

Tabor Mennonite Church

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SHAPED BY NEW BIRTH

Welcome to worship! We are excited to welcome the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers this morning! Today, on this second Sunday of Lent, we reflect on the story of Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus, which reminds us that believing in Jesus transforms our lives and empowers us to reflect God's light in the shadowed places of our world.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Jasmine Woelk
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reece Hiebert
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 121*
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *GATHERING HYMNS "My Jesus, I Love Thee" No. 133
"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 737
Accompanied by Marcene Entz
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS "For This Joy" -Susan LaBarr Elbiata Singers
Clarinet: Mallory Schroeder
- CHILDREN'S STORY Duane Duerksen
- WORSHIP MUSIC "Beautiful City" -Andre Thomas Elbiata Singers
"He Never Failed Me Yet" -Robert Ray
Soloists: Jake Wiens, Miranda Tyler
- SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 12:1-4a, John 3:1-21*
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God! Phil Unruh
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- CANDLE LIGHTING
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *SENDING HYMNS "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" No. 558
"Be Thou My Vision" No. 549

*BENEDICTION

- POSTLUDE "Blessing of Aaron" -Walter Rodby Elbiata Singers
**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, March 5

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
<https://youtube.com/live/ET-jrYf9T6s?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

11:30 am: Area Jr. High fundraiser meal for Camp 412. Meal by donation / \$8 per person suggested. We're excited to be able to go to camp again and appreciate your support!

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, March 6 - 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.

7:00 pm - Exchange Student Sharing, *everyone welcome.*
Men's Bible Study. Book of Acts.

Tues, March 7, 9:30 am - Staff meeting.

7:00 pm - Church Council meeting.

Wed, March 8 - Tabor Mennonite Women to Comforter Blitz @ Yoder
Wednesday Evening programs.

5:45 pm - Supper for everyone: Museum Pizza Night.
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 12

Daylight Savings Time Begins.

9:30 am: Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Lent. The theme for Lent is Created in the Image of God: Shaped by Jesus. Lent 3 - Shaped Through Thirst. Scriptures for reflection are John 4:5-42; Romans 5:1-11, Psalm 95 and Exodus 17:1-7, and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

- ★ **Western District Conference:** Pray for the four WDC Commissions as they work to resource congregations, equip ministers and congregational leaders, nurture emerging congregations, and encourage generous giving and stewardship to support WDC's mission.
- ★ **Mennonite Mission Network:** Participants from three MMN Service Adventure units are in Newton for five days of fellowship, during which they will share the importance of service with potential participants. A similar event will be held in two weeks in Elkhart, Indiana. Pray that current and future participants will grow in their commitment to active faith through these events.
- ★ **Mennonite World Conference:** Lord, have mercy! Two earthquakes in a border region have resulted in more than 40,000 deaths in Türkiye and Syria. In a season of rain, snow and cold temperatures, many people lack shelter; buildings and roads were destroyed or damaged, delaying aid. Pray for people who have lost loved ones and are affected by fear and trauma from the quakes and their aftermath. Global Mission Fellowship (GMF) member Multiply has relationships with churches in the region. Pray for discernment in responding. Pray that the hope and peace of Christ would permeate all their efforts.

Congregational Announcements

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

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: 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. Sign up on the bulletin board. We will return around 5pm.

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, there will be fresh tossed salad, delicious cookies, and, of course, your good company! Your contributions will be gratefully accepted and used for general operating expenses.

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.

Upcoming:

Fri, March 24 - Sat, March 26 - TMYF Lock-in & Mystery Supper
Sun, March 26 - Youth Sunday, Fundraiser Meal and Dessert Auction
Fri, March 31 - Sun, April 2 - Men and Boys Camp at Mennoscah
Sat, April 1 - Women in Mission Celebration at Faith Mennonite Church
Wed, April 5 - Quiz Bowl Event
Sun, April 9 - Easter Sunday
Fri, April 14 - Sat, April 15 - Kansas MCC Relief Sale
Sun, April 16 - Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at Tabor College
Mon, April 17 - TMW Mystery Evening
Sun, April 23 - Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus at Bethel College

Conference and Community Announcements

Western District Conference: The WDC Gifts Discernment Committee is at work again seeking to identify leaders for the conference. While we always welcome any nominations or suggestions of people who might have leadership gifts to share, this year we are specifically asking for help in discerning nominees for the role of Moderator-elect. Please prayerfully consider if there is someone in your community (or yourself) who might be called to this important leadership role in the conference. Suggestions or nominations can be emailed to wdc@mennowdc.org

Mennonite Church USA: Registration for MennoCon23 is now open. Mennocon23 will be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6, immediately followed by the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly and the new Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit.

