

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

April 8 & 9, 2011

%Come Neighbor Share Our Table+

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it...And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."
-Hebrew 13:2,16

Be sure to see the quilts, comforters, wall hangings and quilt related items that are on display in the basement. Look them over and decide which one you would like to bid on and take home. Thanks to the ladies that spent their time sewing, tying and quilting them. May the quilts find a good home and may the proceeds bring help to someone needing it. These items will be taken in to get cataloged for the sale this Thursday, so today will be the only opportunity to view them at Tabor.

Please sign up for the Chicken Enchilada Fellowship Meal TODAY. This is for anyone. We serve NEXT Sunday and need to get the food ordered.

Jr. Ushers collected \$106.53 in the cans last Sunday. Total so far is \$517.97. Good work Tabor, keep it up.

Have you made your contribution to pre-sale expenses yet? Tabor folks have contributed \$1515.00 so far for pre-sale expenses. Please put your checks in Jerry and Leann Toews or Archie and Kris Schmidt's mail boxes to help along.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE February 27, 2010

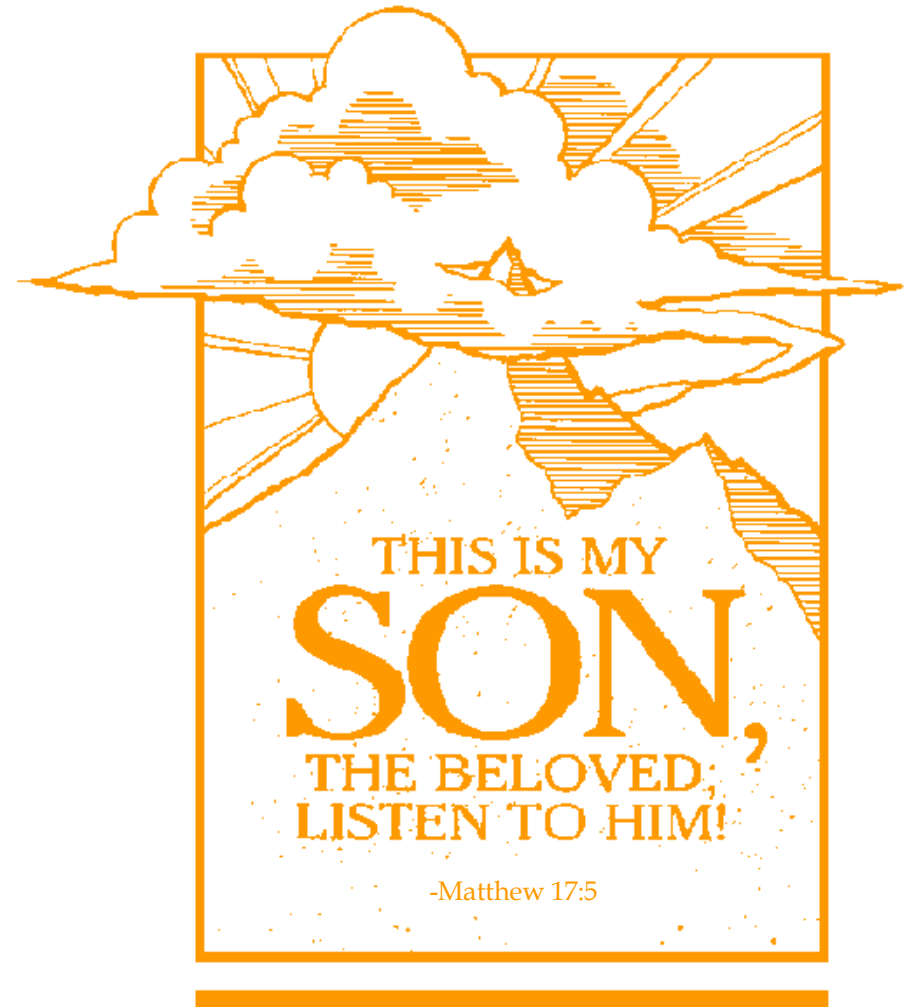
Offering	=	\$ 2,859.25	Attendance	=	207
Adult S.S.	=	\$ 63.00	Attendance	=	76
Jr. S.S.	=	\$ 17.24	Attendance	=	19

Peace begins with Hope

Teach me, Lord, to sing of your mercies. Turn my soul into a garden, where the flowers dance in the gentle breeze, praising you with their beauty. Let my soul be filled with beautiful virtues; let me be inspired by your Holy Spirit; let me praise you always.



-Teresa of Avila



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Tabor Mennonite Church

March 6, 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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The Transfiguration of Jesus

"The is my Son, the Beloved; . . . listen to him!" -Matthew 17:5

Gathering

PRELUDE

Adult Worship Team

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader, Fred Schmidt

Leader: The glory of God transfigures the everyday!

