

Tabor Mennonite Church

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ANABAPTISM AT 500: RENEWAL THROUGH STORY

Throughout the Bible, we see many examples of how people used storytelling to shape a collective identity. Understanding our story and acknowledging how we have been formed helps us understand where and who we are. How do we hold our stories? How do we share our stories as a community in meaningful ways? Where have we been as an Anabaptist tradition? And how does a deeper awareness of our past help us understand where we are and where we are going? ¹

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Worship Team
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Peter Goerzen
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>adapted from VT No. 869</i>	
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>"Together"</i>	No. 389
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF COMMITMENT	<i>"True Evangelical Faith"</i>	No. 439
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		
WORSHIP MUSIC		Sophia Goerzen
CHILDREN'S STORY		Russell Adrian
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>1 Corinthians 3:1-11</i>	Kim Funk
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
INTERGENERATIONAL RITUAL: STORYTELLING		
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Blessed Assurance"</i>	No. 435
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER		Pastor Todd Schlosser
*SENDING HYMN	<i>"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"</i>	No. 4
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		

**Please stand if you are able*

¹ This focus statement and the entire service are taken from MennoMedia's Anabaptism at Five Hundred "Services of Renewal"

Sunday, January 26

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Sara Abrahams and Jared Schrag 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/WLvtvbSQo5s?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation classes

1:00 pm: Tabor leads Bethesda Chapel Service

5:30 pm: Catechism

This Week

Bulletin announcements due on Thursday by 9:00 am.

Mon, January 27,

8:30 am - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - Comforter Tying

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm - Worship Council Meeting

Tues, January 28,

9:00 am - Staff meeting

7:00 pm - Deacons' Meeting

Wed, January 29,

5:50 - 6:30 pm - Fellowship Meal - Breakfast Meal

6:15 - 7:15 pm - Food in the Bible Study

6:30 - 7:15 pm - Preschool - 5th grade

(Music for Grades 2-5 begins at 6:15)

6:30 - 7:45 pm - Junior High

7:00 - 8:00 pm - High School

7:15 - 8:15 pm - Church Choir

Next Sunday, February 2

9:30 am: Next Sunday we will continue the series *Anabaptism at 500* with the focus *Renewal Through Repentance*. Scriptures will be 2 Chronicles 7:12-22; Mark 1:14-15; and Revelation 3:14-22. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation

Upcoming Dates

February 2 - 11:45 am - Souper Bowl

5:30 pm - Catechism

February 15 - 1:00-5:00 pm - TMW Comforter Tying for MCC

February 22-23 - Know Jesus at Hesston College - Jr. High

July 8-12 - MCUSA Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina

Aug 8-9 - 2025 WDC Annual Assembly at Hesston Mennonite Church

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Please pray for members of WDC Church Planting Commission as they express financial needs to match their creative thinking and planning.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the ministry of the Korea Anabaptist Center, in Chuncheon, South Korea. Pray for the staff members as they share Anabaptist-Mennonite resources with those interested in learning about peace theology and restorative justice.

From Mennonite Mission Network: *Thank you for supporting Mennonite Mission Network with your generous gift of \$6,434.16. Your generosity has enabled us to partner with 116 organizations and churches worldwide and have 74 workers and service program participants serving in 45 countries. We are thankful for your unwavering dedication to this shared mission of sharing God's love across the street and around the world. May God's light continue to shine through your church as a witness in your community and beyond.*

Congregational Announcements

Catechism 2.0 with Peter Goerzen will begin meeting again in room 17 (the basement room below the sanctuary piano) from January 26 - March 2.

It's SOUPer Bowl time again! You are invited to join your Tabor Church family for lunch after church on February 2nd. Take a slip from the board in the Hospitality Hall to help with food. We hope to have a good line-up of soups, desserts and breads. Rumor has it, this event may be more popular than the football game that goes by a similar name (don't worry football fans...that Super Bowl is the following week).

New Hope Shelter plays an important part in many lives. They are hoping to strengthen the teams from the churches that help provide food and evening volunteers. Please give this ministry some thought. They are having a volunteer training on Monday February 3, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. and it lasts for about 1 ½ hours. It includes a tour of the facility, an opportunity to ask questions and meet some of the staff. Please let me know if you are interested. ~Barb Abrahams

Attention SINGERS and MUSICIANS - Volunteers are needed for Special Music during the worship services March - June. Let Carrie Unruh know if you are willing to share your musical gifts with the congregation.

