

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE CELEBRATION

Today we celebrate the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, and the many ways that people from all over Kansas came together for the sake of serving others in the name of Christ! May God bless all that has been offered through the Sale to bring hope and love to our world!

### WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Worship Team
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Unruh
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP *from James 3:13-18*
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*GATHERING SONGS No. 86  
*"You Are Exalted"*  
No. 393  
*"Build Your Kingdom Here"*
- \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- WORSHIP MUSIC *"The Lord Is My Light"* ~ Bouknight Worship Team
- CHILDREN'S STORY Peter Goerzen
- SCRIPTURE READING *2 Corinthians 9:6-15*  
*Mark 4:26-32*  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*
- MCC VIDEO
- KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE SHARING Jerry Toews  
Open Mic Sharing  
*Everyone is invited to share a story about your experience at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale*  
*How did you participate in the Sale? Where did you see God at work?*  
*Children/Youth: How did you use your MCC Bucks?*
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 777  
*"Seeds"*
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- \*HYMN No. 396  
*"May You Be Rooted and Grounded"*
- \*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

*"Praise God"*

No. 70

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, April 14

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Sharleen Francis 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/FUNmQkxP8Lk?feature=share>

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation Hour

### This Week

**Mon, April 15,**

**9:00 am** - Faithful Fitness

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

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

**Tues, April 16,**

WDC Pastors' Retreat (Tues & Wed)

**Wed, April 17,**

**5:30 pm** - Work Day at church building

**6:45 pm**—TMYF

**Fri, April 19,**

WDC Women in Mission Spring Salad Supper -  
Faith Mennonite (sign up to carpool)

### Next Sunday, April 21

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday is Youth Sunday.

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

**11:45 am:** TMYF Fundraiser Taco Salad Meal to support TMYF's trip to Vermont with MDS

**4:00 pm:** Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus - Tabor College

**5:30 pm:** Catechism Class - A meal will be provided. We look forward to beginning this time of sharing and supporting one another in our faith journeys!

### Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC ministers gathering this week for a retreat sponsored by the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: JCS International, a Mennonite Mission Network partner in Mongolia, requests continued prayer for herder families, as they struggle to survive this year's dzud (winter disaster), which has caused suffering across 90% of the country, with more than two million animal deaths. Pray that transportation routes will open, so aid can be delivered to remote areas.

## Upcoming Dates

- April 25 - Coffee Time at Tabor  
April 27 - TMW Mystery Excursion - 8:30 am  
- TMYF Lock In (April 27-28)  
April 28 - WDC Listening Process from 10:30 - 12:30. Childcare will be provided. Please bring items for a Finger Food Fellowship potluck to share.  
May 1 - VBS Teacher Orientation  
May 5 - MDS Storm Encounter Trailer at Tabor. There will be opportunities during and following the Faith Formation hour for people to participate in this simulation.  
May 24-27 - Camp 412 at Camp Tawakoni for 7th/8th graders  
June 2 - Bethesda Fundraiser at White Owl Barn  
June 3-7 - VBS Week  
July 13 - 20 - TMYF Service trip with MDS to Plainfield, VT

## Congregational Announcements

On **April 27**, the **Tabor Mennonite Women** will depart on a **mystery excursion**, leaving at 8:30. We will be returning around noon. Or not. Carloads will get to choose. Maybe you want to have more fun, or maybe you want to get back to do Saturday things. If knowing more details makes a difference in whether you go, then ask Ruby or Carol to do the GREAT REVEAL to you. Or just go and enjoy the mystery. Please sign up on the bulletin board by April 21.

**Western District Conference Listening Tour at Tabor:** On **April 28**, three representatives from Western District Conference -- Delon Martens, Vicki Penner and Ron Flaming -- will be visiting our congregation as part of WDC's conference-wide Listening Tour this year. The purpose of the Listening Tour is to empower the vitality of WDC congregations by hearing their stories, offering ongoing relationship, and supporting their witness and mission. **All adults and youth are invited to participate in listening sessions on the 28th (childcare will be provided). There will be a shorter worship service, followed by Finger Food Fellowship (snack potluck), and then the listening process will take place from approximately 10:30 - 12:30.** This will include times of conversation in response to these questions from WDC about our ministries and hopes for the future: *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?* Responses from our discussion will be shared back with the congregation, and at the conclusion of the listening process a summary of themes will be compiled by WDC to share with WDC constituency and used to guide ongoing resourcing for congregations in WDC.

