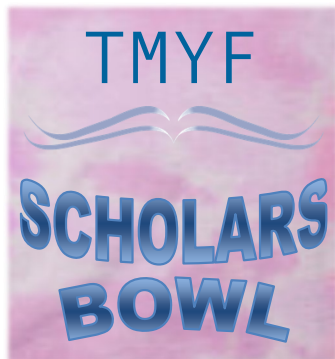


Tabor Mennonite Church

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YOUTH SUNDAY

In our worship today, you'll get a glimpse of some of the exciting and formative things that have been happening on Wednesday evenings. Thanks be to God for the gifts and passions given to our children and youth, and for the many ways Tabor helps to nurture their faith!

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Youth Worship Band
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Katherine Goerzen
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 23* 2nd - 8th Grade Children
GATHERING PRAYER
*GATHERING SONGS "Here I Am to Worship" No. 227
"10,000 Reasons" No. 111
*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
OFFERING OUR GIFTS "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Youth
SCRIPTURE READING *I Samuel 16:1-13* Iradi Amorrortu & Paula Ariza
John 9 Sam Abrahams, Adriana Duerksen,
Tristan Francis, Isaac Swartzendruber,
& Braxton Unruh

TMYF SCHOLARS BOWL TEAM

*SONG "In Christ Alone" No. 332
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*SENDING SONGS "Zephaniah 3:17" No. 173
"This Little Light of Mine" No. 762
*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, March 26

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

9:30 am: Worship
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
<https://youtube.com/live/vceJd-UC6TM?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Following Faith Formation, everyone is welcome to stay for a Taco Bar lunch and dessert auction. These are fundraisers for TMYF as they anticipate attending Convention in Kansas City this Summer. Thank you for supporting our youth!

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, March 27 - 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.
Men's Bible Study. Book of Acts.
7:00 pm - Pastor Congregation Relation Team

Tues, March 28, 9:30 am - Staff meeting.

Wed, March 29 - Wednesday Evening programs.
5:45 pm - Supper for everyone: Chicken 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

Thurs, March 30, 6:30 pm - MCC Relief Sale meeting at Tabor.

Fri, March 31, 6:30 pm - Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum
Heritage Dinner. By reservation. See announcements

Fri, March 31 - Sun, April 2 - Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
Cleo Koop will be speaking on Sunday morning.

Next Sunday, April 2

9:30 am: Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Join in Worship as we begin the journey of Holy Week. Scripture for reflection is Matthew 21:1-11 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

At the beginning of next Sunday's worship service, all children who would like to participate are invited to process into the sanctuary while waving palm branches. Children can stay with their parents in the sanctuary until they are invited to go to the foyer to receive their palm branches.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on March 19.

- ★ Phyllis expressed her appreciation to Marcene for her beautiful offertory, "Give Me Jesus." Thanks be to God for the gift of music!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Like Paul in the book of Romans, we ask for your prayers for believers who share the good news of Jesus with their neighbors, for the volunteers and pastors who lead our congregations, and for the planters of the Gospel seed.
-WDC Church Planting Commission.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Please pray for Naomi Tice, who serves as the administrative assistant for volunteer placements with Christliche Dienste (German Mennonite Voluntary Service), an agency that sends German youth to participate in Mission Network service programs. Pray for Naomi as she lives in a Christian community and builds relationships with German Mennonites.
- ★ Mennonite World Conference: Churches in the Vancouver/Abbotsford region of British Columbia, Canada will be hosting the MWC Renewal event March 25-29, and many local congregations will be welcoming international MWC guests to their worship services. MWC Executive Committee, Commission leaders, Regional Representatives and staff will be gathering the following week for their annual meetings. Please pray: that international visas will be processed and arrive in a timely fashion, and for safe travel; for the Renewal event that will bring together people from various churches; for the hosting churches and their leaders; for the Executive Committee, Commission leaders, regional representatives and staff as they meet together.

Congregational Announcements

The Deacons and Pastors have formed a Pastor Congregation Relations Team (PCRT). The purpose of the PCRT is to care for the relationship between the pastors and the congregation. The Deacons formed a PCRT for Pastor Luke when he was our supply pastor and would like to continue this process with Pastors Katherine and Todd. The members of the PCRT are: Brandy Ashley, Duane Duerksen, Nathan Graber, and Bonnie Janzen. If you have any questions, you may direct them to any of the Deacons or Pastors.

