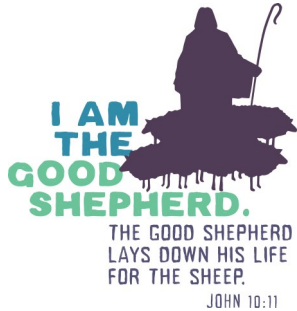


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JESUS' MINISTRY IN JOHN: **THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

This morning's "I am" statement by Jesus is "I am the good shepherd" from John 10. As we look at this well-known and beloved image of Jesus we are invited to dig into what it means for us as people of faith and as followers of the good shepherd.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Mark Schmidt
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joshua Schmidt
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
CHORAL INTROIT "*The Lord Is My Shepherd*" -Howard Goodall Church Choir
accompanied by Phillip Balzer
*CALL TO WORSHIP from *Psalms 23*
*GATHERING HYMN "*The Lord's My Shepherd*" No. 660
accompanied by Diane Unruh
*GATHERING PRAYER
*HYMN OF PRAISE "*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*" CS No. 108
PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
OFFERING OUR GIFTS
CHILDREN'S STORY Pam Abrahams
WORSHIP MUSIC "*Shepherd Me, O God*" -Marty Haugen Church Choir
SCRIPTURE READING *John 10:1-18* Nathan Ashley
SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
*HYMN OF RESPONSE "*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*" No. 640
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
*SENDING SONG "*Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us*" No. 718
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, February 15

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Sara Abrahams & Jared Schrag 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/B0afMroFnyo?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation

This Week

Mon, Feb 16, **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Comforter Tying/Quilting
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
Tues, Feb 17, **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting
Wed, Feb 18, **5:30 pm or 7:15 pm** - Ash Wednesday Service
5:45 pm - Fellowship Meal - Taco Soup
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, Feb 19, **9:00 am** - Deacons' Meeting

Next Sunday, February 22

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent with the theme *Dwelling in Dissonance*. The focus this week is Love & Grief, Glory & Belief. The scripture for reflection is John 11:1-44. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for wisdom and encouragement for ministers in WDC, as they share the good news of Jesus in local congregations and communities through preaching, teaching, compassion and courageous witness.

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Last fall, Christy Harrison, Peter Sensenig and their three children temporarily moved to Montbéliard, France, from Chad, after their Chadian visas were not renewed, due to the political relationship between the U.S. and Chad. Pray for this family as they acclimate to their new home and ministry and as they navigate how to proceed if they are unable to return to Chad in the future.

Congregational Announcements

Care packages for Young Adults: Tabor is once again collecting items for care packages to send to our young adults (up to five years following high school graduation). Slips for each young adult are on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please take one or two slips and provide items for those individuals. Please return items to the table in the Hospitality Hall by Sunday, March 1. We are excited to bless our young adults in this way and to let them know we are thinking of them.

Community and Conference Announcements

Alexanderwohl Senior Coffee: Hannah Reynolds, owner of Limestone Floral in Newton will be our presenter for Sr. Coffee on **Friday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m.** She'll bring flowers and offer a demonstration on flower arranging and design; her presentation will also include some photos on the big screens. Join us for an engaging session about flower arranging and local business ownership!

A Lenten Retreat: "Yearning for Wholeness; Abiding in Hope" - Sat, Feb 21; 8:30 am-Noon at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 South Main Street, Hesston, KS. We live in a time of anxiousness, injustice and chaos. Do you yearn for safe space to be in touch with your inner longings, and to connect with the healing and hope of Christ that sustains us? Join us for a half day retreat which will provide intentional space to experience the presence of God through Scripture, prayer, song and community in this Lenten season. Our schedule will include times of individual reflection and group interaction facilitated by Wendy Miller. Contact the church office at 620.327.4885 or hesstonmc@hesstonmc.org to sign up by Thurs Feb 19. \$10 donation suggested. We hope you will join us!

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary invites you to an informal reception with Professor Jamie Pitts on **Sunday, February 22, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. at the Bethel College Mennonite Church.** Professor Pitts and Development Associate Randy Detweiler will deliver updates from the Seminary and share about some exciting changes coming to the Institute of Mennonite Studies.

Verenike Supper: First Mennonite Church, Halstead, on February 28.

