

February 18, 2007

## ***“Carried to Jesus the Healer”***

*“ . . . Stand up, take your mat and go to your home . . . ” —Mark 2:11*

### Gathering

PRELUDE Jerry Toews

WELCOME Worship Leader, Elaine Schroeder

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God; come, magnify the Lord  
and let us exalt God's name together.

**People: The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous;  
God's ears are open to our cries.**

### Praising God Our Healer

\*GATHERING OUR PRAYERS *“Sweet hour of prayer”* No. 11

\*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

\*SINGING OUR PRAISE *“Joys are flowing like a river” vv.1, 2, 5* No. 301

\*GREETING EACH OTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please pass the welcome pads*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP Hildred Schmidt

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Children of the Heavenly Father”* Sonbeams

CHILDREN'S STORY Kristin Schmidt

### Hearing God's Word

HEARING THE PSALM *Psalm 34:1-15*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *“Spirit of the living God”* No. 349  
Congregation join in after the reading

HEARING THE GOSPEL *Mark 2:1-12*

SERMON *“Pursuing the Call to Wholeness”* Karen Andres

### Responding to God

OFFERING HEALING PRAYERS

RESPONSE *“In your sickness”* No. 585

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*Lord we give you our thanks* -***“Thanks be to God”***  
*Lord we pray to you* -***“Hear our prayer”***

\*SONG OF HOPE *“My life flows on”* No. 580

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## Today

God desires health and wholeness at every stage of our life journeys. We have been given the ministry of carrying each other in humility to Jesus, who is the one who heals. As we explore what healing means in our lives, may we give thanks to God our Healer who always hears our prayers.

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Krista Abrahams & Nathan Graber and Brandy & Nathan Ashley. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back and join us again soon.

Childcare is available during worship today.

**10:45**—Sunday School for all ages.

In your mailboxes and on the table in the foyer are **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS**. You are invited to fill one out and return it to a pastor's box.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Jona Reimer's 85th birthday and are shared by his children. They also invite you to celebrate by picking up refreshments in the fellowship hall between worship and Sunday school.

**4:00 p.m.**—**YOUNG ADULT FASPA** at the parsonage. We invite all young adults to attend this event. Bring your babies, your fiancés, your ideas and your dreams for the church. We look forward to seeing you and hearing from you. -Corey and Nancy

**6:00 p.m.**—Cast members and parents will sponsor a special meal with entertainment to raise funds for "The Upside-down King" which will be performed at San Jose MCUSA convention this July. Childcare available on request. Sign up on bulletin board or make reservations with Elaine Unruh (367-2424 or email at [jeunruh@mtelco.net](mailto:jeunruh@mtelco.net)). Your generous donations will be accepted.

## This Week

### Tuesday, February 20

**7:00 p.m.**—Pastor/Congregation Review meeting.

### Wednesday, February 21

**9:30 a.m.**—Willing Helpers work day. Bring a foil wrapped potato with your name on it. *Mennonite Central Committee is requesting fabric for comforters for relief. We will be assembling tops for single and double beds at our meeting. If you have larger pieces of fabric that you would like to donate, please bring to the meeting.*

**6:00 p.m.**—We invite all people to a brief **Ash Wednesday service** held in the sanctuary. There will be plenty of time for you to eat afterwards and get to Bible Study. Please consider coming and preparing yourself for the season of Lent.

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

**6:30-7:15 p.m.**—Children of Light

**6:45-7:00 p.m.**—Supper Clean Up

**6:45-7:15 p.m.**—Sonbeams Choir

**7:00-8:00 p.m.**—TGYF,

—Adult Bible Study: *Transforming Conflict*—Denise Goertzen will be speaking about conflict in her work at Offender/Victim ministries. Anyone is welcome to come.