**VBS:** VBS is just around the corner! Make plans to send your preschool through 6th grade students to VBS the week of June 3-7, 2024. Seekers in Sneakers is an interactive VBS where children use their investigative skills to discover Jesus. Families can pick up a flyer in the foyer or use the link emailed out with the bulletin to register their children.

**-VBS Staff needed:** Thanks to those of you who have signed up to help with VBS this summer. We still have several volunteer spots available. Please see the sign-up sheets in the foyer to see where you can help out. We need more class leaders and session leaders and hope to get our staff list finalized in the next week or two.

**Summer Worship Series:** Our worship series this summer will focus on difficult Scripture passages. Are there texts that you find troubling? Are there Scriptures that raise a lot of questions for you? Are there passages that you'd like to hear more about? The pastors will be taking suggestions and planning the summer worship series around Scripture passages submitted by people in our congregation. Worship Council is inviting anyone - individuals of all ages, families, Faith Formation classes -- to submit Scripture passages to the pastors that you would like to hear a sermon on. Please include your name or the name of your group with your submission. You are welcome to submit these via email or by putting them in the pastors' church mailbox(s). Thank you!

## Community and Conference Announcements

**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. **\*\*There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for carpooling.**

**The 2023-24 Prairie Window Concert Series** concludes with [The Brother Brothers](#) on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. [Purchase tickets online](#) at [dyckarboretum.org](http://dyckarboretum.org) or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

**MCC: Earth Day Soft Plastic Recycling at MCC!** April 22 is Earth Day and we invite you to start a new habit of recycling all soft plastics (plastic bags, bread bags, any plastic packaging that you can stretch) at MCC Central States in North Newton! This is a NEW and ONGOING recycling project that we are highlighting for Earth Day. Volunteers will be on hand on Monday, April 22 at the warehouse to take your soft plastic recycling and answer your questions. But going forward, you can bring your soft plastic recycling to MCC any time, placing them in the marked bin outside the warehouse. Questions, please contact [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto:duaneunruh@mcc.org).

-MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) home repair program - for more information and to apply, visit [mcc.org/swap-summer-meals](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-meals) or [mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site).

#### **Hesston College:**

**-April 19 to 30 - Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition** - Regier-Friesen Gallery of the Laban Peachey Center, 325 S College Dr, Hesston; open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**-April 26 to 27 - Pen to Paper to Performance - 7:00 pm** - Read more about the festival at [hesston.edu/theatre](http://hesston.edu/theatre).

#### **-May 10 - International Chorale Concert**

The Hesston College International Chorale kicks off their biannual European tour with a performance 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. The performance is free to the public and available via livestream at [hesston.edu/livestream](http://hesston.edu/livestream).

#### **Bethel College:**

**-Sun., April 14 – Bethel College Heritage Roll of Honor Memorial Service, 2 p.m.**, Administration Building chapel or online at <https://youtube.com/live/iZJ0fdOHc8M?feature=share> Reception following in the Mantz Library lounge.

**-Wed., April 17 – Bethel College Orchestra, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m.**, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

**-Thurs., April 18 – Virtual estate planning webinar**, hosted by Bethel College Advancement and led by Cindy Wiens and Randy Pankratz, Adrian & Pankratz LLC, Newton; Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82173808179> This webinar is free, with no pre-registration required – just show up using the Zoom link. Questions? Contact George Leary, Director of Development, 316-284-5226 or [gleary@bethelks.edu](mailto:gleary@bethelks.edu)

**-Fri., April 19 – Bethel College's Faculty Lecture Series** concludes with Siobhán Scarry, professor of English, "To Wander or to Dwell": Contending with Gendered Constructions of the Citizen/Subject in Poems about Nature," 11 a.m., Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village

