

February 4, 2007

Witnessing with Boldness

World Fellowship Sunday

Gathering

PRELUDE Adult Worship Team

WELCOME Worship Leader, Leann Toews

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 96

Leader: O sing to God a new song;

People: Sing praise all the earth!

Leader: Sing, and bless God's name;
tell of God's salvation from day to day.

**People: Declare God's glory among the nations,
and marvelous works among all peoples!**

ALL: For great is God and greatly to be praised.

Praising

*SINGING OUR PRAISE "*All Creatures of our God and King*" No. 48
vs. 1-congregation in unison, choir Alleluias;
vs. 2 and vs.7 congregation in parts

*PRAYING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

*SINGING OUR PRAISE "*Come, receive his joy*" No. 124CS

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD "*Come and be light for our eyes*" -Haas

SHARING OUR PRAISE "*Clap your hands, all you people*" Children of Light

CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt

*Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world,
Red, brown, yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

PRAISING WITH THE PSALMIST *Psalm 89:11-15*

SPECIAL MUSIC "*Come, Christians, Join to Sing!*" Adult Choir

Hearing

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD Rosie Jantz, Jude Krehbiel,
Emil Schmidt, Elaine Unruh

*HEARING THE GOSPEL *Matthew 10:16-20*

SERMON "*Witnessing with Boldness*" Corey Miller

Responding

SONG OF FATIH "*Faith of the martyrs*" No. 413

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord we give you our thanks

-“Thanks be to God”

Lord we pray to you

-“Hear our prayer”

Sending

*HYMN OF HOPE

“Siyahamba”

No. 128CS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Today

On January 21, 1525, the first Anabaptist baptism took place in Zurich, Switzerland, celebrating the birth day of the Anabaptist Church. Together with other Anabaptists around the world, we celebrate what God has been doing in our midst. We hope today's stories and pictures will remind us of how bold God's faithful people were in witnessing for Christ.

May we be blessed in our worship this morning. We are so glad you are here.

Today continued

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. This morning you were greeted by Sherry & Anna Unruh & Marthe Ketels and Kathy Schroeder, Richard Drake & Alex. *Please take time to fill out our friendship pad.* Come back and join us again soon.

Thanks to Russ Francis for the power point presentation today.

Childcare is available during worship today.

10:45—Sunday School for all ages. All college-age people are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home today right after the church service for devotions with Helen Schmidt, followed by lunch.

Noon—Caring Group Leaders meeting.

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.

GIFT DISCERNMENT PERSON NEEDED: Today is the last day to turn in your ideas for who may serve on our gifts discernment committee. The church council will prayerfully look at the list and begin asking. Thank you for doing your part to discern the gifts.

This Week

Tuesday, February 6

7:30 p.m.—Trustee meeting.

Wednesday, February 7

6:00-6:45 p.m.—Supper—*sign up for meal* **JOYFUL NOISE** is serving the meal. If you can help provide any of the food items, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. We hope to see you all there.

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-From Win/lose to Win/Win

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 8

7:00 p.m.—Deacon's meeting at Barb Abrahams home
Education Committee meeting

Saturday, February 10

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study. Hebrews 6.

Next Sunday, February 11

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday is "*Youth Sunday*". Come prepared for anything! We look forward to having our youth share with us God's message for us in word and song.

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

Goessel Area Jr. High - Roller Skating Party in Hutchinson on Feb. 11. Take note of date and more information to follow.

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

- ❖ Those in our congregation experiencing joys and concerns.
- ❖ a bold witness in all Anabaptist churches around the world.
- ❖ the 45 participants, three trainers and three chaplains meeting Feb. 8-10 at Bethel College Mennonite Church to learn about and challenge racism in our communities, churches, and institutions.
- ❖ Western District Conference: Pray for the musicians in your congregation who lead music and nurture faith through voice and instrument--with joy! Pray that the WDC choral festival today hosted by Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge KS will be a celebration of faith through music.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network workers César Moya and Patricia Urueña in Quito, Ecuador, request prayer for a theological training program that began last month for 140 indigenous pastors and leaders from all of Ecuador.

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

THANKS

We want to thank Eileen Schmidt for her many years of dedication for being caretaker of the Sunday morning offerings. She began when Bruce was a deacon and continued for 19 years. Since it is in their job description, the current deacons will assume this role again. Bonnie Janzen is the contact person who will be handling reports. Thank you, Eileen, for your many hours of counting, depositing, and giving out reports. We were blessed by your gifts!

The TGYF would like to thank all of you who generously donated to our fundraiser this past Sunday. We raised over \$1200.00! A special thanks to Phyllis Goertzen, Jerry and Leann Toews for helping prepare the meal, and to Bruce and Eileen Schmidt for donating the meat. We could not have done it without all of your continuing support!

