

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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No. 4



Today we welcome Bob Tolle to our morning worship service. Bob is the Development Representative at Mennonite Mission Network. We look forward to his sharing with us this morning!

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE Susan Merrifield

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Michael Unruh

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*GATHERING HYMN "Mountain of God" No. 11  
Russell Adrian, accompanist

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "My Soul Cries Out " No. 412

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Michael Unruh

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:33-37; Galatians 6:7-10 Jim Schmidt  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*

SERMON Bob Tolle

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "I Bind My Heart This Tide" No. 556

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

\*SENDING HYMN "Help Us to Help Each Other" No. 722

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, January 28

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/WdqtrL7rjog?feature=share>

**Bob Tolle** is excited to be working with Mennonite Mission Network as the Development Representative. He and his wife Sondra live in Lawrence, Kansas. This is his second working time with Mennonite Mission Network; previously, he & Sondra served as Service Adventure unit leaders in Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2015-2018. They were both born and raised in central Kansas. They have two grown daughters, two sons-in-law, one granddaughter and two granddogs.

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

### This Week

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

**Mon, January 29,** **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 30,** **9:30 am** - Staff Meeting

**7:00 pm** - Special Council Meeting

**Wed, January 31,** **9:30 am** - Comforter tying and hand quilting on the MCC Sale quilt - Hospitality Hall

**5:45 - 6:20 pm** - Supper - Sloppy Joes

**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, February 4

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday Trent Voth, Assistant Professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College, will be preaching. Scripture for reflection will be Mark 1:1-15.

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

**12:00 noon:** SOUPer Bowl and Care Packages

**5:00 pm:** Area Wide Jr. High Progressive Supper - (see announcement for details)

## Upcoming Dates

January 2 - February 4: Pastor Katherine's third month of sabbatical  
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  
February 22 - Tabor Coffee Time  
March 3 - Camp 412 Fundraiser Meal at the Goessel High cafeteria  
March 4-6 - MCC Comforter Blitz, Yoder, KS (see announcement and poster)  
March 6 - MHAM Fundraiser Meal at Tabor  
March 25 - 6:30 pm - TMW Project Evening

## 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: As the New Year begins, we pray for God's guidance and blessings for the mission of the church. We ask for wisdom to spread His love, the strength to serve others selflessly, and the courage to share the message of hope. May our works reflect God's grace, uniting hearts in faith and compassion. Amen. -WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the fruit that has grown from Mennonite Mission Network's five-year commitment to partner with Holy Trinity Brussels' peace and conflict transformation program in Belgium. Pray for Jean-Bosco Turahirwa, who developed the program for his congregation, which has members from more than 45 countries.

## 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.

**Tabor Small Groups:** We are exploring the beginning of a new small group here at Tabor. Small groups are an outstanding way to deepen friendships within our church and to offer care for each other. If this is something that might be of interest to you or if you would like more information, please contact Pastor Todd.

**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](mailto:lewuhr@gmail.com)).

### 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 Comforter 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 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

**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, Hufnangsau, & 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.

**Date changed: Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group** will meet on **Monday, January 29, 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."

**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](http://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>

**MCC: MCC Central States annual meeting, Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m.** You are invited to join the meeting in-person or virtually to hear MCC U.S. Executive Director Ann Graber Hershberger share an MCC update. Please email [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org) if you would like the Zoom link to join virtually. Otherwise, join us at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St in North Newton, Kansas.

-Mark your calendar now for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual **MCC Comforter Blitz, March 4-6** just outside of Yoder, Kansas. If you can tie a knot, you can make a difference! Curious to find out more? Please check [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz) or the Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz page on Facebook. The blitz takes place on Monday, March 4 from 9am-5pm, Tuesday, March 5 from 9am-9pm and Wednesday, March 6 from 9am-4pm at the 3605 East Longview Rd. Haven, KS. Questions? Please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org).

**Bethel College:**

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

**-Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts is looking for flutists to join the BCAPA Flute Choir!** Open to flutists age 12 or older at any level; Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. with the first session starting Jan. 30, through Feb. 27 (2nd session April 30-May 21); \$50 fee. Email [bcapa@bethelks.edu](mailto:bcapa@bethelks.edu) to register or for more information.

**-Sat., Feb. 3 – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 a.m. start time** in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets.

**-Sat., Feb. 3 – Bethel College Faculty Recital: Dr. Christina Liu, piano, 2 p.m. [note time change], Administration Building Chapel**

**Hesston College: 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](http://dyckarboretum.org/events) to register. There is a \$5 cost.

**Camp Mennoscah:**

**-The phone system for Camp Mennoscah is changing.** The 3014 number will no longer be a camp phone number. The main camp number of 620-297-3290 is the best number to use. The new system will not go in until after the Retreat Center HVAC project is complete. While offices are in the temporary spaces, there will be more limited access to staff by phone. Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**-Two volunteers are needed daily to help with Retreat Center HVAC work from Monday through Friday for the next 12 weeks.** Construction skills are not a requirement. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290, text 316-293-7313 or email

[olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org). Board members may also contact you. Sign up today!

**- 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: Scholarships available!** Ready to pursue seminary studies? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, offers generous need-based financial aid, church matching grants and scholarships for students learning on campus or at a distance, full time or part time. Complete your Admissions Application now so you can be eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships by March 15 and ministry scholarships by April 1.

[ambs.edu/affordability](https://ambs.edu/affordability)

**-Ministry Integrity Circles.** Pastors, need help with ministry transitions or significant challenges? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s yearlong Ministry Integrity Circles program provides the support of consultants within a community of peers. The Spring 2024 in-person cohort begins April 22; apply by March 22. [ambs.edu/integrity-circles](https://ambs.edu/integrity-circles)



- PLEASE bring your change and paper money to help raise money for "My Coins Count" part of the KS MCC Sale. Our children will start collecting these coins THIS coming Sunday, Feb. 4. We will continue collecting coins for the MCC Sale each Sunday until the Sale in April.
- Weekly Announcements for info about the KS MCC Sale will be brought to you mainly through the KS MCC Sale Announcement Page in the bulletin rather than verbal announcements.
- 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.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE January 21, 2024			
Offering	= \$ 4,275.00	Attendance	= 110
Adult FF	= \$ 16.00	Attendance	= 37
Jr. FF	= \$ 16.30	Attendance	= 33
Worship Link Views = 32			



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