

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## OLD TESTAMENT STORIES: *Elijah and The Widow of Zarephath*

Today our worship focuses on the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath. We long for God's presence and healing in the midst of the struggles and grief we carry. May this story help to remind us that God is still present even in the midst of the most painful situations.

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Deloris Schmidt
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Leann Toews
LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL		
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from Psalm 13</i>	
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"</i>	No. 610
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*HYMN	<i>"Healer of Our Every Ill"</i>	No. 644
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		
CHILDREN'S STORY		Peter Goerzen
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"Great is Thy Faithfulness"</i> -arr. Dan Forrest	Adult Choir Trumpet: Peter Goerzen, Organ: Diane Unruh
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>1 Kings 17:8-24</i>	Dale Alderfer <i>The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!</i>
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"When Pain or Sorrow / Hold On"</i>	No. 612 Accompanied by Michelle Unruh, Russell Adrian, and Isaac Swartzendruber
KNOW JESUS SHARING		
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER		Pastor Todd Schlosser
*SENDING HYMN	<i>"My Life Flows On"</i>	No. 605
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE		<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>

## Sunday, February 12

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Jo-Ann Schmidt. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/o9kMU3RwfZM?feature=share>

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation for everyone.

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.*

**Mon, Feb 13 - Thurs, Feb. 16** - Pastor Katherine at AMBS Pastors' Week

**Mon, Feb. 13 - 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness.

**7:00 pm** - Men's Bible Study. Book of Acts.

**Tues, Feb. 14, 9:30 am** - Staff meeting.

**Wed, Feb. 15, 9:00 am** - **Wednesday Evening programs.**

**5:45 pm** - Supper for everyone: Biscuits & Gravy; Fresh Fruit  
*Suggested donation \$3.50.*

**6:15 - 7:30 pm** - Preschool - Grade 5

**6:15 - 7:45 pm** - Junior High / High School

TMYF to Area Youth Event at First Mennonite, Newton

**6:30 - 7:30 pm** - Adult Bible Study

**7:30 - 8:30 pm** - Adult Choir

**Thurs, Feb. 16** - *Newsletter items due.*

### Next Sunday, February 19

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday we continue our worship series, Stories from the Old Testament: *Daniel*. Scripture for reflection will be Daniel 3:16-26 and Daniel 6:10-22 and Pastor Todd will be preaching.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation for everyone.

**1:00 pm:** Tabor leads Chapel at Bethesda.

### Upcoming:

Wed, Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday  
- Pine Car Derby

Sun, Feb. 26 - 1st Sunday of Lent

Sun, March 5 - Area Jr. High Fundraiser

Mon - Wed, March 6, 7, 8 - MCC Comforter Blitz at Yoder

Mon, March 6 - TMW Exchange Student Sharing

Sun, March 26 - Youth Sunday and Dessert Auction

Wed, April 5 - Quiz Bowl Event

Sun, April 9 - Easter Sunday

Fri, April 14 - Sat, April 15 - Kansas MCC Relief Sale

## Prayer Requests

*The following prayer requests were shared on February 5*

- ★ Pam Abrahams shared how happy she is to see the great Faith Formation attendance and to see how much money they have raised on behalf of the MCC School Kits! Thanks be to God for our children and youth, and for all who share their gifts and time to support them and nurture their faith formation!
- ★ Kara Swartzendruber shared about the Junior Youth who were able to attend Know Jesus this past weekend. With Numana, they packaged over 24,000 meals for refugees. Kara was grateful to see the energy and excitement as they packaged these meals. Thanks be to God for this meaningful experience at Know Jesus! Lord, hear our prayers for all who will receive these meals.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ the many thousands of people suffering and grieving the loss of loved ones due to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC chaplains, pastors and congregational care teams who offer support to church and community members living with mental, emotional, and physical health challenges.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig and their children are engaged in ministry in Chad, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and MMN. Pray for them as they share Jesus' love in their daily lives - Peter, as he teaches at Shalom Faculty of Evangelical Theology; Christy, as she works at a hospital; and their children, as they interact with classmates and neighbors.

## Congregational Announcements

**Pine Car Race:** The work night for the pine car race will be held this coming Wednesday, February 15th. Regularly scheduled classes will continue but children can work on cars as necessary. Depending on the weather, we will set up in the carport or maybe in the fellowship hall. Help will be available during supper and during class time as needed. Race date is February 22 at 7 pm. with alumni race to follow the K-8th grade races. If you are willing to provide some cookies or snacks for race night, that would be fantastic. See you then!

