

Tabor Mennonite Church

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HOLY HUMOUR SUNDAY

Holy Humour Sunday (“Risus Paschalis” – “the Easter Laugh”) is an ancient Easter tradition begun in the early centuries of Christianity, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Early church theologians wrote about how God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. As we worship together this morning, we take joy in the celebration of the resurrection, for we know that it is God who has the last laugh! Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Marcene Entz
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Russell Adrian
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP
- *GATHERING HYMNS “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” No. 28
“Sing with All the Saints in Glory” - vs 1, 3, 4 SS No. 92
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMNS OF PRAISE “In Thee Is Gladness” No. 666
“What a Wonderful Savior” No. 562
- *PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- “PRODIGAL SON IN THE KEY OF F FLAT” Mark Schmidt
fabricated from Fifteenth of Luke
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN’S STORY Keri Unruh
- WORSHIP MUSIC Emil Schmidt & Marcene Entz
- SCRIPTURE READING *Philippians 4:4-8* Tabor Children and Junior Highers
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- PASSING THE JOY OF JESUS
* Anyone with a joke or funny story is welcome to share
- HYMN “Give Me Joy in My Heart” CS No. 25
- “AN UNDAUNTED DIVINE COMEDY” by Patty Shelly
Jim Schmidt, Pastor Katherine Goerzen, Diane Unruh, Pastor Todd Schlosser

HYMN

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

CS No. 106

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMNS “Christ Who Left His Home in Glory” No. 361
“Crown Him with Many Crowns” -vs 5 unison No. 408

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, April 7

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Dylan & Lindsey Buller 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/RmRiKscIN4A?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation Hour

3:00 pm: New Hope Shelter 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.

4:00 pm: Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus - Bethel College

This Week

Mon, April 8,

9:00 am - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - Comforter tying - Hospitality Hall

7:00 pm - Men’s Bible Study

Tues, April 9,

9:00 am - Staff Meeting

7:00 pm - Worship Council

Wed, April 10,

6:45 pm—TMYF

Thurs, April 11,

9:30 am - Coffee with Pastors at Norm’s, Newton

Fri/Sat April 12/13,

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale—Hutchinson

Next Sunday, April 14

9:30 am: Next Sunday is Mennonite Relief Sale Sunday. There will be an opportunity for open mic sharing. Come with your stories to share about what you did or how you saw God at work. Children, you can share what you spent your bucks on.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: During this Easter season, give thanks for the living presence of Christ embodied by WDC congregations within their local communities.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: The deadline to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's two-week Youth Venture programs is April 15. Pray that young people who would like to spend two weeks this summer making friends in Benin, for ages 15-22, or South Korea, for ages 18-22, and people of all ages who are interested in learning more about injustice in the United States, will find a way to participate.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Music! Thank you to all who participated in the sharing of music last Sunday. A big thanks and appreciation for Russell Adrian for leading music on Wednesday evenings and coordinating and directing the Children and Adult Choirs for Easter.

Congregational Announcements

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.

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.

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.

Upcoming Dates

April 17 - Work Day at the Church - 5:30 pm until dark

April 19 - WDC Women in Mission Spring Salad Supper - Faith Mennonite Sign up on the bulletin board to carpool.

April 21 - Youth Sunday & Fundraiser Meal to support TMYF's trip to Vermont with MDS

- Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus - Tabor College - 4:00 pm
Also joining are the Newton Children's Community Choir, the Flannelbacks, and the Menno Brass

-For all interested in participating in Catechism for this coming year, we will have our first session on Sunday, April 21, at 5:30 at the church building. A meal will be provided. We look forward to beginning this time of sharing and supporting one another in our faith journeys!

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

Community and Conference Announcements

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.

Bethesda will be having an **MCC Market on Friday, April 12**, to raise funds to benefit MCC. Please bring your donations to be sold 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.

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-er 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 or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

MCC: 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. From learning to praying to advocating, this month of activities will help you take action to address climate change. Join the challenge as an individual, family, church or small group. Sign up today for A Month of Climate Actions for Peace at mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace!

-MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-meals or mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site. Or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

Mental Health First Aid Training: Sat. April 27, from 8:30am-5pm Prairie View will conduct a Mental Health First Aid Training at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave, Moundridge, KS. \$30 covers the training, materials, and lunch. There is space for 30 people. Register online [here](#) by April 19.

