

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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No. 5



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 Tabor Worship Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Todd Schlosser

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 *"Speak, O Lord"* - Getty and Townend

SHARING ABOUT SNOW CAMP Junior High

CHILDREN'S STORY Trent Voth

SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 1:1-9* Eunice Nickel  
*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 *"Longing for Light"* No. 715

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, February 4

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/NMChm964f18?feature=share>

*We welcome Trent Voth today. Trent just completed his first semester as professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College. 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.

**11:45 am:** SOUPer Bowl Lunch—College Care Packages

**5:00 pm:** Area Wide Jr. High Progressive Supper - Meet at Goessel Church at 5:00 pm. Pick up students at 8:00 pm at Tabor Mennonite Church.

## This Week

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

**Mon, February 5,** **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

**7:00 pm** - Worship Committee Meeting

**Tues, February 6,**

**9:30 am** - Staff Meeting

**7:00 pm** - Council Meeting

**Wed, February 7,**

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

**12 noon:** First Wednesday Lunch

**5:45 - 6:20 pm** - Supper - Tater Tot Casserole

**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

**Thurs, February 8,**

**7:00 pm** - Christian Education Meeting

**Sat, February 10,**

**1:00 pm** - Comforter Tying with Alexanderwohl and Goessel churches

## Next Sunday, February 11

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

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

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray that God would nurture faith, wisdom and spiritual growth as members and friends of WDC engage materials in the WDC Resource Library.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for Matthew and Toni Krabill's four years of ministry at the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for them as they move to Ghana this month, where Matthew will supervise research and develop curricula at The Sanneh Institute, and Toni will discern what God is calling her to next.

## Congregational Announcements

**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.

**Cookies Needed:** Tabor is hosting the MCC Sale Meeting on Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 pm. We are needing 15 dozen cookies to serve that evening. Please sign up on the bulletin if you can bring cookies. Thanks for your help!

**Pine Car Race :** Our annual pine car race is fast approaching. We will pass out the pine car kits this coming Wednesday, February 7, during class time 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:

-Comforter Tying for MCC Relief on February 10, 1-5pm. Alexanderwohl and Goessel Churches have been invited to join us. Please bring a generous snack to share with our visitors.

-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.

**Updates for Tabor Directory:** The new directory will be printed soon. Please email or call the church office with any address or phone number changes or corrections.

[secretary@tabormennonite.org](mailto:secretary@tabormennonite.org) or 367-2318

## Upcoming Dates

February 16-18 - Snow Camp at RMMC for Sr. High Youth  
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 25 - 6:30 pm - TMW Project Evening  
May 31 - Easter Sunday

## Community and Conference Announcements

**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!

### 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).

### 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 con-

tact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org).

**-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).

**-March 10-15: MCC Young adult Peace Camp in Black Forest, Colorado** - Join us for an incredible week of hands-on peacebuilding training in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado Springs! MCC's Peacebuilders Training is a learning experience for young adults hungry to connect with other young adults; root themselves in intentional, theological reflection; and apply that to the real-world work of peace and justice in their communities. Find out more and register for the Peace Camp. <https://mcc.org/get-involved/peace-camps>

#### **Bethel College:**

**-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.

**-Sun., Feb. 11 – KIPCOR Film Series presents *Eroding History*, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.** Audience talkback with Dr. Jonathan Frye, professor of natural science at McPherson College, follows the screening; a freewill offering will be taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.

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

#### **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 at 620-297-3290 and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**-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. Bring your own lunch and water bottle, please, and meet at the Retreat Center. Park nose-first to the wooden fence. 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!

**-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!](#)

**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.

**Mennonite Church USA:** In celebration of Black History Month (February), Mennonite Church USA invites you to discover the people and events that have helped shape our denomination. Visit MC USA's African American Mennonite History Timeline here: [mennoniteusa.org/african-american-mennonite-history-timeline/](http://mennoniteusa.org/african-american-mennonite-history-timeline/)

**Menno Snapshot:** Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, climate justice coordinator for Mennonite Church USA, looks at the role of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as an early leader in the environmental justice movement and provides suggested actions to honor his legacy. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/mlk/](http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/mlk/)

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**-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 Feb. 12. [ambs.edu/pastors-and-leaders](http://ambs.edu/pastors-and-leaders)

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—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 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 28, 2024

Offering = \$ 3,343.00	Attendance = 103
Adult FF = \$ 36.00	Attendance = 38
Jr. FF = \$ 6.73	Attendance = 36

Worship Link Views = 23



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