

Tabor Mennonite Church

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LENT 1: *Christ Collides with Our Bias*

In today's Scripture passage, Jesus confronts biases that can be difficult to face, such as those which are not only historical, but also deeply personal. Jesus challenges long-standing prejudices, the pre-conceived notion of who our neighbors are, what true mercy looks like, and self-justification. How might our thoughts and actions be transformed when Jesus collides with our biases? ¹

PRELUDE Diane Unruh
CHORAL INTROIT "Followers of the Lamb" ~ arr. Dietterich Church Choir
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joshua Schmidt
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
*CALL TO WORSHIP Luke 9:23-27
CROSS PROCESSIONAL Catechism Students
*GATHERING HYMN "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" No. 558
*GATHERING PRAYER
*HYMN OF PRAISE "The Love of God" No. 162
*PASSING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ **and also with you.**
OFFERING OUR GIFTS Pastor Katherine Goerzen and Diane Unruh
CHILDREN'S STORY Keri Unruh
WORSHIP MUSIC "It Is Well With My Soul" ~ arr. Fettke Church Choir
SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:25-37 Tristan Francis
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ **Thanks be to God!**
SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*HYMN OF RESPONSE "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" No. 156
*LENTEN CONFESSION
LENTEN RESPONSIVE ACTION Anointing
WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND CALLING 1 John 4:9-12, 19
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
*SENDING HYMN "Renew Your Church" No. 717
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE
*Please stand if you are able

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

Sunday, March 9

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Phil & Sarahanne 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/X_b6hrTLT24?feature=share

10:45 am: Faith Formation classes

This Week

Bulletin announcements due on Thursday by 9:00 am.

Mon, March 10,	8:30 am - Faithful Fitness 9:30 am - Comforter Tying 12:00 noon - Deacons' Meeting 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
Tues, March 11,	9:00 am - Staff meeting 7:00 pm - Christian Education Meeting
Wed, March 12,	5:50 - 6:30 pm - Fellowship Meal - MHAM Fundraiser Meal - Menno Bros. Pizza 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
Thurs, March 13	9:30 am - Coffee with the Pastors at Hesston Bakery & Cafe

Next Sunday, March 16

9:30 am: Next Sunday is the second Sunday of Lent—*Christ Collides with Our Condemnation*. Pastor Katherine will be preaching. The scripture for reflection is Luke 6:31-42.

A brief Congregational Meeting will be conducted immediately following the worship service on March 16 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

Upcoming Dates

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

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC Commissions meeting this month, as they provide ministries to support congregations and leaders in the conference.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Ecuador partnership meetings that are being held in Quito this week. Linda Shelly, regional director for Latin America, and Andrew Suderman, director of global partnerships, have joined representatives of the Colombia Mennonite Church and Central Plains Mennonite Conference in meeting with Ecuadorian partners to discern how to best carry out God's vision in their communities.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who came out on Saturday, March 1, to tie comforters for MCC Relief efforts. Together, 20 participants from Tabor and Alexanderwohl tied 10 comforters as we enjoyed an afternoon of visiting and fellowship.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship last Sunday! Thank you for your kind words, support, and encouragement in regards to the youth leading the worship service! Thank you for showing up and being a part of the fellowship meal! Thank you for your generous donations for the fundraiser meal and dessert auction! Thank you for your prayers and continued support for the youth group! ~the Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship

Congregational Announcements

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

Cookies for MCC meeting: Remember to bring them by 5:00 pm on March 13 or place labeled (for the meeting) cookies in the freezer before.

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.

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 *I 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!

Community and Conference Announcements

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 Sticky 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** at Athletic Park in Newton, on Sat. April 12th beginning at 10:00. The event can also be found on our website 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 Learn more about MCC Appalachia Build: mcc.org/appalachia-build

Camp Mennoscah: 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 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 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 for the application form.

-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.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS - Theme for 2025: **Rocky Road**. Registration is open for all Resident and Wilderness Camps. Register at mmmc.org before March 15 for the best rate.

