

Tabor Mennonite Church

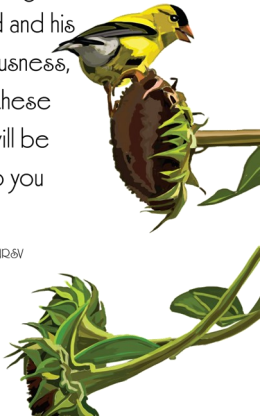
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Strive first
for the kingdom
of God and his
righteousness,
and all these
things will be
given to you
as well.

Matthew 6:33, NIV



Jesus for President: Do Not Worry

All of us carry burdens. All of us experience anxiety. All of us have much that we worry about (especially these days, it seems). It can be difficult to know what to do with Jesus' words to his followers, "Do not worry." Yet even as we carry burdens and worry about tomorrow, may we be reminded that God is faithful, God knows what we need, and God holds the future. And may we be assured of Jesus' promise: "I am with you always, even to the very end of the age."

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Michelle Unruh
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Reece Hiebert
GATHERING HYMN	"Don't be afraid"	No. 105 SJ
CHILDREN'S STORY		Kara Swartzendruber
SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 6:25-34 <i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	Leann Toews
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Rosie Jantz
	<i>We will end this time of prayer by praying the Lord's Prayer together. Feel free to join in wherever you are.</i>	
SENDING HYMN	"My life flows on" -vs. 1, 3, & 4	No. 580
SENDING BLESSING	Philippians 4:6-7	

Words for hymns in bulletin

Sunday, November 8

Come together in spirit to worship God and experience God's love. As we unite our hearts, may we be mindful of God's saving grace, especially as we face difficult circumstances through uncertain times.

9:00 am: Worship in a variety of ways. Options include driving in to the church parking lot to listen via FM Radio 107.1, or viewing via YouTube Livestream (YouTube recoding is also available following the service).

Following Worship: Fellowship in the east parking lot. BASIC class will not meet this week.

10:45 am: Faith Formation: WOW and CAFE

We invite everyone to a Zoom video to connect with one another and share prayer requests. After about 15 minutes we will send people to breakout rooms. Zoom connection information is below.

-Click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7022907372?pwd=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnWxwdEwyVXRzd09>

-Or, open Zoom and type in the following information:
Meeting ID: 702 290 7372 , Password: 2020

-Or, call in by dialing the following number: +1 346 248 7799, then dialing the Meeting ID (702 290 7372) followed by pressing the # key twice.

This Week

Mon. Nov. 9, 7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. Nov. 10, 10:00 am: Staff meeting.

7:00 pm: Christian Education meeting.

Wed. Nov. 11, 6:45 pm: Jr. High Youth meet in west parking lot.

7:00 pm: TMYF meet in church park.

Thurs. Nov 12, 10:00 am: Stories & Stuff *see announcements*

7:30 pm: Deacon meeting with Heidi Regier Kreider.

Next Sunday, November 15

9:00 am: Next Sunday we continue our worship series "Jesus for President" based on The Sermon on the Mount. Scripture for reflection is Matthew 7:24-29 and Pastor Phil will be preaching on Jesus' parable "Build your house upon rock."

Following Worship: Fellowship in the east parking lot.

10:15 am: Tabor Church Congregational Annual Meeting.

Possible in-person attendance option OR Zoom attendance option.

5-6pm: Community Thanksgiving drive-through meal.
see announcements

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, November 1.

- ★ Dale Alderfer reflected on the number of Junior Youth we have in our congregation and his hope that they all receive meaningful mentoring from our congregation. He encourages adults in our congregation to seek ways to help nurture the faith of children and youth, and to prayerfully consider investing in the lives of youth through mentoring. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Peace in our country amidst the anxiety and division related to the recent elections. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ All in our congregation who are recovering from or are facing health related concerns. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ our communities, schools and nursing homes as we continue to see new positive COVID cases. Pray for those who test positive, those who are in quarantine, teachers and staff who continue to teach our children and for those who care for our loved ones in nursing homes. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastor peer groups as they meet virtually or in person to offer support and encouragement to one another in their ministry.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Janie and Neal Blough have retired in France after 45 years of ministry there through MMN. Pray for them as they continue to serve by teaching and providing worship resources to congregations throughout Europe and beyond.

Thanks

The 2020 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk took place on Sunday, October 25 beginning and ending at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Twenty-four participants endured an afternoon with near freezing temperatures and completed a route between 2 and 6 miles. Nearly \$4,000 was raised for this event and will be dispersed to MCC's COVID-19 relief efforts and the Tabor Church Food Pantry. Thank you for your support of this annual community event – by walking, donating money or non-perishable items, and praying for us!

~Kevin & Yvette Nickel, area coordinators

Congregational Announcements

Stories & Stuff: Please join us in the Hospitality Hall or via Zoom (using the same link listed for Sunday morning Faith Formation) on Thursday, November 12 at 10 am. Emil and Vickie Schmidt will be sharing a slide show and stories of the photographs they have taken over the years. We hope you can join us in whatever way feels comfortable for you.

Goessel Community Drive-Through Thanksgiving Meal!

COVID can't stop our good work! The *meal will be catered this year by Keith Banman*. Drive-through will be from **5:00-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 15**. The meal is free; donations are welcome to help Goessel Ministerial Alliance (GMA) provide assistance for community families and the schools. Please help Keith to plan by sending an RSVP by Monday, November 9, through this link: tinyurl.com/Goessel-T-giving-2020 [or contact the church office].