Job Opening: Secretary/Treasurer, Tabor Mennonite Church. This position could be separated between two individuals, Secretary and Treasurer. Kim Funk's last day in this position is scheduled for May 31. For more information, please contact one of the Trustees: Russell Adrian, Kenton Nickel, Jim Schmidt or Cory Unruh.

Cookies! Tabor Church is hosting the last Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale general meeting on Thursday, March 30. We would like to show hospitality by serving cookies and drinks. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers to make cookies. Thanks for helping make people feel welcome here. ~Kristin S., Leann T., and Carrie U.

Quiz Bowl: Plans are being made, questions are ready, all we need is you to come on April 5th to watch the children participate in the festivities but we also need you, parents and friends, to join in and challenge the kids, to test their memory. All the Bible passages have been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway along with a sign-up sheet if you are interested in competing with the kids. It's not necessary to sign up, just helpful for making plans. Please come and enjoy a fun evening as we celebrate the end of the year. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of the Wednesday evening programming this year. We have had a great time with the kids again this year as we studied the stories of the Old Testament. See you on the 5th.

Share an Easter Lily to honor loved ones at the Easter service on April 9. Names of those to be honored, along with names of those sharing the lilies, need to be turned in to the church office by Tuesday, April 4, to be listed in the bulletin. Please deliver lilies to the east foyer of the church, labeled with the names of donors on the bottom of the plant, by 11 am on Saturday, April 8. Please note that donors may pick up their plants after the Easter service. Plants left at the church will be used in church decorations and/or delivered to Bethesda for residents to enjoy.

Join us for Easter Breakfast! The fellowship team invites you to breakfast on Easter morning at 9:00 am in the Hospitality Hall. Please bring sweet rolls, Easter breads, muffins or a breakfast dish to share. A fruit and cheese tray will be provided along with drinks and table service. We hope you will join us to celebrate our Risen Lord!

Stories of Service: For the past several months I have been gathering information for individuals who served in some sort of service capacity. Information was sent to individuals who were involved in CPS, I-W, Pax, VS, etc. I am in the process of compiling the Service Record documents I have received. The stories are fascinating. If you have not responded, please do so before the end of March. Several hard copies will be placed in the church library and one additional copy will be placed in the church archives. Feel free to send them via email or put a hard copy in my church mailbox. Thanks, Ilona Abrahams

Mennonite Heritage Museum Heritage Dinner, Tabor Mennonite Church, Friday, March 31, 6:30 pm. Featured speaker is Britayne Rucker, KWCH 12 Morning Anchor. Her topic will be "Communicating Agriculture in a Modern World". Check the museum website www.goesselmuseum.com or Facebook page for details. (Ticket cost and first time attendee cost) Contact the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum by **Monday, March 27** to make reservations. phone: 620-367-8200. email: www.goesselmuseum@gmail.com

The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, March 27, 7:00 pm., at the home of Dennis and Jan Schmidt (1219 Alamo, Goessel) to tour their unique collection of family and community artifacts known as "The Schmidtsonian." Shasta (Schmidt) Hamilton will serve as guide for the visit. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum.

Blood Drive: Give Blood – Save Lives! Please sign up to donate blood on April 10 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.

Upcoming:

Wed, April 5 - Quiz Bowl Event

Thurs, April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service

Sun, April 9 - Easter Sunday, Breakfast in HH

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

Sun, April 16 - Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at Tabor College

Sun, April 23 - Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at Bethel College

Mon, April 24 - TMW Mystery Evening (note change of date)

Sat, May 6 - Spring Work Day at Tabor

Conference and Community Announcements

Western District Conference:

--All Western District Conference women are invited to join a virtual event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission on Tuesday, April 25. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director, retreat speaker, and writer, will present on "Holy Host: the Hospitality of God." Join us in person or virtually. Our in-person gathering will be at First Mennonite Church in Newton, beginning with a salad potluck at 6pm with Jenny joining virtually from Pennsylvania at 6:45pm. There is no cost, but please register by April 23 by emailing westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com so you can receive a Zoom link if joining virtually. If attending in person, please email your RSVP and bring a salad to share. Church groups may consider gathering together to watch via Zoom. For more information, contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245.