**-Sun., April 21 – Sunday-Evening-at-the-Museum with Dr. Kim Perez, Fort Hays State University, 7 p.m.**, Kauffman Museum auditorium. Perez will also speak in convocation at Bethel College **Mon., April 22, 11 a.m.**, in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

**-Wed, April 24 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, directed by Chris Miertschin, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center**

**-Sat., April 27 – "Walking the Talk: Listening Relationships in a Changing Climate," symposium at Bethel College, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation/walking-the-talk/walking-the-talk-listening-relationships-in-a-changing-climate/>

**-Sun., April 28 – Masterworks concert at Bethel College**, featuring the Bethel College Oratorio Chorus, orchestra and soloists

#### **Camp Mennoscah:**

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

**-Two full scholarships are available from the Camp Mennoscah Scholarship Endowment.** The endowment was generously gifted to Camp Mennoscah to assist campers who would not otherwise be able to attend camp. Applications need to be received by May 1. Campers of diverse backgrounds will receive higher priority.

Contact [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) for the application form.

**-Register for the 2024 Summer Youth Camps!** Send a child, grandchild or invite a friend to come to a week of fun-filled faith in the midst of creation. The theme for the summer is Linked By Love and looks at how God's love teaches us about faith and commitment. [Register online!](#)

**-Nurses needed** for the weeks of 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. You are needed to make summer youth camps healthy and successful!

**-Learn to make--and get to eat--verenike casserole, bierocks, and Sunday Sandwiches!** 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. Kitchen staff are needed for PreJunior 2, Junior 1, Junior 2, Junior High 1, Junior High 2, and Senior High Camps!

**-More volunteer fun than just the Retreat Center project!** Volunteers are also needed for other camp tasks--mowing, clearing trails, weeding the flower beds. Thank you to the many volunteers who have already helped with all the camp projects!

**Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) to volunteer to be a nurse, to cook, or to help out.**

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Memorial Day Work and Play May 24-27, 2024:** The retreat is scheduled for May 24-27, 2024 beginning at 7:00pm on Friday and concluding after breakfast on Monday.

**-Summer Resident Camps:** Our theme for Summer 2024 is "What's the Forecast?". To learn more and to register, visit [mmc.org](http://mmc.org).

**Mennonite Church USA:** Mennonite Church USA honored seven community elders at its 11th Hope for the Future Conference, Feb. 9-11, 2023, in Dallas, Texas. Read more about the seven honorees here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/hfff24-honorees](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/hfff24-honorees)

-Join Amy Zimbelman, Conference Minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference, on April 23, 2024, at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT for a panel discussion of pioneering women in ministry. We will hear from Dianne Garcia, who recently planted a church ministering to asylum-seekers in San Antonio, Texas, and Marilyn Miller, who is the first woman ordained to pastoral ministry in the General Conference Mennonite Church. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-wil-april23](http://mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-wil-april23)

**AMBS:** New *Vision* issue on "Commemorating Anabaptism's 500 years" available for free online. The Spring 2024 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* considers Anabaptism's quincentenary, inviting further reflection on what it means to be Anabaptist today and suggesting potentially fruitful pathways forward. The publication also marks the 25th anniversary of the *Vision* journal! [ambs.edu/vision](http://ambs.edu/vision)

-Expand your leadership capacity through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Practical Leadership Training modules! Upcoming offerings include Practicing Resilience in Response to Trauma (webinar); Beyond Boring Bible Studies (online short course); Moving through Congregational Changes (online workshop); Living Outside the "Man Box" (online workshop); and more. CEUs available. Register for one or more modules! [ambs.edu/plt](https://ambs.edu/plt)

**-Do you sense a call to ministry?** Nurture your leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen your understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's **Journey Missional Leadership Development Program**. The distance-friendly undergraduate-level program offers mentor-mentee partnerships and community support. The Fall 2024 cohort begins Sept. 6; apply by July 11 to save \$100! [ambs.edu/journey](https://ambs.edu/journey)

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
April 7, 2024			
Offering = \$	3,467.02	Attendance =	110
Adult FF = \$	13.00	Attendance =	23
Jr. FF = \$	9.00	Attendance =	35
Worship Link Views		=	48



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