

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## PALM SUNDAY

### CHRIST AMONG US - THE WAY OF A SERVANT

At the beginning of this Holy Week, we reflect on Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem and his prophetic actions at the Temple. We also extend a warm welcome to the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers!

## WORSHIP

PRELUDE	Mark Schmidt
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Reece Hiebert
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP	
MUSICAL INTROIT "Will the Circle Be Unbroken"	Elbiata Singers ~ arr. Moore
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from Philippians 2</i>
*GATHERING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"	No. 411
*GATHERING PRAYER	
*HYMN OF PRAISE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"	No. 313
CHILDREN'S PALM PROCESSIONAL	
*PASSING THE PEACE <i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS "The Lord Is My Shepherd"	Elbiata Singers ~ Goodall
WORSHIP MUSIC "It's Gonna Be Alright" ~ Wise	Elbiata Singers
CHILDREN'S STORY Maynard Knepp	
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Mark 11:1-19</i> <i>The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!</i>
SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen	
*HYMN OF RESPONDS "Jesus Christ Is Waiting" (vs 1, 2, 5)	No. 287
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser	
*SENDING HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"	No. 323
*BENEDICTION	
*POSTLUDE	<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>

## Sunday, March 24

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/54vEVri6WWq?feature=share>

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

## This Week

**Mon, March 25,**

**9:00 am** - Faithful Fitness

**9:30 am** - Comforter tying - Hospitality Hall

**6:30 pm** - TMW Project Evening - Donations to MCC; everyone brings snacks to share

**7:00 pm** - Men's Bible Study

**Tues, March 26**

**9:00 am** - Staff Meeting

**Wed, March 27,**

**5:45 - 6:20 pm** - Supper - Chicken Enchiladas

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

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

**7:30 pm** - Easter Choir Rehearsal

**Thurs, March 28,**

**9:30 am** - Coffee Time at Tabor- Hospitality Hall

**6:00 pm** - Maundy Thursday

- Meal, Worship, Communion

## Next Sunday, March 31

**9:00 am: Easter Breakfast** - Everyone is invited to a potluck Easter breakfast. Please bring Easter breads, cinnamon rolls, muffins or egg casseroles. Fruit and cheese will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Brent and Pam Abrahams or Kenton and Eunice Nickel.

**10:00 am:** Next Sunday is Easter Sunday. Come join us for this joyous celebration of resurrection life! Scripture for reflection will be John 20:1-21. The adult choir and children will sing.

**No Faith Formation on March 31.**

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for God's presence, joy and wisdom to be with WDC staff as they gather tomorrow for a staff retreat.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the 75 years of healing ministry by dedicated personnel at Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien, Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world. Join

Mennonite Mission Network in praying for Dr. Jacob Chang and the hospital staff as the services they offer grow to meet the needs of the populations they serve; the elderly, mothers and children and those with special needs.

### Congregational Announcements

**WANTED** : Wide-mouth quart canning jars for the TMW Project evening on Monday, March 25. Place your donations in the kitchen on the counter beside the stoves by Sunday morning, March 24. Thanks-Carrie Unruh

**Share an Easter Lily** in honor of a loved one on Easter Sunday. Names of those to be honored, along with names of those sharing the lilies need to be turned in to the church office by Wednesday, March 27 to be listed in the bulletin. Lilies need to be brought to the church, **clearly marked on the bottom with the name of the donor**, and left in the foyer by **12:00 noon on Saturday, March 30**. Donors are invited to collect their lilies after the Easter Service. Lilies left at the church will be used in April visuals or donated to Bethesda.

**Holy Humor Sunday-April 7:** We will continue our celebration of Jesus' resurrection by once again enjoying Holy Humor Sunday. You are invited to wear bright, colorful clothing. Please think of jokes or funny stories that you want to share for this Sunday.

**Bethesda** will be having an **MCC Market on Friday, April 12**, to raise funds to benefit MCC. They are looking for donation items to be sold at the market. Please bring your donations to the Life Enrichment Office by Thursday afternoon, April 11, so that items can be priced and displayed Friday morning. Items could include baked goods, arts and crafts, sewing/embroidery projects, small plants, crocheted or knitted items, other home-made items. Items will be available for purchase on Friday, April 12 from 9-12. You are invited to come shop at the MCC Market located in the Chapel at Bethesda.

**VBS:** We are making plans for VBS and need your help! It takes a lot of volunteers to make VBS a meaningful week for the children of Tabor and the community. VBS will be the week of June 3-7. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute. Whether you can help for the entire week or only a day or two, we can find a job for you. You can fill out the online form emailed out with the bulletin or talk to Eunice Nickel (620-345-8954) or Kara Swartzendruber (316-308-8452) about helping.

