

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

January 23, 2010

Offering = \$ 3,642.01	Attendance = 184
Adult S.S. = \$ 98.25	Attendance = 92
Jr. S.S. = \$ 42.54	Attendance = 17

From the Archives . . .

1950 Tabor Church Budget

Salaries: Rev. H.B. Schmidt	\$2,000.00
David Balzer	600.00
Electric Service	190.00
Insurance	90.00
Coal	220.00
Graveyard Upkeep	200.00
Misc. Expenses	300.00
TOTAL	\$3,600.00

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Sermon on the Mount



Blessings

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Tabor Mennonite Church

January 30, 2011



**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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Blessings

*"For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,
and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." -1 Corinthians 1:25*

Gathering Our Praise

PRELUDE Jerry Toews

WELCOME Elaine Schroeder, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all you who seek God.

People: Come, draw near to God.

Leader: For God is good to the upright,

People: to those who are pure in heart.

Leader: God chose what is foolish in the world

People: to shame the wise.

Leader: God chose what is weak in the world

People: to shame the strong.

**All: *There is nothing on earth that
we desire other than you, O Lord.***

GATHERING OUR PRAISE *"Blessed Jesus, at your word"* No. 13

PRAYER OF BLESSING

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"O bless the Lord, my soul"* No. 80

*GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP

Coins collected for MCC Relief Sale Penny Challenge

Kansas MCC Relief Sale April 8 & 9, 2011

Our junior ushers will be passing the cans for your loose change starting today. If you don't have any loose change, paper money also works well.

If you want to participate as a host or guest for the MCC Fellowship Meals, please turn in your forms before Feb. 3. We will have a Fellowship Meal at Tabor in the basement on Sun., March 13 after Sunday School.

PLEASE everyone help with pre-sale expenses. The expenses to put the sale on are \$90,000. It sounds overwhelming. However, when all the Mennonites in Kansas each give a little; we always seem to cover this before the sale. Please put checks in Kris and Archie Schmidt, or Leann and Jerry Toews mailbox and make checks to: KS MCC Sale.

Quilts and comforters must be turned in by March 10. Ask your contacts for forms to fill out.

5K walkers/runners will get a FREE hooded sweat shirt if you raise \$250 or more this year.

The MCC Sale Board is looking for a SS Class, small group, or individual that would be willing to make 30 gallons of cherry moos before the sale. We have people to sell it at the sale. This is something that could be done in your home or church kitchen. Let your contact persons know if this sounds like fun.

A Prayer for Peace:

All We Desire

Your love breaking down barricades of hatred.

Your peace melting perma frosted hearts.

Your joy cascading over bleak resignation.

Your patience bending the world slowly.

Your gentleness permeating even the most impermeable.

Your goodness towering above all evils.

Your kindness embracing our fear.

Your faith moving mountains.

Your spirit, Lord, is all we desire. Amen.

Carol Penner, leads worship at The First Mennonite Church in Vineland, Ontario.



Announcements continued

The blanket display in the basement is to show you blankets made by Willing Helpers last year. These blankets are going to be taken to the MCC headquarters to be sent where ever needed. Pray for whoever will receive them that they will learn to know about Jesus' love, as well as be warm.

Commitment Forms for the Commission on Outreach are in your mailboxes this morning. Please take time to look them over and prayerfully consider how you can become a part of Tabor's outreach ministries. Forms are due in the box in the foyer by February 13.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter: Volunteers are needed to help at the shelter on February 9-15 for evening and night shifts and to prepare and serve meals. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Orientation is required for all volunteers staying for evening and night shifts. Orientation times at the shelter are: Tues. Feb. 8, 6:30pm, Wed. Feb. 16, 10:00 am, Thurs. Feb 24, 6:30pm.

Directory Updates: Please submit any changes or updates for Tabor's 2011 Directory. Email kfunk@tabormennonite.org, call 367-2318 or place in the secretary's mail box.

Preschoolers - It's Story Time! Come and enjoy books, music and rhymes at the Western District Conference Resource Library on Wed. mornings from 10-10:40am, starting on Feb. 9. Call Marlene at 316-283-6300 to sign up for the spring semester and for more information.

Coming to see you! Camp Mennoscah will be at Hesston College on February 7-8 and at Bethel College on February 9 to visit and speak to folks about counseling and summer staff positions. We'd love to talk to you, hear your stories, and sign you up to come out to camp this summer. Would be able to make it? Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 to sign up or for applications.

