

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY: CHRIST COLLIDES WITH DEATH – PART 2!!

Holy Humour Sunday (“Risus Paschalis” – “the Easter Laugh”) is an ancient Easter tradition begun in the early centuries of Christianity, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. Early church theologians wrote about how God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. As we worship together this morning, we take joy in the celebration of the resurrection, for we know that it is God who has the last laugh! Thanks be to God!

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE Pastor Katherine Goerzen  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Duerksen  
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
TABOR CHURCH WORD GAME Round 1  
Mark Schmidt, Josh Schmidt, & Reece Hiebert  
\*GATHERING HYMNS “Lift Your Glad Voices” No. 340  
“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” No. 354  
\*GATHERING PRAYER  
\*HYMNS OF PRAISE “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” No. 359  
“Ho – ho – ho – hosanna!” Screen  
\*PASSING THE JOY OF CHRIST  
Anyone with a joke or funny story is welcome to share  
OFFERING OUR GIFTS  
CHILDREN’S STORY Carol Duerksen and Doris Unruh  
& 4th/5th Grade Faith Formation Class  
WORSHIP MUSIC “Morveau Symphonique” ~ Guilmant Adriana Duerksen  
SCRIPTURE READING Luke 23:55 – 24:12 Sara Hiebert  
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ **Thanks be to God!**  
HOLY HUMOR PROCLAMATION Mary & Joanna  
Marcene Entz & Karen Andres  
\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “This Joyful Eastertide” No. 352  
TABOR CHURCH WORD GAME Round 2  
Mark Schmidt, Josh Schmidt, & Reece Hiebert

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

\*SENDING HYMN “Christ Who Left His Home in Glory” No. 361

\*BENEDICTION

TABOR CHURCH WORD GAME Round 3  
Mark Schmidt, Josh Schmidt, & Reece Hiebert

POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

### Sunday, April 27

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/vnasO8QMILY?feature=share>

~The Holy Humor Proclamation, “Mary & Joanna” was written by Carol Duerksen and Karen Andres.

~The Tabor Church Word Games were written by Pastor Katherine and Peter Goerzen.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation

**12 noon:** Sloppy Joe Fundraiser meal for Sam & Adriana for Service Adventure

### This Week

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

<b>Mon, April 28,</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> - Faithful Fitness
	<b>9:30 am</b> - Comforter Tying
	<b>6:00 pm</b> - Western District Women in Mission Potluck Salad Supper - Hospitality Hall
	<b>7:00 pm</b> - Men’s Bible Study
<b>Tues, April 29,</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> - Staff meeting
<b>Wed, April 30,</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> - VBS Staff Orientation

### Next Sunday, May 4

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday we will continue our post resurrection celebration by looking at the Emmaus Road story from Luke 24:13-48. Pastor Todd will be preaching.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray that WDC congregations may be renewed by the power of Jesus's resurrection, boldly proclaiming the Good News and embodying Christ's love, reconciliation, and justice mission in their communities and beyond -WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Kikubya Mennonite Church in Uganda, whose building was severely damaged by floods, and for the 15 families who lost their homes and/or crops. Bishop Simon Okoth asks for prayer and resources, as the church tries to carry on its ministries to its members, many of whom fled from violence in Rwanda generations ago. Despite their limited resources, Mennonites are also hosting people fleeing from violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

## Thank You

*Thanks to Rod Abrahams for building the beautiful new cabinet which matches the sound cabinet in our Hospitality Hall. It's nice to have this to store the supplies and tools that we use on a continuous basis for tying comforters and quilting.*

*~Tabor Mennonite Women*

## Upcoming Dates

May 3 - Kids Meet Christ Launch Event (see announcement)  
May 18 - Baptism at Camp Mennoscah  
May 21 - TMW Salad Supper  
May 23-24 - High School Lock In  
May 25-26 - Jr. High Lock In  
June 2-6 - VBS

## Congregational Announcements

The following **new books** have been added to **our church library**:

- *Many Hands; Being Good Neighbors in Times Of Disaster*, Edited by Julie Kauffman and Susan Kim - the story of Mennonite Disaster Service
- *Mended* by Hillary Daecher -- In Celebrations of the 75th anniversary of Mennonite Disaster Service -- written for children
- *Trouble I've Seen* by Drew Hart -- Changing the way the church views racism



VBS 2025  
Registration Form

**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!



6th grade VBS  
Registration 2025

**Link for the MCC Sale pictures** from the slide show on April 13:

[KMRS 2025 Slideshow album](#)

## 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>

**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.

**The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group** will meet next **Monday, April 28, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Goessel City Building Community Room, 101 South Cedar St., Goessel, Kansas. Nancy Stucky will be presenting "Navigating GRanDMA Online". She will show how to access the online genealogy database and explore some of the search features and reports. The meeting is free and open to the public. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us, feel free to invite them. For more information, call either Fern Bartel at the Goessel Museum (620-367-8200) or Anna Beth Birky (620-386-0381).

**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](mailto: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.

-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 28 – The annual Senior Art Exhibit**, featuring the work of Bethel College students Gracie Higgins, April Powls and Lizzie Schmucker, opens in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center through May 18 (reception May 16). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

**-Wed., April 30 – Bethel College Orchestra, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m.**, featuring works by Juventino Rojas, Florence Price and Gustav Holst, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

**-Thurs., May 1 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, directed by Chris Miertschin, 7 p.m.**, featuring works by Elgar, Stamp, Bilik and more; *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

**-Sat., May 3 – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 7 a.m. start time** in the museum parking lot. Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail.