**Ash Wednesday:** February 22. For anyone who wishes to receive the sign of the cross in ashes, Pastors will be available in the foyer as people enter the church building before the meal and before the derby.

**Tabor Mennonite Women would like to invite anyone interested** (yes, not just women!) to an entertaining evening with Carol Duerksen interviewing Exchange Students about their experiences in their host homes, school and communities on Monday, March 6 at 7 p.m. A social will follow the program.

**The Comforter Blitz** in Yoder KS will take place March 6-8. Tabor Mennonite Women have been asked to help serve snacks and lunch on March 8. If you are interested in helping, or plan to attend that day, be at the church by 8am to carpool. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the foyer and also indicate if you are willing to drive. We will return around 5pm. We will not need to be in the kitchen constantly, so we should have lots of time to tie comforters too. If you have questions, contact Sharon Adrian.

**Goessel Community Junior High** will be hosting Camp 412 at the Disciple Center at Tawakoni near Augusta. In order to help cover the costs of camp, we will once again be having our fundraiser meal on March 5 at Goessel High School. We're changing up the menu this year! We will be serving pancakes, sausage, applesauce and dessert beginning at 11:30. The meal is by donation with \$8 per person being the suggested amount. We're excited to be able to go to camp again and appreciate your support!

**Josie's Closet:** Medical Equipment Loan & Recycling continues to help families in need of medical equipment. Items often requested include shower chairs, commodes, walkers, and transport chairs. To borrow or donate gently used equipment, make an appointment with Nancy Stucky, director, at (620)747-9359 or email [josiesclosetmedequip@gmail.com](mailto:josiesclosetmedequip@gmail.com). Financial donations can be made through the Goessel Ministerial Alliance to help with this ministry.

**The Tabor Church Directory** is being updated for print. Please contact the church office with any changes or corrections by Monday, February 13.

## Conference and Community Announcements

### Mennonite Church USA:

--February is Black History Month. Be sure to check out Mennonite Church USA's timeline honoring "Black History in the Mennonite Church." [mennoniteusa.org/resource/black-history](http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/black-history)

--Registration for MennoCon23 will open on March 1. Mennocon23 will be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6, immediately followed by the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly and the new Youth and Young Adult Climate Summit. Subscribe to MC USA's PeaceMail weekly newsletter for the latest updates.

### Camp Mennoscah:

--Summer youth camp registration is open and Camp Mennoscah is receiving registrations. The summer theme is FruitFULL Faith. Get ready to learn and sing about the Fruit of the Spirit this summer! Register by March 1 for a \$20 discount, or by April 1 for a \$10 discount.

--Interviews for Summer Staff In Progress! We are seeking stunning summer staff to fill the following leadership positions for the 2023 summer: crafts, lifeguard, music, nature, office, and grounds. These positions are typically filled by college-age students, are summer-long and receive a stipend. Lifeguards and grounds are especially needed. It's a summer of fun, service and faith formation!

--Upcoming:

Spring Scrapbook and Craft Retreat, March 10-12 and 17-19  
Youth Volunteer Weekend, March 24-25  
Men and Boys Retreat, March 31-April 2

Contact information/details:

Website: [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) Phone: 620-297-3290.

### Mennonite Central Committee:

-- **MCC is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria.** MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God's love and compassion with our global neighbors by providing a gift online at [mcc.org/earthquake](http://mcc.org/earthquake), by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for "Syria and Türkiye earthquake" to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

-- **MCC is seeking a Donor Relations Associate:** This full-time position is responsible for assisting in the implementation of the donor relations strategy for MCC Central States by stewarding major donors involving face-to-face contact to meet the budgeted income goals and generate the necessary resources to accomplish the mission of MCC. Office location is flexible. Apply online by February 24 at [mcc.org/donor-relations-associate](http://mcc.org/donor-relations-associate). For information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [amberfalcon@mcc.org](mailto:amberfalcon@mcc.org).

-- **MCC Central States annual meeting,** March 4 from 1-3 p.m. at MCC in North Newton. This will primarily be an in-person event, but if you would like a link to join via Zoom please email [tinascrag@mcc.org](mailto:tinascrag@mcc.org) for the link.

