

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## SHAPED BY TESTING

Today, on this first Sunday of Lent, we reflect on the story of Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. In this Lenten season, may God help us to grow in our faith journeys, just as Jesus did in his time in the wilderness through Scripture and fasting, periods of testing and time with God.

### WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Mark Schmidt
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dale Alderfer
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 32:1-7*
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*GATHERING HYMNS "God Is Here Among Us" No. 62  
"Open My Eyes" No. 732
- \*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Kara Swartzendruber
- WORSHIP MUSIC "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" Adult Choir  
-arr. Howard Helvey
- SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11*  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!* Nathan Ashley
- SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
- PRAYERS FOR NEW GROWTH
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*SENDING HYMN "When We Are Tempted" No. 81 SS  
"Lead Me, Guide Me" No. 601
- \*BENEDICTION
- POSTLUDE *\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, February 26

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/7IFBMZ2QWMk?feature=share>

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

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.*

**Mon, Feb. 27 - 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness.

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

**Tues, Feb. 28, 9:30 am** - Staff meeting.

**Wed, March 1 - 12:00 pm** - 1st Wed. Lunch @ Del Puente Café

**Wednesday Evening programs.**

**5:45 pm** - Supper for everyone: Verenika Casserole.

*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

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

### Next Sunday, March 5

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday is the second Sunday of Lent. The theme for Lent is Created in the Image of God: Shaped by Jesus. Lent 2 - Shaped by New Birth. Scriptures for reflection are John 3:1-17; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; Psalm 121 and Genesis 12:1-4, and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

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

**11:30 am:** Area Jr. High Fundraiser. See announcements.

### Upcoming:

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

Mon, March 6 - TMW Exchange Student Sharing

Wed, March 8 - Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum Pizza Supper

Sun, March 26 - Youth Sunday, Fundraiser Meal and Dessert Auction

Fri, March 31 - Sun, April 2 - Men and Boys Camp at Mennoscah

Wed, April 5 - Quiz Bowl Event

Sun, April 9 - Easter Sunday

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

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the retreat in San Antonio that the Church Planting Commission and conference minister Sandra Montes Martinez are planning. The event is called "Being the Church: Meeting our neighbors where they are," and we pray that it bears fruit in encouraging emerging Anabaptist congregations in ministry that joins God in God's work. -WDC Church Planting Commission.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Perú (Mennonite Christian Church of Peru), as they witness about the Prince of Peace during a time of national unrest.

## Thanks

Taborites,  
Thank you for your support during and following Jim's memorial service. It was so good to greet many of you.

~Judy Schrag and family

*Please see card posted on the bulletin board with additional words from Judy.*

## Congregational Announcements

**Job Opening:** Secretary/Treasurer, Tabor Mennonite Church. For more information, please contact one of the Trustees: Russell Adrian, Kenton Nickel, Jim Schmidt or Cory Unruh.

**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!

**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.

**Museum Fundraiser:** We wouldn't call pizza an ethnic food of this community, but the contributions of the Russian Mennonites that migrated to this area almost 150 years ago allow us to enjoy it now! **Please join the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's board and staff for a fundraiser meal on Wednesday, March 8, from 5:45 to 6:10 p.m. in the Hospitality Hall.** Along with pizza, they'll be fresh tossed salad, delicious cookies, and, of course, your good company! Your contributions will be gratefully accepted and used for general operating expenses.

**The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group** will be meeting next Monday, February 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m., in the Goessel City Building Community Room, 101 So. Cedar St., Goessel. Ladene (Janzen) Herrick will share interesting ancestors in her husband Don's family, reaching back to English knights, kings and queens, and even a famous poet! Using a Power Point presentation, Ladene will show photos of Don's ancestors, as well as the sources she used to find this information. The meeting is free and open to the public.

## Conference and Community Announcements

### Mennonite Central Committee:

--**MCC Central States Annual Meeting**, Saturday, March 4, 1-3 pm you are invited to hear from MCC SALT (Serving and Learning Together) alum Jason Schmidt and current IVEP (International Volunteer Exchange Program) participant Naomi Kwanza share about their MCC experiences. Naomi, from Tanzania is working at Jason's Grazing Plains Farm in rural Kansas acquiring skills for making cheese and other dairy products to use back in her home country. Catch up with MCC Central States staff, find out about work happening across the region, check out the MCC building progress and enjoy some Grazing Plains cheese! Please RSVP to [tinascrag@mcc.org](mailto:tinascrag@mcc.org) if you plan to attend. Thanks!

--**Put your faith in action by volunteering with SWAP this summer!** MCC's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program provides short-term service and learning opportunities for churches, school and university groups, families, other groups and individuals. Now is the time to make your summer plans and sign up! More information and registration at [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) or (606) 634-4418.

### **Mennonite Disaster Service:**

--Celebrating Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service - Join in the Celebration on Sunday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church, 429 East 1st, Newton. Kilometer 81 the singing group comprised of the family of Ken and Amy Regier will lead us in celebrating through song and music. We will hear about different projects volunteers have been involved with during the past year. This event will also be a fund raising event for The MDS Cabinet Shop. On Monday, March 20, 7 pm. will be the Kansas MDS Unit Board of Directors meeting via zoom. All are invited to join using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/KansasAnnualMeeting>.

