

Tabor Mennonite Church

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No. 2



We welcome Trent Voth from Bethel College as he leads our children's story and offers the sermon today. Trent will guide us as we look at Mark 1:1-9, deepening our appreciation of Mark and encouraging us to explore "more to the story than meets the eye".

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*GATHERING HYMN *"Come Let Us All Unite to Sing"* No. 7

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"My Hope Is Built"* No. 621

*PASSING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Trent Voth

SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 1:1-9* Jo-Ann Schmidt
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON *"Walk, Walk...Who's There?"* Trent Voth

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Bless'd Be the God of Israel"* No. 223

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

*SENDING HYMN *"When We Walk with the Lord"* No. 570

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, January 14

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Phil and Sarahanne and family. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/g1p-6k7NHWU?feature=share>

We welcome Trent Voth today. Trent just completed his first semester as professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College. He grew up in the Halstead area but he and his wife, Stephanie, and two sons, Devereaux (De-Ver-Row) and Darien moved back to the area from Toronto, Ontario, where Trent completed his PhD at the University of Toronto. Trent has a particular interest in The Gospel of Mark, Anabaptist theologies, Vocational discernment, Christian Political Theologies, and Indigenous justice.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday morning at 8:00 am.

Mon, January 15, **9:30 am** - Comforter tying and hand quilting on the MCC Sale quilt - Hospitality Hall

5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, January 16, **9:30 am** - Staff Meeting

Wed, January 17, **9:30 am** - Comforter tying and hand quilting on the MCC Sale quilt - Hospitality Hall

5:45 - 6:20 pm - Supper - Meat/Potato Quiche

6:20 - 7:30 pm - Preschool through 5th grade

6:30 - 7:50 pm - Jr. Hi and High School

Jr Hi Music - 7:30-7:50

High School Music --7:50-8:10

Next Sunday, January 21

9:30 am: Next Sunday Pastor Todd will be preaching. Scripture for reflection will be Mark 2:1-22.

10:45: Faith formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

★ Pastor Katherine during her month of sabbatical. We invite God's presence to be with her and look forward to her return on Feb. 5.

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board and Commissions as they meet this month to provide guidance, leadership and vision for our conference.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, we remember Martin Luther King Jr., who followed Jesus' way of nonviolent civil disobedience by bringing hope to people who have been denied justice. Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's ministries of dismantling racism in the United States and around the world.

Congregational Announcements

It's SOUPer Bowl time again! You are invited to join us **Sunday, February 4 at noon** in the Hospitality Hall for the 2nd annual Tabor Church SOUPer Bowl! We will also be assembling care packages for our college students that day, so you can sign up to bring food and/or items for the care packages. Please take one of the slips from the bulletin board in the foyer as a way to sign-up to bring a pot of soup, dessert, bread, crackers/chips or items for student care packages. Drinks and tableware will be provided. Talk to Kenton or Eunice Nickel or Pam or Brent Abrahams if you have questions. (Note to football fans: The Super Bowl is February 11 so this event will not conflict with games).

The Music Committee is scheduling special music for the worship services in March - June. Individuals or groups - singers or instrumentalists are needed to enhance worship. The choir will not be singing in spring or summer, so more volunteers than usual are needed. If you are willing to share your gifts, contact Carrie Unruh (lewuhr@gmail.com).

New Hope Shelter is moving to their new location on January 27. They need volunteers to help with the move beginning at 8:00 a.m. that morning. They also have some kitchen appliances, stove, refrigerators and freezers, for sale. You can look at the list posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you are interested in helping move or in an appliance, please let Barb Abrahams know.

Food Pantry: Thank you for your continued support of the Tabor Food Pantry. Current needs include pancake and corn muffin mix, jelly, canned meat, cake mixes, and canned fruit. Monetary donations are also appreciated!

Tabor Mennonite Women:

-Comforter Tying for MCC Relief on February 10, 1-5pm. Tops are needed to tie. If you would like to piece a top, kits are available in the Hospitality Hall. More details to follow.

-A schedule of **upcoming events** for Tabor Mennonite Women is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up soon for participating in the events between now and May. *For our Feb. 10 Comfort tying event we will need someone for devotions. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to*

share. For the March 4 program with the Exchange Students, we need someone to do devotions and two for bringing snacks. March 25, 6:30 p.m. will be another project evening. Sign up if you would like to do devotions.

