

Tabor Mennonite Church

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EASTER SUNDAY: CHRIST AMONG US!

Today we join in our Easter celebration with wonderful music, surrounded by beautiful Easter lilies, rejoicing in resurrection life. May all experience Easter joy as we share in the good news that Jesus Christ has indeed risen! Alleluia!

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Katherine Goerzen

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP “*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*” No. 346
with additions from “*Raise Your Joys and Triumphs High*” Choir
~ arr. McDonald

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 118*

MUSICAL INTROIT “*Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord*” Choir
“*All Things Bright and Beautiful*” Children’s Choir
“*There’s Enough for All*”

*GATHERING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMNS “*Lift Your Glad Voices*” No. 340
“*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*” No. 348

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN’S STORY Mark Smith

CHORAL ANTHEM “*Blessed Lamb On Calvary’s Mountain*” ~ arr. Scott Choir

SCRIPTURE READING *John 20:1-21*
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION Pastor Todd Schlosser

*CHORAL ANTHEM “*Is He Worthy?*” ~ Peterson & Shive, arr. Sorenson Choir
Isabelle Alderfer, soloist

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN “*This Joyful Eastertide*” No. 352

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL ANTHEM “*Cornerstone*” ~ Kirchner Choir

*POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Choir Accompanists: Isaac Swartzendruber and Pastor Katherine Goerzen
Percussionists: Stephan Nickel and Isaac Swartzendruber

Sunday, March 31

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Elton & Denise Nickel. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:00 am: Potluck Easter Breakfast

10:00 am: Worship
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/EzPsnho3QL0?feature=share>

Fifth Sunday Giving Opportunity - MCC kits. Please make checks out to Tabor Church and write MCC Kits in the Memo. There is a plastic tote in the foyer labelled for items for the kits.

No Faith Formation Hour.

This Week

Mon, April 1,	9:00 am - Faithful Fitness 9:30 am - Comforter tying - Hospitality Hall 7:00 pm - Men’s Bible Study
Tues, April 2	9:00 am - Staff Meeting 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting
Wed, April 3,	12 noon - First Wednesday Lunch 5:45 - 6:20 pm - Supper - Hot Dogs/Potato Salad - Quiz Bowl Finale
Thurs, April 4,	7:00 pm - Christian Education Meeting
Fri, April 5,	6:30 pm - Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum Heritage Dinner at Tabor Mennonite

Next Sunday, April 7

9:30 am: Next Sunday 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.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

3:00 pm: New Hope Shelter Dedication

4:00 pm: Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, Memorial Hall, Bethel College, N. Newton. *"We sing that others may live."*

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: May the Lord guide us and provide financial opportunities for the Guatemala learning tour that is in the planning process. We pray for the safety of all future travelers and that their eyes and ears to be opened to their new surroundings. - WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for peace and abundant life in Israel and Palestine, the land where Jesus lived, embodied his teachings, was murdered and rose victorious from the dead.

Congregational Announcements

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.

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 sharing 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 12-13 - MCC Sale

April 19 - WDC Women in Mission Spring Salad Supper - Faith Mennonite

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

The Bethel College Community for Justice and Peace (BC CJP) is hosting a demonstration on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 7:00 PM in front of the Bethel College Administration Building to call for peace in the Middle East, particularly concerning the war in Gaza. You are all invited to join. If you are interested in learning more about this event or BC CJP, subscribe to our free publication at <https://bccjpsurvival.substack.com> We are asking for community help ringing the bell as part of our demonstration to mourn the loss of life in Gaza and Israel. 33 hours of ringing for 33,000 lives. Wednesday at 7:00 PM, outside of the Administration Building, our demonstration event will kick off the ringing until 10:30 PM that night, and then Thursday and Friday 7:30 am-10:30 pm. Please use the signup sheet below to sign up! Thank you for participating in this historic event on Bethel College campus.

[Bell-Ringers: Sign Up Sheet](#)

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) 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.

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. Sign up at redcrossblood.org to donate. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

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.

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 homemade 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.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concert:

-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.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The March edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4adqxsS>

MCC: MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: 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 or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

MCC invites you to take the challenge: A month of climate actions for peace! Sign up to get your free calendar with a different climate action you can take each day in April. Sign up today for A Month of Climate Actions for Peace at mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace!