People: The light of God transfigures familiar faces!

Leader: At the heights of our worship,
may God's presence shine through the commonplace.

**People: At the depths of our pain and struggle,
may God's presence give us courage and peace.**

**All: May God's light, shining in the face of Christ,
illumine all our days! Amen.**

*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

Praising God

*SINGING OUR PRAISE *"Holy God, we praise thy name"* No. 121

*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR OFFERINGS *"Your grace is enough" -M. Maher and C. Tomlin*
Coins collected for MCC Relief Sale Penny Challenge

CHILDREN'S STORY

Eunice Nickel

Hearing God's Word

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 24:12-18

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Colors of His Love" -Celeste Clydesdale* Children of Light

Death Penalty Alert

The Western District Task Force on the Death Penalty has learned that the bill to abolish the death penalty in Kansas now has a number, HB2323. Your representative will be voting on it in the next weeks. Last year, letter writing and phone contacts were very effective. We had direct feedback from the legislature that personal contacts made from Mennonite churches were the ones that tipped the scales. It is now time to write or contact your representative and perhaps make the difference that will help to abolish capital punishment in Kansas. The talking points listed below may be incorporated into letters written to legislators.

Innocence: Since 1973, 138 people nationally have been exonerated from death row due to new evidence after they were sentenced to death.

Cost: According to a 2003 Kansas Division of Legislative Post Audit study, capital cases in Kansas cost about 70% more than non-capital cases.

Deterrence: Many law enforcement officials do not believe the death penalty is a deterrent. In a 2009 survey of 500 police chiefs, 57% said the death penalty was not a deterrent.

Inconsistent: Geography can play a role in determining whether a trial will be capital. Similar murders might get life without parole in one county, and the death penalty in the next county. In Kansas, half of the 12 death sentences were handed down in one county: Sedgwick.

Faith: Your understanding of the teachings of Jesus about outcasts and the power of the His Spirit to redeem the worst among us.

Kansas is closer than ever to repeal. Your efforts to contact your legislators will go a long way toward making Kansas the next state to abolish the death penalty! Go to: www.ipsr.ku.edu/ksdata/vote/ for name and address of your representative(s).

Together may we witness to the power of life rather than the punishment of death. May we bear the light of mercy in those places darkened by the spirit of retribution and revenge.

Yours in Christ's Peace,

Western District Task Force on the Death Penalty:
Miles Reimer, Eric Massinari, Jeff Koller, Jim Juhnke,
Tim Huber, Duane Friesen, Stan Bohn

There are sample letters that you can sign on the table in the foyer.

Turning toward peace – an MCC invitation to sow seeds of peace.

What belongs to God? What belongs to Caesar? Each year some people of faith decide to witness for peace by redirecting their war tax dollars to efforts that nurture life, build justice and promote peace. For those who make this choice, MCC U.S. offers the *Turning toward peace* initiative . an invitation to sow the seeds of peace by supporting MCC's Global Family education sponsorship program in Afghanistan or the MCC U.S. Summer Service program's work to nurture young community leaders.

Learn more about the initiative and the options and consequences of war tax resistance at us.mcc.org/wartaxes or contact Titus Peachey, Director of Peace Education for MCC U.S., toll free at 888-563-4676. To support these peace initiatives send contributions payable to MCC (designate "Turning towards peace" in the memo line) to MCC Central States, P.O. Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

Peace Connections Annual Meeting: Sunday, March 6, 3-4:30 pm Bethel College Mennonite Church. Patty Shelly, Prof. of Bible & Religion at Bethel College, just back from a 4-week trip to Jerusalem, will speak on *Israeli & Palestinian Groups Working on Justice & Reconciliation.* + Ian Gingrich-Gaylord's All Star Jazz Explosion; Peace Connections & Circles® of Hope update; Desserts & finger foods.

Comforter Blitz for MCC: If you can tie a knot, come help with the 5th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on Monday, March 7, 12pm-9pm and/or Tuesday, March 8, 9am-5pm at South Hutchinson Mennonite Church - Journey at Yoder Campus (1 mile north of Yoder). Several quilts will also be set up. See the posted flier for more details.

Tournament Time! The 2011 WDC basketball tournament has been scheduled for March 15,17-19 at Bethel College. The WDC volleyball tournament will be March 18-19 at the Hesston College Yost Center. Contact Ben Schmidt if you would like to be part of Tabor's basketball team and Yvette Nickel if you would like to be on Tabor's volleyball team.

Worship and Mission after Christendom: A presentation by Alan and Eleanor Kreide at Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church March 12, 10-3:30 pm, 1020 E. 14th, Harper, KS. Lunch provided by donation. Free will offering. RSVP to pcmcoffice@sbcglobal.net or call 620-896-2004.

