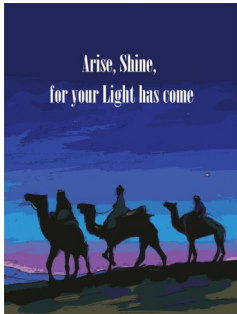


## Tabor Mennonite Church

Volume LXVV

January 5, 2025

No. 1



### EPIPHANY: ANNA AND SIMEON

On this Epiphany Sunday, and first Sunday of the new calendar year, we reflect on the story of Jesus being presented at the temple and the blessings given by Simeon and Anna. May we too be guided by the Holy Spirit to notice the ways that God's salvation and glory are breaking into the world.

### WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Marcene Entz
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reece Hiebert
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Isaiah 60:1-3, 5*
- \*GATHERING HYMN "Arise, Shine" CS No. 48
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN OF PRAISE "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" No. 269
- \*PASSING THE PEACE  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- HYMN "O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" No. 275
- CHILDREN'S STORY Pam Abrahams
- SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 2:21-38* Kara Swartzendruber
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Hail the Bless'd Morn" ~vs 1-3 No. 272
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- \*SENDING HYMN "See Whose Glory Fills the Skies" No. 274
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

### Sunday, December 29

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/oqlsZKYpf2w?feature=share>

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation classes

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements due on Thursday by 9:00 am.*

- Mon, January 6,** **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness  
**9:30 am** - Quilting/Comforter Tying  
**7:00 pm** - Men's Bible Study
- Tues, January 7,** **9:00 am** - Staff meeting
- Wed, January 8,** **12:00 noon** - First Wednesday Women's Lunch at Del Puente  
**5:50 - 6:30 pm** - Fellowship Meal - Pizza - Game Night  
**6:15 pm** - Food in the Bible Class begins
- Thurs, January 9,** **9:30 am** - Coffee with the Pastors at Norm's in Newton

### Next Sunday, January 12

**9:30 am:** As we anticipate celebrating the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism, next Sunday we will be focusing specifically on our own congregation. We are grateful to Ilona Abrahams, who will be sharing about Tabor's history.

### Upcoming Dates

- January 12 - 5:30 pm - Catechism
- January 19 - Anabaptism at Five Hundred Hymn Festival at Hesston Mennonite Church (see details on the bulletin board and in Hesston College announcement)
- January 22 - Church Choir practice begins
- January 23 - 9:30 am - Coffee Time at Tabor
- January 26 - 5:30 pm - Catechism

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the faithful prayers, financial gifts and participation of WDC members in supporting conference and congregational ministries this past year, and pray for generous contributions to WDC as the conference completes its fiscal year in January.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Nigeria Mennonite Church and the Nigeria Anabaptist Peace Center, as they work for peaceful communities in their multi-cultural context, where Muslim-Christian relations are often challenging.

**Greetings** on the bulletin board from the Givens Family.

## Congregational Announcements

### Interested in learning more about food in the Bible?

Beginning **January 8**, Jeff Wintermote will lead a Bible study on Wednesday evenings from **6:15 to 7:15 pm** on food and eating. The study will be interactive and experiential and all are invited to participate.

## Community and Conference Announcements

**MCC SALE:** Those planning to make quilts for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale note that quilts **need to be turned in for the auction by February 14, 2025**. This is three weeks earlier than previous years. Quilts can be brought to the North Newton MCC Resource Center. The KMRS Quilt Committee appreciates all the work that goes into your contributions!

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** is calling for volunteers to help host the 2025 MDS Annual Celebration February 14-15, 2025, at the Ridgepoint Church, 8000 W 21st St. in Wichita, Ks. MDS is celebrating 75 years of disaster recovery work, which began right here in Kansas. Volunteers are needed to help with meals, welcome and hospitality, driving shuttle vans between hotels and church and helping with meeting room preparations. Please contact Cleo Koop, 316-282-0797, for more details or if interested in volunteering.