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

**-Wed., May 7 – Jazz on the Green at Bethel College, 7 p.m.** (rain venue: *Krehbiel Auditorium*)

**-Thurs., May 8 – Bethel College Voice Studio recital, Dr. Holly Swartzendruber, instructor, 7 p.m.**, *Administration Building chapel*

**-Sun., May 11 – Dr. Valerie Mendoza, Washburn University, “Stories of Mexican Migration to Kansas,” 3 p.m.**, *Kauffman Museum auditorium*

**-Sun., May 11 – Woven and Open Road joint concert, 4 p.m.**, *Bethel College Mennonite Church*

**-Mon., May 12 – Dr. Henry Waters’ Hymnology class invites the public to a Hymn Festival, 7 p.m.**, *Bethel College Mennonite Church*. Sing and learn more about a selection of hymns from *Voices Together*.

**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!

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Memorial Day Work and Play May 23-26, 2025:** The week-end focuses on getting ready for the coming summer camp season by helping with foodservice, cleaning and fixing things, while also offering a free day on Sunday to enjoy the holiday weekend. The retreat will begin at 7:00pm on Friday and conclude after breakfast on Monday. Visit [rmmc.org](http://rmmc.org) to learn more and to register!

**-Summer Resident Camps** : Resident Camps offer a slice of summer where campers experience the outdoors in a fun and safe community. Campers experience a new adventure while growing in their faith and exploring the Rocky Mountains. Our theme for Summer 2025 is 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 (Ex. 17:6, Mat. 16:18), rocks that cry out (Luke 19:40), even rocks we think are too great to move (Mark 16:3-4). Register by May 31 to take advantage of the better rate!

**Western District: Conversation on Immigration Concerns:** Is your congregation seeking to learn more about current immigration issues, discern forms of action and advocacy, or offer solidarity and support for members of the immigrant community? **WDC will host a zoom gathering for pastors and interested church members on Tuesday, April 29, at 6:30-8:30 pm** to provide updates, information and resources, and an opportunity to connect with each other around these shared concerns. Guest presenter Esmeralda Tovar-Mora, Executive Director of Hutch in Harmony and founding member of the Kansas Immigration Coalition, will join us to focus particularly on resources in the Kansas region. To receive the zoom link, please contact WDC at [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) or 316-283-6300 by noon on April 28. For additional resources, also see the WDC website: <https://mennowdc.org/immigration-justice-resources/>; resources from Mennonite Church USA: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/immigration-resources-advocacy/>; and resources from Mennonite Central Committee: <https://mcc.org/what-we-do/initiatives/disaster-response/support-immigrant-neighbors>

**MCC: 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 [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:** The refrain, “We have been here before,” echoed throughout the Hope for the Future Conference at Goshen College, held Feb. 28–Mar. 2, 2025. This annual gathering for Black, Indigenous and other People of Color (BIPOC) leaders within MC USA celebrated resilience, honored the past and envisioned a future grounded in justice and hope. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/hftf25-30-years-anti-racism](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/hftf25-30-years-anti-racism)

-MC USA honored seven community elders during a gala at its 12th Hope for the Future Conference, in Goshen, Indiana. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/elders-honored/](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/elders-honored/)

-Watch the webinar recording about how to best equip your MC USA youth for the Follow Jesus '25 convention in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8-12, 2025! View it here: [mennoniteusa.org/webinar/fj25-guiding-youth](https://mennoniteusa.org/webinar/fj25-guiding-youth)

-View the full playlist of MC USA Safe Church ministry's abuse prevention webinars on MC USA's YouTube channel here: [mennoniteusa.org/webinars-safechurch](https://mennoniteusa.org/webinars-safechurch)

**Menno Snapshots:** Michael Danner, associate executive director for Church Vitality in MC USA, discusses the theological rationale for why Mennonite Church USA joined the “sensitive locations” lawsuit as part of a broad faith coalition. Read his reflections here: [mennoniteusa.org/free-exercise-of-faith](https://mennoniteusa.org/free-exercise-of-faith)

-Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, an ordained minister and former pastor in Central Plains Mennonite Conference, kicks off the “Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy” series by sharing a prayer for women. Read the prayer here: [mennoniteusa.org/prayer-for-women](https://mennoniteusa.org/prayer-for-women)

**AMBS : Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program.** Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Journey helps participants nurture their leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with the guidance of a dedicated pastoral mentor and experienced facilitators. The Fall 2025 cohort begins Sept. 5; those who apply by July 9 can save \$100! [ambs.edu/journey](https://ambs.edu/journey)

**-Do you want to grow in intercultural competence?** Through customized workshops and strategic planning sessions, Nekeisha Alayna Alexis, MA, Intercultural Competence and Undoing Racism Consultant, can provide the resources, tools and support you need to increase your ability to interact across cultural differences; take tangible steps toward your antiracism goals; and transform the culture and practices of your congregation, educational institution or workplace. Contact Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary to request a consultation today! [ambs.edu/invite](https://ambs.edu/invite)

#### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

Offering = \$ 4,444.62 Attendance = 183

Worship Link Views = 103

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1. something to read during the sermon;
2. a fan used in churches without air conditioning;
3. your receipt for attending church.



Alleluia!



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