

Tabor Mennonite Church

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CAMP SUNDAY

We are grateful for the many ways that church camps nurture our faith and provide opportunities for fun and fellowship. This morning we look forward to hearing from our Junior Highers who attended Snow Camp and we welcome Eric Litwiller, Camp Mennoscah's Director of Development, as he brings this morning's message.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Susan Merrifield
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Mark Schmidt
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *"Through Love to Light"* ~ Hagenberg Church Choir
*CALL TO WORSHIP
*GATHERING HYMN *"Be Still and Know"* No. 37
*GATHERING PRAYER
*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *"When We Walk with the Lord"* No. 570
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
OFFERING OUR GIFTS
CHILDREN'S STORY Eric Litwiller
SCRIPTURE READING *Deuteronomy 8:2-18* Sara Hiebert
SERMON Eric Litwiller
*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"The Lord Your God Is with You"* No. 173
SHARING FROM SNOW CAMP Tabor Junior Highers and Sponsors
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*SENDING HYMN *"My Hope Is Built"* No. 621
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, January 25

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Brandon & Kristi 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/9sg1QMiOotM?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation

Noon: Souper Bowl Fundraiser for Jr. High

This Week

Mon, Jan 26, 8:30 am - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Comforter Tying/Quilting
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm - Worship Planning Meeting
Tues, Jan 27, 9:00 am - Staff Meeting
9:00 am - Quilting
Wed, Jan 28, 5:45 pm - Fellowship Meal - Spaghetti
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
Fri, Jan 30, 9:00 am - Quilting

Next Sunday, February 1

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday. TMYF will be leading the service.

Noon: TMYF Fundraiser Meal

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray that during this new year the Holy Spirit will open hearts and create new opportunities for connection, hospitality, and mission within our church planting communities. – WDC Church Planting Commission

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: The Taiwan Mennonite New Dawn Educare Center brings God's hope to people with intellectual disabilities by providing resources to help with independent living, personal development and health. Pray that the people they serve find belonging, purpose and hope.

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

Blood Drive: Make a difference by donating blood on February 9, between 1:00-6:00 pm at Goessel Church. Sign up at redcrossblood.org to donate a single or double unit. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

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.

WANTED—Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the KS MCC Sale. Items you no longer need help Feed and Clothe Thousands in desperate living conditions. ALL donations are Tax Deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620 367 8257. Help make a difference. Be a part of the growing number of folks donating vehicles to the Mennonite Relief Sale.

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. If interested in singing or more information please reach out to Membership Chair Aaron Stucky via email stuckya2003@yahoo.com.

MDS : The January edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, get the latest information on our Annual Celebration coming in February, read about how the MDS RV Program got started, and learn why MDS is seeking drivers. Plus we have a number of employment opportunities to share.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4qvNRmn>

The Fourth Monday Family History and Genealogy Group will meet next **Monday, January 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Goessel City Building Community Room**. The program entitled "Autobiographies and Memoirs" will be presented by Brian and Nancy Stucky, sharing their approaches to recording their family histories. For more information, call either Fern Bartel at the Goessel Museum (620-367-8200) or Anna Beth Birkby (620-386-0381).

Special Speaker on Murdered and Missing Indigenous People (MMIP): The Kansas Repair Communities, a local advocacy group working with the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, will have its next meeting on Monday, January 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bethel College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. The group will be privileged to hear a presentation from Sharron Fisher about Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) from her perspective and experience as an Indigenous woman. MMIP is the group's selected focus for advocacy. The meeting will also include updates on other work as well as refreshments. All are welcome to attend this meeting and/or join the work of the group. The Kansas Repair Communities has grown over the past year to include individuals from more than 12 congregations as well as others.

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. 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) or by emailing 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. Register by Jan 26 to guarantee your spot!

Dyck Arboretum: On Tuesday, January 27 at 7 p.m., the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains Winter Lecture Series welcomes historian and land steward Steve Schmidt for a presentation on "Santa Fe Trail History 101." Schmidt is not only a thoughtful interpreter of characters and cultures along the trail, he is also an avid steward of the prairie ecosystem that preserves and shows off the remaining trail ruts. Experience Schmidt's passionate trail advocacy and learn how this historic pathway left a lasting mark on our state's history. The lecture will take place in the Prairie Pavilion at the Dyck Arboretum at 177 West Hickory in Hesston. Admission is \$5 and can be paid at the door or ahead of time at dyckarboretum.square.site/upcoming-events.

Bethel College: 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. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or kauffmanmuseum.org

-Sun., Feb. 1 – The Bethel College Chamber singers present a program entitled "Resound!", 4 p.m., Shalom Mennonite Church (800 E. First St., Newton)

-Life Enrichment, the series at Bethel College for adults age 60 and older, resumes for the spring semester on Wednesday, Feb. 4, with Larry Hatteberg of KAKE TV, Wichita, and Joe Fred Perez of Brownsville, Texas. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/life-enrichment/> for details and a link to the complete spring schedule.

