

## Tabor Mennonite Church

Volume LXVV

March 16, 2025

No. 11



### LENT 2: *Christ Collides with Our Condemnation*

In this passage from Luke, Jesus is confronting the issue of condemnation. He challenges the idea of judging others while failing to recognize the ways that we ourselves also have fallen prey to the powers of sin. How does Christ collide with our tendency to condemn those whose sins may look different from our own sins?<sup>1</sup>

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Russell Adrian
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Russell Adrian
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Luke 6:32-36</i>	
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>"We Are One in the Spirit"</i>	No. 387
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF PRAYER	<i>"For the Healing of the Nations"</i>	No. 705
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	Micah Adrian
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"Sonata" ~ Eccles</i>	Sophia Goerzen
CHILDREN'S STORY		Diane Unruh
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 6:36 - 42</i>	Kara Swartzendruber
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Mercy, Mercy, Lord"</i>	No. 169
*LENTEN CONFESSION		
LENTEN RESPONSIVE ACTION	Casting aside our stones	
WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND CALLING	<i>from John 8:10-11 &amp; Ephesians 4: 29, 31-32</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER		Pastor Todd Schlosser
*SENDING HYMN	<i>"Together"</i>	No. 389
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		

*\*Please stand if you are able*

<sup>1</sup> This focus statement and the entire service are based on resources from Leader magazine's Lenten worship series "Christ Collides."

## Sunday, March 16

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Michael & Lina Unruh 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/LqSvdIE58zo?feature=share>

A brief **Congregational Meeting** will be conducted immediately following the worship service to affirm Larry Goerzen to serve a 3-year term (2027) as Deacon and Carrie & Lewis Unruh to serve a 2-year term (2026) on Commission on Outreach Executive.

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

**1:00 pm:** Tabor leads Bethesda Chapel Service

### This Week

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

**Mon, March 17,**

**8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness

**9:30 am** - Comforter Tying

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

**Tues, March 18,**

**9:00 am** - Staff meeting

**Wed, March 19,**

**No Wednesday Evening Activities**

### Next Sunday, March 23

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Lent—*Christ Collides with Our Priorities*. Pastor Todd will be preaching. The scripture for reflection is *Luke 15:1-32*.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation

### Upcoming Dates

March 24 - Diana Schunn Program for all - 7:00 pm

March 27 - Coffee Time at Tabor - 9:30 am

March 29 - MHAM Heritage Dinner

April 6 - Financial Planning Seminar - 10:45 am

- Catechism - 5:30 pm

April 18 - Maundy Thursday Service

April 20 - Easter Sunday

April 23 - TMW Mystery Supper

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

April 30 - VBS Staff Orientation

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Thurman Entz's youngest brother, Bernard, passed away. Funeral services were held at the Zion Mennonite Church on Friday.
- ★ Western District Conference: During this season of Lent, pray for pastors in WDC as they encourage, teach and help guide congregations to walk faithfully in the way of Jesus.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Caleb and Stephanie Schrock-Hurst are preparing for ministry in Taiwan, where they will renew relationships between the Mennonite Christian Hospital, in Hualien, and North American churches. Pray for them as they learn the Chinese language and finish raising the necessary funding. The Schrock-Hursts are jointly appointed through Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions.

## Congregational Announcements

**Easter choir** has begun! Rehearsals will be March 26, and April 2, 9, and 16.

**New Hope Shelter meals:** Tabor is scheduled to provide the evening meals at New Hope Shelter in Newton on March 19, 20, 21 and 22. If you would like to participate in this significant ministry, contact Shelley Buller. No prior training needed.

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



**MONDAY, MARCH 24, 7 P.M. in Tabor Hospitality Hall**  
**DIANA SCHUNN, Guest Speaker - I LEFT MY HEART IN KANSAS CITY**

Over two years ago, while having lunch with a nurse friend, Diana's friend noticed something was not right with her speech and told her that she thought she had something going on with her heart. After meeting with a doctor and undergoing tests, she was diagnosed with an unusual heart disease. Come hear Diana share her journey.

**All of Tabor Church is invited.** This event is sponsored by Tabor Mennonite Women. There will be refreshments after the program.

**If you would like childcare, please sign up on the bulletin board by March 23.**

If there is a need for childcare, we still need 1-2 adults to help with this. Contact Diana Schmidt or note it on the sign up sheet.

