

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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Jesus Removes Demons

### JESUS AND THE GERASENE DEMONIAK

Our worship focuses on the story of Jesus healing the Gerasene Demoniac, an incredible story of powerful healing. May this story assure us that Jesus still holds the victory over the fallen powers, and may it inspire us to tell others how much the Lord has done for us!

### WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joshua Schmidt
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 89*
- \*GATHERING HYMN “*In the Morning When I Rise*” No. 499
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN OF PRAYER “*Healer of Our Every Ill*” No. 644
- \*PASSING THE PEACE  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN’S STORY Carol Duerksen and Marcene Entz
- SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 5:1-20* Denise Nickel  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE “*Cast Out, O Christ*” No. 285
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- \*SENDING HYMN “*I Love to Tell the Story*” No. 761
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, February 11

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Kenton & Eunice Nickel 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/La6h0yQajcA?feature=share>

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

### This Week

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

- Mon, February 12,** **9:00 am** - Faithful Fitness (**Note time change**)  
**9:30 am** - Comforter tying and hand quilting on the MCC Sale quilt - Hospitality Hall  
**7:00 pm** - Men’s Bible Study
- Tues, February 13,** **9:30 am** - Staff Meeting
- Wed, February 14,** **9:30 am** - Comforter tying and hand quilting on the MCC Sale quilt - Hospitality Hall  
**5:30 pm** - Ash Wednesday Service  
**7:30 pm** - Ash Wednesday Service  
**5:45 - 6:20 pm** - Supper for all - Taco 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

**February 16-18,** Senior High Youth at RMMC

### Next Sunday, February 18

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Lent: Christ Among Us, Repent and Believe. Pastor Todd will be preaching. Scriptures for reflection will be Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, Mark 1:9-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22.

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

### Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations and listening teams participating in WDC’s conference-wide listening process to learn how God is at work in a diversity of church contexts, and to consider what resources WDC can offer to support congregational hopes and priorities for the future.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network has launched a new fellowship and learning program, Just Peace Pil-

grimaces, to help participants enter more fully into God's justice and shalom. Pray that God's spirit will prepare the hearts and minds of all who join in the healing work of dismantling the oppressive structures in the United States.

### Congregational Announcements

**Ash Wednesday Services:** This upcoming Wednesday (February 14th) at 5:30pm and 7:30pm in the sanctuary, we will offer a short service of scripture, prayer, and the imposition of ashes. We invite you to join us for one of these services as we begin the season of Lent on the 14th, because, as it was pointed out to us, you can't spell "Valentine" without "Lent". Anyone is welcome to join for the Wednesday evening meal served from 5:45-6:30 pm.

**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.

**Catechism:** We will be holding catechism classes this spring in preparation for baptism. Please let Pastor Katherine or Pastor Todd know in the next couple weeks if you are interested in being a part of this class.

**Updates for Tabor Directory:** The new directory will be printed soon. Please email the church office with any address or phone number changes or corrections. [secretary@tabormennonite.org](mailto:secretary@tabormennonite.org)

**Pine Car Race :** Our annual pine car race is fast approaching. Pine car kits were passed out on Wednesday, February 7, to all students from kindergarten thru 8th grade. We would like all cars this year to be shaped into an object that represents something from one of our Bible lessons from this year: one of the parables from last fall or one of the character stories from this spring. Be creative. We will have a work night on Feb. 14th during class time for anyone who needs help shaping a car and the race will be on Feb. 21 at 7 pm. in the Hospitality Hall.

**Tabor Mennonite Women:** A schedule of **upcoming events** for Tabor Mennonite Women is posted on the bulletin board. Please check dates which still need positions filled for our Spring meetings. Especially needed are 2-3 women to plan the Mystery evening.

**7th and 8th Graders at Camp Tawakoni:** Any current 7th or 8th graders in the area interested in a fun weekend out in nature with good food and fun, we will be traveling to Camp Tawakoni on May 24 through the 27th for Camp 412. This has been a long time tradition and we are excited to keep this going! We hope you can make it and more details will be sent out as we get closer to the date.