Hesston College:

-April 19 to 30 - Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition
Regier-Friesen Gallery Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. -
April 21 - Prairie Window Concert: The Brother Brothers
Learn more at dyckarboretum.org/events.

-May 10 - International Chorale Concert
at Hesston Mennonite Church on Friday, May 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The chorale consists of members from the Bel Canto Singers and the Global Voices choir.

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: Edimental Gardening for Every Growing Space, featuring Renata Goossen will be 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.

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

-Kitchen staff are also needed for almost every week of camp! Parents can receive a discount up to full camp fees. No great skill is needed. The head cook will direct you in what needs to be done to make yummy meals for campers and staff. Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

-More volunteer fun than just the Retreat Center project! Volunteers are also needed for other camp tasks--mowing, clearing trails, weeding the flower beds. Contact us at 620-297-3290, 316-293-7313 (text) or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. Thank you to the many volunteers who have already helped with all the camp projects!

-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 Administration has awarded Mennonite Action an unrestricted \$10,000 grant from the Church Peace Tax Fund. Mennonite Action is an independent, grass roots movement of Mennonites taking public action to stop war and end the occupation of Palestine. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/menno-action-peace-tax-fund

Mennonite Church USA is seeking nominees for its 2024 #BringThePeace awards. The annual award is given to two honorees: a legacy peacemaker in recognition of their life's work and a young peacemaker (age 16-25), who can help inspire other young leaders. **Submit your recommendations for nominees by completing this form before April 19:** mennoniteusa.org/btp-2024-award-nominations



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

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$85.13. AWESOME!! One Sunday left after today.

Tabor 5K Team: Stephan Nickel; Les Goerzen; Cory, Keri, Sawyer & Boyd Unruh; Lina Unruh; Russell, Camille, Hannah, Micah, & Elijah Adrian; Denise Nickel; Hoxie Hiebert; Duane, Janna, & Adriana Duerksen; Greta Scholle; Participants tell Jerry or text 620-386-0646 if you are running. THANKS

HELP bake Pies & Zweibach - Sign Up Sheets on MCC Table

HELP Volunteer a 2 hr shift -- kansas.mccsale.org (volunteers)

HELP is needed at the MCC Sale to sell sausage in the Domestic Arts building on Saturday, April 13. A sign up sheet is on the MCC Sale table in the Hospitality Hall. Questions? Contact Lewis and Carrie Unruh

Bring your items -- MCC Tables

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton is critically low on inventory for Relief Kits. **YOU CAN HELP by bringing supplies to the MCC Sale.** There will be carts in the Meadowlark (Quilt Building) to collect your supplies. (See list in the MCC announcement on previous page).

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.



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As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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Deacons:

Carol Duerksen Denise Nickel Kristi Unruh
 Ruby Graber Emil Schmidt

Easter Lilies



In Remembrance of

Ernest & Twila Beam
 Charles & Dora Unruh
 Bruce Schmidt
 LeRoy & Alice Funk
 Arnold & Bertha Nickel
 Matt Hurst
 Paul Graber
 Clancey Lawless
 Walden and Susan Duerksen
 LeRoy and Alice Funk
 Evelyn and Dennis Schlosser
 Sheldon Bergstrom
 Jeremy Lee Unruh
 Corbin Gleason
 Mae Frey
 Ben & Mary Voth
 John & Ella Dyck
 Mary Lou Unrau
 Judy Kollmorgen
 Marjorie Mattingly

Shared By

Lewis Unruh Family
 Ron & Susan Goerzen
 Elton & Denise Nickel Family
 Russ & Barb Abrahams
 Norma Graber & Family
 Cayla, Reece, & Teagan Hiebert
 Darwin and Kimberly Funk
 The Schlosser Family
 Pete & Sharon Unruh & Family
 Bonnie & Dana Gleason
 Lester & Lois Voth Family

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE March 24, 2024

Offering = \$ 3,050.00	Attendance = 166
Adult FF = \$ 14.50	Attendance = 34
Jr. FF = \$ 13.10	Attendance = 50

Worship Link Views = 36