--Trinity Mennonite Church is planning to end its time as a congregation. The congregation has given their building at 211 S. Elm to the Hillsboro Community Childcare Center, a much needed ministry in the community. A church close out sale was held in January with proceeds donated to the Childcare Center. Our last service will be April 9, Easter Sunday morning at 10:30 am following a sunrise service (at the actual time of sunrise) and a 9:30 brunch. Guests and former members of Trinity are welcome to attend.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The March edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares his experiences of working on an MDS project in Dulac, Louisiana; a home dedication in Kentucky provides visible reminders that God cares; and MDS Canada returns to Cape Bretton to repair damage from Hurricane Fiona. To read more: <https://conta.cc/3JazUG0>

Camp Mennoscah:

--**Men and Boys Retreat**, March 31-April 2. Come to Camp Mennoscah for this long-standing, guys-only retreat! Enjoy time fishing, canoeing, worshipping, sitting by the fire, or visiting with friends in fellowship. There will be a variety show on Saturday evening and a worship service on Sunday morning with Cleo Koop speaking. The official beginning to the weekend is Saturday morning, but many arrive on Friday. Meals can be purchased for Saturday night, Sunday morning and lunch. No pre-registration. Registration and payment will take place upon arrival. For more information contact Kevin Neufeld at 316-322-5515.

--Please note that Youth Volunteer Weekend, March 24-25, has been cancelled due to the small number of campers.

--Nurses needed for the weeks of June 18-23, Junior I Camp, and July 9-14, Junior High II Camp. Head cooks needed for PreJunior I, June 11-15, and PreJunior II, June 25-29.

-- **Summer youth camp registration is open and Camp Mennoscah is receiving registrations.**

Contact: Website: www.campmennoscah.org Phone: 620-297-3290.



The Newton Et Cetera Shop, Newton, KS is receiving applications for a full-time General Manager. Newton Et Cetera is a non-profit, retail thrift shop business dedicated to reselling donated items. This position requires experience in an active retail business environment, computer and public relations skills, directing staff, and maintaining and managing a large diverse group of volunteers. An application may be picked up at the shop located at 619 N. Main, Newton during the hours of 10 am - 5:30pm Mon. through Sat. or on the website at newtonetceterashop.com. Application deadline is April 17 and the position is available beginning in May.

Bethel College: Staley Lecture at Bethel College with Phuc Luu, a theologian, philosopher and artist based in Houston, author of Jesus of the East. Sun., March 26: 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel; Mon, March 27: 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

Hesston College: Join the Sunflower Performing Arts on Sunday, April 2 at 3pm to hear pax duo. Exceptional percussionists Micah Detwiler and Tristan Swihart will bring a multi-media percussion concert integrating acoustic percussion and lighting design. The concert will be held at Hesston Mennonite Church. Find more information and purchase tickets at hesston.edu/sunflower-performing-arts.

| OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|------------|-------|
| March 19, 2023 | | | |
| Offering | = \$ 1,995.00 | Attendance | = 112 |
| Adult FF | = \$ 33.00 | Attendance | = 34 |
| Jr. FF | = \$ 16.25 | Attendance | = 34 |
| Worship Link Views | | = | 35 |

April 14 - 15, Hutchinson Fairgrounds

-- Children's Coin Offering was \$83.31. Wonderful, Keep up the GOOD work.

--Bring your items for display in the Northeast corner of Hospitality Hall There are some Beautiful items already. THANKS for sharing YOUR talents to Help Others in Need. It feels SO good to be part of a Church that Cares for the Needs of Others and gets involved.

--We are collecting items for the MCC Hygiene kits. You may bring individual items; or a complete kit and place on the table provided. Let's see how many items we can collect to take to the sale for assembly.

--One of the MOST FUN pre-sale events is helping make 20,000 Verenike. ALL ages can help with this one, now available on Sat., Apr. 1 so more folks can sign up. SIGN UP under "Volunteer" on Website.

--Bring items for the Children's Auction. New or Like New items that Children would enjoy are Wonderful.

--Let us know if you are participating in the 5K. Yvette and Kevin Nickel are in charge. No surprise there.

--Join us this Thurs., Mar. 30 at 7pm in the Hospitality Hall for the LAST meeting before the sale with MCC Sale Contact Persons. Come enjoy the last planning meeting with us. Everyone is welcome. Tabor Contact Persons are: Bill and Sherry Unruh, Jim and Diana Schmidt, Kris Schmidt, and Jerry and Leann Toews.

--Website is: kansas.mccsale.org



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