



## Peace Sunday:

### *Finding Hope and Healing in Crisis*

Jesus is the source of our salvation, and we desire and need the peace that he brings – especially after this year! As followers of Jesus, we follow his example, and work to bring peace in the midst of chaos.<sup>1</sup>

## WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Pastor Katherine Goerzen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Myron Voth

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 46*

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*GATHERING SONG “Be Still, My Soul” -vs. 1 & 2 No. 664

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” No. 610

CHILDREN’S STORY Leann Toews

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Matthew 14:22-33* Barb Banman  
*Mark 4:35-41*

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

SERMON “Jesus is our Peace” Pastor Luke Unruh

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Calm Me, Lord” No. 680

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine

\*SENDING HYMN “God of the Bible” No. 420

\*BENEDICTION

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

<sup>1</sup>Slightly adapted from the Mennonite World Conference Peace Sunday 2021 worship resources.

Pictured: Peace banner designed and made by Wilma Schmidt.

## Sunday, October 10

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Lewis and Carrie Unruh. 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/jnteJGeZyFc>

**Fellowship Time** following worship.  
Due to work on the kitchen/bathroom floors causing limited access to the Hospitality Hall, coffee will not be available at this time.

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

**Choose a Hymn:** The bulletin board in the foyer servers to draw us into worship. As a reminder that Jesus is the center of our lives, beginning this Sunday and until Advent begins, you are invited to choose a hymn which you find meaningful and add it to the posted display. Please use the old hymnals that you will find on the table beneath the bulletin board, cut out the hymn you choose, and add it to the board.

## This Week

**Mon. Oct. 11, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness  
**7 pm** - Men’s Bible Study in the Hospitality Hall.

**Tues. Oct. 12, 9 am** - Staff meeting.  
**7 pm** - Christian Education meeting.

**Wed. Oct. 13-** Wednesday Evening Programs

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

The theme for this fall will focus on the 10 commandments (for all ages). Please follow the link to complete registration for Wednesday Evenings:  
<https://forms.gle/XXiCQc4kbj1Yg4N18>

## Next Sunday, October 17

**9:30 am: 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 is a pitcher available in the foyer for you to place your prayer requests.

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

## Prayer Requests

*The following prayer requests were shared on Sunday, October 3.*

- ★ Barb Banman shared that her niece, Krissy, has been placed on hospice following a long battle with cancer. Lord, hear our prayers for comfort during the end of her life, and for family who are grieving and processing.
- ★ Sara Hiebert, Denise Nickel, and Eileen Schmidt shared a letter on behalf of Bethesda Home, which was also emailed to the congregation. Lord, hear our prayers for Bethesda Home.
- ★ Emil Schmidt shared a statement from the deacons and announced the names of the search committee, which include Larry Goerzen, Sheri Schmidt, Nancy Funk, Reece Hiebert, Eunice Nickel, Lewis Unruh, and Pastor Katherine Goerzen. Thanks be to God for the work of Tabor Mennonite Church!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ persons who are willing to share their gifts by filling needed positions on our commissions, committees and ministries. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ our congregation as we diligently give of our offerings in these last 2 months to meet the 2021 budget, and as we discern the 2022 budget as well as people to serve on committees in the coming year. 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: Give thanks for gifts received by WDC's Hope Fund, bringing encouragement to congregations and leaders impacted by the pandemic and natural disasters.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Today is Indigenous Peoples Day. Pray that the descendants of White settlers and the descendants of the inhabitants of Turtle Island (North America) will listen to each other and work together for justice. Pray also for the mission workers who join with Indigenous peoples who are reclaiming their lands and their cultures.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Wednesday Evening Ministries with Bible studies beginning this week. Pray for our teachers and leaders and all who participate. Thanks be to God for this opportunity to come together!

## Thanks

The 2021 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk took place on Sunday, September 26 beginning and ending at Goessel Church. Thirty-two participants enjoyed the warm fall afternoon and completed a route in town between 1 and 6 miles. \$5,450 was raised for this event and will be dispersed to MCC's Haiti earthquake relief and the Tabor Church Food Pantry. Additionally nearly 50 food items were collected for the Tabor 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

## Positions To Be Filled

We give thanks for the many gifted and committed people who willingly share in the ministries of Tabor Church. You are appreciated and needed. Some of the leadership positions which need additional persons to serve are listed below. Prayerfully consider if you would be willing to fill these positions, or, if there is someone who you feel is gifted for a position, invite them to consider using their gifts in that way. Please contact a Pastor, or Church Chr. Gayle Funk with questions or to volunteer.

