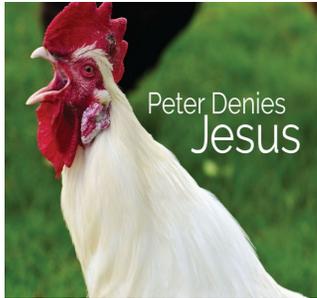


# Tabor Mennonite Church

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**LENT 3:  
STANDING UP AND STANDING BACK**  
We all have moments of courage and fear, self-protection and self-giving solidarity with others, faithfulness and denial. This week, as we reflect on the story of Peter's denial of Jesus, we put ourselves firmly in the dissonance between wanting to stand up for Jesus's sake and wanting to stand back for the sake of self-preservation.

## WORSHIP

PRELUDE Worship Team  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dale Alderfer  
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP  
MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP *"Hoh, Hoh, Hoh"* Sawyer Unruh  
\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>  
\*GATHERING PRAYER  
\*GATHERING HYMN *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"* v 1-4 No. 156  
\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*  
OFFERING OUR GIFTS  
CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt  
WORSHIP MUSIC *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* Boyd Unruh  
SCRIPTURE READING *John 18:12-27* Eunice Nickel  
SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen  
EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE  
\*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing"* v 1 & 3 No. 344  
LENTEN DRAMA *"Peter's Monologue"* Peter Goerzen  
\*POEM OF CONFESSION  
\*HYMN *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"* v 1 & 4 No. 558  
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

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

\*SENDING HYMN

*"Just a Closer Walk"*

No. 743

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, March 8

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Kenton & Eunice 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/i8EIQM7DRUg?feature=share>

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation

## This Week

**Mon, Mar 9,** **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness  
**9:30 am** - Comforter Tying/Quilting  
**7:00 pm** - TMW with Exchange Students  
**7:00 pm** - Men's Bible Study  
**Tues, Mar 10,** Secretary's regular office hours  
**9:00 am** - Staff Meeting  
**7:00 pm** - Safe Church Commission Meeting  
**Wed, Mar 11,** **5:45 pm** - Fellowship Meal - Chicken Taco Salad  
**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, Mar 12,** Secretary's regular office hours  
**9:30 am** - Coffee with the Pastors at Hesston Bakery  
**Fri, Mar 13,** Pastors' day off Secretary - morning hours  
**Fri-Sun, Mar 13-15** - 6th-8th Faith Formation class trip to Oklahoma

## Next Sunday, March 15

Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent with the theme *Dwelling in Dissonance*. The focus this week is Submission and Power. The scripture for reflection is John 18:28-40. Pastor Todd will be preaching.

\* Faith Formation Kdg-5th grade classes combined for this Sunday.

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC's Hispanic Transitional Ministry Resourcing project, and pray for participating churches as they nurture congregational identity and strengthen leadership capacity to navigate pastoral and congregational changes in ways that are relevant to their cultural context.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: On this International Women's Day, pray that women across the street and around the world feel empowered to live out their faith in meaningful ways, despite any negative pressures they may feel from the patriarchal systems in their communities, homes, churches and countries.

## Congregational Announcements

**Tabor Food Pantry:** Your generosity has been appreciated! The Tabor Food Pantry shelves are stocked and overflowing with non-perishables. So much so that we are asking you to refrain from donations at this time. Don't worry, we will let you know when we start running low! Thank you so much for your support of this ministry in our community!

**On Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m. Tabor Mennonite Women** will be hosting a program planned by Carol Duerksen and our 4 Exchange Students who attend Tabor Church and other Exchange Students in the area. ***This is an invitation for everyone at Tabor!*** Come support these students and hear their interesting anecdotes and Kansas experiences. This is always a delightful evening, ending with refreshments.

**As we are getting close to the end of our Wednesday evening schedule, here is a short schedule for the rest of the semester.**

March 11 - meal and regular classes

March 18 - Spring break - no class

March 25 - meal (Museum Pizza Fundraiser) and classes

- K-5 Jeopardy with Nate and Brandy

-Pine car work night for anyone needing help cutting cars

-TMYF MCC relief kit shopping

April 1 - Pine Car Derby - no meal

## Community and Conference Announcements

**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](mailto:goesselmuseum@gmail.com). Please join us and support the museum!

