

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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Anabaptist World  
Fellowship Sunday 2026

## ANABAPTIST WORLD FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY<sup>1</sup>

Welcome on this Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday! The elements of this service have been prepared by Mennonite World Conference (MWC) regional representatives from Europe on the theme of solidarity: “Our MWC tagline lists ‘living out unity’ as a core part of our identity. We exercise solidarity with our fellow Anabaptists across denominational lines locally, around the world, with the body of Christ more broadly, and with partners in building peace and pursuing justice. Solidarity is another word for the connection we exercise within the body of Christ. Unity expressed through actions reverberates beyond our efforts: we raise our voices and our finances in support; we stand together and lift each other up.”

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Russell Adrian

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Goerzen

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*GATHERING HYMN “Mountain of God” No. 11

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN’S STORY Sheri Schmidt

SCRIPTURE READING  
*Micah 6:6-8* Donavon Schmidt  
*Psalms 40:5-11*  
*1 Corinthians 13:13*

SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Enviados somos de Dios/We Have Been Sent by God” No. 771

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

<sup>1</sup> Much of this worship service is taken or adapted from the Mennonite World Conference resources for this Sunday.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION WITH OUR FAMILY IN CHRIST

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

\*SENDING HYMN “Sizobamba naye/We Will Walk with God” No. 815

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, January 18

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/3rdYhln7ryM?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation

## This Week

Mon, Jan 19,	8:30 am - Faithful Fitness 9:30 am - Comforter Tying/Quilting 7:00 pm - Men’s Bible Study
Tues, Jan 20,	9:00 am - Staff Meeting 9:00 am - Quilting
Wed, Jan 21,	5:45 pm - Fellowship Meal - Soups 6:15-7:15 pm - Classes & Music for preschool - 5th grade 6:30-7:30 pm - Classes & Music for Jr High - High School 6:30 pm - Adult Class with Pastor Todd 7:30-8:30 pm - Church Choir
Thurs, Jan 22,	9:30 am - Coffee Time at Tabor
Fri, Jan 23,	9:00 am - Quilting

## Next Sunday, January 25

Next Sunday is Camp Sunday. The scripture for reflection will be Deuteronomy 8:2-18. Eric Litwiller will be preaching and there will be sharing from Jr. High Snow Camp.

Noon: Souper Bowl Fundraiser for Jr. High

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as it begins its work for this year, and for the Holy Spirit to guide the committee with wisdom in discerning potential nominees to serve in elected leadership roles in our conference.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Service Adventure unit leaders are meeting this week for their midyear retreat in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Pray that these leaders experience refreshment, rejuvenation and good discussions as they meet together.

## Congregational Announcements

**Tabor Mennonite Women:** All are invited to come to a Comforter Tying Day on Saturday, February 7, 9:30am - 4pm in the Tabor Church Hospitality Hall. Come for the morning, afternoon, or all day! If you come for the day, bring a sack lunch. Let's see how many comforters we can make to help MCC meet their goal of 10,000 comforters for relief by the end of March! If you would like to donate a top for us to tie that day, please let Sharon Adrian, Dora Goerzen, or Kim Funk know by February 2.

**Special Music:** My how time flies! It is time again to search for volunteers for Special Music (March - June) for Tabor Church worship services. Please consider sharing your musical gifts with the congregation - vocal or instrumental, individuals or groups. Let Carrie Unruh know by February 1 if you can help. Thank you for considering this ministry.

The Church Council is discerning **The Leadership for the new Commission on Safe Church**. Please read the description of the Commission and the positions in the new Constitution & Bylaws and see Gayle Funk with questions and conversation.

## Community and Conference Announcements

**Kate Mast will be our Senior Coffee guest at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16.** Formerly the Work Room coordinator at MCC Central States, Kate has married, moved to Wichita and started a new business called "Soft Spaces". She is a "clean-out coach" and will talk about ways that different generations think about "stuff" and what to do with it. Please join us!

**Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus:** Looking for Singers for the upcoming 2026 Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. We have six rehearsals in Hesston Mennonite Church starting on January 25th at 2:30 PM. The rehearsals last for 2 hrs. KMMC has been singing since 1969 in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska and even Europe!!! If interested in singing or more information please reach out to Membership Chair Aaron Stucky via email [stuckya2003@yahoo.com](mailto:stuckya2003@yahoo.com). You can also find us on Facebook at Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus.

**The Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum Annual Meeting on Sunday January 25, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.** In addition to the business portion, Kris Schmucker will give a presentation on the Voth-Unruh-Fast house, a "typical" Mennonite home of the 1870s in the Goessel area, now located on the grounds of Kauffman Museum. Come early to purchase or renew your annual membership to the museum. Traditional *Faspa* to follow. All are welcome.