**Fifth Sunday Giving Opportunity again in 2024** – Please bring items OR Checks for MCC kits. See the MCC bulletin announcement for most needed items. Please make checks out to Tabor Church and write MCC Kits in the Memo. There will be a plastic tote in the foyer labelled for these donations on Sundays March 24 & 31.

**The Church Council accepted an invitation from Western District Conf. to be a part of a Listening Group Process** with table group conversation around these questions, collection of responses and then shar-

ing back to our congregation: 1. *Can you tell about a time when you've felt most alive and vibrant as a congregation, or as a participant of the congregation?* 2. *What is foundational and reassuring about this congregation that has helped in difficult times?* 3. *What activities or ministries are most important for your congregation now in fully carrying out God's work?* 4. *What do you hope for the future for your church and what resources from WDC would be helpful for that?* **Please reserve Sunday, April 28 to attend a shorter worship service and join in the table group discussion that will take place instead of Faith Formation that morning. Childcare is needed during this morning – Please see Gayle Funk.**

### Upcoming Dates

April 3 - Season Finale Quiz Bowl Event

April 7 - New Hope Shelter Dedication  
- KMMC Concert - Bethel College

April 12-13 - MCC Sale

April 21 - TMYF Sunday & Lunch  
- KMMC Concert - Tabor College

April 27 - TMW Mystery Excursion - 8:30 am  
- TMYF Lock In

May 24-27 - Camp 412 at Camp Tawakoni for 7th/8th graders

June 3-7 - VBS Week

### Community and Conference Announcements

**“Goodly Heritage” Historical Drama at Eden Mennonite Church** - March 23, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. and March 24, Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

**The Newton Chorale presents: “From Darkness to Light”- Sunday, March 24 at 3:30 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church**, 2600 College Ave., North Newton, KS - Director, Riley King, will conduct the concert consisting of the Haydn Missa brevis St. Joannis de Deo featuring Soprano soloist Megan Taylor-Gilstrap and organist Will Wiebe-Friesen: along with several pieces composed within the past 20 years, accompanied by Meghann Rogers. Admission is free. A goodwill offering will be taken.

**Migration/immigration series hosted by the Peace Team and the Mission Board at Alexanderwohl. Sunday, March 24** will be our final event. **Peter Goerzen will be our guest speaker.** He will offer perspectives on the historical, biblical and theological significance of Israel/Palestine. Come to learn and participate - and have fasha! 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group** will meet on Monday, March 25, 2024, 7:00 p.m., in the Goessel City Building Community Room, 101 South Cedar St., Goessel, Kansas. The presentation by Brian Stucky is entitled “Goessel Area Rural Graves.” The project has covered more than 10 years, and the results have provided valuable in-

formation contributing to the story of early settlers in the area, thereby enriching the history and knowledge of our community. For more information, call either Fern Bartel at the Goessel Museum (620-367-8200) or Anna Beth Birky (620-386-0381).

**In the spirit of [Mennonite Action](#) efforts nationwide for the upcoming March Week of Action (March 25-29)**, the WDC Israel Palestine Task Force and several member churches invite you, your congregation, family, friends, and allies to **join in another public peace witness at Senator Jerry Moran's office in downtown Wichita on Wednesday, March 27, approximately 10 am - 12 pm** (details on bulletin board). We will meet at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S Lorraine St, at 10:00 am

Join museum supporters for the **Heritage Dinner, April 5, 6:30 pm, at Tabor Mennonite Church**, after which Mayleen Thiesen Vinson will share an entertaining and insightful portrayal of Fru Schmidt's dilemma—what to pack for her family? Each adult ticket-holder was allowed to pack 27 cubic feet of baggage and freight. Consider that the Schmidts have ten children! Would you have packed a waffle iron, an anvil, or corncobs? Come find out! Tickets are on sale now! Contact the museum by April 1 (620.367.8200 or email [goesselmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:goesselmuseum@gmail.com)) to reserve your tickets for the Low German sausage meal catered by Goessel Grocery & Deli. Prices are \$75 per person, ages 12 and under are \$15, and first-time attenders are \$40. This event will be recorded, but not live-streamed.

**You Are Invited! Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 PM, New Hope Shelter** will have a dedication and ribbon cutting celebration of their new facility. Bring your lawn chairs. There will be some brief remarks and tours will be given and light refreshments will be served. Their invitation is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

#### **Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concerts this year:**

-April 7th at Bethel College, N. Newton - Memorial Hall - 4pm  
-April 21st Tabor College, Hillsboro - Richert Auditorium - 4pm  
This year we are including the Newton Children's Community Choir, the Flannelbacks, and the Menno Brass.

