

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## EASTER SUNDAY:

### CHRIST COLLIDES WITH DEATH

“Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!”  
~ 1 Corinthians 15:54-56

## WORSHIP

PRELUDE Russell Adrian

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joshua Schmidt

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

CHORAL CANTATA “Calvary’s Lamb” ~ Mary McDonald Easter Choir

*Sing Hosanna to the King*

Reading

Anthony and Kara Swartzendruber

*In the Upper Room*

Reading

Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen

*Take This Cup From Me*

Reading

Cory and Keri Unruh

*What Has He Done?*

Reading

Isabelle Alderfer

*Calvary’s Lamb*

Reading

Jim and Diana Schmidt

*God So Loved*

Reading

Nate and Brandy Ashley

*Wondrous Love*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:1-12 Jo-Ann Schmidt

*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*

\*HYMN “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” No. 346

with “Raise Your Joys and Triumphs High” by Mary McDonald Easter Choir

\* EASTER LITANY

\*EASTER RESPONSE

*All are invited to come forward and fit a flower into the wire around the cross, symbolizing how death collides with new life in Jesus’ death and resurrection.*

\*PRAYER

\*EASTER HYMN “Low in the Grave He Lay” No. 333

\*PASSING THE PEACE

*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

### CHILDREN’S STORY

Eunice Nickel

\*HYMN “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” No. 670

\* SCRIPTURE LITANY Romans 6:3-4, 10-11 No. 449

### BELIEVER’S BAPTISM

Braxton Unruh

Ethan Hall

Grace Schlenker

Isaac Swartzendruber

Samuel Abrahams

Tristan Francis

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “New Earth, Heavens New” No. 377

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

\*SENDING HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” No. 364

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**Easter Choir Members:** Barb Abrahams, Hannah Adrian, Sharon Adrian, Isabelle Alderfer, Bonnie Gleason, Katherine Goerzen, Larry Goerzen, Cayla Hiebert, Hoxie Hiebert, Reece Hiebert, Bonnie Janzen, Susan Merrifield, Denise Nickel, Kenton Nickel, Yvette Nickel, Todd Schlosser, Donavon Schmidt, Emil Schmidt, Sheri Schmidt, Jerry Toews, Bill Unruh, Lewis Unruh, Sarahanne Unruh, Vatiken Unruh, Myron Voth, and Ashleigh Williams.

**Director:** Dr. Russell Adrian

**Pianist:** Phillip Balzer

**Flutist:** Corynn Nickel

## Sunday, April 20

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Cory & Keri Unruh and family. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

**9:00 am:** Easter Potluck Breakfast

**10:00 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/VWldll4rxFs?feature=share>

## This Week

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

<b>Mon, April 21,</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> - Faithful Fitness <b>9:30 am</b> - Comforter Tying <b>7:00 pm</b> - Men's Bible Study
<b>Tues, April 22,</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> - Staff meeting
<b>Wed, April 23,</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b> - TMW Mystery Evening - \$20/person Meet at the church to carpool and to get drivers' directions
<b>Thurs, April 24,</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> - Coffee Time at Tabor

## Next Sunday, April 27

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday we will once again celebrate Jesus' resurrection with a time of joy and laughter on this Holy Humor Sunday. Feel free to bring appropriate jokes or humorous readings to share during the service. Feel free to wear bright colors and hats. Scripture for reflection includes Luke 24:1-12.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation

**12 noon:** Fundraiser meal for Sam & Adriana

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for all WDC congregations, as they embody the presence of the risen Christ, and live out resurrection hope through ministries of compassion, peacemaking, and justice.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network's 74 workers and 183 partner organizations throughout the United States and 45 other countries around the world in proclaiming the message of Jesus' resurrection power and love to those we encounter.

## Congregational Announcements

**Sam and Adriana** are anticipating their next big adventure with **Service Adventure** next year. Sam is planning to go to Colorado Springs, CO and Adriana will be going to Anchorage, AK. They will travel to their assignments in August. Adriana and Sam, and their families, will be hosting a **sloppy joe meal on April 27 at noon** to raise funds for Service Adventure. Please come join us!

**It's time to register for VBS!** Children ages 4 (by 9-1-25) through current 5th graders are invited to join us for Waves of Wonder VBS the week of June 2-6, 2025 from 8:30a-11:45a at Tabor Mennonite Church. Please use the QR code to fill out the VBS registration form to let us know you plan to attend.

Current sixth graders wanting to participate in service projects as part of VBS should use the QR code for the 6th Grade VBS registration form. Registrations are appreciated by April 27, 2025. We look forward to seeing you in June!