The new **Anabaptist Community Bible** is in the library ready for checkout.

Church Directory: If you have any new or changed information for the directory, please email secretary@tabormennonite.org.

Community and Conference Announcements

Blood Drive: Make a difference by donating blood on **February 3, between 1:00-6:00 pm, at Goessel Church**. Sign up at redcrossblood.org to donate. All types are wanted! For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet **Monday, January 27, 2025, 7:00 p.m., in the Goessel City Building Community Room**. The program is entitled, "The Anabaptist Story Lives On Through the Great Trek: Mennonite Migration from Russia to Central Asia." Sponsored by TourMagination, the 54 minute film is narrated by John Sharp from Hesston College. For more information, call either Fern Bartel at the Goessel Museum (620-367-8200) or Anna Beth Birky (620-386-0381).

The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum has planned its **Annual Meeting** to be held at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church on **Feb. 2, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** Come early to purchase or renew your museum membership. Following the business meeting, our featured speaker for this event will be Dale Schrag. His topic will be on the 500th anniversary of the Anabaptist movement. Afterwards, enjoy the Fasha of zwieback and cheese and reminisce with museum supporters. Event is free and open to the public to attend.

Newton Community Children's Choir launching beginner choir: This spring, Newton Community Children's Choir is launching "Prelude Choir," a non-auditioned, beginner-level choir for 2nd through 5th grade students. The purpose of the new choir is to build a love of singing in younger students and start developing their musical skills. The program will include 10 weeks of 30-minute choral sessions with director Jill Siebert, the choir teacher at Chisholm Middle School and artistic director of NCCC. The choir will meet on Monday evenings at the Bethel College Fine Arts Center from 5:45-6:15 from Feb. 10 through April 21 (except March 17 during spring break) with a performance during the NCCC's April concert. The enrollment cost is \$100. Interested families should visit ncccchoir.org to fill out an interest form. If you have any questions, please contact newtonncccchoir@gmail.com.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) : You are invited to the **2025 Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Annual Celebration on February 14 – 15, 2025**, at the Ridgepoint Church, 8000 W 21st St, in Wichita, KS. MDS is celebrating 75 years of Responding, Rebuilding, Restoring after disasters. You will hear stories from clients and volunteers, a keynote: MDS in an Upside-Down World – God's Faithfulness. You can attend workshops on today's key issues facing the MDS organization. You can enjoy good food and good fellowship. Childcare will be provided on Friday evening and Saturday morning (limited numbers so register early). The event is FREE, including meals. Tours have a fee. For more information about the activities and registration, go to the website MDS.ORG. Registration deadline is Monday, January 27, 2025.

The Great Winter Warm-Up is back! Spread warmth around the world this winter by helping MCC reach a goal of 7000 comforters by the end of March. You can sponsor, donate one (or more!) comforters, or attend a comforter event to tie in

community with others! If you host an event in your home, church or community please let tinascrag@mcc.org know about it (we've got some small gifts for those who host events!). Check mcc.org/great-winter-warm-up for instructions, coloring pages for kids and more!

Peace Connections is hosting a Bridges Out of Poverty Training on January 31 and February 7th. For more information or to sign up for this two-part training, please visit www.peaceconnections.org See poster on community board.

Bethel College: Sun., Jan. 26 – Bethel College Music Department Honors Recital, 4 pm, Ad Building chapel

-Sat., Feb. 1 – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot

Hesston College: Martyrs Mirror exhibit opens at Hesston College-An exhibit from Hesston College's collection of prints from the actual Martyrs Mirror suite by Jan Luyken will be featured in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in Hesston College's Laban Peachey Center from January 15 through February 12. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

-Melva Kauffman Lecture Series

Hesston College will host pastor and author Greg Boyd from Woodland Hills Church, St Paul, Minnesota, for the annual Melva Kauffman Lecture Series taking place on campus January 26 and 27. Boyd's topic for the three-part series is titled, "What's so bad about being a Christian nation?" Sessions will take place Sunday, January 26 at 7 p.m. and Monday the January 27 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. All lectures will take place at Hesston Mennonite Church. The public is invited and welcome to attend all sessions.

Camp Mennoscah: The Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat is March 14-16. Registration will open in February. All activities will take place at Main Camp in the dining hall and bunkhouses.