**Blood Drive:** Give the gift of life in this spring season of new life! Donate blood on **April 8**, between 1:00-6:00 pm at Goessel Church. Sing up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to donate. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

**MCC: 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. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets). Questions: please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** The March edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King explores where we would see Jesus in disaster responses, get the latest on the damage left by the Midwest tornadoes, and learn how a remote electrician is adding a spark to an MDS project. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4adqxsS>

#### **Bethel College:**

**-All interested singers are invited to participate in Bethel College's annual Masterworks concert, to be held April 28.** Sign up online at <https://forms.gle/Auu4FaYBcaLwKDuF6> or come to the first rehearsal April 2, 6 p.m., Choir Room in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. (see invitation from Dr. Henry Waters on the bulletin board)

**-Sun., April 7 – KIPCOR Film Series presents *Estamos Unidos*, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.** The film by Alvaro M. Morales follows a migrant caravan's journey from Honduras to Mexico City in 2019. A talkback follows the screening; a freewill offering will be taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.

**Western District Women in Mission: Women & Girls Save the Date!** **Edimental Gardening for Every Growing Space, featuring Renata Goossen will be sponsored by Western District Women in Mission at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton KS on Friday, April 19.** The schedule is: 5 p.m - 6 p.m. Browse and purchase plants from Renata's Plant Bus. Bring a salad to share for supper to start at 6 p.m.. The evening program, 6:30 - 7:30, will feature music by Prairie Highway and Renata speaking on her topic of edimental gardening, plants that are both edible and ornamental. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more details about the evening schedule and our other WDWM activities.

#### **Camp Mennoscah:**

**-Nurses needed** for the weeks of First Camp, June 20-22; Junior High 2, July 7-12; and Junior 2, July 14-19. Nurses must be an RN and can receive a stipend or a parent discount. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) if you are interested. You are needed to make summer youth camps healthy and successful!

**-Register for the 2024 Summer Youth Camps!** [Register online!](#)

**-Registration for the Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat, April 19-21 is open.** [Register here!](#)

**Mennonite Church USA:** MC USA's Climate Justice Ministry will begin receiving applications for the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund grant, starting April 1, 2024. The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund provides funds to assist MC USA congregations interested in various forms of renewable energy. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/apply-energy-grants](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/apply-energy-grants) View the slide here: [mennoniteusa.org/apply-renewable-energy-grants](http://mennoniteusa.org/apply-renewable-energy-grants)

-Join MC USA Climate Justice Coordinator Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler on Apr. 2 at 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT for the first of four webinars in MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Climate Justice II" initiative. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/registraiton-climate-april2](http://mennoniteusa.org/registraiton-climate-april2) View the slide here: [mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-indigenous-justice-webinar](http://mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-indigenous-justice-webinar)

**AMBS: Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Hybrid courses** (combining online work and one week on campus) include Christian Leadership in the 21st Century and History of Christian Spirituality. **In-person courses** (also open to auditors) include Biblical Storytelling; Spiritual Practices: Trees of Life; and The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! Register by April 29. [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

**-Anabaptist Witness: Call for submissions.** *Anabaptist Witness* welcomes submissions on "Witness in Palestine and Israel" for its October 2024 issue. *AW* is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes academic essays, reflection pieces, sermons, poetry, interviews and visual art. Historical, biblical, theological and missiological approaches are welcome. Submissions are due July 1, 2024. View guidelines: [anabaptistwitness.org](https://anabaptistwitness.org)



**KS MCC SALE DATES: April 12 & 13**  
**Get excited and think of ways YOU can get more involved in the FUN!**

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

CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING was \$57.02. After today ONLY 2 more Sundays

IF you are planning on participating in the 5K please let Jerry know and we will put your names in the bulletin so you can get support.

HELP: please pick up Sale Bills and post them at Work or anywhere you can.

BAKERS: help fill the Sign Up sheets on the tables in the Hospitality Hall - Pies & Zweibach

BRING your items you are donating to the MCC Sale.

QUILTERS CORNER items put on tables OR in boxes under tables.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: go to website and click on Volunteers and pick ANYWHERE you are willing to take a 2 hr shift. TABOR folks - Unruh Family, Plants & Things; New Years Cookies, Brent & Pam; Bulk Meat Sales, Lewis & Carrie; Gen Auction Help, Schmidt Auction Service; Serving Verenike (Domestic Arts) Fred & Diane's kids.

MCC Sale Children's Auction - Consider donating new, in-the-package, items to this year's auction! Talk with the youth in your church to see what items they would like to bid on, but you can never go wrong with Hot Wheels, Barbie, board games, Lego sets, art kits, and sports equipment. Items may be given to your MCC Liaison for delivery to Sale.

TABOR Contact Persons are: Bill & Sherry Unruh; Jim & Diana Schmidt; Kris Schmidt; Jerry & Leann Toews.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
March 17, 2024			
Offering = \$	3,610.00	Attendance =	134
Adult FF = \$	16.00	Attendance =	36
Jr. FF = \$	15.57	Attendance =	46
Worship Link Views		=	26



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