**-Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** is hosting a [75th Anniversary Annual Celebration](#) in Wichita, Kansas this February 14-15th. As part of the celebration, MDS will be hosting a **volleyball tournament** and **cornhole tournament**! The tournaments will be held **Saturday February 15th at Ridge-**

**point church in Witchita, KS.** The cornhole tournament is at 1pm and the volleyball tournament is from 5pm-8pm. They are looking for local teams or individuals to join the fun! Everyone is invited! If you are interested in registering a team or as an individual, please let Kaelan Swartley at [kswartley@mds.org](mailto:kswartley@mds.org) know by January 27th. **If you are looking to form or join a team with others from WDC, contact the WDC office at [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) and we can connect you with others who may be interested.**

**Bethel College: Sun., Jan. 12 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, “A Mennonite Sojourn in Central Asia, 1880-1935,” with historian John Sharp, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium (corner of Main & 27 streets, North Newton)**

**-Mon., Jan. 20 – Bethel College’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, with local pastor (retired) and community leader Larry Lee.**

**-Sat., Jan. 25 – Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, “At Home on the Range,” noon-4 p.m., museum parking lot and grounds.** Featuring food trucks, exhibits and activities indoors and out, and much more. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or [kauffmanmuseum.org](http://kauffmanmuseum.org)

### 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 (325 S College Drive, Hesston) from January 15 through February 12. Additional exhibit features will include religious texts from the college archives and modern interpretations of the stories of the Martyrs Mirror by people from the campus community. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

### -Anabaptism at Five Hundred Hymn Festival

The Hesston College Music Department invites the public to join in a historic celebration of faith, music and heritage at Anabaptism at Five Hundred: Hymn Festival on Sunday, January 19, at 3 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. The Hymn Festival will feature a historical narrative by Ken Rodgers, music professor, tracing the evolution of hymns and texts central to Anabaptist worship over the past 500 years. Another highlight of the event is choral and congregational singing, with singers from surrounding churches combining with audience participation to create a communal expression of faith and song. This community-wide event is part of world-wide celebrations commemorating the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism. For more information, contact the Hesston College Music Department

at [finearts@hesston.edu](mailto:finearts@hesston.edu) or 620-327-8141.

#### **-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**

Hesston College invites the community to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 20, with two events on campus. Start the morning with a complimentary prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. in Bontrager Student Center dining hall, where community leaders are invited to gather for conversation and prayer. Then, from 10 a.m. to noon, experience "Worship, Word and Action" at Hesston Mennonite Church, featuring a gospel choir, poetry, art and an inspiring message from Reverend Jerrell Williams of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton. These events offer a chance to reflect, connect and take action inspired by Dr. King's vision of justice and unity.

#### **-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: Still projects left to do on the HVAC renovation at the Retreat Center! Work groups can be of any size (within reason).** Contact Isaac at 316-217-5626 or Olivia at 316-293-7313 to set up a time for you or your group. If you are interested in working on a weekend, advance notice of two weeks is needed. A lack of construction skills should not keep you from helping. Willing hands and the ability to follow directions are the only requirements. (Activities for those under 18 are limited and likely not at the Retreat Center.)

-Not-here-for-Christmas hoodies! Camp Mennoscah will be selling hoodies available early 2025 by order only. An online order form will be available soon.

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Volunteers needed at Rocky Mountain!** Camp needs your help to assist with Foodservice/Housekeeping for our upcoming Jr and Sr High Snow Camps, January 24-26 and February 14-16. Please visit the camp website at [rmmc.org](http://rmmc.org) and follow the link to the volunteer information and sign up to join us.

**-Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is host to Colorado Roots Music Camp I (June 1-7, 2025) and Camp II (August 10-16, 2025).** We are happy to announce the instructors and classes for the 2025 camps have been

selected and are listed on the website. Our instructors are some of the top players in the nation, but they were chosen because they're known by peers and students as great instructors for all levels. For more information and registration, visit the camp website at [rmmc.org](http://rmmc.org).