In 2024, the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus (KMMC) will be part of a year long celebration recognizing the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Mennonites to Kansas. Our concerts in April will include selections that recognize this important anniversary and our special guest performers will be the Newton Community Children's Choir. For more than 50 years, the KMMC has been sharing concerts that bring glory to God, joy to those who listen and global mission relief through the concert offerings. Men and boys are invited to join this tradition of worship through four-part choral music as members of KMMC. **See the registration poster or contact Steve Janzen for Tabor.** Our rehearsals begin January 28.

Community and Conference Announcements

KS MCC SALE: WANTED—Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the KS MCC Sale. Items you no longer need can help Feed and Clothe Thousands in desperate living conditions. ALL donations are Tax Deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620 367 8257. Help make a difference.

Everence® January Workshop - Social Security and retirement income : Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, January 25, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions.

The in-person workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Come hear a short concert of choral music presented by the Occasional Singers, a chamber ensemble of talented musicians who don't have a lot of time on their hands! Led by Andrew Voth, they will be singing choral standards as well as more contemporary pieces. The concert will occur at 2:00pm on Sunday, January 21st at First Mennonite Church in Newton and will be free to attend.

Bethel College: Mon., Jan. 15 – Bethel College Martin Luther King Jr. Day program, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall. The keynote speaker is historian, activist and servant leader Pamela D.C. Junior; also featuring the Bethel College Concert Choir.

-Fri. Jan. 19 – “Forest Listening,” works by Liz K. Miller, opens in the Regier Art Gallery in Lukyen Fine Arts Center at Bethel College (no reception). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

-Sun., Jan. 21 – Bethel College Music Department Honors Recital, 4 p.m., *Administration Building chapel*, featuring freshman, sophomore and junior vocal and instrumental students who performed exceptionally during the fall 2023 semester.

-Bethel College's Faculty Speaker series begins Friday, Jan. 26, and continues through April 19. During that time, seven different Bethel faculty members will discuss how listening opens up opportunities for learning as well as pathways for building, renewing and repairing relationships. All lectures are from 11 a.m.-noon in Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton, and are open to the public. Watch for further details!

Hesston College: January 21 - Melva Kauffman Lecture Series: Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery-This year the Melva Kauffman Lecture Series is pleased to host Mark Charles who will present on the topic of Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Charles is the son of an American woman of Dutch heritage and a Navajo man. He teaches with insight into the complexities of American history regarding race, culture and faith in order to help forge a path of healing and conciliation for the nation. The public is invited to hear his presentation at Hesston Mennonite Church Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 7 p.m.

-January 27 - Community Day-Join Hesston College for Community Day on Saturday, January 27, at Yost Center. The event features free admission to the Lark men's and women's basketball games vs. Neosho County as well as free popcorn, photos with Clark the Lark, performances by the HC dance team and free haircuts from alum Christy (Berkey) '03 Pickerill, CC's Family Hair. The women's game starts at noon and the men's game at 3 p.m. The Hesston High School pep band and cheerleaders will help cheer the Larks.

-January 30 - History of Prairie FiresJoin the Winter Lecture Series at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains and learn about the history of prairie fires. You will learn about how fire helped shape the Great Plains and the lives of its residents. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. and will be held virtually. Visit dyckarboretum.org/events to register. There is a \$5 cost.

Western District: The WDC Office & Resource Library will be closed on Monday, Jan 15 for Martin Luther King Jr Day. We will open again on Tuesday, Jan 16.

-Saturday Library Book Sale & Open House: Stop by the Conference Resource Library on Saturday, February 10 from 10am-12pm. Browse the book sale, check out what's new for individuals, families, children and more for home and congregational use. Enjoy a hot drink and stories with Bethel College Students. Download Flyer [HERE](#)

Camp Mennoscah: Work on the Retreat Center HVAC Project is starting! There are two Work Days to start off the project on January 20 and 27. The first day will focus on removing furniture and all other items from the building and the second will be the start of "demolition." Work will start at 9am and end at 5pm. Bring your own lunch and water bottle, please, and meet at the Retreat Center. Camp Mennoscah will provide

tools needed. Space heaters will be used, but temperatures inside may be around 50 degrees. Please let us know you are coming so we can be prepared. Contact us at 620-297-3290, 316-293-7313 (text) or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. We are grateful for your generosity as a volunteer. Thank you for helping make the Retreat Center project a reality!

-Staff hours will be changing and offices will be moving from the Retreat Center around the 15th of January. These changes are happening with the start of the Retreat Center HVAC Project. There may be delays as the offices and staff are resettled in their new (temporary) locations.

