

Tabor Mennonite Church

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YOUTH SUNDAY: THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Welcome! We're glad you're here on this Youth Sunday! Today we are reflecting on Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. May we be inspired to live out Jesus' teaching to "go and do likewise," seeking to be a neighbor to everyone.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Isaac Swartzendruber
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Isabelle Alderfer and Quinli Unruh
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *Deuteronomy 6:4-7* - No. 187
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *GATHERING SONGS "Love the Lord your God" STS No. 55
"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord" No. 131
- *PASSING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Corynn Nickel and Elaina Graber
- SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 10:25-37*
Jackson Hiebert and Wyatt Sommerfeld
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON "The Hurt Man" Sam Abrahams
HYMN "Use Us, God" ~vs 1 No. 811
- SERMON "The Samaritan" Adriana Duerksen
HYMN "Use Us, God" ~vs 2 No. 811
- SERMON "The Lawyer" Braxton Unruh
HYMN "Use Us, God" ~vs 3 No. 811
- KNOW JESUS SHARING Junior High
Attendees: Sophia Abrahams, Aubrielle Francis, Hoxie Hiebert, Weston Sommerfeld, Zachary Swartzendruber, Vatiken Unruh, Hannah Adrian, Sophia Goerzen, Peter Graber, Mia Hiebert, Stephan Nickel, Eve Buller, Lydia Nickel, Cara Schmidt, Alex Soukup
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *SENDING SONGS "Together" No. 389
"May You Be Rooted and Grounded" No. 396

*BENEDICTION

Quinli Unruh

*POSTLUDE

Isaac Swartzendruber

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, March 2

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Elaina Graber and Quinli Unruh. Ushers are Sam Abrahams, Jackson Hiebert, Wyatt Sommerfeld, and Braxton Unruh. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

https://youtube.com/live/GJitdFUmP_k?feature=share

10:45 am: Faith Formation classes

11:45 am: TMYF Fundraiser Meal and Dessert Auction

5:30 pm: Catechism

This Week

Bulletin announcements due on Thursday by 9:00 am.

Mon, March 3,

8:30 am - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - Comforter Tying

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Mon, March 3-Wed, March 5 - MCC Comforter Blitz (see announcements for details)

Tues, March 4,

9:00 am - Staff meeting

6:30/7:00 pm - Reawakened book study/Church Council

Wed, March 5,

12:00 noon - First Wednesday Lunch

5:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary
(offered again at 7:00 pm)

5:50 - 6:30 pm - Fellowship Meal - Taco Soup

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, March 9

9:30 am: Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent—*Christ Collides with Our Bias*. Pastor Katherine will be preaching. The scripture for reflection is Luke 10:25-37.

10:45 am: Faith Formation

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC members who traveled this weekend to Goshen, IN, to attend the Hope for the Future event for BI-POC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) leaders and white allies celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Damascus Road anti-racism process and renewing a dedication to equality and love in action.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Toni and Matthew Krabill, who are serving in Ghana with Mennonite Mission Network, will begin their two-month North American ministry this month. Pray for their good health and safe travels and that God's Spirit will guide their speaking and conversations, as they update congregations about what God is doing through their ministries. Pray for renewal, as they reconnect with family and friends.

Congregational Announcements

Rejoice! The next issue of the *Rejoice!* devotional is available on the table in the foyer. The Christian Education Commission makes these available to anyone who would like one.

Easter choir will begin soon! Rehearsals will be March 12, 26, and April 2, 9, and 16.

Cookies Needed: Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring cookies for the MCC meeting hosted by Tabor on Thursday, March 13. You can bring them that day by 5:00 pm or place labeled (for the meeting) cookies in the freezer before.

Come join the fun at 17th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 3, 4 and 5 at the Journey Facilities Building behind Charis Community Church, (3605 E. Long View Rd, Haven, KS) near Yoder, KS. Monday 9-5, Tuesday 9-9 and Wednesday 9-4. Note the hours are extended on Tuesday. No sewing skills are required! Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Snacks are welcome to share during the workday. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC. Find out more at mcc.org/comforter-blitz or email brociamueller@mcc.org, 316.283.2720.