Mennonite Central Committee: TOGETHER WE CAN KNOT - Come join the fun at the 15th annual MCC Comforter Blitz March 6 - 8 on the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder. 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".

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. 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>.

Camp Mennoscah:

--The dam will be put back in on March 12 at approx. 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join in or to watch. Gather at the shelter. (The actual putting in of the boards is not for young ages.) The event will go forward, whatever the weather, unless deemed unsafe. Call Camp Mennoscah if uncertain.

--Welcome Summer Staff 2023! While we may be adding to the number of summer staff, here is the crew as of March 1: Peter Buller, Schyler Entz, Daniel Miller, Edel Miller, and Jacob Schrag. Additional staff are needed for lifeguarding and grounds. We are excited to have them at camp this summer!

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

Newton Et Cetera Shop

--Newton Et Cetera Shop invites you to become a volunteer! If you'd like to join us, please stop by, call us at 316.283.9461, or attend our volunteer orientation 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. 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!

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association: The January 12, 1888, blizzard will be the focus for Lois Preheim, author and educator, who will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association. Her book, "Trailing the Schoolchildren's Blizzard" chronicles experiences of families living in ten locations along the storm's route extending from Canada down through the United States. Dr. Preheim has degrees from Freeman Junior College, the University of Nebraska and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She is a retired kindergarten-twelve principal having taught pre-school through college age students. Currently she resides in Newton, Kansas. The annual meeting will be held on March 12 at 2:30pm at the First Mennonite Church of Christian in Moundridge.

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 (doug@tabor.edu) for more information.

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.



Elbiata Singers

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| Director | Braden Unruh | Tenor | Levi Schrag
Noah Schrag
Jake Wiens
Adam Wonser |
| Soprano | Adriana Duerksen
Cheyenne Sawyer
Emma Schroeder
Miranda Tyler
Jasmine Woelk | Bass | Anthony Boden
Eli Boden
Jake Flaming
Riley Hartvickson
Javin Schmidt |
| Alto | Abigail Funk
Aimee Funk
Mallory Schroeder
Sarah Spurlin
Brooklyn Wuest | Accompanist | Marcia Brubaker |

April 14 - 15, Hutchinson Fairgrounds

- Children's Coin Offering was \$56.71. Nice job Tabor!!
- We are so proud of our young folks who are working diligently on their Memory Work, and listening to them recite the 23rd Psalms brings us much joy. The \$25 MCC vouchers they are awarded will benefit the sale!
- This Sunday will be the last Sunday to view the Tabor Quilts. We will take the quilts in Monday where they will be photographed and put on the website to advertise for the Quilt Auction.
- Start bringing your items you are crafting. There are tables in the northeast corner of the Fellowship Hall to display your donations. Larger items can be put on the floor in that area.
- Children's Auction will be held Sat., April 15 at 10am in the Pride of KS Building. Your children learn how to bid just like the grownups. Consider donating items that Children would enjoy bidding on.
- The HEART of the Sale is the 1000+ folks volunteering and working together to SERVE OTHERS as we enjoy our time working together for the common goal of helping those in the worst humanitarian crisis.
- Making verenike has been changed to a Saturday to accommodate working people and school children; so more folks can get involved with the FUN. What an opportunity for your children to feel involved with their parents and others in the church. April 1 is the date. Sign up on the website, click on "volunteer." Large group activities such as this are almost non-existent in our modern world. This is like the Good Ole Days when we banded together to help someone in need.
- Website is: kansas.mccsale.org

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
February 26, 2023			
Offering	= \$ 2,236.00	Attendance	= 134
Adult FF	= \$ 13.80	Attendance	= 43
Jr. FF	= \$ 12.81	Attendance	= 41
Worship Link Views		=	40

SERMON NOTES

- Lenten Reflection:
- How is God bringing transformation in and/or through your faith journey?
 - How might God be calling you to shine Christ's Light in the situations in which you find yourself?

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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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Ruby Graber	Emil Schmidt	