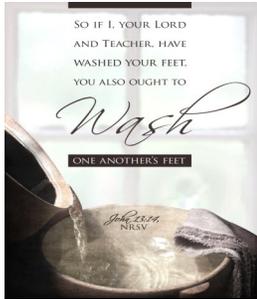


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LENT 2: OBVIOUS AND HIDDEN

In addition to footwashing, which typically reminds us of humility and servant leadership, this text highlights a dissonance between knowing and not knowing, the hidden and the obvious. Jesus knows who he is and what he has done and we are trying to understand what it all means. In our search for harmony, we are invited to embrace what Jesus offers in John 13:1-17 as radically loving, and receive it as an obvious example to follow.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Diane Unruh
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Unruh
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP¹
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *GATHERING HYMN *"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"* No. 131
- *PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Eunice Nickel
- WORSHIP MUSIC *"Through Love to Light"* ~Hagenburg Church Choir
- SCRIPTURE READING *John 13:1-17* Denise Nickel
- SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
- EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Help Us to Help Each Other"* No. 722
- LENTEN DRAMA *Jesus Washes Peter's Feet*
Peter Goerzen and Phil Unruh
- *POEM OF CONFESSION
- *HYMN *"Christ, on the Night He Was Betrayed"* No. 491
- JUNIOR HIGH SNOW CAMP SHARING

¹Some elements of this service are taken from the Worship Resources for Lent-Easter 2026, "Dwelling in Dissonance" from MennoMedia's Leader magazine.

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

*SENDING HYMN *"Heart with Loving Heart United"* No. 813

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, March 1

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Kevin & Yvette Nickel 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/RqwXTdt5EN4?feature=share>

There will be a brief congregational meeting immediately after the service to confirm several positions that have been filled since our last meeting.

10:45 am: Faith Formation

11:45: JH SOUPper Bowl Fundraiser

This Week

Mon-Wed, Mar 2-4 - Comforter Blitz at Yoder (see sign up sheet)

Mon, Mar 2, **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - Comforter Tying/Quilting

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, Mar 3, **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting

7:00 pm - Church Council

Wed, Mar 4, **12 noon** - First Wednesday Lunch

5:45 pm - Fellowship Meal - Sloppy Joes

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

Next Sunday, March 8

Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Lent with the theme *Dwelling in Dissonance*. The focus this week is Standing Up and Standing Back. The scripture for reflection is John 18:12-27. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: During this season of Lent, pray for all WDC congregations as they seek to walk in the way of Jesus and nurture faithful discipleship.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Beginning tomorrow, the Anchorage, Alaska, and Colorado Springs, Colorado, Service Adventure units will gather in San Angelo, Texas, to serve with Mennonite Disaster Service. Pray for a great week of serving and learning together, as well as safe travels for the participants as they travel.

Congregational Announcements

Care packages for Young Adults (up to five years following high school graduation): Please return items to the table in the Hospitality Hall by TODAY, March 1.

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

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 Shilts. 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 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.

The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's annual Heritage Dinner will be Saturday, March 21, 6:30 p.m., at Tabor Mennonite Church. Featured speaker Gregg Schroeder will present "A Journey Home: Tracing my Ancestry," reflecting on Mennonite journeys from Prussia through Ukraine to North America and the faith that carried them. A delicious dinner will be catered by Goessel Grocery & Deli. Ticket prices are \$75 per adult, \$15 for ages 12 and under, and first-time attendees are only \$40 per person. To make reservations, contact the museum by Monday, March 16; call 620-367-8200 or email goesselmuseum@gmail.com. Please join us and support the museum!

Dyck Arboretum of the Plains : Saturday, March 7, the will host a "Kansas Water Symposium 2.0". Registration and a continental breakfast -8:30 a.m., introductions -8:50 a.m., and will end at approximately 4:00 p.m. The cost of registration is \$25 for those who register by February 27, and includes a full day of presentations, breakfast, and lunch. After February 27, registration will increase to \$30.

-The 2025-26 Prairie Window Concert Series welcomes back Cyrille Aimée Duo, on **Sunday, March 15 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains** in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music in a prairie garden setting. [Purchase tickets online at dyckarboretum.org](https://dyckarboretum.org) or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

Camp Mennoscah: 11 of Camp Mennoscah's partner churches now have active matching challenges being offered within their congregations, doubling the impact of every dollar given by households who attend that church. If you are not aware of a challenge within your congregation, we would welcome your involvement in this initiative that has raised over \$130,000 in just a few weeks! To inquire about starting this challenge within your church, to add to the initial challenge amount, or to give toward the challenge, text "Match" to 620.755.2583 for additional information!

-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/>

Bethel College: 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.