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

Tabor Mennonite Women: The spreadsheet on the bulletin board has been updated. Please sign up to help where you can in upcoming events.

Tabor Mennonite Women will be hosting **guest speaker, DIANA SCHUNN on Monday, March 24, 7 p.m.** Having had a heart transplant, her program is titled *left my Heart in Kansas City*. Everyone in church is invited to come for this inspirational evening. Child care will be provided, as needed. There is more information on the bulletin board.

Thank you for your partnership with the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum to preserve and share the story of Mennonites who migrated to this area! **With gratitude, Museum board members will be serving Menno Bros. pizza, along with fresh tossed salad and delicious cookies between 5:50 and 6:30 p.m. in Hospitality Hall on Wednesday, March 12. Please join us!** Your donations will be gratefully accepted to continue this mission in 2025.

Support Adriana Duerksen's FCCLA STAR event project by entering a raffle to win a handcrafted beanbag board and bean bags (cornhole), created with the help of the Goessel High School woodworking and art classes. All proceeds will support our local MDS Cabinet Shop, which provides quality craftsmanship and serves those in need. Tickets are 2 for \$5, 5 for \$10, or 12 for \$20. There will be more details posted in the Hospitality Hall, including a look at the finished set. If you need more information or would like to purchase tickets, please contact Adriana Duerksen at 620-877-0272. The winner will be announced March 28. Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Dates

March 9 - Daylight Savings Time begins

March 13 - Coffee with the Pastors at Hesston Bakery & Cafe

March 27 - Coffee Time at Tabor

April 28 - Western District Women in Mission Salad Supper at Tabor

RSVP not required but appreciated by emailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com

Community and Conference Announcements

Our February edition of MDS On the Level is now available. In this edition, an update on the MDS response to the LA Wildfires and recent flooding in Kentucky plus a recap of our 75th Anniversary celebration last week in Wichita, KS. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3X9niXI>

Save the date for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's annual Heritage Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on March 29 at Tabor Mennonite Church. Our program this year will feature Donna Becker. Her presentation will focus on the voice of a fictionalized Mennonite immigrant woman around 1879. A delicious dinner will be catered by Goessel Grocery & Deli. Ticket prices are \$75 per adult, \$15 for ages 12 and under, and first-time attendees are only \$40 per person. To make reservations, please contact the museum by Monday, March 24, by calling 620-367-8200 or email: goesselmuseum@gmail.com. The Heritage Dinner is a fundraiser for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum.

Dorothy Stucky Halley, LMSW, will be the speaker at the **2025 Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association annual meeting**. It will be held on **Sunday, March 9 at the Bethel College Mennonite Church at 2:30** in the afternoon. Dorothy is co-founder and co-director of the Family Peace Initiative. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Hope Women's Center would like to invite you to participate in our annual **Walk for Life, 2025!** This walk/run fundraiser will take place at Athletic Park in Newton, on Sat. April 12th beginning at 10:00, in support of the sanctity of life. Everyone who registers by April 1st will receive a free T-shirt! An interactive one-mile route will allow you to experience the HWC client process. Donuts and water will be provided. The event can also be found on our website www.newtonhopepartners.org under "events".

MCC: Please pray for MCC staff and the communities in Kentucky and West Virginia that are experiencing catastrophic flooding. Torrential rain Feb. 15-16 filled creeks and rivers, causing significant flooding. MCC staff report that most residents lost power and water. Appalachia Build staff are working with partner churches at our sites in Kimball, West Virginia, and Elkhorn City, Kentucky, that are serving as temporary shelters. Support MCC's efforts in the region: mcc.org/donate-appalachia Learn more about MCC Appalachia Build: mcc.org/appalachia-build

-CANNER JOB OPENING: MCC is accepting applications until March 3rd by completing an online form [here](#), by contacting marilypeters@mcc.org, or by calling 1-888-563-4676.

