

Tabor Mennonite Church

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**ANABAPTIST WORLD
FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**

JESUS CHRIST: OUR HOPE

This Sunday is Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday, when Anabaptist churches across the globe are invited to use a common theme in worship to connect with our global family. We are all part of One Body made up of many tribes, languages and nations – by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ has overcome the cultural and national barriers that separate us. The theme for this year's worship is "Jesus Christ: Our Hope" with worship resources coming from our African sisters and brothers.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Michelle Unruh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Peter Goerzen

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 62*

*GATHERING HYMN *"God Loves All His Many People"* No. 767
Accompanied by Michelle Unruh, Isaac Swartzendruber and Michael Unruh

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"* No. 473
"Somlandela" No. 566

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

WORSHIP MUSIC Jerry Toews

CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt

SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 40:28-31; Luke 18:25-43; 1 Peter 1:3-6*
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God! Kara Swartzendruber

SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Siyabamba"* No. 793

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN *"We Will Walk with God"* No. 815

*BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, January 22

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Phil and Sarahanne Unruh and family. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtu.be/hvNMv55PeBQ>

A special offering will be received for Mennonite World Conference since this is Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday. This will be the 5th Sunday Offering for this quarter (even though this is the 4th Sunday of the month ☺) **Please make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with MWC on the memo line and place in the baskets.**

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

1:00 pm - Tabor will lead the Chapel Service at Bethesda Home.

2:30 pm: Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum annual meeting at Goessel Church.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, Jan. 23 - 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study. Book of Acts.

Tues, Jan. 24, 9:30 am - Staff meeting.
6:00 pm - Church Council meeting. *See announcements.*

Wed, Jan. 25, 9:00 am - TMW quilting and tying comforters.
Wednesday Evening programs.

5:45 pm - Supper for everyone: Spaghetti Pizza Pie.
Suggested donation \$3.50.

6:15 - 7:30 pm - Preschool - Grade 5
6:15 - 7:45 pm - Junior High / High School
6:30 - 7:30 pm - Adult Bible Study

Next Sunday, January 29

9:30 am: Next Sunday we will continue our worship series, Stories for the Old Testament: *The Call of Moses*. Scripture for reflection will be Exodus 3:1-8a and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

We will begin passing the cans to collect coins for the MCC Relief Sale January 29. Bring your coins to make a joyful noise!

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on January 15

- ★ Pray for Michael Unruh as he prepares for his upcoming ordination interview with the Ministerial Leadership Committee of Western District Conference.
- ★ We invite prayer for all those who are going through health events and those who are being caregivers.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastors, chaplains and other credentialed ministers, and give thanks for the important ministries and leadership they offer.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray, with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and MMN, for the Mennonite churches in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which continue to bring the message of God's healing and love to those who were injured and traumatized by the Kamuina Nsapu rebellion four years ago.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: This Friday and Saturday, please pray for the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board, as they meet online by Zoom. May God grant them wisdom and clarity during their time together.

Thanks

Thank you for sending your strong men to help us move heavy items up the stairs for the sale at Trinity Mennonite Church! You made our impossible, possible. You made our being overwhelmed, do-able. You made our hopelessness, hope-filled. You were a God-send! You were just what we needed! Thank you!
~Trinity Mennonite Church

Congregational Announcements

Council Members Plus All Committee members please come to a special council meeting **Tues, Jan. 24, 6:00-9:00 p.m.** starting with an **evening meal** followed by some discussion to start the new year. "Our Committee Structures: What is Working and What is Not?"

Tabor Mennonite Women will meet on Saturday, February 4 at 1pm, to tie comforters for Mennonite Central Committee. You are welcome to sew tops to be tied. Let Sharon Adrian or Kim Funk know if you would like a kit from MCC, or use your own fabric if you wish. You may also contact Sharon or Kim for instructions to sew tops. Please bring a snack to share.

