are going. Registration is required.

**Heritage Dinner 2009.** Enjoy good food and good music at the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's fund-raising 2009 Heritage Dinner on Saturday, March 28, at 6 pm in the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Goessel-area native Jake Schmidt will perform "country Christian" music. Tickets for the evening are \$50 per person (payment can be made at the dinner); reservations are required. Call the museum (367-8200) to reserve your place at a table. Deadline for reservations is noon on Monday, March 23.

**Free Parenting Conscious Discipline Class** offered Sat., March 28, 9-1 at Goessel Elementary for all parents or those who work with children. More information is on the bulletin board.

**Mennonite Central Committee Comforter Blitz** Mon., March 9, 10am to 9pm and Tues., March 10, 9am to 5pm at the South Hutch Mennonite Church Journey at Yoder campus (same location as last year). See bulletin board.

**Learn more about Mennonite World Conference:** All are welcome to attend a community meeting at the MCC center in North Newton at 7:00 p.m. on March 10. Three international guests will be speaking about their individual Mennonite experiences and how MWC has influenced them.

## Confessing our Sins

HEARING THE OT      *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*      Reader's Theater

SILENCE and CONFESSION

God of Abraham and Sarah,  
we admit that the more we hold on to things, the less we have to offer.  
We too are barren. Help us to let go, help us to give -  
for as we die we come to life, and as we give, we are filled.  
You alone are the hope of our bareness, the transformation of our despair.  
We pray these things in Christ the Lord. Amen.

SONG OF TRUST      *"You are all we have"*      No. 158CS

## Hearing God's Word

\*HEARING THE GOSPEL      *Mark 8:31-38*

SERMON      *"Impossible is Nothing"*      Corey Miller

SONG OF FAITH      *"We walk by faith"*      No. 570

## Responding to God's Invitation

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*Coins collected for MCC Relief Sale Penny Challenge  
A portion of this offering goes for office supplies which provides the paper for your bulletin.*

\*SENDING SONG      *"When we walk with the Lord"*      No. 544

\*BENEDICTION      *"Our lives are in your hands."*

POSTLUDE

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## Today

The impossible is nothing with God! God never ceases His redemptive work of replacing barrenness and emptiness with life and fruitfulness. Like the disciples, we are invited to respond in trust, denying ourselves and following Jesus in a life of service and cross bearing. When we do this, everything is possible!

### Today Continued


We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today on this second Sunday of Lent.

This morning you were greeted by Janna, Duane, Dawson & Adriana Duerksen and Nate & Brandy Ashley. *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 Nancy Miller 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.



**The Lent Season**

**The Lent Banner:** Toned-down colors of the Lent Banner remind us of the difficult road that Jesus took to the cross. Black swirls represent Jesus being bound and flogged. The jagged bottom edge of the banner symbolizes the crown of thorns.

We continue to 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 hope to have everyone seated in the sanctuary at 9:25am, so the prelude music can help us all center on God.

**Thoughts for Lent Three:** Are we committed to the wisdom of financial gurus? Do we think about our possessions and wealth more than we think about God? What or whom do we belong to?

### This Week

#### Wednesday, March 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 Bible Study  
**7:15 - 8:15p.m.**—Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers, Worship Team  
**8:00 - 9:00p.m.**—Adult Choir.

### Next Sunday, March 15

**9:30 a.m.—NEXT SUNDAY** we continue our Lenten season, “*Our lives are in your hands.*” The theme of the morning is *Overturning Human Wisdom.* The texts are Exodus 20:1-17, I Corinthians 1:18-25, and John 2:13-22. Carrie Sommerfeld will be leading us in worship and Karen will be preaching.

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

### Prayer Requests

★ The Prayer and Envisioning team met recently with some members of Christian Education to listen to ideas of dreams that fit together with the goals of Tabor. It was a great evening of envisioning and dreaming.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ The prayer and envisioning team as it plans for a meeting with Worship Fellowship committee.
- ★ The executive board of MC USA as they look for new leadership for the future.
- ★ Our mother congregation, Alexanderwhol Mennonite, as they discern pastoral leadership for the future. Steve Schmidt is candidating there this weekend.
- ★ Those who have been affected by the economic situation in jobs. As you encounter these realities or know of others that are facing challenges, please don't hesitate to talk to the pastors or deacons. We are here to help.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Committee (Brenda Glanzer Lilliston, Doug Penner, Berni Kaufman) as they lead our conference (along with many others) in vision and mission.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mey Idawaty and Nora Iwarat minister to Indonesian and Filipino domestic workers at the Cheung Chau Christian Center, Hong Kong, which MMN supports. Pray for the Thursday Bible study in the Tagalog language.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the faculty, staff and board members of all Mennonite educational institutions as they are affected by the economy in various ways. Pray that God's peace and hope will comfort and strengthen them.