**Mennonite Mission Network invites you to join a Just Peace Pilgrimage** this spring. Embark on one of these life-changing learning experiences:

**-United States Civil Rights Pilgrimage** — Explore the history, significance, and ongoing implications of the civil rights movement in the United States.

- Unique opportunity — Young adults are invited to join Glen Guyton, MC USA executive director, for an enlightening journey. To foster dialog and understanding you are invited to join this pilgrimage with a partner of a different race.

**-Christ at the Borders** (Calais, France) — Thousands of people migrate to Calais in hopes of crossing the English Channel and entering the United Kingdom to find a better life. Meet those walking alongside the vulnerable who search for a peaceful home and the travelers themselves.

**-Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples** (Yakima, Washington) — Led by Sarah Augustine. Become better acquainted with Indigenous Peoples, their connection to the land upon which we live, and the consequences of settler colonial history.

- For more information and to sign up, visit [MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace](http://MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace) or contact Stephanie Weaver at [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net).

**Western District Conference:** 2025 WDC Annual Assembly will be **Aug 8-9, 2025 at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS.**

**Mennonite Church USA:** Registration for Mennonite Church USA's Follow Jesus '25 convention will open Jan. 6, 2025, for early-bird pricing. The denomination's biennial faith formation gathering will take place at Koury Convention Center, in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8-12, 2025.

Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/registration-jan6](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/registration-jan6) Register

here: [convention.mennoniteusa.org/](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/) View the PDF

here: [mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-early-bird-pdf](http://mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-early-bird-pdf) View the PowerPoint

slide here: [mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-early-bird-slide](http://mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-early-bird-slide)

-Join MC USA's Climate Justice Coordinator Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler in imagining a sustainable future for ourselves, our children, and our planet by participating in an online book study of the compelling and timely book, "So We and Our Children May Live" by Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler. Drawing from Scripture, science, Indigenous wisdom, and per-

sonal stories, the authors invite us to open our hearts and our culture to deep, Spirit-led transformation. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-book-study](https://mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-book-study)

**Menno Snapshots:** In the wake of the 2024 presidential election, Michael Danner considers what it means to live and interact with the government as Anabaptist followers of Jesus. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/every-4-years](https://mennoniteusa.org/every-4-years)

**AMBS: Online Short Course: Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: Jan. 29 – March 11.** Study how 16th-century Anabaptists approached Scripture — as compared with Catholics and other Protestants — and consider those similarities and differences in light of today. This six-week Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary online short course will be taught by Laura Brenneman-Fullwood, PhD, and David Cramer, PhD. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Sign up by Jan. 8 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](https://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

**-Visit Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary!** Schedule a personal visit (either in person or online) to learn about how our affordable on-campus and distance-friendly programs can prepare you to lead effectively and live faithfully — wherever God calls you. Contact us to learn more about the AMBS experience: [ambs.edu/visit](https://ambs.edu/visit)

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
Dec. 29, 2024			
Offering = \$	2,807.00	Attendance =	121
Adult FF =		Attendance =	
Jr. FF =		Attendance =	
Worship Link Views = 37			



Tabor Mennonite Church  
891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, KS 67114  
Phone: 620-367-2318 email: [tabor@tabormennonite.org](mailto:tabor@tabormennonite.org)  
Website: [www.tabormennonite.org](http://www.tabormennonite.org)  
*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.*

Pastor:	Katherine Goerzen	Todd Schlosser
Cell:	316-727-4986	620-960-1718
email:	<a href="mailto:kgoerzen@tabormennonite.org">kgoerzen@tabormennonite.org</a>	<a href="mailto:tschlosser@tabormennonite.org">tschlosser@tabormennonite.org</a>

Deacons:  
Ruby Graber  
Denise Nickel  
Emil Schmidt  
Kristi Unruh