

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## LENT 1:

### **LOVE AND GRIEF, GLORY AND BELIEF**

John 11 speaks of glory and belief, but it also strikingly illustrates Jesus' deep grief for his friend. Despite this grief, notice Jesus' approach in this passage; he neither rushes to prevent his friend's death nor to fix it. What might Jesus be trying to teach us and how might we carry this lesson with us during this Lenten season? <sup>1</sup>

## WORSHIP

PRELUDE Worship Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Russell Adrian

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*GATHERING HYMN No. 49  
*"All Who Are Thirsty"*

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

WORSHIP MUSIC Worship Team  
*"He's Everything to Me"*

CHILDREN'S STORY Janna Duerksen

SCRIPTURE READING Larry Goerzen  
*John 11:1-46*

SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen

EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 655  
*"When Grief is Raw"*  
The congregation is invited to sing the "congregational response".

LENTEN DRAMA *Voices of Grief*  
Janna Duerksen, Kara Swartzendruber, Phil Unruh, Tammy Wintemote,  
Pastors Katherine Goerzen and Todd Schlosser

CONFESSION POEM

HYMN No. 551  
*"Beautiful Things"*

<sup>1</sup> The focus statement and other elements of this service are taken from the Worship Resources for Lent-Easter 2026, "Dwelling in Dissonance" from MennoMedia's Leader magazine.

HIGH SCHOOL SNOW CAMP SHARING

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

\*SENDING HYMN No. 828  
*"There's a Wild Hope in the Wind"* -vs. 1 & 3

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, February 22

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Nathan & Krista Graber 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/pp2Y126giu0?feature=share>

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation

## This Week

**Mon, Feb 23,** **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness  
**9:30 am** - Comforter Tying/Quilting  
**3:00 pm** - Hilda Regier's Memorial Service  
at Kidron Bethel, North Newton  
**7:00 pm** - Men's Bible Study

**Tues, Feb 24,** **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting

**Wed, Feb 25,** **5:45 pm** - Fellowship Meal  
**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 26,** **9:30 am** - Coffee Time at Tabor

## Next Sunday, March 1

Next Sunday is the second Sunday of Lent with the theme *Dwelling in Dissonance*. The focus this week is Obvious and Hidden. The scripture for reflection is John 13:1-17. Pastor Todd will be preaching. The Junior Highers will be sharing about Snow Camp during the service.

**11:45:** JH SOUPer Bowl Fundraiser

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for strong, trusting relationships between leaders, congregations, and the communities they serve.  
~WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Anicka Fast trains and mentors historians and archivists in Africa, Asia and Latin America, to help promote a recognition of global Anabaptist history. She and her family currently reside in the Netherlands but are planning to move back to Canada this summer. Pray for heartwarming farewells as they prepare for their move and a smooth transition into their new home, especially for the children and their schooling.

## 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.

**Rejoice!** The next issue of the *Rejoice!* devotional is available. The Commission on Education makes these available to anyone.

**TMW:** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for attending the MCC Comfort Blitz at Journey Facilities at Yoder for March 2, 3 and 4. If you would like to carpool, please sign up. Each carload formed will decide when they wish to leave and come home.

## Community and Conference Announcements

**MDS On the Level announcement:** The February edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King reflects on the early days of MDS, find out where to listen to MDS podcasts and Johann Zimmerman shares reflections and observations while surveying for a bridge project. We also share information on how you can join the Annual Celebration online February 27 and 28.

**Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/40eP7yL>

**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.

**The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group** will meet next **Monday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Goessel City Building Community Room. The program will be presented by Elaine McAllister. She will share the story of her grandmother, Bertha Ratcliff who, as a young pioneer school teacher, traveled by train in 1913 to Idaho, Oregon, and southern California. Using her grandmother's diary as a source, Elaine has produced a book entitled *All Aboard, The Adventures of Miss Ratcliff*. Elaine McAllister is an award-winning author, writer, and speaker who now calls Hillsboro home. She is currently ghostwriting Trooper Ben Gardner's memoir. For more information, call either Fern Bartel at the Goessel Museum, (620-367-8200) or Anna Beth Birky (620-386-0381).

**Verenike Supper: First Mennonite Church, Halstead, on February 28.** Proceeds go to Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale & Youth Group. See poster on community bulletin board.

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association's **annual meeting will be held on March 8 at 2:30 p.m. at Hopefield Mennonite Church, 1823 Aztec Lane, Moundridge.** Glen Ediger, a Bethel College graduate, will be our guest speaker speaking about *"Mennonites, Farming, Wheat and Threshing Stones"* The entertainment will be provided by Sam Shiits. There is no need to RSVP. Of course, poppyseed rolls will be served after the meeting. We hope to see you there!

**MDS:** Thank you, friends and volunteers, for your support of the Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS). You are invited to the **Kansas MDS Board Annual Meeting on zoom: Monday, March 9, 2026 from 7:00–8:30 p.m.** Please contact Wayne Stucky, Unit Secretary, to register and get the zoom link. [wstucky@cox.net](mailto:wstucky@cox.net) or 785.554.8756 Learn more about the Mennonite Disaster Service (local and National). The agenda will include a short message from the Executive Director, Kevin King, financial reports, past year project activities including the MDS Cabinet Shop, and church congregation relationship efforts. Don't delay—register now.