**Peace Connections:** 6th Annual Soup Supper and Dessert Auction benefiting Harvey County Circle of Hope. Thursday, February 16, Newton Nazrene Church, 1000 N. Main, Newton. Soup supper 5:30 pm (by donation) Dessert Auction 6:15-7pm.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** is hosting a Women's Clothing Extravaganza Feb. 16-18! We have an overflow of clothing donations, thanks to our generous donors, and want to pass along the generosity to our customers. On the week of Valentine's Day, this event is a way for us to show our love for our community by sharing generously what we've been given, to show love for the earth by shopping second-hand and reducing our carbon footprint, and to show love for those in need by raising funds for our Local Giving grants and Mennonite Central Committee. During this special event, all women's clothing items in bins on the sales floor will be \$3 each. This includes women's tops, pants, skirts and dresses. The store is located at 619 N. Main in Newton. Special business hours for the event are 10-7 Thursday, Feb. 16, and their usual business hours 10-5:30 Friday, Feb. 17, and Saturday, Feb. 18. Shoppers should note that because of the volume of clothing, the dressing rooms will not be available for this special sale. They will need to plan to try on items over their own clothing.

**Hesston College, Sunflower Performing Arts:** Dr. Steven Spooner – Piano Concert - Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m., Hesston Mennonite Church. Steven Spooner is Professor of Piano at the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University. His compelling performances have been hailed worldwide. This performance takes the place of Calmus: Christmas A Cappella, which was canceled due to visa travel complications in December. Free to season ticket holders or \$25 single tickets available at the door. A Valentine reception will follow the concert. Info and tickets at [sunflower.arts.org](http://sunflower.arts.org).

**Bethel College:** Sun., Feb. 19 – KIPCOR Film Series presents No Time to Waste: The Urgent Mission of Betty Reid Soskin, 2 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. This film looks at the legendary 101-year-old park ranger's inspiring life, work and determination to restore critical missing chapters of America's story. An audience talkback will follow the screening. Free and open to the public, with a freewill offering taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:** Take a summer course at AMBS! Hybrid courses (combining online work and one week on campus) include Ethics and Care: Living and Dying with Purpose; and Preaching. Campus courses (also open to auditors) include Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence; The Religious Other in the Bible; and The Spirit World and the Global Church. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](http://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)



April 14 - 15, Hutchinson Fairgrounds

--ALL Funding for Tabor Children MCC Sale Memory Challenge HAS BEEN DONATED! Thanks for your help Tabor!! The Children are busy working on Memorizing the 23rd Psalm. I (Jerry Toews) challenge ALL of you to memorize it to keep up with our Wonderful Children.

--Children's Coin Offering last Sunday was \$59.89. WONDERFUL,

--Fellowship meals deadline is Feb. 12 with meals taking place March 5 and 12. Folks are also encouraged to host your own fellowship meal by inviting friends over and raising money for the MCC Sale.

--Deadline to donate items for the Quilt Auction is March 6.

--PLEASE help with Pre-Sale Expenses. Put your checks in Jerry and Leann Toews' church mailbox. Make checks payable to KMRS (Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale)

--The MCC Sale Board passed a policy about the trash the sale Generates. A condensed version states: We desire to be good stewards of all of God's creation. KMRS will use as many biodegradable products as is reasonably possible. Despite our best efforts some biodegradable products may not be available through our suppliers. We are aware of the increased cost of these products and encourage you to increase your pre-sale expense donations to help us cover these additional costs; or make a specific earmarked donation for this endeavor. We will use our left over inventory from last year, and begin switching to biodegradable products immediately. *The letter from Jim Robb, Chairman, Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, in it's entirety, is posted on the bulletin board.*

--Pray for the KS MCC Sale and the work MCC does to help give Hope to MANY daily.

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

## Sermon Notes

When we wrap up our Wednesday Evenings later this spring, there will be a Quiz Bowl event on April 5 in which everyone is invited to participate - children, youth, and adults! This will feature questions from Scripture passages that we have been learning about during the spring semester. ADULTS, if you would like to participate, here are passages you can read through to start studying: 1 Kings 17, 2 Kings 2:7-12, Job 1-2, and Psalm 23.

### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE February 5, 2023

Offering	= \$ 4,685.00	Attendance	= 130
Adult FF	= \$ 22.00	Attendance	= 42
Jr. FF	= \$ 9.56	Attendance	= 49
Worship Link Views		=	46



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