### Upcoming Dates

February 21 - Pine Car Race  
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 13 - No Wednesday Evening activities  
March 25 - 6:30 pm - TMW Project Evening  
May 31 - Easter Sunday  
April 3 - Season Finale Quiz Bowl Event

### Community and Conference Announcements

**Join us at Alexanderwohl for Senior Coffee** on Friday, February 16, at 10:00 am for food and fellowship! Bruce Regier from North Newton enjoys taking pictures and will share some of this photos with us.

**Everence® : February workshop: Make Medicare an Easy Step**  
Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Peace Connections and Harvey County Circle of Hope are looking for Volunteer Allies to match with individuals or families who are on the journey out of poverty. If YOU would like to provide intentional friendship to someone as they work toward their goals and write hope into their future story, please join us on Tuesday evenings to learn more. This is a great opportunity to build resources and grow connections, as well as increase economic stability in our community. The Volunteer Ally listens and encourages, without judgment, to Circle Leaders working to make positive changes in their life, and a focus on future goals during their 18-month match! Check out more information at [www.peaceconnections.org/volunteer](http://www.peaceconnections.org/volunteer) or 316-284-0000.

**Western District Women in Mission: Spring Cleaning at Camp Mennoncah** sponsored by Western District Women in Mission (WDM) will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 10 am – 4 p.m. Come for part or all of the time. Women, men, kids, youth groups, Sunday school groups are all invited. If children younger than high school attend, they need to be supervised by their parents (no child care or children's activities will be provided). Dress warm, bring a full water bottle, \$5 to cover the cost of lunch, and the following cleaning supplies if you have them: rakes, long

handled brooms for cobweb reaching. Other cleaning supplies will be provided. **Register by March 18 by e-mailing [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com).** Space is capped at this event to manage the jobs, so don't delay in registering. Thanks!

#### **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.

**-Two volunteers are needed every week day (M-F)** to continue the work on the Retreat Center project. Work will start at 9am and end at 5pm. Half days are fine. 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!

**-Registration for 2024 Summer Youth Camps is open!** Staff is still adjusting to the big Retreat Center project and some details are sure to have been missed--but that will not stop you from registering for a great week of camp. The theme for the summer is Linked By Love and looks at the many ways we experience God's love through relationships. [Register online!](#)

**-Summer Youth Camps** take many hands to make them run. Nurses, head cooks, kitchen staff and maintenance volunteers are needed for every week of camp. The summer camps range from 3 to 6 days and begin June 9. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) if you are interested.

#### **Bethel College:**

**-Sun., Feb. 11 – KIPCOR Film Series presents *Eroding History*, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.**

**-Sun., Feb. 11 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program at Kauffman Museum, 3 p.m., with Lorna Harder, guest curator of the special exhibit "A Day with the Birds: Community Science and the Audubon Christmas Bird Count."**

**-Tues., Feb. 13 – Bethel College Organ Recital Series** presents Douglas O'Neill in an all-Bach program, 7 p.m., *Administration Building chapel*

**-Thurs., Feb. 15 – The public is invited to a forum on local journalism sponsored by Harvey County Now, at Bethel College, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center**

**-Weds., Feb. 21 – Bethel College Orchestra, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center**

**-SAVE THE DATE: Sun., March 3, 4 p.m. – Bethel College Choir Spring Tour Send-off Concert**

#### **MCC:**

**-Global Voices Tour, MCC and the Anabaptist Climate Collaborative bring you Climate Action for Peace!** Join us to hear MCC partners Caroline Pugen from Zimbabwe and Victor Odinda from Cambodia share about how their work supports people in adapting to the challenges of climate change. You have several opportunities to engage with our guests! **They will share at: Showalter Villa (in the chapel), Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m., Shalom Mennonite Church, Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m., Bethel College convocation, Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. and at Kidron Bethel Village (in Kidron Hall) in North Newton on Feb. 26 at 2 p.m.** Learn more at <https://mcc.org/events/global-voices-tour-climate-action-peace>.