Mennonite Heritage Museum: Anyone who knows zwieback is more than just bread is invited to *faspa* at Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum on Sunday, March 20, at 3 p.m. at the Preparatory School. Before the meal, there will be a time of informal discussion and storytelling on the topic of zwieback-making and the significance of zwieback in Russian Mennonite culture.

On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **Camp Mennoscah:** Scrapbooking retreat March 4-6
- ★ **Volunteer opportunities:** Ten Thousand Villages, Et Cetera Shop, MCC Central States
- ★ **Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Disaster Service** updates.

*HEARING THE GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

"An Ordinary, Extraordinary Mountain"

Corey Miller

Responding to God's Invitation

SONG OF FAITH

"The day of thy power"

Adult Worship Team

RECEIVING COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SENDING SONG

"Sent forth by God's blessing"

No. 478

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Today

Sometimes we meet God on the mountains and sometimes we meet God in the valleys. The disciples went on a journey with Jesus up a mountain and were surprised by God's illuminating presence. They experienced God's power in a new way and they also were reminded to listen to Jesus.

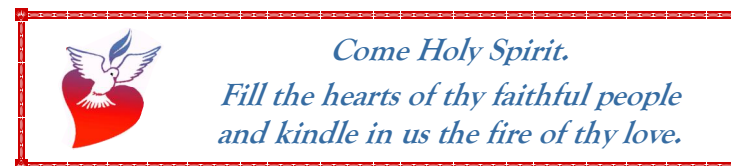
May we listen to Jesus today, as we come to the table of grace and forgiveness. We invite all who earnestly love Jesus and are committed to following him in their life, to come to the communion table. We are so glad that you are here with us today.

This morning you were greeted by Willis and Thelma Goerzen and Janna, Duane, Dawson and Adriana Duerksen.

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

Childcare is provided in the nursery during the worship service.

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



Prayer Requests

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.

Lent Booklets for Young Families! In mailboxes this morning families with children ages 3 through grade 8 will find a devotional/activity booklet to use during the season of Lent. These materials were produced by Mennonite Church Canada and will follow this year's Lent theme, *Called and Shaped by Jesus*. This resource is provided to aid parents as they guide children in their faith formation and understanding of Lent and Easter. May we all be Called and Shaped by Jesus in these 40 days.

This Week

Tuesday, March 8

7:00 p.m.—Worship/Fellowship Meeting

Wednesday, March 9

Full Wednesday night programming

6:30 p.m.—*Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary.*



Thursday, March 10

12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

Friday, March 11-Sunday, March 13

Pastor Corey and Nancy will be going on a weekend get away. Pastors Karen or Doug will be available should a need arise.

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

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, March 13

9:30 a.m.—Worship: Next Sunday begins the season of Lent. The theme of the morning is *Shaped by Testing* as we begin our 40 day journey in the wilderness with Jesus. The texts are Genesis 2:15-17, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19 and Matthew 4:1-11 and Pastor Karen will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday school for everyone. All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home next Sunday, March 13, right after the Tabor Church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Prayers and Practices that would serve to help end the death penalty in Kansas.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Marlene Bogard, Director for Assembly, and the Annual Assembly Committee as they develop a premier resourcing event for congregations and pastors for July 29-30.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for discernment and healthy decision-making processes for Burkina Faso Mennonite church leaders, MMN workers, and Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers as they face transitions in leadership and ministry.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Professors Joe Liechty and Paul Keim will present an Afternoon Sabbatical program at Goshen College on March 8 about vengeance and forgiveness. Give thanks for their work as educators and peacemakers, and for the audience members who come to learn.

Announcements

Thank You

Thank you to those who came to the Wednesday evening meal provided by Joyful Noise in February. You generously donated over \$500 to our work of continuing to provide the young children of our community with Bible-based learning every day. Thank you.

- Joyful Noise Board of Directors

Thank you for your generous donations to the college care packages. It was a great success this year.

- College Task Force

Thanks to the 46 people who came to donate blood and the 9 volunteers who donated their time last Friday. It felt good to nearly reach our goal. It was also great to have 2 first-time donors and if you've never given before you are encouraged to share the gift of life at the next drive on Thursday, June 30.

- Goessel Blood Drive Rep.

Agape: The Heritage Quartet will present the program at the annual fund raiser for the Agape Senior Center at Goessel on Friday, March 11. Delicious chili from Wendy's and homemade pies will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the program will follow at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the meal will be your generous donation to be used to purchase an automatic door opener. Everyone is welcome.

Western District Conference has retired its 2001 Taurus with more than 200,000 miles and needing \$1,800 in repairs. We invite you to give for the purchase of a reliable used car to be used by Gilberto Flores for traversing the expanses of Texas and connecting with Newton, Kansas. Mark your gift car and send it to WDC, P.O. Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117.