On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Disaster Service** updates.
- ★ **Camp Mennoscah:** Information and job opportunity.
- ★ **Offender/Victim Ministries:** >M-2 orientation Feb. 7
>Men's Singing Opportunity: Prison Art Program choir. Begin Feb. 17.
- ★ Bethel College **Life Enrichment** program begins Feb. 9. See brochure.
- ★ **Shane Claiborne** to speak at McPherson College on Feb. 9 & 10. See poster for complete details.

Proclaiming God's Word

CHILDREN'S STORY		Carrie Unruh
DRAMA	<i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>	Nathan Ashley and Josh Booth
SERMON	<i>"Stepping Stones of Life"</i>	Karen Andres

Responding to the Spirit

RESPONSE HYMN	<i>"Blessed are they"</i>	Cross Road
SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		

Sending

*BENEDICTION		
*SENDING HYMN	<i>"I am weak and I need thy strength"</i>	No. 553
POSTLUDE		

Today

Today we explore the Beatitudes, Jesus words which begin the Sermon on the Mount. They are a statement of the way things really are in the reign of God. Like stepping stones of our spiritual lives, each build on the other. May we have the courage to give the world a preview of that reign of God here and now.



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

Today continued:

We are so glad you that you are here with us to worship. This morning you were greeted by Harlin and Doris Unruh and Darwin and Kim Funk.

Please note the friendship cards in the songbook holders. A special welcome is extended to all visitors. You are invited to fill out the back of the friendship card and place it in the offering bag.

Childcare is provided by Yvette Nickel in the nursery during the worship service.

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

The 8 week *Naked Anabaptist* book study continues today in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour. We have extra books on hand so feel free to come!

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Penny Challenge Begins Today.

It is once again time to begin our MCC coin offerings with our children ushers. For the next 10 Sundays, we will pass out the coin cans and invite you to bring loose change and even dollar bills to place in the can to help eliminate poverty in the world through MCC. Make sure you smile at our young and talented ushers!

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

Corey will be gone on Tuesday through Wednesday morning to meet with a group of pastors at the Prairie Oasis Retreat Center on the outskirts of Walton.

We welcome back Doug Krehbiel as he concludes his sabbatical January 31.

Tuesday, February 1

12:00 p.m.—Hesston Lunch Bunch at DaAngelos.

7:00 p.m.—Trustee meeting.

Wednesday, February 2 Full Wednesday night programming

Wednesday Evenings at Tabor

5:45-6:30 - Supper for all. **Sign up for meal.** *Bring your own table service.*

6:30-7:15 - Children of Light, Faith Friends, Worship Team

Adult Bible Study: Deb Bergen will be here to answer questions about depression.

7:00-8:00 - TMYF

7:15-8:00 - Cross Road, Faithful Fitness

7:15-8:15 - Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers

8:00-9:00 - Adult Choir



Next Sunday, February 6

9:30 a.m.—Worship: we will continue our series on the Sermon on the Mount. The focus of the morning will be *Living in Peace*, the texts are Matthew 5:21-48 and pastor Corey will be preaching.

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

Prayer Requests

No items were shared last Sunday, January 23.

Happenings:

- ★ Eleven Jr. Highers and two sponsors attended the Know Jesus event at Hesston College this weekend and are worshipping there this morning.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for life changing commitments to Christ for our Junior High students participating in the Know Jesus event hosted on the Hesston College campus.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's Radical Journey teams in Bolivia, China and England are entering the middle months of a 10-month period of cultural immersion. Pray that participants may feel God's presence sustaining and encouraging them.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Dave Miller, a pastoral ministries graduate and pastor of Bellwood Mennonite Church (Milford, Neb.), as he begins his week as pastor-in-residence at Hesston College.

Announcements

February is "Sermon on the Mount" month (at Tabor): Over the next 5 weeks, we will be reflecting on the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' most famous sermon found in Matthew 5-7. In order to most fully prepare for these times of worship, we invite EVERYONE to spend the month of February reading through Matthew 5-7. Read it together as a family. Read it devotionally. Memorize portions of it. Immerse yourself in the text and the teachings. As you pray this text, you will greatly enhance our worship experience together! We look forward to how God's Spirit will move!

Thank You for your overwhelming generosity this past week in support of TMYF and Faith Explorers!! \$1,402 was donated for the fundraiser meal last Sunday to support the Youth Group summer service trip and \$942 was given on Wednesday evening for our Youth Explorers who are at the Know Jesus event at Hesston College this weekend. Praise God for the generous hearts of a community of faith! And thanks again for your support and nurture of our young people!