**-Feb. 23: MCC High School Essay Contest** - Are you a youth who attends a Mennonite high school or an Anabaptist church? This is your opportunity to express your views in essay format on critical issues facing U.S. society. Submissions are due Feb. 23, 2024, and may be in English or Spanish. The grand prize is \$1000! Find out more about the high school essay contest. <https://mcc.org/events/high-school-essay-contest> Submit essays to [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org).

**-MCC Central States annual meeting, Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m.**

**-16<sup>th</sup> annual MCC Comforter Blitz, March 4-6**

**-MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); wide-toothed combs; laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min); fingernail clippers (good quality); and hand towels (dark colored). Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: men's T-shirts (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's underwear (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's crew socks; lotion (12 oz min); and adult backpacks. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC.

**-Interested in working with MCC, or know someone who is? MCC is hiring a Community Engagement Coordinator!** The Community Engagement Coordinator, in North Newton, KS connects with local churches, individuals, and partners to educate on MCC material resources, programs, and events. Apply at the following link: [Community Engagement Coordinator](#) or find the job and other openings at [mcc.org/careers](https://mcc.org/careers).

**Mennonite Church USA:** Mennonite Church USA Administration has named Jolene VonGunten as executive administrative assistant, serving the Executive Board and staff, the Constituency Leaders Council, the Governance Council, the Joint Executive Committee, and Human Resources. She also is continuing to serve part-time as executive assistant and communications coordinator for Mennonite Education Agency. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/vongunten-exec-admin-assistant](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/vongunten-exec-admin-assistant)

### Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum, Goessel, Ks:

We continue the 150th As part of the 150th Anniversary celebration of the migration of Mennonites to Kansas on February 18, 2024. Dr. Mark Jantzen, professor of history at Bethel college, will present "Fifty-Three Years in the Russian Empire: The Context for Mennonites in the Years 1821 to 1874." The event will be held February 18, 2024, at 3 pm, at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, Ks.

Join us in person or by zoom. Zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86167911311?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86167911311?pwd=VUZWbHIRMVLa0Y3TIR1VWhiZEhiUT09)

[pwd=VUZWbHIRMVLa0Y3TIR1VWhiZEhiUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86167911311?pwd=VUZWbHIRMVLa0Y3TIR1VWhiZEhiUT09)

Meeting ID 861 6791 1311

Passcode 473902



### KS MCC SALE DATES: April 12 & 13

Get excited and think of ways

YOU can get more involved in the FUN!

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$64.36. We are off to an AMAZING start. Way to GO TABOR!!

Deadline for Fellowship Meals is Feb. 18. You can either Host a Meal or be a Guest. Go to website for the form or see Jerry.

Put your checks for Pre-Sale Expenses in Jerry and Leann's Box. It takes approx. \$80,000 to put on the KS MCC Sale. KS Churches raise money BEFORE the Sale so ALL proceeds we raise at the Sale go directly to where the problems are. Some examples what Pre-Sale Expenses cover: \$350 Butter; \$3250 for ham for Verenike Gravy; \$2500 Cream. We are trying to get this covered earlier this year rather than close to the sale. PLEASE help.

Tabor's Unruh Family is in charge of PLANTS & THINGS. Help them by planting seeds. It is FUN for kids and adults to start seeds and watch them grow and then bring them to the sale to be sold.

Website is: [kansas.mccsale.org](https://kansas.mccsale.org)

Our website is just getting started with more info and signup sheets being added regularly.

| OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE<br>February 4, 2024 |          |              |     |
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| Offering = \$                              | 5,430.00 | Attendance = | 148 |
| Adult FF = \$                              | 29.00    | Attendance = | 39  |
| Jr. FF = \$                                | 4.75     | Attendance = | 49  |
| Worship Link Views = 35                    |          |              |     |



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