--Deacons: one position. Assist the Pastors in giving spiritual guidance to the congregation through visitations, serving of communion, assisting in baptisms, preparing and overseeing the benevolence budget, and by offering support and guidance to the pastors.

--Trustee: one position. Provide for the physical needs and maintenance of all church property. Prepare an annual operating budget and assist with salary determinations.

--Worship Planning: one position. Assist in providing meaningful worship experiences through visioning, music, word, drama, and more!

--Fellowship Planning: all positions. This recently has been filled by two or three couples but this wouldn't have to continue in this way. Planning individual events, like Mennograss or church camp-out, would be a perfect activity for a small group.

--Christian Ed: one or two people for Junior Dept. coordinator. Choose curriculum, organize classes, recruit teachers/helpers, help with other events/decisions of the executive comm.

--Christian Ed: one or two people for Wed. Evening. Plan the programming, organize classes, recruit teacher/helpers, liaison between community families and Tabor.

--Outreach: two or more positions. Help with coordinating outreach ministries and events.

## Congregational Announcements

**Mission Partner Support:** Recently we were privileged to personally meet and get to know our Mission Partners, Rachel and Joseph Givens. If you were unable to participate, to learn more about them and their ministry, you may view the service from Sunday, September 26 on our website. You may also follow their website: [Givens' Mission to Calais](#). If you would like to contribute financially to this ministry, there is a box in the foyer where you may leave your donation. Please make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church, with Mission Partners on the memo line. Your prayers are also deeply appreciated.

**Free Hymnals:** After saving enough copies of *Hymnal: A Worship Book* for use in the Hospitality Hall, extra hymnals are free for the taking in the foyer. Help yourself!

**And More Free Stuff:** Please check out the items downstairs in the hallway and help yourself to what you'd like before they are gone.

**Flooring Update:** Due to a floor leveler material failure in our **new kitchen and bathrooms**, the flooring will be replaced in those areas and the fixtures from those rooms will be setting in the west half of the Hospitality Hall during October. The east end of the Hospitality Hall will most likely be available for use but the rest of the space **will be closed from October 6-29**. Replacement costs are being compensated by the floor leveler company.

### Dates to Remember:

- October 19: Ministry appointments are due.
- November 4: Tabor Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ.
- November 7: Bethesda Home Drive Thru Pillar's Banquet.
- November 14: Congregational Meeting.  
Community Thanksgiving.

## Conference Announcements

**Mennonite Central Committee** in North Newton currently has over 800 sets of comforter tops and backs that need to be tied, as well as kits of fabric that can be sewn into more tops. MCC's partners all around the world value these handmade comforters as useful, beautiful and tangible expressions of love. If you or your sewing group would be interested in tying or sewing for MCC, or if you have questions and are curious about how to make a comforter, please contact Kate Mast at the MCC Material Resources Center at [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), or 316-283-2720.

**Mennonite Church USA: Let your voice be heard by taking part in our denomination-wide survey.** Your responses will help Mennonite Church USA better serve the needs of its members. Take the survey here. [MennoniteUSA.org/member-survey](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/member-survey)

### The dam at Camp Mennoscah will be removed on October 17!

The fun will begin at approximately 2pm. All are welcome to help with removing and cleaning the boards or simply to watch. The dam will be removed whatever the weather, unless deemed dangerous.

**Change the world with one dollar a day challenge.** Marion County Core Community is looking for 100 brave and generous people who will pledge \$1 a day or \$30 a month for one year. \$1 a day can solve poverty by inviting families experiencing poverty to a safe place where their voices are heard, they are treated with honor and dignity as they unpack their lives, gain new relationships and build resources. Text or Call Mark Rogers @ 620-877-0899. All gifts are tax deductible.

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** is getting ready for the holidays! Our Christmas Shop will open on Wednesday, November 3, and we'll continue putting out new holiday items throughout the remainder of the season.