-The application for 2025 Summer Staff is open. Staff positions are needed for nature, office, music, lifeguards, crafts and grounds/maintenance. Further information available on the Camp Mennoscah webpage under Programs/Summer Youth Camps or contact 620-297-3290.

-The 2025 Summer Youth Camp Schedule is available. See online at campmennoscah.org or attached for the (corrected) schedule. There has been a change in age groups for the camps. There are two Junior Camps for those going into grades 6, 7 and 8 in the fall of 2025. There is one Junior High Camp for grades 8 and 9. Other age groups remain the same. **Registration will open in February 2025.** The theme for the 2025 summer is Another Way, looking at how Jesus invites us to re-imagine who we are and to live in another way.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Scrapbook Retreat, Jan. 31-Feb. 2 -Register at rmmc.org!

-Senior High Snow Camp, February 14-16 - Our 2025 theme is "Who Am I?"

-Save the date! Women's Retreat is coming March 7-9, 2025.

On Tuesday, January 28 at 7 p.m., the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains Winter Lecture Series welcomes back former Arboretum director Jim Locklear for a presentation about his newly-published "In the Country of the Kaw." Admission is \$5.

-The 2024-25 Prairie Window Concert Series welcomes back for the third time [Moors & McCumber](#) on Sunday, February 2 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. [Purchase tickets online](#) at dyckarboretum.org or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

Western District Conference: Bethel College will offer a new course, *Introduction to Hymnology*, in Spring 2025, taught by Dr. Henry S. Waters, Director of Choral Music and Associate Professor of Music. The course will survey the history of hymns, mostly from the hymnal *Voices Together*, and analyze hymns through many lenses including music theory, poetry and theology. The class will meet weekly on Mondays at 6-7 pm, beginning Monday, Jan 27, in the Chapel of the Administration Building on the Bethel campus. Community members may Audit the course for \$100 (or \$50 for persons age 65+), or enroll for credit at a higher fee. To request the enrollment form, email registrar@bethelks.edu or visit the Registrar's Office in the Administration Building between 8 am -12 pm, or 1-5 pm.

-MC USA provided Info on donating for those impacted by the fires in the greater Los Angeles area: Please consider how you, your family and congregation might help in this time of great loss and need. To help [Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference](#) congregations and families, you can contribute to their wild-fire fund (no PayPal account required): <https://bit.ly/3Puimbs> Support long-term recovery efforts in Southern California by donating to [Mennonite Disaster Service](#) (select "California Wildfires" from the dropdown menu): <https://mds.org/donate-usa/>

Mennonite Church USA: Check out the most recent issue of Equipping, Mennonite Church USA's quarterly resource newsletter for pastors and leaders, here: mennoniteusa.org/equipping-sept-2024 Subscribe to Equipping here: mennoniteusa.org/equipping-subscribe

-Enjoy this exclusive glimpse into the inspiring work of the MC USA Archives. Watch the video here: mennoniteusa.org/welcome-to-archives-video

AMBS: Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Hybrid courses (combining online work and one week on campus) include "Ethics and Care: Living and Dying with Purpose" and "Preaching." In-person courses (also open to auditors) include "Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding" and "The Spirit World and the Global Church" (also available via videoconference). Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! Register by May 5. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses



KS MCC SALE DATES: April 11 & 12

Starting Next Sunday, Feb 2 Tabor will start the CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING. Please help each Sunday with your coins and paper money. Children grades 1 thru 7 will help pass the cans. PARENTS should have a schedule in your box this Sunday. IF your child is not able to be there on an assigned Sunday, please find another child to help.

The KS MCC Sale Budget this year is \$89,000. The Mennonite Churches in KS raise these funds BEFORE the sale with Pre-Sale Expenses so every dollar raised at the Sale in April goes to the work of MCC. We do NOT rely on large gifts but rather encourage everyone to give a little.

"I prayed from my heart for help. You are the blessing God sends; my family had nothing to eat but we have now". Ahmad in Gaza, Palestine.

MCC helps people in the MOST difficult situations in 45 Countries with food, blankets, and clothing. God calls us ALL to help.

Website is: kansas.mccsale.org

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE Jan. 19, 2025

Offering =	\$17,315.84	Attendance	=	98
Adult FF =	\$ 10.00	Attendance	=	26
Jr. FF =	\$ 12.70	Attendance	=	38

Worship Link Views = 61



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