—Thanks again, TGYF and Sponsors

Thanks to Pam and Brent Abrahams for a great job organizing the power point presentation for the annual meeting.

CARING MINISTRY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Please bring your care packages for students from Feb. 7-11 and place them on the table north of the kitchen. This year we request that you limit your package to a gallon size zip-lock bag. This will save packaging time and postage. You can still take a student card from the easel to be a prayer support for a student during Spring semester.

—Sponsored by Mennonite College TASK Force

COMING: YOUNG ADULT FASPA. There will be a young adult faspa planned for February 18th at 4pm 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.

WEB PAGE: Tabor Church has an official web page. The address is: www.tabormennonite.org. Check it out. We are thankful to John Goertzen who has agreed to provide our server service. Sherry Unruh has agreed to be the "Web Master" and has had a few volunteers help with giving feedback. One of the reasons to do this is for outreach and another is to help us stay informed through the internet. May God be glorified in all that we do and say!

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE TRIP UPDATE: We are making arrangement to go to the Gulf Region and serve under the Lutheran Disaster Response. This organization is similar to MDS. Where MDS has many people willing to serve, but the locations are full or lacking funding, the LDR has many locations and housing for workers available, but are in need of more workers. Our group would be traveling to Port Arthur, TX, which is about 80-90 miles from the Pasadena area. We have individual volunteer applications and release forms that need to be filled out by anyone interested in committing to this trip. We plan to leave March 10 and hopefully attend church at the Potter House church the following morning. We will work that following week, and probably return late on the 17th. See Steve or Bonnie Janzen for the necessary forms this morning. For more information call Jim & Diana Schmidt. We need to have the forms back to us by next Sunday, Feb. 11th so we can get our registration to them.

THE PEACE COMMITTEE will be conducting a 7 week study called RETURN TO THE EARTH after Easter. This study is sponsored by MCC and involves 7 lessons dealing with Native Americans and the return of their sacred remains. Cheyenne Chief Lawrence Hart and his wife Betty have dedicated a sacred space for 20,000 remains. These must be interred in cedar boxes of very specific dimensions. At the conclusion of the study, this same group will construct some of these boxes. Later in February there will be a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in being a part of this class. The class will meet during the Sunday School hour. We hope many of you will want to participate. If you have questions see Myron Voth, John Schmidt or Leann Toews.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES will be printed in the near future. Please turn in address changes or committee updates to the church office or email kfunk@tabormennonite.org. If you would like to have your email address added to the email prayer chain, please submit it to the church office. You will not be on the telephone chain if you are included on the email chain.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Marlene Bogard** will be ordained at 3 p.m. on April 15 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS.
- **Houston Mennonite Church** and a new church plant in North Houston, **Iglesia Menonita Nueva Jerusalem**, have committed to become sister congregations.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS:

Offender/Victim Ministries sponsor orientation Feb. 8. Details posted.

Newsletter from mission partners **Joe and Anna Sawatzky**.

Camp Mennoscah: *Explore the Night Sky* is a new retreat, March 16-18. *Retirees Relaxation Retreat* is coming up April 23-25. Brochures and information are posted.

The Retreat Commission is creating two new positions of "Long Term Volunteers" at Camp Mennoscah. See details on bulletin board.

Job opening: MCC Central States is seeking a part-time Office Assistant. Complete job description is posted.

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

KANSAS MCC SALE NOTES

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

Penny Challenge at Tabor: For ten Sundays, starting February 4th, we invite children young and old alike to bring coins, loose change to pour into our buckets during our offering times. We can make a big difference with a few coins. Let's make some noise for God's Kingdom!

Woodworkers Needed: Please consider building something for the MCC Sale this year. Maynard Knepp has offered FREE Cedar Wood to anyone wanting to make something out of Cedar. Talk to Maynard if you are interested. Hopefully the projects in the foyer last Sunday motivated you to put your saw and hammer in action. Try and complete by the first of March so pictures can be taken for advertising.

Seeking foam donation: Joyce Gilliland, Inman, is creating cushions for rent at the Quilt Action. She is in need of donations of foam, 16"x16" and 1" thick. If you can assist, please contact Joyce at 620-585-2682 or gusgilliland@earthlink.net.

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

"Our weapons are not weapons with which cities and countries may be destroyed, walls and gates broken down, and human blood shed in torrents like water. Christ is our fortress; patience our weapon of defense; the Word of God our sword; and our victory a courageous, firm, unfeigned faith in Jesus Christ.

- *Menno Simons, "Foundation" (1539)*