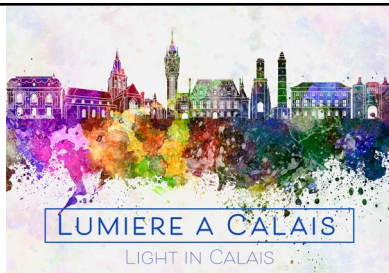


# Tabor Mennonite Church

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This Sunday we welcome our church's mission partners: Rachel and Joseph Givens, who will be serving at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France. We are grateful to learn more about the ways they anticipate serving with the people seeking refuge there, as well as for this opportunity to support them as their family prepares for their time in France.

## WORSHIP

PRELUDE Diane Unruh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Luke Unruh

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Deuteronomy 10:17-22*

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*GATHERING HYM *"Help Us to Help Each Other"* No. 722

\*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

CHILDREN'S STORY Kevin Nickel

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Leviticus 19:33-34* Pastor Luke Unruh  
*Matthew 22:37-40*

*The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!*

SHARING Joseph and Rachel Givens

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"I Bind My Heart This Tide"* No. 556

\*OFFERING OUR GIFTS *"You Walk Along Our Shoreline"* No. 99 SJ  
*Red bags: Tabor budget*  
*Gift bags: Mission Partners. Checks payable to Tabor Menn. Church, Mission Partners as memo*

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

\*SENDING HYMN *"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"* -vs. 1, 2, 5 No. 63 SJ

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, September 26

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

**9:30 am:** Worship Service in the Sanctuary.  
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).  
Link: <https://youtu.be/aKAui2DURj0>

**Fellowship Time** following worship.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation. Jr High - Adults meet in the Hospitality Hall to learn more about the ministry of our Mission Partners, Joseph and Rachel Givens.

**Noon:** Meal and fellowship in the Tabor Church Park with Joseph and Rachel Givens. Please bring your lawn chairs.

**Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk!** You can still sign up to walk (or run) and you can still make a donation, payable to Harvest Giving Walk. Find a walker today for your generous giving to help MCC's Haiti earthquake relief efforts, as well as the expenses of our local Tabor Food Pantry. Participants, please be at Goessel Church by 1:15 p.m. to sign in and remember to bring an item for the Food Pantry, as well as your donation envelope.

## This Week

**Mon. Sept. 27, 7 pm** - Men's Bible Study in the Hospitality Hall.

**Tues. Sept. 28, 9 am** - Staff meeting.

**Wed. Sept. 29, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness.

## Next Sunday, October 3

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. As we prepare to celebrate the Lord's Supper together, remember our sisters and brothers around the world, knowing that we are all one in Christ Jesus. Scripture for reflection is 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

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

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ all who are participating in the Harvest Giving Walk this afternoon and for God's blessing on the donations raised to help with MCC's Haiti relief efforts, as well as the Tabor Food Pantry. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ our Wednesday Evening Ministries which are scheduled to begin in October. Pray for our teachers and leaders and all who participate. Thanks be to God for this opportunity to come together!

### Prayer requests continued

- ★ Our congregation and commissions as we discern the 2021 budget as well as people to serve on committees in the coming year. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ those in our congregation and community who have Covid or are needing to quarantine due to exposure. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ all who are struggling with illness, depression, despair, loneliness, both here and around the world. Lord, hear our prayer for your healing presence to be made known in the midst of struggles.
- ★ The caring quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for God's strength for chaplains, medical providers and others in WDC who serve hospitals, health-care and hospice organizations, as they minister among those most impacted by the ongoing COVID pandemic.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Rejoice with Brian and Noelia Fox of MMN that COVID-19 cases in Spain are decreasing and in-person meetings for churches and schools are starting to resume. Pray for Brian and Noelia as they search for a place to hold their English classes, after a year of conducting online classes.

### Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the marriage of Reece Hiebert and Cayla Lawless which took place here at Tabor on Saturday. Lord, hear our prayers as they begin their life together, and Thanks be to God for the gift of their love for each other.
- ★ our Mission Partner family, Joseph, Rachel, Elijah and Micaiah, as they continue to prepare for their ministry in Calais, France. Thanks be to God for their heart for service and the Love of Jesus that they take with them. And thanks be to God that we were able to personally meet and spend time with them this weekend to better understand the work they will be doing in the years to come.

### Thanks

Many thanks for all the love and care we've received during Ruby's brother's illness and death. The WOW class, our small group, and Pastors have stood with Ruby through this ordeal. In the mysterious ways God works, Diana Schmidt came to the door just as Ruby got the news of her brother's death and was there to comfort her. Pastor Katherine has been such a good listener and support. The caring quilt, cards and emails have shown so much support from you, the fellowship of believers at Tabor. We're so thankful we're here! ~Jim and Ruby Graber

THANKS a bunch for all of you who helped drive the Tractor Shuttle at the KS State Fair for the KS MCC Sale. ~Jerry Toews

### Congregational Announcements

**Commitment sheets:** Normally around this time of year, church leadership would be asking everyone to fill out a commitment sheet. However, this year Church Council decided that we would try going without the commitment forms, and instead continue to encourage each Council and Commission to prayerfully discern who could be invited to use their gifts for the sake of the church. Church Council has been discussing how our congregation's commissions can help identify people's gifts and passions, let go of things that no longer feel life-giving, as well as provide time to support one another and be mindful of God's presence. If you have any questions or concerns – or if you feel led to serve in a certain way – please speak with a member of Church Council. Thanks!