Camp Mennoscah: The BEST discount for summer youth camps ends March 1. All camp fees (other than those paid by church scholarships) for registered campers must be paid in full. Make note of scholarships in the scholarship field of the camper form. The BETTER discount ends April 1. Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions.

-The Camp Mennoscah hoodies have arrived and we are working to get them to you. You will be contacted for payment and for shipping or pick up details.

-The Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat is March 14-16. [Online registration is open!](#) All activities will take place at Main Camp in the dining hall and bunkhouses.

-Interviews for the 2025 Summer Staff have started! Staff positions are nature, office, music, life-guards, crafts and grounds/maintenance. [Further information and application available on the Camp Mennoscah webpage](#) or contact 620-297-3290.

-Registration is open for the 2025 Summer Youth Camps! 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.

-Information for the 2025 Women and Girls Retreat will be at westerndistrictwomeninmission.org. Online registration for the 2025 retreat will be available online after June 1.

-Two full scholarships are available from the Camp Mennoscah Scholarship Endowment. Applications need to be received by May 1. Campers of diverse backgrounds will receive higher priority. Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for the application form.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS - Theme for 2025: **Rocky Road.** We don't always know which road to take and it can often be a rocky one. Join in as we explore what the Bible tells us about these rocky roads - rocks that bring life and refuge, rocks that cry out, even rocks we think are too great to move. We will live this out in community through recreation games, hiking, arts & crafts and fellowship around the tables at mealtime. Registration is open for all Resident and Wilderness Camps. Register at rmmc.org before March 15 for the best rate.

Bethel College: Thurs., March 6 – Reception for David Long and “Untethered,” 6-8 p.m., Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Regular gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

-Thurs., March 6 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, directed by Chris Miertschin, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

-Sun., March 9 – Bethel College Choir Tour Send-off Concert, directed by Dr. Henry S. Waters, 4 p.m., Memorial Hall. The concert has the theme “Sing You Home” and includes performances by the Chamber Singers, Woven and Open Road.

-Sun., March 9, and Mon., March 10 – The Hartzler Bible Lecture Series at Bethel College presents Doug Miller, professor emeritus of biblical and religious studies at Tabor College, “The Book of Isaiah”; 7 p.m. Sunday, Ad Building chapel, 11 a.m. Monday, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

-Tues., March 11 – Bethel College Jazz, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

-SAVE THE DATE: KIPCOR Peace Lecture, “A Conversation with Sister Barbara McCracken” (from Mt. St. Scholastica, Leavenworth), March 27.

Hesston College: Hesston College Theatre to present “Urinetown” March 5–9 Filled with excellent music, dancing and hilarious dialogue, come spend an evening with us in Urinetown. Tickets can be purchased now at the Hesston College Bookstore or by calling 620-327-8104.

-Spring Community Day - March 8

Hesston College is rolling out the welcome mat for its Spring Community Day, and the entire community is invited! Join the campus community on Saturday, March 8, for a day packed with exciting Lark athletics, delicious food, family fun and a chance to connect with friends and neighbors. Throughout the afternoon, fuel up with tasty eats from the Grill Club, offering lunch as part of a fundraiser, and Salted Creamery will also be onsite selling their locally-sourced handmade ice cream! Best of all, admission to athletic events is FREE! For more information, visit hesston.edu/communityday.

-Art exhibit to feature Artist Brad Voth

Hesston College is pleased to announce its next exhibit featuring the work of local artist Brad Voth. The show is open and will run through March 14 at the Regier-Friesen Gallery in Laban Peachey Center. Voth, of Moundridge, Kan., brings a fresh, energetic style to the gallery with his mixed media works in which he displays his passion of crafting narratives through dynamic visuals. His art is inspired by classic comic strips and the expressive energy of comic and caricature artists, as well as some fine artists. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

-Prairie Window Concert: Darrell Scott - March 16

Whether it's rock, folk, country or blues, Darrell Scott, the 4-time Grammy nominated Nashville songwriter, has written hits all the way from Brad Paisley and the Dixie Chicks to Del McCoury, Sam Bush and Keb Mo; contributing songs to three of 2016's best albums alone. Witness his ability to make just about any instrument talk, listen to his vocals and songwriting to hear him contain every emotion between joy and pain within one verse in his singing and in his pen. The concert begins at 4 p.m. and tickets can be purchased by visiting dyckarboretum.org/arboretum-event/darrell-scott/. Crust and Crumb will be serving food during intermission.