**Camp MennoScah:** The unseasonable weather has been a blessing at Camp MennoScah, as those who participated in a work day on Monday the 16th were able to build forms and lay out rebar in preparation for two exterior concrete pads that were poured the following day. The pads meet code on the 600 amp electrical service installed at the retreat center, and also provide a home for the exterior HVAC units that control the basement and main floor common areas. This, along with window trim, baseboards, bathroom shelving, carpet repairs, and more was also done on the 16th, and we thank

those who joined us for that work, and those who support these efforts financially through their \$20 monthly recurring gift using the "Donate here" button at [www.CampMennoscah.org](http://www.CampMennoscah.org).

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

**-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/>

**-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](mailto: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](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) with questions.

**Bethel College: 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*. The lectures are inspired by the Gospel of Matthew and Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship* 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.

**-Life Enrichment-Feb. 25:** 9:30 a.m., "Prisoner of War Stories: WW2 POW Camp in Peabody," Marcia Sebree, Peabody Historical Society; 10:50 a.m., "Importance of a Free Press in a Democratic Society," Doug Anstaett, former editor and publisher of *The Newton Kansan*.

**Hesston College: Coming soon to Black Box Theater, "Xanadu" –** March 5 to 7 at 7 p.m. and March 8 at 2 p.m. We all remember the wild 1980 movie "Xanadu" with Olivia Newton John and Gene Kelly! No? Well, that's ok. It did have great music, but that story...wow. A Greek muse from Mount Olympus comes to earth to help a struggling artist open the world's first roller disco and, of course, fall in forbidden love. Fast forward to 2007 when the stage musical, with an award winning script, opens on Broadway to fantastic reviews. What changed? Not much. The awesome music from the movie is still featured and the weird story is the same, but the musical has some hilarious additional characters and the source material is lovingly parodied. And don't worry, there will still be roller skating. We can't wait to bring this huge show to our small stage and have you singing "Xanadu" on your way out! [hesston.edu/theatre](http://hesston.edu/theatre).

**-March 25-26-Melva Kauffman Lecture Series—**"Slow Pece: Lessons from Grassroots Peacebuilders in Colombia" with Dr. Angela Lederach. See the poster on the community board or go to [hesston.edu/melva](http://hesston.edu/melva).

**MCC: 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. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117.

**Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Voluntary Service—**Live out your faith through service! Applications are open for the 2026-27 term. This one-year volunteer experience is **open to individuals age 20+**, with the option to extend placements for an additional one to two years. Serve with nonprofits addressing critical community needs, such as health, education, immigration and more. You won't do it alone, though! By living with peers in a unit house and growing with a local faith community, MVSers join in the global movement to work for peace and a more just world. Ready to jump in? Go to [MennoniteMission.net/MVS](http://MennoniteMission.net/MVS) to learn more and apply.

**Placements are available in the following locations:** Alamosa, Colorado; Chicago, Illinois; San Francisco, California; and Tucson, Arizona.

**-Service Adventure—**Can a gap year change your life? Only if you're up for adventure! Applications are now open for the 2026-27 term. Service Adventure is a 10-month volunteer experience **for young adults ages 17-20**. Live in community with peers and unit leaders, serve with local nonprofit agencies, and grow in your faith with a supporting church congregation! Learn more and apply at [MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure](http://MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure).

**Mennonite Church USA:** MC USA's Women in Leadership ministry welcomes three new steering committee members who will guide efforts to empower women, dismantle patriarchy and strengthen justice-centered leadership across the denomination. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/wil-steering-committee/>

**AMBS: Online Practical Leadership Training modules.** Grow your leadership skills with affordable short-term online 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](http://ambs.edu/plt)

**-Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication:** April 15 – May 26. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 25 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](http://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

**-The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation:** May 11–21. 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](http://ambs.edu/trail-of-death)



**KS MCC SALE DATES: APRIL 10 & 11**

Website: [kansas.mccsale.org](http://kansas.mccsale.org)

CHILDREN'S Coin Offering was \$63.24.  
GOOD job, keep coins and paper coming.

Help with Pre-Sale Expenses. Make check to KMRS and put in our boxes.

VERENIKE MAKING DAY is Sat., Mar 21. THIS REALLY IS FUN!!! Please give it a try. Grandparents and parents bring your kids. We have jobs for everyone and everyone can feel like they are helping. The joy that comes from working with others from neighboring communities where everyone is doing something to help make 17,000 to 20,000 verenike in a short time is VERY therapeutic. Go to KMRS Website and use SIGN-UP GENIUS.

We still need some folks that would like to be guests and eat out on Sun., Mar. 8th or the 15th. INFO IS ON MCC TABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. Signup deadline is February 25.

Looking for ANYTHING of value you can donate to the sale. We can sell any Good Quality items. If you have questions, ask one of Tabor's Contact Persons: Kris Schmidt; Jim and Diana Schmidt; Jerry and Leann Toews.

The website for the sale is: [kansas.mccsale.org](http://kansas.mccsale.org)

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE  
Feb. 15, 2026**

Offering = \$ 7,418.55	Attendance = 123
Adult FF = \$ 52.00	Attendance = 43
Jr. FF = \$ 11.50	Attendance = 37

Worship Link Views = 22

**Upcoming Dates**

March 2-4: Comforter Blitz in Yoder  
March 9: TMW-Exchange students' program



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