**We are looking forward to Wednesday Evening Ministries beginning again on October 6!** We will kick things off on the 6<sup>th</sup> with a hot dog roast in the church park at 5:45 pm, followed by a trailer ride to Patchwork Farms leaving around 6:30 pm. Please plan to bring lawn chairs.

The schedule for the following Wednesdays will be:

- 5:45 – 6:30: *Supper – These will be outside (weather permitting) with pre-packed brown bag lunches provided. Please plan to bring lawn chairs.*
- 6:30 – 7:15: *Class for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade*
- 7:00 – 7:45: *Youth Group*
- 7:30 – 8:15: *Adult Bible Study*

Please note that, for the time being, adult and children's choirs will not be meeting. The theme for this fall will focus on the 10 commandments (for all ages). We look forward to seeing you there!

**Prayer Service:** In the midst of these tumultuous times, Worship Planning Team discerned that it would be fitting to devote the entire worship service on Sunday, October 17, to a time of centering prayer – both to allow us to name our requests before God, as well as to remind us of who it is who is ultimately in control. In anticipation of this service, there will be a pitcher made available in the foyer for you to place your prayer requests.

**Mennonite Disaster Service Learning and Service Trips:** The Kansas MDS Unit is sponsoring two Learning and Service trips to McAllen, TX. The dates are Oct. 16-23, 2021 and Feb. 19-26, 2022. Participants will leave on Saturday morning traveling to San Antonio TX, staying over night, visiting San Antonio Mennonite church on Sunday morning, then traveling to McAllen TX. for the MDS project. Cost will be two nights lodging and meals on the two weekends while traveling. MDS is covering the remainder of the expenses. To make your reservations or for more information contact Cleo Koop at [cleohkoop@gmail.com](mailto:cleohkoop@gmail.com) or call 316-282-0797.

**Bloodmobile:** The need for blood products is ongoing. Please sign up to donate on October 11, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. Make a single unit donation or a Power Red donation (double units for those with type O+, O-, A-, or B-) to help meet the needs. Sign up for your appointment time online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). For more information contact Rosie Reimer 620-367-2418 or Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

**Dates to Remember:**

- October 5: Budget setting workshop. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- October 6: Wednesday Evening Kickoff.
- October 19: Ministry appointments are due.
- November 14: Congregational Meeting.

## Conference Announcements

**Western District Conference:**

**--Consider making a donation to the Western District Conference Hope Fund!** The Hope Fund issues grants to churches in Western District Conference that are suffering hardship related to COVID-19 and other disasters. As the pandemic continues to affect our churches, the Hope Fund has proven to be incredibly important to supporting churches in need. You can find out more, and make a donation, by visiting [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org), or by sending a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Please consider contributions to the Hope Fund as above and beyond regular giving to WDC, which supports ongoing staff, programs and resourcing for congregations and leaders.

**--Annual IBA (Instituto Bíblico Anabautista) Benefit Burrito Sale**  
(Order to-Go): Friday October 15, 2021 – First Mennonite Church v 429 East 1<sup>st</sup> St. Newton. *DRIVE THRU Pick Up from 5:00 – 6:30 pm – Date-line to Order: Friday Oct. 8.* Pork, Chicken and Vegetarian BURRITOS cook by chef Carlos Lujano. Burritos will be sold by ½ dozen (6 burritos) and a dozen (12 burritos). Sale by donation. Your generous gift will help ensure the future of this vital ministry. For more information and to ORDER contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui. Order by Monday Oct. 8 email: [VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org) or call: 316-281-4342

**Mennonite Central Committee:**

--Join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> MCC Color of Compromise webinar featuring Sandra Maria Van Opstal on September 28th at 1:00 p.m. EDT. From the depth of her experience ministering to the Hispanic and Latino community, writer, speaker and co-founder of Chasing Justice movement, Sandra Maria Van Opstal will speak about the impact of the church's complicity in racism on the Hispanic and Latino community here in the U.S. Register here: [https://mcc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mn84mcwBTHu\\_ggUajNFQKw](https://mcc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mn84mcwBTHu_ggUajNFQKw) For more information on past webinars in the series, visit [mcc.org/color-of-compromise](http://mcc.org/color-of-compromise).