Mennonite Mission Network: [Racial Justice Pilgrimage | South Africa](#) — This pilgrimage will explore the long history and legacy of settler colonialism and apartheid, and will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dispossession and how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society.

-[Racial Justice Pilgrimage | Underground Railroad](#) — Explore the role of faith and faith communities that helped enslaved people escape their bonds. This chapter of the Racial Justice pilgrimage series delves deeper into the struggle for freedom, exploring the ways - both literal and figurative - people took in search of their emancipation.

-[Schedule your own pilgrimage](#) - If you, your church, Sunday school class, or other group are interested in exploring what God is doing to bring about justice and peace in the world, contact us. We

will work with your group to find a Just Peace Pilgrimage that works for you!

-For more information on the Just Peace Pilgrimages, to sign up, or to inquire about scheduling a trip for you and your group, visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace or contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net.

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA joined 26 other faith traditions in a legal action that seeks to restore the rights of people of faith to gather, worship and serve without government interference. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/lawsuit-religious-freedoms

-There's still time to enjoy early bird pricing for MC USA's Follow Jesus '25 convention in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8-12, 2025. Register before March 31 and save \$145 per person. The first 300 registrants will receive a free copy of the Anabaptism Community Bible, courtesy of MennoMedia, a \$69.99 value. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/registration/ View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-free-bible-slide View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-free-bible-pdf

-MC USA has launched an online storefront featuring hats, sweaters, mugs, and more. Check out the selection of swag that displays Follow Jesus, the MC USA dove, and a retro line of gear from past conventions. bonfire.com/store/mc-usa-gear/

AMBS: Peace Theology in Movement: A Lunchtime Colloquium: Wednesdays, Jan. 15 – April 30, 12–1 p.m. ET, via Zoom. This free weekly online colloquium series focuses on the Mennonite Action movement as an expression of Mennonite peace theology. Participants can attend any or all sessions, starting anytime. There is no charge, but registration is required to receive the link. View the schedule and register: ambs.edu/peace-colloquium

-Scholarships available! Ready to pursue seminary studies? Complete your Admissions Application today so you can be eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships by March 15 and ministry scholarships by April 1. ambs.edu/affordability

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

Feb. 23, 2025

Offering = \$ 2,751.00	Attendance = 125
Adult FF = \$ 12.00	Attendance = 43
Jr. FF = \$ 4.70	Attendance = 41

Worship Link Views = 63



KS MCC SALE DATES: April 11 & 12

Website is: kansas.mccsale.org

CHILDREN'S COINS: \$126.01. That may be a RECORD for a single Sunday. THANKS for your help. We had LOTS of Quarters and Bills. That makes a BIG difference.

Thanks to Carrie Smith and Cory Unruh for volunteering to bring their laptops and HELP YOU SIGN UP TO TAKE A 2 HOUR SHIFT SOMEWHERE using the computer "Sign Up Genius". They will be available Sunday's March 16 and 23.

We encourage ALL Grade School and Jr Hi to sign up for the 5K Tabor Team as well as others who enjoy walking or running to keep in shape. Those raising \$500 or more get a FREE 1/4 zip Pullover. A Grand prize for the person who raises the most donations will be awarded. INFO on MCC Table in NW corner of Fellowship Hall.

VERENIKE Making Day - Sat, Apr. 5

COMFORTER BLITZ - Mar. 3, 9am to 5pm; Mar. 4, 9am to 9pm; and Mar 5, 9am to 4pm

In 2024 MCC helped 46,247 people gain an improved water source. THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT YOUR HELP AT THE MCC SALE DOES.



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