**The Central Kansas Master Chorale** presents *Melodies from Heaven*, a choral concert lifting up music, memory and the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's call to beloved community. This collaborative concert will feature **Bethel College alumna Roz McCommon and her band, the Bethel College Concert Choir and the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers**. Please join us for this special event at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18, at Hesston Mennonite Church**, 309 S Main St, Hesston, KS. Free admission, donations accepted.

**Peace Connections** is hosting a **Bridges Out of Poverty Training** on **January 23rd from 9:00a-4:00p**. This training experience is a great way to invest in your community and expand resources, to help individuals understand the impacts of poverty. This FREE and ENGAGING training will explore the root causes of poverty, increase personal understanding and identify ways to reduce barriers for all members of our community. For more information or to sign up for this training experience, please visit [https://www.facebook.com/events/768743612864907?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/768743612864907?active_tab=about)

**BCAPA is presenting a 30th Anniversary Concert at Bethel College's Krehbiel Auditorium on Saturday January 31**, featuring Bethel alum and professional musician Mory Ortman. Collaborating performers include BCAPA students, instructors, and its founder Don Kehrberg. Audience members can see photos from BCAPA throughout the years, bid in a silent auction, and celebrate a longstanding arts education establishment in the Newton community! Additionally, Dr. Ortman will be leading a masterclass/workshop on January 30 on campus (in the Bethel Chapel) for aspiring/professional musicians and curious members of the community. Tickets for the concert will be available through the Bethel bookstore, and the masterclass tickets will be available through BCAPA's website ([bcapaks.org/register](http://bcapaks.org/register)) or by emailing [bcapa@bethelks.edu](mailto:bcapa@bethelks.edu).

**Love singing? Students in 2nd-5th grade** are invited to join Newton Community Children's Choir's new **Prelude Choir!** For ten weeks starting Feb. 9, we will meet on Mondays from 5:45-6:15pm at Bethel College's Fine Arts Center (choir room) to learn, sing, and have fun—no audition required! For further details and to sign up, visit [nccchoir.org](http://nccchoir.org). Register by Jan 26 to guarantee your spot!

**Hesston College: Hesston College hosts Melva Kauffman Lecture Series** - January 25 and 26, welcomes internationally recognized peace studies scholar and Hesston College alumna Dr. Angela Lederach '04 for a three-part series titled "Slow Peace: Lessons from Grassroots Peacebuilders in Colombia." Dr. Lederach will speak on January 25 at 7 p.m. and on January 26 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.. All events are free and open to the public and will be held at Hesston Mennonite Church. For more information visit [hesston.edu/melva](http://hesston.edu/melva).

**Bethel College: Sun., Jan. 18-Mon., Jan. 19** – Bethel College and Hesston College, with Newton Community for Racial Justice and the Newton Public Library, will collaborate to celebrate the annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. **TODAY - 3 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church:** concert; **Mon., Jan. 19, 8 am, Bontrager Student Center at Hesston College:** prayer breakfast with local clergy; **Jan. 19, 10 am-3 pm: escape room** with clues based on Dr. King's life and work, sponsored by NCRJ at the *Newton Public Library*; **Jan. 19, 6pm, Memorial Hall at Bethel College, listening event** for Dr. King's January 1960 speech at Bethel; **Jan. 19, 7 pm: program in Mem Hall** with Roz McCommon, Bethel choirs, HC Bel Canto Singers and Bethel orchestra.

**-Tues., Jan. 20 – "Reclaiming My Roots," works by Marco Hernandez Guillen, opens** in the *Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center* (reception Feb. 12). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

**-Thurs., Jan. 22 – Dr. Holly Swartzendruber, Bethel College associate professor of music, presents "Songs of Protest: A Sampling of Music that Defies and Dissents," 7 pm, Kauffman Museum auditorium.** This program is connected to the museum's current special exhibit, "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War." *Please note that the content includes language intended for mature audiences.*

**-Sun., Jan. 25 – Bethel College Music Department Honors Recital, 4 pm, Administration Building chapel,** featuring first-year, sophomore and junior vocal and instrumental students who performed exceptionally during the fall 2025 semester.