**7:15-8:00 p.m.**—Children's Bible Study, Worship Team

**7:15-8:15 p.m.**—Faith Weaver Friends, Youth Explorers

**8:00-9:00 p.m.**—Adult Choir

### Thursday, February 22

**7:00 p.m.**—Church Council meeting.

### Saturday, February 24

**7:00 a.m.**—Men's Bible Study. Hebrews 8.

## Next Sunday, February 25

**9:30 a.m.**—Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Lent. The theme this year is “*Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast*” and the focus of the morning will be on how God’s hand delivers us. The texts are Deuteronomy 26, Psalm 91, Romans 10, Luke 4:1-13 and Corey will be preaching. We invite you to prepare yourself for communion as we enter the season of Lent with expectation and anticipation.

We invite you to enter the sanctuary quietly and reflectively during the season of Lent. Come early and use the time for prayer and centering your hearts on Christ. May we all prepare to be fed in this season of Lent.

**10:45 a.m.**—Sunday School for all ages.

**SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING** during the Sunday school hour in the sanctuary. All people needing training should be present at this event. Ask Duane Duerksen for more details. If you have not had the safe sanctuaries training session with Pam Abraham’s and signed the participation covenant, this is your golden opportunity to do so. Anyone from the congregation is encouraged to attend and our goal is to have everyone working with our children and youth attend and sign the covenant. This training session will be educational and outline our churches policy and safeguards for working with children and youth at Tabor.

**7:00 P.M.:** **MAYNARD KNEPP WILL BE SHARING** here at Tabor about his recent trip with Mennonite Central Committee to Burundi, Africa. *Area churches have been invited to attend. Please bring cookies to share during the fellowship time which will follow.*

Remember to pray for:

Mike Hiebert will be licensed today as pastor at Goessel Mennonite Church. Pray for Mike and his ministry with that community of faith.

Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Low German Mennonite Task Force as it responds to the pastoral and health needs of new immigrants--mostly farm workers and their families.

Mennonite Mission Network: With the changing dynamics as people move away from Altes Lager, Germany, Mission Network workers Dorothy and Jake Unrau request prayer for God’s direction in regard to the future ministry of the church there.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Bethel College students, faculty and staff as they participate in the annual Ash Wednesday chapel service February 21 and enter a time of preparation and remembering during the Lenten season.

## Announcements

**TEXAS SERVICE TRIP UPDATE:** We have a group of 16 people going to Port Arthur, TX, to help rebuild after Hurricane Rita. This group will be leaving on March 10th and arriving home March 17th. We will be guests of the Potter House congregation Saturday night, and worship with them Sunday morning. We plan to arrive in Port Arthur late Sunday afternoon. Those who will be traveling with this group are: Dale Aldefer, Paul & Norma Graber, Steve & Bonnie Janzen, Elton & Denise Nickel, Kenton Nickel, Archie & Kristin Schmidt, Donavon & Deloris Schmidt, Jim & Diana Schmidt, Rudy Schmidt, and Harlin Unruh.

We have had people ask if they could contribute financially to this service trip. We have estimated our groups expenses to be approximately \$2,000. This includes one 15-passenger van rental, gas expense for two vans, and the cost of the food for meals which we will prepare for ourselves. If you would like to contribute, make checks payable to Tabor Church, earmarked "Texas Service Trip" and put your donation in Kim’s mailbox. Any donations not used will be put towards future MDS service trips. If you have any questions, give us a call. Thank You!

**COOKS NEEDED** for Wed. evening meals for the month of March. Sunday school classes, small group, anyone who can help, talk to Brenda Buller.

**GROCERY SHOWER MINISTRIES:** Tabor is exploring a new ministry that is intended to nurture our young married people. We are proposing that we would have a Grocery Shower for those who are getting married. We would gather (perhaps on Sundays for a potluck) and bring items of food for the young couple starting out, and would bless them as they begin their life together. We think this is a wonderful gesture of hospitality to the wonderful young adults in our midst. If you are interested in helping to coordinate these events, please contact Corey or Barb Abrahams.

**"GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?"** The quarterly fellowship committee would like you to participate in some good food, fun, and fellowship on March 11 at 6:00 p.m. Please note the information sheets in your mailbox that describe how to host or be a guest in a mystery meal that connects you with the Tabor family in an exciting way. Note the deadline of February 25 to return the completed form to Carrie Friesen. We hope you will consider being involved in this fun evening.