--If the holidays have you in a sharing mood, you might consider purchasing \$10 Newton Et Cetera Shop gift cards for one of our many community partners! We regularly donate \$10 gift cards to Safehope, Newton USD 373, New Hope Shelter, Salvation Army, Peace Connections, EmberHope, Mirror, and New Jerusalem Missions. If you'd like to give our gift cards to any of those organizations, you can deliver them yourself or leave them with us to deliver. These gift cards support community members in urgent need AND support the mission and vision of the Newton Et Cetera Shop! --If you're interested in becoming a volunteer at the Shop, we're holding new volunteer orientations on Thurs. 10/16/21 6-7pm and Thurs. 11/11/21 6-7pm. Join us to learn more about volunteering at our shop!

--We welcome invitations to learn about us, and we welcome your prayers for our faithful service as a Christian resource for meeting human needs. --Newton Et Cetera Shop is a nonprofit thrift shop supporting Mennonite Central Committee and local partners. The Shop aims to share God's love with all creation--inside our thrift shop, in the local community, and around the world.

### Everence Upcoming Events:

--**Maximizing your year-end giving.** Monday, Oct. 11, 6:30 p.m. CDT (online webinar). We'll cover how you, as an individual donor, can be strategic in maximizing your year-end giving to support the causes and organizations you care about most. We'll also discuss tools and strategies to consider as you pursue making charitable giving part of your year-end plan.

--**Estate planning basics.** Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. CDT (online webinars). You'll learn the key steps for building an estate plan that provides clarity and direction to your loved ones and benefits the charities close to your heart.

## OCTBER COVID19 PROTOCOL

--Due to the recent increases of Covid cases in the schools represented by Tabor children and the recent increases due to the Delta variant, we will continue to Strongly Encourage mask wearing when in the church building. For Wednesday evening programming we are requesting that all adults, youth, children wear masks indoor, outdoors, and when on outings.

--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 service the people speaking from the front microphones are encouraged to remove your mask to accommodate those who have difficulty understanding the speakers.

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

--Congregational Singing has resumed.

--Passing Offering Bags will continue to encourage giving as we near the end of budget year. Numerous people have expressed concern about this protocol so please carry sanitizer with you and use after passing the offering bags.

**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! For Wed evening programming we are asking parents to call us by Tues evening if their child's school classroom has Covid activity so we can make a decision to cancel a specific class or the entire Wed evening of that current week.**

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

--Mailboxes are in use.

--Gatherings that include serving of food are still discouraged. Groups of less than 50 may meet with food if individual plates are prepared and served (versus potluck style). For Wed evening we encourage families to sit together during mealtime and social distance from others. Wed evening meals will consist of prepared sack lunches.

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

### COVID PROTOCOL FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

1) Masks are to be worn by adults, youth, and children during the entire evening of activities whether you are inside or outside the church building and if you go on outings.

2) The only time masks can be removed is while eating the evening sack lunch meal. During the meal, please sit with your family and social distance 6 ft away from other groups. If your family is not attending, sit with your class group that you will be with the majority of the evening. As long as weather permits, please eat outside.

3) Sanitizer stations will be made available and please use these frequently.

4) PARENTS: **If your children test positive with Covid OR there are Covid cases in your children's classroom at school you are to call, text or email one or all of the Covid Task Team by Tuesday evening.** This will be our gauge of whether we ask a class not to meet the current Wed evening or whether we "call off" all Wed evening activities for the current week.

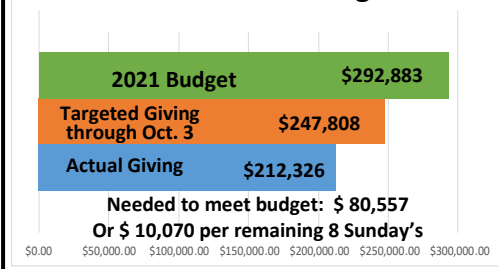
### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

October 3, 2021

Offering	= \$ 3,232.00	Attendance	= 96
Adult FF	= \$ 51.00	Attendance	= 46
Jr. FF	= \$ 10.38	Attendance	= 31

Worship Link Views = 32

### Tabor Church Budget



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