

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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Today we get to explore the ageless story of Jesus, the paralytic man and his friends from Mark 2. We join with the crowd in their amazement of Jesus and consider all that Jesus ushers into our lives and our world.

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Leann Toews

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*GATHERING HYMN "Come, We That Love" No. 31

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "We Praise Thee, O God" No. 91

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Janna Duerksen

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 2:1-12 Rosie Jantz  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*

SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Bless the Arms That Comfort" No. 527

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

\*SENDING HYMN "Go, My Children" No. 830

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, January 21

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Warren & Sheri Schmidt. 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>

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation for everyone.

### This Week

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

**Mon, January 22,** **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 23,** **9:30 am** - Staff Meeting

**Wed, January 24,** **9:30 am** - Comforter tying and hand quilting on the MCC Sale quilt - Hospitality Hall  
**5:45 - 6:20 pm** - Supper - Soup  
**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 28

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday Bob Tolle, the Development Representative with Mennonite Mission Network will be preaching.

**10:45:** Faith formation for everyone.

### Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for generous financial contributions to WDC, supporting our mission of empowering Anabaptist/Mennonite congregations to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Today is Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday. Mennonite Mission Network invites you to join in Mennonite World Conference's prayers for the global church: to work together in harmony, to reduce suffering, and to become God's people, who sow peace, love and truth.

## 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).

**Area-Wide JR. High:** The next area-wide jr. high event will be Sunday, Feb. 4 from 5-8 p.m. Plan to meet at the Goessel Church at 5 p.m. We will enjoy a progressive supper - each course will be at a different location! We will end the evening with some table games. Jr. high students can be picked up at 8 p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church. Please note the two different locations for drop-off and pick-up.

**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.

**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 ([lewunr@gmail.com](mailto:lewunr@gmail.com)).

**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.

**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.

**Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group** will meet on **Monday, January 22, 2024, 7 p.m.,** in the Goessel City Building Community Room, 101 South Cedar St. The presentation by Arlin Buller, who lives in North Newton, is entitled "Roots and Fruits." The hour long presentation answers such questions as: "What events occurred in the nearly 500 years between 1525 and 2025? How did we get to 1874 A.D.? What has the Mennonite Church experienced in the 150 years from 1874 until 2024?" Arlin will be sharing a hand-out as part of his presentation. The visual below has been prepared by Arlin to illustrate "our saga and our heritage."

**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](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum:** You are invited to join us on **January 28, 2024, at 2 pm at the Goessel Church**, Goessel, Ks for the Annual Meeting of the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum and for the kickoff event celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the migration of the Mennonites to Kansas. After the annual meeting, Rod Ratzlaff, Przechowko historian, will present, "Origins of Alexanderwohl, Huffnugsau, & Lone Tree: Legacy of the Old Flemish Mennonites of Przechowko." How do these three Mennonite churches in south central Kansas fit in with a 16th century village in West Prussia (today's Poland)? Come find out! After the program, *faspa* will be served. Come early to renew your MH&AM membership or join for the first time. 150th Anniversary merchandise will be available for sale before and after the meeting. (Cash or check only, we cannot accept credit cards.) This event will be live streamed from the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's Facebook page.

**Blood Drive:** *Make a difference by donating blood, either a single unit or a Power Red donation, on February 5, between 1:00-6:00 pm at Goessel Church. Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) to donate. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081. Thank you - your donation could save someone's life!*

**Western District Conference** invites you to a come-and-go Open House on **Saturday, February 10, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm** at the WDC office, 2517 North Main Street, North Newton, KS. This is in addition to the WDC Library Open House and Book Sale already announced. Check out what's new in the Resource Library, browse the used-book sale, enjoy refreshments, chat with staff, and celebrate WDC's newly renovated office spaces!

**MDS On the Level:** The January edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares inspiration from the dentist's chair; learn about a huge boost coming to Crisfield, Maryland; and don't miss the February 8 deadline to register for our Annual Celebration in Fresno in February.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3u2BztK>

#### **Bethel College:**

**-Life Enrichment Schedule for Spring 2024** is posted on the bulletin board by the elevator.

**-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. Livestreaming available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3OzxafyFgg&ab\\_channel=BethelCollegeMusicDepartment](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3OzxafyFgg&ab_channel=BethelCollegeMusicDepartment)

**-Fri., Jan. 26 – First event in the Bethel College Faculty Lecture Series, "Walking the Talk: Listening in Our Disciplines," at Kidron Bethel Village, 11 a.m., Kidron Hall. Dr. Rachel Epp Buller, Bethel professor of visual arts and design and series organizer, will introduce the series and speak on "Walking and Listening in/as Artistic Practice."**

**-Sat., Jan. 27 – Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, "Kansas Critters," noon-4 p.m., museum parking lot and grounds.** Featuring food trucks, exhibits and activities indoors and out, and much more. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or [kauffmanmuseum.org](https://kauffmanmuseum.org)

#### **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 Fires**Join 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](https://dyckarboretum.org/events) to register. There is a \$5 cost.

**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](mailto: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: SPRING MENNONITE QUILTERS RETREAT** - Camp's first Quilters Retreat for 2024 is coming April 25-28. The main focus of this weekend will be giving participants plenty of time to sew. Bring lots of projects, or that one big project you've been waiting to start. Sharing ideas, tips and techniques are part of the weekend along with bringing any show and tell items to share with the group. To register, please visit the camp website at [www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org).  
**-Winter Retreat volunteers-** We are looking forward to several retreats in the upcoming months and could use volunteers to assist staff to prepare and serve camp guests. Please visit the volunteer opportunities site on our website [rmmc.org](http://rmmc.org) for dates and needs.

**AMBS: Leadership Clinics at AMBS: Monday, Feb. 19.** These day-long in-person workshops take place before the Pastors & Leaders 2024 conference begins at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. Sessions include **Anxiety and Depression in Church Ministry; Cultivating Vital and Faithful Congregations; Healthy Boundaries 101**; and **Leadership for Antiracist Spiritual Formation**. CEUs available. Register by Feb. 12. [ambs.edu/clinics](http://ambs.edu/clinics)  
**-Seminary Preview Webinar.** Thinking about seminary? Or do you know someone who might be? Join us online on **Tuesday, Jan. 30, 8-8:45 p.m. ET**, and get a glimpse of what Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary has to offer — whether you want to study at a distance or on our campus in Elkhart, Indiana. Associate Professor Malinda Elizabeth Berry, PhD, will give a sample lesson on Nonviolent Communication, and you'll also hear from a current student. Register online (no cost): [ambs.edu/preview](http://ambs.edu/preview)

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		=	30

**Upcoming Dates**

January 2 - February 4: Pastor Katherine's third month of sabbatical  
January 25 - 9:30 am - Coffee Time at Tabor  
(note date-listed wrong last week)  
February 4 - Trent Voth-guest speaker  
                  -12 noon - SOUPer Bowl  
                  - 5:00 pm - Area Jr. High Progressive Supper  
February 5—Blood Drive at Goessel Church  
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 6 - MHAM Fundraiser Meal at Tabor  
March 25 - 6:30 pm - TMW Project Evening



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