Camp Mennoscah: Summer staff applications <https://www.campmennoscah.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Programs%7CSummer%20Youth%20Camps%3E%3ESummer%20Youth%20Camp%20Staff%20Application>

-Camp Mennoscah would love the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the needs that remain toward completion of the retreat center! Much as households, Sunday school classes, or entire churches "bid" on the opportunity to "buy" ice, ham, soft drinks, etc. for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, Camp Mennoscah also has specific needs to be met. Are you interested in helping us cross "Attic insulation" off the list? What about exterior concrete pads? Carpet? IT materials and installation? Lighting upgrades? To express your - or your church's - interest in crossing these last few items off the list by March 31, text our Development office at 620.755.2583 to see what opportunities are still available.

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.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Scrapbook Retreat, Jan. 31-Feb. 2 - Retreat info and registration at rmmc.org!

-Senior High Snow Camp, February 14-16 - 2026 Theme: The Richness Within Biblical Texts. Input provided by Trent Voth, Assistant professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College, KS. Only 20 spaces left!

-Save the dates! Men's Retreat is coming February 27- March 1 with Paul Unruh leading conversations on "The Power of Service and Story". Women's Retreat March 6-8, 2026 will be led by Anita Amstutz exploring "Breathing through Transition". Please visit rmmc.org for more details and for registration.

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!

-CALLING FOR 2026-2027 MCC SALT PARTICIPANTS! MCC's Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program is a year-long cross-cultural experience for young adults ages 18-30. It's a chance to immerse yourself in another culture and grow in ways you never imagined. Whether your interest is in a specific region of the world, specific country, type of work or a language, there are numerous possibilities waiting to be explored. There is no cost to participate and there is student loan assistance available. You'll grow. You'll experience the world, find purpose, and you will Serve and Learn Together. Dates: August 12th, 2026 – July 17th, 2027. Visit mcc.org/salt for more information, applications due Feb. 15.

-Celebrating 50 years of More-with-Less! Herald Press and Mennonite Central Committee invite you to share stories of food, joy, and resilience to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the *More-with-Less* cookbook. This beloved cookbook's call to thrift, Christian compassion and abundant living is just as urgent and relevant today as it was in 1976. [Go to this form](#) to learn more and to submit stories, blessings or ideas for simple approaches to sharing food and fellowship. Please share your story by Feb. 15 for a chance to be featured in the 50th anniversary edition or additional digital resources—and receive a chocolate oatmeal cake recipe as thanks!

-MCC is recruiting Canner Operators to join its mobile meat canning team, which prepares about **600,000 cans of meat** annually for global communities in need. These operators travel to **30 U.S. locations** from October to April, managing machinery, operating steam and pressure vessels, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring compliance with USDA regulations. Make new friends while participating in **a unique service adventure!** Applications

will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 25th OR until position is filled. Apply online at mcc.org/careers. For more information, call 1-888-563-4676 or email marilypeters@mcc.org.

Mennonite Mission Network: Become a Service Adventure leader! Are you sensing God's call to mentor and guide young adults as they grow in faith, service and community? Want to live in beautiful places like Anchorage, Alaska or Colorado Springs, Colorado? Answer the call and become a Service Adventure unit leader! Unit leaders mentor the young adults in the unit and provide some oversight and guidance for the household. Ages 24+ should contact MichaelQ@MennoniteMission.net!

MC USA: MC USA is launching a new collaborative workshop series to help churches and leaders practice **healthier ways of navigating conflict**. The first training kicks off in Beaverton, Oregon on March 12-14! Register here: https://mcusa.formstack.com/forms/conflict_transformation_2026

Menno Snapshots: MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton outlines a strategic-planning post-mortem of MC USA's Reimagination Process, identifying **10 key pitfalls the church must avoid** to ensure meaningful, Spirit-led denominational renewal. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/post-mortem> Visit the Reimagining MC USA web portal here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/reimagining-mennonite-church-usa/>

AMBS: Online Practical Leadership Training modules: March–April offerings include Effective Church Boards; Anabaptism and Professional Organizations; Being the Church amid Polarization and Conflict; and From Fixing to Listening: Coaching for Leaders. CEUs available. Check out our full list of modules! ambs.edu/plt

-Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 15 – May 26. Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 25 to save \$50. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

-The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation: May 11–21. Participants in this pilgrimage will trace the route of the U.S. military's 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. This intensive graduate-level course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary can be taken for credit, audit or no credit (trip only). Limit: 15 participants. Sign up by April 1. ambs.edu/trail-of-death

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

Jan. 18, 2026

Offering =	\$ 1,769.00	Attendance =	87
Adult FF =	\$ 34.00	Attendance =	39
Jr. FF =	\$ 12.13	Attendance =	29

Worship Link Views = 41

Upcoming Dates

Added Quilting dates: Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 am

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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