-Sat., March 7 – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 a.m. in the museum parking lot

-Tues., March 10 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

-Thurs., March 12 – Bethel College Jazz, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

-Thurs., March 12 – Ceramic artist Isaac Shue, owner of Gallery Mostaza in Newton, will present an artist talk, 7 p.m., Ad Building chapel

-Now in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, “Daily Commitments,” an exhibit by Rachel Epp Buller, through March 12. She will be creating a new work every day the exhibit is open, so plan to go back several times! Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

-Life Enrichment-March 4: 9:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m. See the schedule on the bulletin board or <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/life-enrichment/> for details and a link to the complete spring schedule.

Hesston College: Recital: Solomia Soroka & Scott Hochstetler—Goshen (Ind.) College faculty artists violinist Solomia Soroka and baritone Scott Hochstetler present an evening of music for voice and violin, exploring a rich and diverse repertoire. This recital invites listeners to discover meaningful music that bridges traditions, histories, and artistic voices. Tuesday, March 3, 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. Free admission.

-Black Box Theater, “Xanadu” - March 5 to 7 at 7 p.m. and March 8 at 2 p.m. 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.

-March 25-26-Melva Kauffman Lecture Series—“Slow Peace: Lessons from Grassroots Peacebuilders in Colombia” with Dr. Angela Lederach. See the poster on the community board or go to hesston.edu/melva.

MCC: Please join MCC Central States for our Annual Meeting as we hear an MCC update from MCC U.S. Board Chair Emerson Leshner. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 7 at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th in North Newton, KS. If you would like to join us via Zoom, please email tinascrag@mcc.org for a link to the meeting.

-It's 2026 and MCC is gearing up to support education around the world. We hope you will join us! There are two fun ways that your church can help more children succeed in school.

#1 My Coins Count-This year donations will go to education projects, and we've created a collection of kid-friendly activities to start discussions about the joy of learning.

#2 The School Kit Challenge-The School Kit Challenge will launch in May, but you can read more about it, and about the notebooks, pencils and other supplies that go into each kit, at the link below. We hope you'll plan to join the fun this summer!

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? Imagine living 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: This **Women's History Month**, journey through the stories of Mennonite women who have shaped our faith — from the first women's mission groups and early educators to today's pastors, peacebuilders and organizational leaders. Explore MC USA's Mennonite Women's History Timeline and be inspired by their courage, leadership and enduring witness: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennonite-womens-history-timeline/>

-Do you know someone who embodies Christ-centered peacemaking in your community? Mennonite Church USA is seeking nominations for a Legacy Peacemaker, who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to peace and justice, and a Young Peacemaker, who is beginning to make a meaningful impact, for its **2026 Bring the Peace awards**. The deadline for nominations is March 27 and may be submitted via this online form:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/btp-nomination>

-Beginning March 1, 2026, Mennonite Church USA is implementing an **enhanced screening protocol** as part of its Prevention and Accountability Resource initiative. MC USA's Ministerial Leadership Information process now includes more comprehensive background checks designed to protect congregations and ensure qualified, trustworthy leadership. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/new-screening-protocol/>

-Michael Danner and Rachel Ringenberg Miller, hosts of Mennonite Church USA's **“The Competent Pastor”** podcast, reflect on five key lessons from Season 1, as they launch Season 2 for pastors and congregational leaders. Read their MennoSnapshots blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/what-makes-a-competent-pastor/>

AMBS: Seeking a Director of Library Services. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for a full-time Director of Library Services. The person in this role will oversee the development of the collection and the activities of the library staff, lead instructional programming, administer the library budget, plan cooperative ventures with other libraries and information agencies, and assess the effectiveness of the library in advancing the mission of AMBS. Please share this opening with people you know who may be interested. See the job description: ambs.edu/jobs

-Do you sense a call to ministry? Nurture your leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen your understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's **Journey Missional Leadership Development Program**. The distance-friendly undergraduate-level program offers mentor-mentee partnerships and a supportive learning community. The Fall 2026 cohort begins Sept. 11; apply by July 17 to save \$100! ambs.edu/journey



KS MCC SALE DATES: APRIL 10 & 11

Website: kansas.mccsale.org

CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING was \$86.70. Now we are getting the ball rolling again. Keep the coins and paper coming.

Walk or Run or Jog the 5K this year. Sign up sheet is on the table in the Hospitality Hall or on the Website. Get sponsors or just walk for FUN.

GROW Vegetable Seedlings or Flowers and Plants to HELP the Unruh Family with Plants and Things Booth. This is something you can do with YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. Every gift HELPS to add to the Bottom Line.

Make Crafts or Projects to be Sold at the Sale. Some items are starting to show up on the Tables. WHAT CAN YOU MAKE? Embroidered Tee Towels ALWAYS sell well.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

Feb. 22, 2026

Offering = \$ 15,426.00	Attendance = 135
Adult FF = \$ NA	Attendance = 42
Jr. FF = \$ NA	Attendance = 40

Worship Link Views = 21

Upcoming Dates

March 8: Daylight Savings Time starts
 March 9: TMW-Exchange students' program



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