**Financial Planning Seminar April 6, 10:45 during Faith Formation hour in the Hospitality Hall.** Hayden Goerzen & Josh Booth (Everence Financial) & Reece Hiebert (Pankratz & Hodge Law) will be sharing ways to support Tabor Mennonite Church and other ministries important to you. No matter your age or income, there are often ways to be more generous than you otherwise thought possible by using tax-advantaged strategies for your generosity. Gifts that help now, in the future, or even gifts that provide a stream of income.

**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!

**VBS 2025 Staff Sign-up:** Tabor and Alexanderwohl churches are joining together to hold VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church the week of June 2-6.



We will need staff volunteers from both churches to make this week a success! Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved and share your willingness to serve by filling out the 2025 VBS staff sign-up form using the QR code provided or filling out our [2025 VBS Staff Sign-up form](#) (see link emailed out). We look forward to making this a meaningful week for the children in our community!

## Community and Conference Announcements

**Senior Coffee at Alexanderwohl:** Can't find Tblisi, Georgia on the map? Come to Sr Coffee on March 21 at AMC to find out. Kris Schmucker will share about a trip to Georgia (the country) to visit her daughter, Kara. A beautiful country with a fascinating history and connections with the beginnings of Christianity.

**The Mennonite Heritage & Agriculture Museum, Goessel, Ks will hold the annual Heritage Dinner on Saturday, March 29, at 6:30 pm** at the Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 Chisholm Trail Road, Newton, Ks. Following a meal catered by Goessel Grocery & Deli, Donna Becker will present, "What Are They Thinking?" Donna will portray Helena Schroeder, a fictionalized Mennonite immigrant around 1879, and share what is on her mind. Tickets for the museum fund raiser are \$75 per person (Ages 12 & under \$15) 1st time attender? \$40 per person. Make reservations for the event by contacting the museum by Monday March 24 at 620-367-8200 or email: [goesselmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:goesselmuseum@gmail.com)

**Hope Women's Center** would like to invite you to participate in our annual **Walk for Life, 2025** at Athletic Park in Newton, on Sat. April 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00. The event can also be found on our website [www.newtonhopepartners.org](http://www.newtonhopepartners.org) under "events". See posters on the bulletin board.

**Want to earn a scholarship for college? The Living Forward: Anabaptism at 500 Essay Contest:** Eligible students are invited to submit an essay to compete for a scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year. Scholarships of \$1,000 and \$500. **Submission deadline is April 19, 2025.** Interested students should visit <https://www.mennomedia.org/living-forward-essay-contest/> to complete the application form and upload their essay.

**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](https://mcc.org/donate-appalachia) Learn more about MCC Appalachia Build: [mcc.org/appalachia-build](https://mcc.org/appalachia-build)

**Camp Mennoscah: Interviews for the 2025 Summer Staff have started!** Staff positions are nature, office, music, lifeguards, 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 2025 summer theme is Another Way, looking at how Jesus invites us to re-imagine who we are and to live in another way.

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](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) with questions.

**-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](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) for the application form.

**-Information for the 2025 Women and Girls Retreat will be at [westerndis-trictwomeninmission.org](https://westerndis-trictwomeninmission.org)** . Online registration for the 2025 retreat will be available online after June 1.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS : Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is host to Colorado Roots Music Camp June 1-7, 2025.** Break out of your routine and be inspired by a variety of styles, first-rate musicians, and the incredible experience of being immersed in acoustic music. 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. Visit the camp website at [rmmc.org](https://rmmc.org) for more details.

**-Wilderness Camps at Rocky Mountain.** RMMC offers a wilderness experience with a unique blend of destinations and activities. Campers participate in rock climbing and rappelling on Monkey Rock, backpack a few miles to a different destination for each camp week, experience the beauty of remote wilderness areas, play games, set up a campsite and learn skills of camping outside. For more information and registration, visit the camp website at [rmmc.org](https://rmmc.org).

**Bethel College: Spring break March 17-21** - Most offices and services are open but some may be on reduced hours. The Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center is closed.

**-Thurs., March 27 – KIPCOR Peace Lecture: A conversation with Sister Barbara McCracken on community, social responsibility and daily faith, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.** McCracken is a Benedictine from Mt. St. Scholastica, Leavenworth, Kan.