VBS 2025  
Registration Form



6th grade VBS  
Registration 2025

## Community and Conference Announcements

**Volunteers Needed:** Bethesda Home and the Goessel Ministerial Alliance are looking for volunteers to help deliver Friendship Meals to the Goessel Community. This is a great opportunity to check in and provide a warm smile to those who have difficulty getting out. You can help as little as once a month up to weekly! This opportunity takes less than an hour of your time and in doing so, you can make someone's day. Please contact Ruth at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church (367.8192) to sign up today. Thank you for helping us keep this ministry alive.

**MDS:** Our April edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, dedicating the Green Giant in North Carolina, meet a couple who is on their 60th MDS assignment, and read the latest on the MDS response to the spring ice storm in Ontario. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/42hzp80>

**Alexanderwohl Senior Coffee: David Shelly will be our guest at on Friday, April 25 at 10:00 am.** A world traveler (and retired Spanish teacher) he'll talk about "Dreaming of Travel – stories and pictures from lots of places!"

**Everence® April workshop: Make Medicare an Easy Step:** Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Western District Women in Mission potluck salad supper on Monday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Tabor Mennonite Church.** An offering will be taken to help cover expenses. Please bring: a salad to share (table service will be provided), a small vessel to make a bouquet, several flowers from your garden if you have them to share, a kitchen or garden shear if you have one.

**Register NOW for the Kids Meet Christ Launch Event!** Western District Conference invites you to celebrate and learn more about the new grant-funded worship initiative Kids Meet Christ on **Saturday, May 3, from 11am-3pm at First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS** (in-person or virtually). Spanish interpretation will be available. Click [here to register](#). In-person participants will be the first to receive a kit of ready-to-use materials for children in worship! This is for anyone! (worship leaders, pastors, Sunday school teachers, anyone who is passionate about children).

**Life Enrichment at Bethel College: April 30: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.:** Conrad Snider, "The Wonderful World of Ceramics" & **10:50 - 11:50 a.m.:** Dr. Jim Yoder, "Interesting Moons of Our Solar System"

**Camp Mennoscah: Music and Quilt Auction at The Hub on May 2!** Support Camp Mennoscah on May 2 with purchases at The Hub. 10% of all sales on May 2 will be donated to Camp Mennoscah. Musical groups will play from approx. 6pm-8:30pm and include K81, Queen Jack Jericho, Brett and Caleb Klingenberg, and The Schrag

Siblings. A Camp Mennoscah tee shirt quilt will also be sold through a silent auction. A picture of the quilt can be seen at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org). Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for a bidding from a distance option. (The Hub, 100 S Christian, Moundridge, KS, <https://www.thehubbrickoven.com>)

-Music and office summer staffers are needed! If you know of someone who you think might be great for these positions, please tap them on the shoulder. Olivia would love to talk to them, even if they are only available for part of the summer. Summer staffers must be 18 or older and are usually college or near-college age folks.

Contact us at [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 316-293-7313 (call or text).

-Camp Mennoscah is looking for kitchen helpers and other volunteers to make great camp experiences. **Parents can receive a camper discount up to full camp fees as a kitchen volunteer.** Contact Olivia at [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 316-293-7313. Summer youth camps cannot happen without you!

-Camp Mennoscah is busy preparing for summer youth camps and guests. It may take additional time to respond to your email or phone call. We will answer as soon as possible. If a quicker response is needed, please call 316-293-7313.

**Bethel College: Mon., April 21-Bethel College Distinguished Achievement Award presentation to Carolyn Coon '82, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center**

**-Fri. April 25, Sat., April 26, Sun., April 27 – Spring play at Bethel College, *The Bookstore* by Adam Szymkowitz, Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m., Sun., 2 p.m. matinee, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.** Ticket purchase required (buy week-days at Thresher Shop; online at <https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts/theater/theater-department-presents/>; or at the door).

**-Wed., April 30 – Bethel College Orchestra, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium**

**-Thurs., May 1 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium**

**-Sun., May 4 – Bethel College Masterworks Concert, 4 p.m.: *Three Nocturnes* by Dan Forrest; *Exsultate, Jubilate* by Mozart; *Considering Matthew Shepard: A Choral Suite* by Craig Hella Johnson, with mass choir, orchestra and soloists; *Memorial Hall***

**Hesston College: FloraKansas Native Plant Days**—Join Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston for their FloraKansas Native Plant Days taking place April 24 through 28. This event is a semi-annual fundraising plant sale for the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains where you can view and purchase native plants. For more information and to peruse the available plant lists, visit: [dyckarboretum.org/florakansas-native-plant-festival](http://dyckarboretum.org/florakansas-native-plant-festival).