--The February edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: read about the MDS Annual Celebration in Lancaster, PA and check out the videos from the gathering; and a volunteer writes about the transformative experience during her time at Monte Lake, BC.

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

### **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.

--Kitchen staff and nurses needed for summer youth camps from June 4 through July 28. Nurses must be an RN and can receive either a stipend or a camper discount.

--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. Cleo Koop will be speaking.

### **Newton Et Cetera Shop**

--Newton Et Cetera Shop invites you to become a volunteer! Help us to share God's love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you'd like to join us, please stop by, call us at 316.283.9461, or attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: Thursday 2/16/23 5-6 PM or Thursday 3/09/23 5-6 PM. We hope to hear from you soon!

--Newton Et Cetera Shop welcomes your donations at our back door Tues.-Fri. 9:30-5:00 and Sat. 9:30-3:00. We're happy to help you find new homes for your gently-used clothing, furniture, home goods, toys, books, movies, small electronics, and more. Please call us with any questions if you're wondering what we'll accept: 316-283-9461. Your donations help to support people in need in our community and around the world through the work of our local partners and Mennonite Central Committee!

**Jerusalem Seminar Returns!** Bethel College and Tabor College are again collaborating on a trip to Jordan, Palestine, and Israel, from December 26, 2023 through January 15, 2024. The four emphases of the trip are to (1) understand the Bible in its context, (2) learn about the three major religions of the area (Judaism, Islam, Eastern Christianity), (3) understand the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and (4) take time for reflection, worship, and prayer together. The tour will include over two dozen biblical sites, including Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, and beyond! There is currently room for additional persons to participate. If interested, contact Peter Goerzen (pgoerzen@bethelks.edu) or Doug Miller (dougml@tabor.edu) for more information.

**The Goshen College Chamber Choir** will be performing a concert program "Lead with Love" at 7 pm on Sunday, February 26 at the First Mennonite Church of Hillsboro as a part of their 2023 Midwest tour. The Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. Scott Hochstetler is a selection of music expressing gratitude, joy, and love, striving to affirm music's power to transcend time and place, bringing all together in the spirit of acceptance. You are cordially invited to join us for this special concert event. First Mennonite Church, 102 S Ash St, Hillsboro.

**The Newton Chorale** will present their 2023 concert "A Choral Jubilee" sung in memory of Philip Koontz on Sunday, March 5 at 4:00 p.m. The hour-long concert will take place in Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton. There is no admission charge; a free-will donation will be taken. The concert will include a chamber orchestra and soloist Dr. Matthew Schloneger in addition to the Chorale. Renae Schmidt Peters will direct. Karen Unruh is the pianist and organist for the group.

### **Bethel College:**

--Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, Sun., Feb. 26, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Raylene Hinz-Penner, North Newton, will speak on her recently published memoir, with "East of Liberal: Notes on the Land – Exploring the Myths, Contradictions and Resilience."

--Bethel College Choir Tour Send-off Concert, directed by Dr. Henry Waters, Sun., Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall (please note the change in date from some previously printed calendars). The concert has the theme "Can We Sing the Darkness to Light?" and includes performances by the Chamber Singers, Woven and Open Road as well as the Concert Choir.

**Hesston College Performing Arts** will present the musical *The Apple Tree* by Bock and Harnick, the same duo that wrote *Fiddler on the Roof*, in the Black Box Theater in Keim Center March 1 to 5. *The Apple Tree* is a series of three musical playlets - *The Diary of Adam & Eve*, *The Lady or the Tiger*, *Passionella*. Learn more at [hesston.edu/fine-arts](https://hesston.edu/fine-arts).



OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE February 19, 2023			
Offering	= \$ 3,746.00	Attendance	= 116
Adult FF	= \$ 55.00	Attendance	= 39
Jr. FF	= \$ 14.09	Attendance	= 39
Worship Link Views		=	51

### SERMON NOTES

#### Lenten Reflection:

Please consider and name...what is/are the specific idea(s), area(s), and/or practice(s) you want to explore to experience growth in your faith life during this Lenten season?

April 14 - 15, Hutchinson Fairgrounds

--THANKS for steady flow for pre-sale expenses. More is still needed. LOTS of small gifts gets us to our goal.

--CHILDREN'S Coin Offering was \$88.20. THANKS for helping make the cans heavy.

--Almost ALL the Sign-Ups Sheets are available now on the website. Go to website home page and there is a tab at top right "volunteer". Click on that and ALL the volunteer possibilities are there. Sign up NOW to get your favorite time slot.

--It takes over 1000 volunteers to make it happen. PLEASE take a 2 hr shift and help it happen. Get your Small Group involved or a Sunday School Class or as individuals or with your favorite friends. Enhance your FUN Experience by being MORE involved. Help fill the cup.

--The KS MCC Sale is Not Only a FUN Event; but it is a CHANCE to Serve!!! Take FULL advantage of this once a year opportunity in our backyard. We are SO lucky to have this opportunity so close to home.

--PLEASE go view the lovely quilts donated by Tabor folks. You may start bringing the things you are planning to donate to the sale. Put them in the North East Corner of the Hospitality Hall where the Quilts are displayed. *Deadline to donate items for the Quilt Auction is March 6.*

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



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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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