**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 dyck-arboretum.org](#) or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

**MCC Children's Auction: Donations** - We are gathering new, in the package items and your donations are a huge part of making the event a success! You can never go wrong with favorites like Hot Wheels, Barbies, board games, LEGO sets, art kits, and sports equipment. Additional popular item categories include: Building sets, Craft and activity kits, Puzzles, Plush animals, Outdoor toys. Items may be given to your MCC Liaison for delivery to the Sale, or brought directly to the Pride of Kansas building on Friday or on Saturday morning before 8:30 a.m.

**-Call for Volunteers** - We're looking for volunteers to help clerk the Children's Auction at this year's Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. This is an important role that helps the auction run smoothly. Because the sale can be loud, this job requires good hearing and the ability to follow bids clearly. If you're attentive, comfortable in a busy and exciting environment, and willing to serve, we would be grateful for your help! If you're interested in clerking, please contact me (Brad Kohlman) at [bkohlman@conradeinsurance.com](mailto:bkohlman@conradeinsurance.com). Thank you for supporting the Children's Auction and MCC's mission through your time and service!

**Camp Mennoscah: Camp Mennoscah's wants your stories about the role we have played in your faith!** As we continue to race toward the finish line of the retreat center - and likely other projects to follow - personal stories are so meaningful to those who support camp and we would love to publicize your connection to this incredible place. If you are willing to let us publish the ways that Camp Mennoscah has touched your life, please send an email to our Communications office at [Eric.litwiller@campmennoscah.org](mailto:Eric.litwiller@campmennoscah.org). Include how you were first introduced to Camp Mennoscah, your favorite aspect of camp and why it is your favorite, and how you feel your life is different today than it otherwise might have been were it not for your exposure to this organization, along with anything

else you'd like to share. Also please include a good contact method so we can follow up with you to add to the narrative if we need more information. Thank you!

**-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-see list on the bulletin board.

**-The 2026 Summer Staff (alphabetical order by position) are the following cool folks:** Mara Oswald (crafts), Josiah Buller (grounds/maintenance), Noah Schrag (grounds/maintenance), Camryn Entz (lifeguard), Lily Schloneger (lifeguard), Maddie Tegeler (lifeguard), Daniel Miller (nature), Ethan Wilcox (music), and Adah Hodge (office). Say hello and send prayers for a safe, fun, and faith-fulfilling summer!

**-The Summer Camp Schedule is as follows:**

Junior I—June 14-19, Grades 6, 7 & 8, Fall 2026

PreJunior I—June 21-25, Grades 4 & 5, Fall 2026

First Camp—June 25-27, Grades 3 & 4, Fall 2026

PreJunior II—July 5-9, Grades 4 & 5, Fall 2026

Junior High—July 12-17, Grades 8 & 9, Fall 2026

Junior II—July 19-24, Grades 6, 7 & 8, Fall 2026

Senior High July 26-31, Grades 10-12, Fall 2026 (2026 graduating seniors register on the Graduating Senior Wait List)

-Camp Mennoscah is pleased to report that our most recent work day saw final installation of cover plates on the electrical switches and outlets in the retreat center, as well as bathroom mirrors getting hung. Baseboards are nearly done, all bedrooms have been cleaned out, and bedroom and the basement common area carpets have been shampooed, making the basement essentially move-in ready! The continued support of twelve congregations with active matching challenges has made this possible, and we are so thankful!

-Jerry and Leann Toews invite you to make your **gifts to Camp Mennoscah** today to take advantage of their generous matching challenge that will double the impact of your investment up to \$5,000! Their two girls had such positive fun experiences and spiritual growth at Camp Mennoscah during their growing up years, so they would like to help support that experience for other children. Work on the retreat center continues at a break-neck pace and we need your gifts to maintain that progress with the goal of finishing construction and replenishing financial reserves in the coming weeks. **To take advantage of this match, please include a notification on the memo line of your checks mailed to camp stating "Tabor match".**