**-Annual Juried Student Art Exhibit at Hesston College**—The annual Hesston College Juried Student Art Exhibit will be open and available for viewing April 22 through May 9 in the Regehr-Friesen Gallery located in the Laban Peachey Center, 325 S College Drive, Hesston. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

**-Mark your calendars for Homecoming 2025** — a weekend full of connection, celebration and Lark spirit — coming up **September 26 to 28** at Hesston College!

**Western District: Public Witness—Saturday, April 26, 11:30 am** the WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force with [Mennonite Action](http://MennoniteAction.org) are hosting a "God's Love Knows No Borders" gathering at the Harvey County Courthouse, 800 N Main St, Newton, KS. Please join us at 10:30 am at Military Park, 200 E Broadway, if at all possible, to prepare for the event. You can invite like minded, nonviolent friends and neighbors to join. Consider making a poster or two to bring. Some models are linked below. A United message gets our message across. We hope to see you on April 26. For more information, please email [robertleeatchison@gmail.com](mailto:robertleeatchison@gmail.com).

**MCC: MCC Great Winter Warmup surpasses goal!** Our goal was to collect 7,000 comforters this winter – and the results are in. We gathered your comforter donations across the U.S. and Canada, tallied the numbers and are so excited to share the result! **Between January and March 2025, you knotted 18,368 comforters!** This is incredible! We are so thankful for your hard work, creativity and generosity. These comforters will keep people warm all over the globe. Their colorful, cozy patterns will be a tangible expression of God's love, letting families know that they have not been forgotten. [Please enjoy this story and video about how comforters are already making an impact on people in Zambia.](#) Thank you for your continued care and support of people around the world.

**-Register today for the MCC Immigration Learning Tour in South Texas, October 4-9.** Find out more at [mcc.org/learning-tour-texas](http://mcc.org/learning-tour-texas).

**-Volunteer with MCC Appalachia Build:** Consider bringing your group for a life-changing week of serving and learning with MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP), a home repair ministry in eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. Volunteers help families make their homes safe, warm and dry, while building relationships and learning about Appalachia. Learn more and register your group at [mcc.org/appalachia-build](http://mcc.org/appalachia-build).

**Mennonite Mission Network: Just peace Pilgrimages**—For more information on the Just Peace Pilgrimages, to sign up, or to inquire about scheduling a trip for you and your group, visit group, [MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace](http://MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace) or contact [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net).

-There are still placements available for Service Adventure and Mennonite Voluntary Service for the 2025-26 service term. Visit [MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure](http://MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure) or [MennoniteMission.net/MVS](http://MennoniteMission.net/MVS) for more information and to register.

**Mennonite Church USA:** There is incredible ministry happening across MC USA, and each congregation is invited to share how it is following Jesus in 2025 by submitting a 15-second video that will be shared at the MC USA Follow Jesus '25 national convention in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8-12. Videos are due May 1. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-video-submissions](http://mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-video-submissions)

-MC USA's Women in Leadership is hosting a one-day summit on July 8, at the beginning of the Follow Jesus '25 biennial convention, July 8-12, in Greensboro, N.C. On April 24, 2025 at 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT, join Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, along with summit presenters Sarah Bixler and Joanne Gallardo, for an exclusive preview of the event. During the webinar, they will discuss their participation in a panel of

women focused on the theme of "Beholding." Additionally, they will share their insights on topics such as power, the importance of listening to others, and the impact of storytelling on their lives. Register for the webinar here: [mennoniteusa.org/webinar/preview-womens-summit](https://mennoniteusa.org/webinar/preview-womens-summit)

**AMBS : Build leadership skills through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Practical Leadership Training modules!** Short-term online modules beginning in May include Design to Reach Desired Outcomes; Effective HR Practices; and Beyond Boring Bible Studies. Sign up today! [ambs.edu/plt](https://ambs.edu/plt)

**-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! Courses run in May, June and July. Register by May 5. [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

### Upcoming Dates

April 27 - Fundraiser Meal for Adriana & Sam  
 April 28 - Western District Women in Mission Salad Supper at Tabor  
 April 30 - VBS Staff Orientation  
 May 3 - Kids Meet Christ Launch Event (see announcement)  
 May 18 - Baptism at Camp Mennoscah  
 May 21 - TMW Salad Supper  
 June 2-6 - VBS

### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

April 13, 2025

Offering =	\$ 4,301.00	Attendance =	157
Adult FF =	\$ 3.00	Attendance =	19
Jr. FF =	\$ 54.20	Attendance =	52

Worship Link Views = 53



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