Would you be interested in being paired up with an 8th grader as part of our mentor/mentee program at Tabor Church. This is a great opportunity to get to know one of our youth in a special way. We are hoping to get this organized soon, so if you are interested, please contact Sarahanne Unruh or Dale Alderfer with any questions you may have. Thanks for your support.

MCC Meat Canning will be taking place at the MCC Center in North Newton during November. Volunteers from Tabor are needed November 19-21. Covid-19 safety measures will be in place. Masks will be required. A video showing the work of the canner can be seen here. <https://youtu.be/eAxo0moMz3M> Contact Kenton Nickel for work times and to sign up.

Faith Formation Videos: If you have missed some of the Faith Formation videos from the past quarter, would like to see them again or want to view them for the first time, you can find all of them by going to Tabor's website. <https://tabormennonite.org/> Just click on the Media tab at the top of the page to select the series you want: Pirate and Parrot, Bible Connections, On the Mat. We hope this makes it easier for you to watch the videos. Enjoy!

Parents of children Kindergarten through 5th grade: Please complete the short Video Series Survey sent out by the Christian Ed Committee. Your input is vital for our planning purposes for the winter and spring. Even if you haven't watched the videos yet, please let us know that. Your response as soon as possible is greatly appreciated. ~Doris Unruh

Rejoice! This winter issue of the Rejoice! devotional is available and will be on the table at the entry of the Hospitality Hall on Sunday mornings when we meet in person, or please let Kim know if you would like to have one mailed to you. Email kfunk@tabormennonite.org or call 367-2318. If no answer, please leave a message.

Tabor Mennonite Women: Since we have not been meeting in person, you are encouraged to send your offering to Denise Nickel, PO Box 173, Goessel, so we can continue to donate to the ministries that we support.

The Christmas Giving Tree: Jesus' love was the greatest gift that God has ever given to humanity. That love continues to inspire us to gift each other with God's grace and love. The Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Citizens State Bank are sponsoring a "Christmas Giving Tree" to do just that. This tree endeavors to help with some of the expenses of Christmas for those families in need. We invite all parents who feel they could use a little help to fill out an application listing their children by name, age, and some gift suggestions with sizes, if clothing is listed. Besides parents, other people that are aware of needs for children should also fill out the application form.

Applications will be available at the Goessel Elementary and High School offices, the Goessel City Office, the Crossroads Credit Union and the Citizens State Bank. All applications will need to be turned in by **Friday, November 20** to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Citizens State Bank. Each child's name turned in will get 2 tags on the tree with their age, sex and gift description. The names of the children will not be on the tag.

The tags will be available on the tree at the Citizens State Bank on **Monday, November 23**. All the gifts will need to be brought back to the Bank by **Monday, December 14**. The gifts should be wrapped and the bank personnel will assist with the "checking in" process. The gifts will then be distributed by the Ministerial Alliance.

It is our goal that everyone has a blessed and happy Christmas, both the giver and the receiver. We hope that each of our congregations may enter into this ministry opportunity.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

Small Group Gatherings: If you would like to schedule an in-person or Zoom meeting for your small group, faith formation class, or another gathering, please let church staff know and we will get that set up!

Porch Visits: Please contact pastors directly to schedule a visit. We miss seeing you and we'd love to hear from you!

Conference Announcements

Mennonite Church USA invites parents and caregivers to join Talashia Keim Yoder, writer of this year's "Advent at Home" devotional, for a free webinar on "Advent with Children," Sunday, November 22 at 2 p.m. The author will share simple ways to celebrate Advent as a family, as well as various ways to use the devotional. Register by Thursday, November 19: <https://bit.ly/37Lttbo>

Mennonite Central Committee is responding to a request from people on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in southeastern Montana for cloth face masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. If you would like to sew masks, please use the following guidelines:

- Use at least 2 layers of good quality cotton fabric (solid colors preferred)
- Adult sized
- Elastic ear loops
- Nose wire/filter pockets optional

Please ship purchased or completed masks to the MCC Central States Material Resources Center (Attn: Kate Mast) at 121 East 30th Street, North Newton, KS 67117, or drop off in the 24 hour donation room at MCC by **November 15th**. They will all be collected and transported to Montana in time for the winter season. Questions? Please contact katemast@mcc.org.

Habitat for Humanity of Harvey County: Annual Fundraiser. Famous Smoked Pork Chop Dinner! This year we will serve drive-through carryout style November 19, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N Anderson Rd, Newton. To make your reservation & schedule your pick-up time Call 316.416.5717 or [email skoontz@bethelks.edu](mailto:skoontz@bethelks.edu) RSVP by November 5. We need your generous donations in order to build a Habitat home in 2021. Thank you for supporting Habitat's vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Peace Connections will hold the 8th Annual Celebrity Servers to-go on Tuesday, November 10, pick up or delivery. Three course meal (salad, entree, dessert) started by Water's Edge, finished in your home. Your tip is your donation and will be matched by Peace Connections Board. Order by November 3rd. www.peaceconnections.org or call 316-284-0000. Benefits Circle of Hope.

Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Mon., Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Bethel College:

--The KIPCOR Film Series continues with *Cooked: Survival* by ZIP Code, a multiple-award-winning documentary that focuses on the deadly 1995 Chicago heat wave to illustrate how minorities and low-income citizens suffer the most negative impact from natural disasters. The film is an indictment of our nation's disaster preparedness, and forges a link between extreme weather, extreme disparity and extreme racism. Note that watching the film and participating in the talk-back are two distinct, separate events. You must view the film between Nov. 8 and Nov. 14, using this link and password: <https://vimeo.com/bullfrogfilms/kipcor-cooked>; password: KC30p0 (KC3-zero-p-zero). Then on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m., KIPCOR will host a virtual discussion of the film with