Bethel College: 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. (The choir leaves on tour March 14, and will sing in these Mennonite congregations: Rainbow, Kansas City, Kan.; Faith, Minneapolis, Minn.; Salem, Freeman, S.D.; and Bethesda, Henderson, Neb.; as well as Hennepin Ave. United Methodist in Minneapolis and a noon concert at the Mountain Lake, Minn., Golf Course.)

-Sun., March 9, and Mon., March 10 – The Hartzler Bible Lecture Series 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

-Last chance to see “Untethered,” ceramics by David Long, which closes March 14, in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Hours are weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

-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.

Hesston College: Art exhibit to feature 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. 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: The MC USA Executive Board unanimously affirmed the Leadership Discernment Committee's nomination of Todd Lehman of Hesston, Kansas, as moderator-elect for the Delegate Assembly cycle beginning July 2025. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/todd-lehman/

-Support MC USA's participation in a lawsuit to protect religious freedoms by signing and sharing the Sensitive Locations petition. View it here: sensitive-locations.com/

Menno Snapshots: Steve Bomar, lead pastor at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, Oregon, began his faith journey as a Nazarene, but upon being exposed to Anabaptist theology, he began to consider if MC USA might be the place for him and his beliefs. Read about his faith journey here: mennoniteusa.org/nazarene-to-mennonite

Spiritual director Sherill Hostetter has been diagnosed with a rare and incurable disorder, and she shares how she has developed resiliency in the face of her diagnosis and health challenges. Read how she has developed resiliency here: mennoniteusa.org/go-as-expected

-Eric Massanari shares about Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference's annual Conference Communicator Council meeting, featuring a presentation by MC USA Archives Coordinator Olivia Krall. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-shorts/pacific-northwest/

AMBS: Do you sense a call to ministry? The distance-friendly undergraduate-level program offers the guidance of a dedicated pastoral mentor and community support. The Fall 2025 cohort begins Sept. 5; apply by July 9 to save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

-Fully online seminary degree. Check out Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's fully online **Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism!** Learn more: ambs.edu/matga



KS MCC SALE DATES: April 11 & 12

Website is: kansas.mccsale.org

TABOR Elementary Students are working on MEMORY VERSES. We would like to give them \$25 MCC BUCKS each to spend at the sale. We have 26 Students so we need \$650 Donated to this cause. PLEASE put your checks MADE OUT TO THE KMRS in our box and Memory Work in the memo.

Another AMAZING Tabor Couple helped Pre-Sale Expenses by Donating \$600 to cover the cost of coffee. AWESOME!! Here are a couple other possibilities for couples or SS Classes or Small Groups

\$550 for Hamburger Patties

\$750 for Cherries and Strawberries

\$200 for Pancake Mix

\$350 for Butter

CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING was \$72.15 last Sunday. EXCELLENT!

We would like for EVERYONE to feel like they are involved in the KS MCC Sale in some way. Find what works best for you. OVER 1000 VOLUNTEERS are needed to make it happen.

- ◆ Join the Tabor 5K Team and get sponsors;
- ◆ Take a 2 hr shift somewhere;
- ◆ Bring items to sell, grow seedlings for Plants & Things;
- ◆ Eat out Fri. and Sat. at the sale.

ALL GIFTS HELP OUR BOTTOM LINE!!

We do this in the Name of Christ to Help those less fortunate.

Thank you for providing cookies for the KMRS meeting at Tabor on March 13.

Unified Budget Giving Update - Fiscal Year 2025	
Total Budget	331,555.00
Actual Giving Through 3/2	82,814.14
Total Left to Meet Budget	248,740.86
Current Above/(Shortfall)	(6,450.67)
Sundays Remaining	38
Amount Needed per Sunday	6,545.81

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE Mar. 2, 2025

Offering =	\$ 7,471.50	Attendance =	
Adult FF =	\$ 28.00	Attendance =	32
Jr. FF =	\$ 14.35	Attendance =	48

Worship Link Views = 60



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