**-Sun., March 30 – Michelle Armster and Heidi Regier Kreider, “The Impact of Immigration on Mennonite Churches Today,” 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium.** This Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program is in connection to the current special exhibit, “Unlocking the Past: Immigrant Artifacts and the Stories They Tell.” Armster is director of MCC Central States and Regier Kreider is conference minister for Western District Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

**Hesston College: 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/](https://dyckarboretum.org/arboretum-event/darrell-scott/). Crust and Crumb will be serving food during intermission.

**Mennonite Mission Network: Last call, sign up! Four more spots available for April 8-12 pilgrimage [Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Just Peace Pilgrimage](#)** (Yakima, Washington) — Engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. What might it mean for your community to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and actively contribute to the work of repair? Led by Sarah Augustine, director of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. Contact Stephanie Weaver at [StepanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StepanieW@MennoniteMission.net) to learn more and register!

**[-Racial Justice Pilgrimage | South Africa](#)**

**[-Racial Justice Pilgrimage | Underground Railroad](#)**

**[-Schedule your own pilgrimage](#)**

-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](https://MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace) or contact Stephanie Weaver at [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net).

**Mennonite Church USA:** The MC USA Executive Board celebrated organizational milestones, financial growth, and the latest plans for the denomination's largest faith formation gathering, Follow Jesus '25, at its Feb. 8 meeting via Zoom. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/board/>

-MC USA's Women in Leadership ministry will be hosting a one-day summit during this summer's Follow Jesus '25 convention. On March 20 at 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT, join host Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, denominational minister for Peace and Justice for MC USA, and panelists Sue Park-Hur, director of racial/ethnic engagement for MC USA, and Women in Leadership steering committee members Shannon Dycus and Abby Endashaw, for a webinar as they discuss Women in Leadership and envision the Women's Summit. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/WIL-summit-webinar](https://mennoniteusa.org/WIL-summit-webinar)

**Menno Snapshots:** Thousands attended, in-person or online, MennoMedia's Anabaptism at 500 celebration at College Mennonite Church, Jan. 21. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/anabaptism-500-event](http://mennoniteusa.org/anabaptism-500-event)

**AMBS: Build leadership skills through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Practical Leadership Training modules!** Modules beginning in May include Design to Reach Desired Outcomes; Effective HR Practices; and Beyond Boring Bible Studies. Check out our full list of modules: [ambs.edu/plt](http://ambs.edu/plt)



**KS MCC SALE DATES: April 11 & 12**

Website is: [kansas.mccsale.org](http://kansas.mccsale.org)

**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** is right around the corner on April 11 & 12. There are lots of ways to volunteer during the weekend. Many of the sign-up sheets are now conveniently located on line. To check out the opportunities (and hopefully sign up) you can go to [KANSAS.MCCSALE.ORG/VOLUNTEER](http://KANSAS.MCCSALE.ORG/VOLUNTEER) or click on the QR Code on the flyer on the table in the Hospitality Hall. The sooner you sign up, the better chance you have in getting your preferred job and time slot. It takes many volunteers for a successful Sale!

**TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY** Carrie Smith and Cory Unruh will have their laptops in the Hospitality Hall to help you **Sign Up to help Volunteer**. We use over 1000 Volunteers to make it all happen. Here are the Options Available:

Verenike Booth - Domestic Arts	Bulk Meats - Domestic Arts
T-Shirt Booth - Meadowlark Bldg	Baked Goods Booth - Meadowlark
New Years Cookies Frying -	Pie and Ice Cream Booth - Meadowlark
Verenike Frying - Friday Night	General Auction Help - Sunflower North
Info Booth - Meadowlark	Plants and Things - Sunflower South
Kids Activities - Pride of Kansas	Quilters Corner - Meadowlark
Kansas Crafts - Sunflower South	Bohne Beroggi Baking - Moundridge HS
Feeding the Multitude - Cottonwood Court	Cookie Booth - Domestic Arts
KMRS Merchandise Booth - Sunflower South	Ham Gravy -
Verenike Making - Parkview MB Church, Hillsboro	

**MEMORY VERSES funding** is started and doing well. Since the MCC Bucks come in \$20 packets we will give each student that does the memory work 20 MCC BUCKS. We need another \$425 to complete the funding of this project. PLEASE make checks out to KMRS with MEMORY WORK in the memo. THANKS for supporting this project.

**CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING - \$68.78**

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
Mar. 9, 2025			
Offering =	\$ 3,285.47	Attendance =	133
Adult FF =	\$ 9.00	Attendance =	34
Jr. FF =	\$ 16.75	Attendance =	45
Worship Link Views = 49			



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

Kristi Unruh