Proceeds go to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale and Youth Group.

See poster on community bulletin board.

Camp Mennoscah: Online Registration for the Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat on March 13-15 is open. Register online at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/>

Activities and lodging will be at Main Camp. (The Retreat Center is moving along quickly, but is not quite finished.)

-Online Registration for the 2026 Summer Youth Camps is open. The theme for the summer is "In the Wilderness." Through the new, strange and unknown of "wilderness," we will discover the sacred within each person and all creation and meet God there. Summer Youth Camps are for youth in grades 3-12 (Fall 2026). Register at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/>

-Were you baptized at Camp Mennoscah?? If so, did you know that Camp Mennoscah's website is set-up to accept recurring, monthly \$20 donations? With the retreat center just weeks away from completion, your gift of \$20/month for a single year would rebuild our savings account, allowing camp to handle the next unexpected expense. If you would like to be a part of ensuring the financial future of the place that meant so much in your faith journey, please visit www.CampMennoscah.org or text "20" to our office at 620.755.2583

-Scholarships are available:

1. Due to a generous donor, first-time campers and returning campers bringing a first-time camper will automatically receive a \$100 scholarship until funds are depleted. Please factor this into your payment before paying full camp fees. If Camp Mennoscah has a record of a camper attending previously, staff will contact parents/guardians. Only one scholarship per camper.
2. Two full scholarships are available for campers needing assistance through a Scholarship Endowment. Campers who are racially and ethnically diverse and/or from non-Mennonite communities will be given priority; all are welcome to apply. Use the Scholarship Request Form at <https://campmennoscah.socs.net/vnews/display.v/ART/5e41970817def> and include supporting information in the "Amount you are asking in Scholarship" field. Contact office@campmennoscah.org with questions. Deadline is May 1, 2026.
3. Camp Mennoscah has limited scholarship funds available. Complete the Scholarship Request Form at <https://campmennoscah.socs.net/vnews/display.v/ART/5e41970817def> Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org with questions.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Men's Retreat at RMMC - February 27-March 1, 2026 - 2026 Theme: The Power of Service & Story: Past, Present and Future. Visit the Men's Retreat page and register at www.rmmc.org.

-Women's Retreat at RMMC - March 6-8, 2026 -Theme: Breathing Through Transition - Visit the women's retreat page and register at www.rmmc.org.

Bethel College: Tues., Feb. 17 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert, Kris Hilding, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

-Life Enrichment, the series at Bethel College for adults age 60 and older, meets most Wednesday mornings during the school year in Krehbiel Auditorium. **See program listing on the community bulletin board.** See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/life-enrichment/> for details and a link to the complete spring schedule.

-Fri., Feb. 20 – “Daily Commitments,” an exhibit by Rachel Epp Buller, opens in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center (reception March 12). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

-Sun.-Mon., Feb. 22-23 – Bethel College will host Jamie Pitts, professor of Anabaptist studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, for the Staley Lectures: “Becoming a ‘Front Light’ for Justice? Mennonite Positions on Social Transformation,” **Sun., Feb. 22, 7 p.m., Ad Building chapel; “Would Jesus Kill Hitler?,” Mon., Feb. 23, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.** The lectures are inspired by the Gospel of Matthew and Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s *The Cost of Discipleship* (the two senior capstone common texts for 2025-26), and are free and open to the public.

-Wed.-Fri., Feb. 25-27 – Bethel College and KIPCOR present the biennial Justice Symposium, with immigration advocate Karen González, author of *Beyond Welcome* and *The God Who Sees*. González will deliver the **Peace Lecture Weds., Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.** in Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village. For a complete schedule, see <https://kipcor.org/event/2026-justice-symposium/>

-Thurs., Feb. 26 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, Chris Miertschin, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

-Fri., March 6 & Sat., March 7, 7 p.m., Sun., March 8, 2 p.m. – Bethel College music and theater departments present: *Alice by Heart*, a retelling of *Alice in Wonderland* set during the London blitz of World War II. Ticket purchase required, at <https://www.bethelks.edu/fine-arts/theater/theater-department-presents/#tickets>, at Thresher Shop, or at the door. Contains adult content and is not intended for young audiences.