-Interviews for the 2024 Summer Staff are underway! Summer staff must be 18 years old or older. The staff leadership positions receiving stipends are naturalist, crafts leader, lifeguard, grounds/maintenance, music leader, and office/media. Get your application in soon, but applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. The 2024 summer camp season begins with orientation for summer-long positions on June 2 and ends August 4. **[The application for 2024 Summer Staff at Camp Mennoscah can be found here.](#)**

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Scrapbook Retreat, Jan. 26-28

Creating paper or digital photo books and sharing ideas and conversation is just another day for scrapbook participants. You still have time to register and spend the weekend documenting life memories and fellowshiping with others. Register at rmmc.org!

-Senior High Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, February 16-18 - The theme this year is Faith Fusion. Looking to Colossians 3:17, worship sessions will explore the intersection of faith and daily life. Through engaging discussions and activities, we will delve into practical ways to integrate our beliefs into the fabric of our everyday experiences. Session topics for the weekend will include: Relationships and conflict, Finding purpose, Our phones and the internet. Please visit rmmc.org for more information.

Mennonite Church USA: Join Mennonite Church USA's Nancy Kauffmann, Michael Danner and Glen Guyton for a webinar on Monday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. EST/4 p.m. PST, in which they will discuss the vision and direction of the new Safe Church ministry, share resources for congregations and conferences, and answer questions about the future vision for Safe Church advocacy in our denomination. View the PDF here:

mennoniteusa.org/slide/safe-webinar-jan

Register here: mennoniteusa.org/registration-safechurch-jan22

-Menno Snapshots: As the conflict between Israel and Hamas continues to rage on, Chris Hoover Seidel, who is part of the Mennonite Spiritual Directors Network, reflects on how she has learned to handle her own grief, while also holding space for those grieving around her. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: mennoniteusa.org/grief-work

MCC: Register now for the MCC South Texas Learning Tour, February 4-9, 2024! This immigration-focused learning tour presents a unique opportunity to engage directly with organizations making a positive impact on our neighbors. You won't want to miss this opportunity. Details and online registration can be found at mcc.org/south-texas-lt. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 20. Please contact Abraham Diaz Alonso with questions, abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org.

Footsteps of Paul in Greece + 3-Night Cruise May 27 – June 6, 2024. Led by Pastor Weldon Martens, Grace Hill Mennonite Church; Whitewater, KS. This is a 11-Day Tour & Cruise to Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, Crete, Patmos, Ephesus, Mykonos & Santorini. Cost: \$3,219 + flights. Registration: Due by January 18, 2024. Contact Pastor Weldon Martens at: weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276. Complete tour information & registration at www.tourwithweldon.com

AMBS: Pastors & Leaders 2024: Strategies for Peacemaking: Feb. 19–22. How do we find our calling as a peace church in the world today? This conference will focus on tools for peacemaking — building our capacity to tend to our inner work; address conflicts within our churches; and lead people to action on big issues of the day. Featured speaker: Betty Pries, PhD, CMed. Preachers: Nekeisha Alayna Alexis, MA, and Isaac Villegas, MDiv. Check out the list of workshops, and plan to join us in person or online! Register by Jan. 19 to receive a discount. ambs.edu/pastors-and-leaders

-Expand your leadership skills through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's new Practical Leadership Training modules! Upcoming modules include Pastoral and Congregational Financial Wellness (online workshop); Riding the Wave of Conflict and Change (webinar); Seeing through Technology (webinar); Funding Congregational Ministry after COVID-19 (online workshop); and more. CEUs available. Register for one or more modules! ambs.edu/plt

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

January 7, 2024

Offering = \$	3,982.00	Attendance =	122
Adult FF = \$	27.50	Attendance =	29
Jr. FF = \$	6.25	Attendance =	43

Worship Link Views = 28

Upcoming Dates

January 2 - February 4: Pastor Katherine's third month of sabbatical

January 19-21 - Snow Camp at RMMC for Jr. High

January 21 - 2:00 pm - Occasional Singers Concert

January 25 - 9:30 am - Coffee Time at Tabor

(note date-listed wrong last week)

January 28 - 2:00 pm - Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum

Business Meeting at Goessel Church

February 4 - 12 noon - SOUPer Bowl

- 5:00 pm - Area Jr. High Progressive Supper

(details to follow)

February 10 - TMW Comforter Tying with Alexanderwohl Mennonite

February 16-18 - Snow Camp at RMMC for Sr. High Youth

March 4-6 - MCC Comforter Blitz, Yoder, KS

March 25 - 6:30 pm - TMW Project Evening



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