**-Sat., Jan. 31 – Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, "Flavor of Kansas," noon-4 p.m., museum parking lot and grounds.** Featuring food trucks, exhibits and activities, indoors and out, that look at Kansas foods and foodways. Programs include music by Queen Jack Jericho, poetry from Kansas Poet Laureate Traci Brimhall, and a presentation on foraging. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or [kauffmanmuseum.org](http://kauffmanmuseum.org)

**Camp Mennoscah:** Thank you to all who choose to invest in Camp Mennoscah during 2025! With nearly all gifts counted, we are pleased to report that contributions in 2025 exceeded 2024 by over 8.5%! Combined with lower expenses, we ended the year with an operating surplus of over \$63,000 which can be applied to the repairs needed at the retreat center. While this is short of the overall goal, it is a positive step forward made possible by your support, and for that, all of us are endlessly grateful. It is astonishing to think that offering and then matching the \$10,000 challenge grants already undertaken by many of our partner congregations would complete this campaign in its entirety!. To offer your pledge, or for additional information, text "CAMP" to 620.755.2583.

**-Summer staff applications for the 2026 Summer Camps are open.** Summer staff need to be 18 or older, preferably with one year of college, work or volunteering. Contact Olivia at 316-293-7313 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) with questions. <https://www.campmennoscah.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Programs%7CSummer%20Youth%20Camps%3E%3ESummer%20Youth%20Camp%20Staff%20Application>

**Mennonite Mission Network: Just Peace Pilgrimages** - Embark on a life-changing journey to Calais, France and interact with various organizations that are doing justice and relief work among the migrant population there. Thousands of hopeful people travel there and attempt to cross the English Channel for a better future in the United Kingdom. Dates: April 6-18, 2026 - Registration Deadline: February 15, 2026 - Contact Stephanie Weaver at [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net) or visit [MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace](http://MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace) to learn more!

**MCC:** Wintertime brings MCC's Great Winter Warm-up! Last year you helped organize comforter tying events in your community and we encourage you to do it again this year! The goal this year is 10,000 comforters between January and March!

**-MCC's high school essay contest is now open!** Contest topics, rules and resources can be found at [mcc.org/events/high-school-essay-contest](http://mcc.org/events/high-school-essay-contest). The deadline for submitting entries is February 27, 2026. Essays should be submitted to [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org), questions can be directed to [beckyteiwes@mcc.org](mailto:beckyteiwes@mcc.org).

**MC USA:** MC USA invites you to an interactive online (Zoom) meeting on **coping with and processing grief** on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. PT/7 p.m. ET. Sponsored by The Corinthian Plan, MC USA's healthcare plan for pastors and church workers, this webinar will encourage and equip attendees with practices that lead toward resilience and peace. All are welcome to attend. Register here: <https://bit.ly/48d6TGo>

-Join MC USA's Safe Church ministry for an online webinar titled, **"We are a small church: HELP,"** on Monday, Jan. 26, at 4 p.m. PT/7 p.m. ET. The webinar will look at the unique opportunities for and challenges of being a small church – and explore MC USA's Safe Church policies and practices for smallish congregations. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3Mzmqcv>

**Menno Snapshots:** Spiritual director Wendy Janzen offers five simple, embodied spiritual “pocket practices” to use anytime to feel more grounded, connected and spiritually supported. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/pocket-practices/>

**AMBS: Leadership Clinics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:** Monday, Feb. 23. These daylong in-person clinics include Caring for Immigrants and Congregations in Times of Crisis; Faith Formation for Families in Anxious Times; Healthy Boundaries 101; Reflections on Blackness and Teaching Peace; and Your Voice in Worship. Sign up by Jan. 26 to save \$15. View clinic descriptions and register: [ambs.edu/clinics](https://ambs.edu/clinics)

**-Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Hybrid courses** (combining online work and one week on campus) include Biblical Storytelling; Christian Leadership in the 21st Century; and History of Christian Spirituality. **In-person courses** (also open to auditors) include Spiritual Practices: Trees of Life and the Trail of Death Pilgrimage. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first two courses for credit! Sign up by April 1 for the Trail of Death Pilgrimage and by May 4 for all other courses. [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

**-Scholarships available!** Ready to pursue seminary studies? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, offers generous need-based financial aid, church matching grants and scholarships for students learning on campus or at a distance, full time or part time. Complete your Admissions Application now so you can be eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships by March 15 and ministry scholarships by April 1. [ambs.edu/affordability](https://ambs.edu/affordability)

#### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

Jan. 11, 2026

Offering =	\$ 7,636.67	Attendance =	108
Adult FF =	\$ 35.00	Attendance =	31
Jr. FF =	\$ 12.92	Attendance =	42

Worship Link Views = 33

#### Upcoming Dates

Added Quilting dates: Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 am  
 January 25: Souper Bowl—Junior High Fundraiser Meal  
 February 1: Youth Sunday  
                   TMYF Fundraiser Meal  
 February 7: Tabor Mennonite Women Comforter Tying  
 February 13-15: High School Snow Camp



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