--Take action to advocate for Haitian asylum seekers by urging President Biden to immediately halt deportation flights to Haiti. Following the biblical call to welcome the stranger, MCC is asking that all deportation flights to Haiti be halted immediately and is seeking respect for basic human rights at the U.S./Mexico border. [Take action today!](#)

**Mennonite Church USA:** During September and October, Mennonite Church USA invites you to learn about poverty considering the pandemic, by engaging its new “**Learn, Pray, Join**” initiative – **The Cost of Poverty**. We will include a special focus on housing insecurity and mutual aid. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/peacebuilding/learn-pray-join/cost-of-poverty/>

**Camp Mennoscah:**

**--Annual Meeting:** September 26 at 3:30pm. You are invited to join in person at Hope Mennonite Church (Wichita, KS) or on Zoom. Please bring a mask, if attending in person. We welcome you to look back on our memorable past summer and look forward to where camp is going in the next year and beyond.

**--There are volunteer opportunities for you!** Camp Mennoscah has year-round work to support the maintenance and upkeep of the campus and facilities. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Check out these ways to [Get Involved!](#) Email [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

**--Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat, November 5-7, at Camp Mennoscah!** Register at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org)! There is only one Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat. Lodging will be in the Retreat Center and cropping/crafting will be in the Main Camp dining hall. Fees for the Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat have increased to \$150 to meet higher costs and the use of multiple facilities. For those who find the increase prohibitive, there is an option to receive up to \$25 in scholarship funds per person as part of the registration process.

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** The September edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: A Virginia family now has a way home, thanks to MDS Volunteers, Canada farmers work together to battle drought conditions and clean up continues in the wake of Hurricane Ida. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3EjIO0M>

**Bethel College:**

--Thursday, Sept. 30 – **KIPCOR Peace Lecture with Mark McCormick**, “Peace: It’s a Choice,” 7 p.m., in Memorial Hall. McCormick is a former columnist for the Wichita Eagle and former executive director of The Kansas African American Museum in Wichita, and is currently director of strategic communications for the ACLU of Kansas.

--Thurs., Sept. 30-Sun., Oct. 3 – **Bethel College Fall Festival**; most activities take place Saturday, Oct. 2, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, exhibits in the Regier Art Gallery and Kauffman Museum, the comedy The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) [revised], and the STEM Symposium honoring Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Richard Zerger. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule to buy tickets online.

--**Bakers and Crafters Needed!** Help support Bethel College Women's Association by donating pies for BCWA's Pie-By-The-Slice booth or any baked item or craft item for the Market in the Round at Fall Fest 2021. Peppernuts, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, and coffee cakes are popular items! Bring your pies (no refrigerated or custard pies please) to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center 4:00-6:30pm Friday, October 1 or 8-11 am on Saturday, October 2. Baked goods and craft items can be dropped off at the Luyken Fine Arts Center Rm 140 on Friday 1:30-4:30pm or Saturday 7-8 am. All proceed go so support Bethel College.

#### SEPTEMBER COVID19 PROTOCOL

--Due to the recent increases in Covid19 and the Delta variant, the CDC recommends that everyone (including vaccinated persons) **wear masks when indoors** in areas of high or substantial community transmission. We Strongly Encourage following this mask guidance at this time.

--Every other pew in the sanctuary will be roped off for social distance seating.

--Social Distance seating on dots during children's story time will continue.

--During worship people speaking from the front microphones are encouraged to remove masks to accommodate those who have difficulty understanding the speakers.

--Musicians are encouraged to perform from the stage to minimize the transmission of respiratory droplets.

--Congregational Singing has resumed.

--Passing Offering Bags will resume.

--**PLEASE KEEP HANDSHAKING TO A MINIMUM WITH GREETERS AND DURING THE SERVICE.**

--If you test positive after attending a church event, **PLEASE** call one of the Covid Task Team or the church office. **This is important!**

--Sanitizing stations will remain available and encouraged to be used.

--Mailboxes are in use.

--Gatherings that include serving of food are discouraged. Groups of less than 50 may meet with food if individual plates are prepared and served (versus potluck style).

Thank You, Covid Task Team – Gayle Funk, Duane Duerksen, Erica Stoltzfus

**Update for September 26: If you are attending the lunch in the park this coming Sunday, we ask that you wear a mask even though you are outside. Masks are mandated inside the church building at this point and we encourage frequent usage of hand sanitizer that is made available. We will continue the social distance seating in the sanctuary for your safety.**

#### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE September 12, 2021

Offering	= \$ 6,810.00	Attendance	= 107
Adult FF	= \$ 28.00	Attendance	= 28
Jr. FF	= \$ 4.80	Attendance	= 29

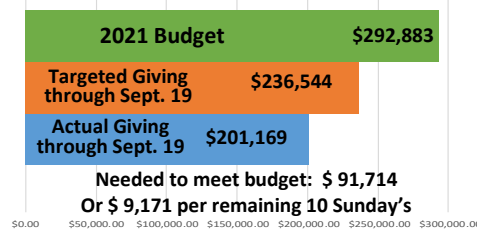
Worship Link Views = 66

*Views to links may include more than one person*

#### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE September 19, 2021

Offering	= \$ 9,337.00	Attendance	= ≈ 75
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#### Tabor Church Budget



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