Hesston College: Now accepting submissions for Hesston College’s playwriting festival-

The Hesston College Theatre department is once again inviting south central Kansas playwrights to turn their stories into live performance through the return of the Pen to Paper to Performance playwriting festival. Open to first-time and experienced writers, the festival celebrates original voices and the creative process from script to stage. The theatre department will accept submissions for the 10-minute play festival through March 8 and notify eight selected playwrights March 15, with their works produced as part of the final showcase event on May 1 and 2. Playwrights whose scripts are selected will receive a percentage of box office earnings. Visit hesston.edu/news for details.

-Coming soon to Black Box Theater at Hesston College, “Xanadu” March 5-7 at 7 p.m. & March 8 at 2 p.m.

MCC: Lunch & Learn at MCC! Tuesday, February 17, 12-1 p.m. join the Global Voices Speaking Tour to hear firsthand stories of the intersection of climate and peace. Speakers Dr. Arefur Rahaman with MCC Bangladesh and David Waiswa with MCC East Africa and Sahel Region will share how they are working toward peace and climate resiliency, especially around food security. **RSVP by Feb. 10** at mcc.org/global-lunch or contact patsydirksen@mcc.org, 316.283.2720. Suggested \$10 donation per lunch.

-MCC Central States annual meeting – You are invited to the MCC Central States annual meeting on Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117.

Mennonite Mission Network: Become a Service Adventure leader!

Are you sensing God's call to mentor 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 Michael Oyer at MichaelO@MennoniteMission.net!**

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA’s 2026 Lent at Home Worship Guide invites households to journey through Lent with simple rituals, Scripture from John’s Gospel and opportunities for reflection. This guide, titled “Dwelling in Dissonance,” helps all ages hold grief and hope together, as we walk with Jesus toward resurrection. Available in English and Spanish. Download it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/lent-at-home-2026>

Menno Snapshot: In her Menno Snapshots blog, Shé Langley, MC USA’s director of event planning and digital marketing, shares five practical AI and automation tools churches can use to reduce burnout, improve communication and support ministry, while grounding technology use in ethical, pastoral and climate justice values. Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ai-for-churches/>

AMBS: 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. ambbs.edu/upcoming-courses

-AMBS Transition to Leadership program. This two-year program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary guides and nurtures new pastors during the crucial first years of ministry. The program begins with an in-person gathering at AMBS in Elkhart, Indiana; subsequent monthly meetings will be held on Zoom. Apply by April 14 to start May

14. ambs.edu/transition-to-leadership

-AMBS Trees of Life Retreat: May 29–30 (Friday at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary; Saturday at Camp Friedenswald). This retreat led by Janeen Bertsche Johnson, MDiv, DMin candidate, will weave together study of biblical texts about trees; understanding of trees as organisms and within ecosystems; ecological issues; and spiritual practices. It can be taken for credit or as a noncredit retreat. Limit: 15 participants. Register by May 22. ambs.edu/trees



KS MCC SALE DATES: APRIL 10 & 11

Website: kansas.mccsale.org

CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING was \$27.80. Help rattle the cans. ALL Coin Offering \$\$ go for EDUCATION.

We need your donations to help pay for Pre-Sale Expenses. Our Budget is \$89,150. Many KS Churches have been raising money since Christmas and \$27,800 has already come in. Do what you can to help so ALL proceeds of the sale go to MCC.

This is Brent and Pam's LAST YEAR helping with the New Years Cookies committee. Please consider your family helping with this VERY important part of the KS MCC Sale.

Tabor Women have been VERY productive -- VIEW the Quilts and Comforters TODAY. We take them in tomorrow for photographing and listing on website and booklet.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE Feb. 8, 2026			
Offering =	\$ 3,760.00	Attendance =	110
Adult FF =	\$ 16.00	Attendance =	44
Jr. FF =	\$ 14.00	Attendance =	32
Worship Link Views = 35			

Unified Budget Giving Update - Fiscal Year 2026	
Total Budget	359,207.00
Actual Giving Through 2/1	45,377.76
Total Left to Meet Budget	313,829.24
Current Above/(Shortfall)	(9,781.67)
Sundays Remaining	44
Amount Needed per Sunday	7,132.48

Upcoming Dates

March 1: JH SOUPeR Bowl Fundraiser –noon

March 2-4: Comforter Blitz in Yoder



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