It's SOUPer Bowl time! Here are the details: You are invited to join us Sunday, February 5 at 5:30 in the Hospitality Hall for an evening of soup and storytelling. We encourage you to sign-up to bring a pot of soup, bread or a dessert by taking one of the slips from the bulletin board in the foyer. Drinks and tableware will be provided. Also be thinking of any stories that you would be willing to share. Maybe an entertaining story about Tabor church from years ago? Or a funny story about an encounter with a critter. Talk to Kenton or Eunice Nickel or Pam or Brent Abrahams if you have questions or a story you would like to share.

Bible Study Opportunity: In honor of Anabaptism's 500th anniversary in 2025, MennoMedia is putting together an Anabaptist Bible. There is an opportunity for Anabaptist congregations to contribute to this Bible, by studying 3 passages of Scripture (assigned by MennoMedia). If you are interested in participating in a Bible Study that will contribute reflections, insights, and questions for marginal notes in this Bible, please speak with Pastor Todd or Pastor Katherine. Thank you!

Kansas Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale: WANTED - Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the KS MCC Sale. Items you no longer need can help feed and cloth thousands in desperate living conditions. All donations are tax deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620-367-8257. Help make a difference.

Museum Annual Meeting: Say "cheese" with Jason Schmidt and Miriam Goertzen-Regier of Grazing Plains Farm at the annual meeting of the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum on Sunday, January 22, at 2:30 pm at Goessel Church. Jason and Miriam's presentation will follow the business portion of the meeting. After the program, the fasp (light meal) will include cheese samples from Grazing Plains Farm. Please come early to the meeting to purchase or renew your museum membership of 2023.

The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will be meeting next Monday, January 23, 7pm, in the Goessel City Building Community Room. The subject for informal sharing will be Diary/Journal-Keeping. Emphasis will be on sharing ideas about the value and how-to's of this practice. If you have a diary you wish to share (kept by you or an ancestor,) please bring it. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Blood Drive: Give Blood – Save Lives! Please sign up to donate blood on February 6 between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. Encourage someone else to join you and become a first-time donor! Sign up online at redcrossblood.org for an appointment. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081 or Rosie Reimer 620-367-2418.

The Tabor Church Directory is being updated for print. Please contact the church office with any changes or corrections to your listing.

Upcoming:

Sat, Feb. 4 - TMW comforter tying afternoon
Sat, Feb. 4 - Sun, Feb. 5 - Know Jesus -- Junior High Event, Hesston College
Sun, Feb. 5 - SOUPer Bowl
Wed, Feb. 22 - Pine Car Derby
Tues, March 7 - TMW Exchange Student Sharing

Conference and Community Announcements

Western District Conference: The WDC Office and Resource Library will be closed on Monday, Jan 23 for our Annual Staff Retreat. We will open again on Tuesday, Jan 24.

Mennonite Central Committee: SAVE THE DATE! Come join the fun at 15th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 6, 7 and 8 on the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, KS. Times are Monday and Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday 9-4. No sewing skills are required, we will teach you. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Bring snacks to share during the workday. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC to make comforters for relief to be sent to refugees or places after natural disasters. Please contact the MCC Central States office with questions at 316-283-2720, or check the Comforter Blitz Facebook Page, "Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz".

Mennonite Disaster Service: The January edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: get more details on how to register for the MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania next month; read the latest on the MDS response to flooding in Eastern Kentucky; and learn how MDS Canada volunteers are helping hurricane victims in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3XjseqR>

Bethel College: Sat., Jan. 28 – Kauffman Museum annual Kansas Day event, "Kansans Create!," noon-4 p.m., museum parking lot and grounds. For more information, see the Kauffman Museum Facebook page or kauffmanmuseum.org

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Fully online seminary degree. Check out Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's fully online Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism! The 46-credit-hour academic degree program can be completed in four years of part-time study and offers a global approach to Anabaptist theological education. ambs.edu/matga

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE January 15, 2023

Offering	= \$ 3,155.00	Attendance	= 128
Adult FF	= \$ 36.00	Attendance	= 39
Jr. FF	= \$ 9.05	Attendance	= 36
Worship Link Views		=	45



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As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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