**PIZZA, PIZZA, PIZZA:** Come enjoy pizza served at Tabor Church by the Mennonite Heritage Museum board members for a museum fundraiser on Wed., Feb. 28 from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Sign up on the reservation sheet at Tabor by Feb. 26 or call 367-2676 before Feb. 27.

**AREA JR. HIGH:** Your chance to eat out for lunch is coming Sun., March 4. The Goessel Area Jr. High will have their annual fundraiser at Tabor Mennonite Church. We will be serving lasagna, tossed salad, french bread and cookies. Donations will go toward expenses for Camp WaShunGa in May.

**GWCA** members, if you haven't signed up for our banquet on Feb. 26, please call Phyllis Goertzen (367-2430) by Mon., Feb. 19.

**MENNONITE HERITAGE MUSEUM FUNDRAISER DINNER** - March 24, 6:30 p.m. at the Tabor Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Ann Richardson will be presenting "Signatures from History" which includes autographed handkerchiefs from some of the most famous people in the world. She has nearly 5000 handkerchiefs signed by celebrities like Helen Keller, Nelson Mandela of South Africa, Amelia Earheart, Babe Ruth, and many, many others. Entertaining music by "Sisters Forever". Tickets for the dinner and program will be \$65.00. Board members and the Museum Gift Shop will be selling tickets in March. Museum memberships may also be purchased at this time. More information coming soon!

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Delton and Marian Franz will be held Sunday, March 11, 3:00 p.m., at Bethel College Mennonite Church, N. Newton. Delton, who was the first director of Mennonite Central Committee's Washington Office, died March 6, 2006. Marian, long-time director of the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, died Nov. 17, 2006.

### **Newsletter items are due in the secretary's mailbox tomorrow.**

#### **ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:**

**Job Opening: MCC Central States** is seeking a part-time Office Assistant.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop:** Saturday clerks needed. See details.

**Offender/Victim Ministries Annual Meeting:** 6:30 p.m., Feb. 19, First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson.

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church Lecture Series,** Feb 18, 3pm.

**Peace Connections** annual review meeting Feb. 22, 6pm.

**Peace Lecture Series:** Peacemaking in an Age of Terrorism, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m., Shalom Mennonite, Newton; "Scarlet Daughters", March 8, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College.

**A.J. Muste: Peace Warrior:** Feb 22, First Mennonite Church of McPherson; Feb. 25, Meadowlark Center, Newton .

## KANSAS MCC SALE NOTES

39th annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale  
April 13 & 14, 2007 - Kansas State Fairgrounds

The **Children's Coin offering** last Sunday for the MCC Sale brought in \$89.66. FANTASTIC!! "Change Does Change Lives".

Please start **bringing your items for the sale to display** in the Northwest corner of the basement. There will be a table for small items and quilts or comforters can be hung over the dividers. Larger items can be placed on the floor. Please include a description with the item and who made.

Next Sunday we will have the table out in the foyer with the **signup sheets** and MCC Sale information on it. PLEASE look it over and sign up NOW for the jobs you would like to help with. By signing up NOW you greatly help those in charge to know that help will be coming for the different shifts. By waiting until the week before the sale, makes it much more difficult for those in charge.

We have already received \$800 for **pre-sale expenses** from Tabor members. Please consider helping cover our \$80,000 budget so ALL proceeds of the sale can again go to MCC. Remember many people each doing a little can make miracles happen (our MCC motto).

If some of you would like to donate items for the **Children's Auction** this year, there is a box in the foyer for those items.

When the cold wind blows outdoors you can **bake peppernuts and make noodles** and freeze them for the MCC Sale. These are both items that are good sellers. This is also a great time to **start plants** so that they will be ready to sell April 13 and 14.

### ***God's Peace: It can be lived out in your life.***

People notice peacemakers because they dress funny. We know how the people who make war dress - in uniforms and medals, or in computers and clipboards, or in absoluteness, severity, greed, and cynicism. But the peacemaker is dressed in righteousness, justice, and faithfulness - dressed for the work that is to be done. - *Walter Brueggemann*