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. An awards reception will be held April 24, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

-April 26 to 27 - Pen to Paper to Performance - 7:00 pm

Read more about the festival at 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.

Bethel College:

Sun., April 7 – KIPCOR Film Series presents *Estamos Unidos, 2* p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

-Virtual estate planning webinar, hosted by Bethel College Advancement and led by experts from Everence and Adrian & Pankratz LLC of Newton. **Thurs.,**

April 11, 6-7 p.m. – Dennis LeFevre, Everence; Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84488722318> or **Thurs., April 18, 6-7 p.m.** – Cindy Wiens

& Randy Pankratz, Adrian & Pankratz; Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82173808179> **These webinars are free, with no pre-registration required** –

just show up using the appropriate Zoom link. Questions? Contact George Leary, Director of Development, 316-284-5226 or gleary@bethelks.edu

-Fri., April 12 – Bethel College's Faculty Lecture Series continues with Jean Woods, assistant professor of biology, "Walking in Nature: Can you hear what the birds are saying?", 11 a.m., *Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village*. And a one-day symposium, "Walking the Talk: Listening Relationships in a Changing Climate," April 27 on the Bethel campus.

-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

-Sun., April 21 – Sunday-Evening-at-the-Museum with Dr. Kim Perez, Fort Hays State University, 7 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium

-Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – annual Student Art Exhibit, through Fri., April 19.

-Sun., April 28 – Masterworks concert at Bethel College

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.

-Kitchen staff are also needed for almost every week of camp! Parents can receive a discount up to full camp fees.

-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 to volunteer.

-Register for the 2024 Summer Youth Camps! [Register online!](#)
 -Registration for the Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat, April 19-21 is open. [Register here!](#)

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 rmcc.org.

Mennonite Church USA: "Do we know what it means to remove chains?" asked Joanne Gallardo, co-conference minister for Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference at Mennonite Church USA's 11th Hope for the Future conference on Feb. 9-11. Gathering in Dallas, Texas, 70 Black, Indigenous and people of color considered the theme, "Breaking Chains, Mending Walls," which centered on Isaiah 58. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/breaking-chains-hftf24
 -On April 15, 2024, at 2 p.m. ET join Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, MC USA's climate justice coordinator, for the second of four webinars in MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom" initiative. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-climate-april15. View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/april-15-climate-webinar View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/april-15-webinar-pdf

AMBS: The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation: June 10–20. Participants in this pilgrimage will trace the route of the U.S. military's 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. This intensive AMBS course can be taken for credit, audit or no credit (trip only). Limit: 15 participants. Sign up by May 1. ambs.edu/trail-of-death

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE	
March 31, 2024	
Offering = \$ 2,268.00	5th Sunday Offering for MCC
Attendance = 185	\$ 655.00 + items
Worship Link Views = 70	

Unified Budget Giving Update - Fiscal Year 2024	
Total Budget	331,567.00
Actual Giving Through 3/31	85,176.94
Total Left to Meet Budget	246,390.06
Current Above/(Shortfall)	(29,596.25)
Sundays Remaining	34
Amount Needed per Sunday	7,246.77



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

CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING: \$156.40 - That's a NEW RECORD folks!!

PLEASE help take pictures of "Tabor in Action" at the MCC Sale and send them to: unruh.sherry@gmail.com We will use them next Sunday on the screen.

There are still 343 open spots for Volunteers for the weekend. We need New Year Cookie fryers; Feeding the Multitude workers; verenike gravy makers; Barrell Train drivers; and many others. Go to Sign-Up Genius to sign up to help at the Sale. <https://kansas.mccsale.org/volunteer/>

Feeding the Multitude is returning to the serving line format offering verenike with ham gravy, sausage, bohne berroggi, borscht, cherry moos, and zwiebach.

Buildings will be open 4:00 – 8:00 Friday; and open up 8:00am on Saturday. Quilt Auction and General Auction begin at 8:45. Silent Auction bids will start Friday evening and continue Saturday until 1:00. Children's Auction is Saturday at 10:00. Check out website www.kansas.mccsale.org.

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; Peter, Katherine, Sophia, & Nathan Goerzen.
 Participants tell Jerry or text 620-386-0646 if you are running. THANKS

Friday Evening Auction will be held in Sunflower North Building, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

All pies and zwiebach (and other donations) need to be brought to the church by Friday, April 12 before 9:00 am. Put them on the table by the south carport doors.



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