**Bethel College: Tues., March 10 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, 7 pm**

*Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

**-Thurs., March 12 - Closing reception for Rachel Epp Buller and "Daily Commitments," 6-7 p.m., Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center**

**-Thurs., March 12 - Bethel College Jazz, 7 pm** *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts*

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

**-Sun., March 22 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with Carolyn Zeisset, "Caught in the Middle Between Voices of Conscience and Voices of Patriotism," 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum Auditorium.**

**Hesston College: March 25-26-Melva Kauffman Lecture Series—"Slow Peace: Lessons from Grassroots Peacebuilders in Colombia" with Dr. Angela Lederach.** Dr. Lederach will speak on Wednesday, March 25 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and on Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m. All events are free and open to the public and will be held at Hesston Mennonite Church with a cookie reception to follow both evening lectures. See the poster on the community board or go to [hesston.edu/melva](https://hesston.edu/melva).

**-Hesston College Bel Canto Singers** will perform their home concert titled "Songs of Hope for a World in Need" at Hesston Mennonite Church on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. The home concert follows Bel Canto's 10-day spring break tour throughout the eastern United States, March 13 to 22. Bel Canto is directed by Interim Music Director Greg Bontrager. The concert is free and open to all.

**Mennonite Mission Network: 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](https://MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure).

**Mennonite Church USA:** Mennonite Church USA responded to the deadly violence in January in Minneapolis with a **statement calling for peacemaking** and urging faith-based action rooted in justice, nonviolence and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Read the statement here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/minneapolis-statement/>

-“What is the most important skill of a competent pastor?” This is the central question answered by pastors across Mennonite Church USA during **“The Competent Pastor” podcast**, hosted by MC USA’s Michael Danner and Rachel Ringenberg Miller. Listen to new episodes every month on Spotify, Apple podcasts or on the MC USA website: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/the-competent-pastor/>

-The deadline for MC USA’s **2026-27 BIPOC Scholarship** applications is April 1. Learn more and apply here: <https://bit.ly/49LLYLj>

**AMBS: New Anabaptist Witness issue on "A Cry for Peace: Mennonites and Murids in Conversation"** available for free online. [anabaptistwitness.org](http://anabaptistwitness.org)

**Host an International Exchange Student** - Families and adults in our community are invited to host an international high school exchange student for the upcoming school year through SHARE!, a nonprofit educational foundation. Students speak English, bring their own spending money, and are fully covered by medical insurance. Host families simply provide a safe, caring home and include the student as part of daily family life. Hosting is a wonderful way to share American culture, build lifelong friendships, and make a meaningful difference in a young person's life. For more information about becoming a host family, contact SHARE!: 800-941-3738 [sharesouthwest.org/contact](http://sharesouthwest.org/contact)



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

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

CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING was \$64.70. Do your part.

Last Sunday's Sermon for Lent: Obvious and Hidden focused on Helping Each Other and those less fortunate as Jesus washed the Disciples Feet. Getting MORE involved in the MANY opportunities of "Helping Others" by Volunteering at the MCC Sale is an EASY way to put the sermon into practice.

It takes over 1000 Volunteers to put on this VERY FUN event. Are you doing all you can to keep this tradition going?? It takes EVERYONE doing what you can to help. Giving our money is wonderful, Giving of our time is following Jesus Example of Living what we say we believe.

At Tabor we like to think EVERYONE is involved in some way. It feels SO good to be a part of a congregation like Tabor. Can you do more?? Consider working a 2 hr shift somewhere you have never volunteered before. ALL jobs are rewarding.

CHILDREN and Adults, sign up for the 5K. Info on MCC Table in Hospitality Hall.

Make Check out to KMRS for Pre-Sale Expenses. Help us get to our \$89,000 Budget. Everyone doing a little gets there -- Teamwork effort.

**Upcoming Dates**

April 1: Pine Car Derby  
April 2: Maundy Thursday soup supper and service

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE  
March 1, 2026**

Offering = \$ 6,221.00	Attendance = 141
Adult FF = \$ 25.00	Attendance = 44
Jr. FF = \$ 7.25	Attendance = 49

Worship Link Views = 32



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To visit with church staff, it is recommended to call ahead to guarantee availability.

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