

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### A Service of Prayer

Worship Council has chosen this Sunday to focus on prayer. It is important, in the midst of all the tumult and the strife our world is experiencing, to remind ourselves of the Rock to which we are clinging. And so today we offer our joy and our grief, our frustration and gratitude to the One who is with us in the midst of the storm. We offer our prayers to God this day, trusting that God receives them and responds.

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE  
Russell Adrian  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Katherine Goerzen  
LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL  
\*CALL TO WORSHIP *James 5:13-16* No. 727  
\*GATHERING PRAYER  
\*GATHERING HYMN *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* No. 628  
\*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*  
OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Kara Swartzendruber  
WORSHIP MUSIC *"Our God in Heaven"* Russell Adrian, Janna Duerksen,  
Emil Schmidt, Michelle Unruh, Pastor Luke Unruh

### **PRAYING: LAMENT**

SCRIPTURE READING *Excerpts from Psalm 13* No. 728  
PRAYER PRACTICE *Psalms of Lament*  
HYMN *"My God, My God"* -vs. 1 & 3 No. 696

### **PRAYING: GRATITUDE**

SCRIPTURE READING *Philippians 4:4-7* No. 726  
PRAYER PRACTICE *Leaves of Gratitude*  
\*HYMN *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* No. 419

### **PRAYING: FOR THE WORLD**

SCRIPTURE READING *Habakkuk 1:2-5 & 1 Timothy 2:1-3* Barb Abrahams  
PRAYER PRACTICE *MCC Peace Sunday Prayers*  
HYMN *"Let There Be Light"* -vs. 1 & 4 No. 714

### **PRAYING: FOR THE CHURCH**

SCRIPTURE READING *Colossians 3:12-17* Barb Abrahams  
PRAYER PRACTICE *Prayer Walk*  
\*HYMN *"Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us"* No. 718

### **PRAYING: FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OURSELVES**

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 3:16-21* Barb Abrahams  
PRAYER PRACTICE *Candle Lighting and Anointing*  
HYMN *"Lord, Listen to Your Children"* No. 682  
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen  
\*SENDING HYMN *"Rain Down"* -vs. 1 & 3 No. 703  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*POSTLUDE *\*Please stand if you are able*

### **Sunday, October 17**

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Kevin and Yvette Nickel and family. 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/XdfYHOUkPoc>

**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 serves to draw us into worship. As a reminder that Jesus is the center of our lives, 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. 18, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness  
**7 pm** - Men's Bible Study in the Hospitality Hall.

**Tues. Oct. 19, 9 am** - Staff meeting.

**Wed. Oct. 20-** 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 Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade*
- 7:00 – 7:45: *Youth Group*
- 7:30 – 8:15: *Adult Bible Study*

The theme for this fall focuses on the 10 commandments (for all ages).

**Thurs. Oct. 21** - Newsletter items are due.  
**7 pm** - Pastor Search Committee meeting.

## Next Sunday, October 24

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday is Mental Health Sunday and the theme will be "How do we support ourselves?" Dr. Elizabeth Guhman, Vice President of Clinical Services at Prairie View will speak to ways that we can care for ourselves during these difficult times.

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

## Prayer Requests

*The following prayer requests were shared on Sunday, October 10.*

- ★ Ron Goerzen shared appreciation for Pastor Luke's sermon, as well as for the opportunity to worship at Tabor. In the midst of the struggles in the world and in our lives, he offered Jesus' words from John 16: "In the world you will have trouble. But take heart -- I have overcome the world."

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Keith and Barb Banman thank the Tabor family for prayers for their niece Krissy Banman, daughter of Nelson and Barb Banman. Krissy passed away on Thursday, October 14 after a 2 1/2 year battle with cancer. Lord, hear our prayers as they now grieve her loss.
- ★ our Pastor Search team as they begin meeting this week. Lord, hear our prayers for listening ears, wisdom, and clarity.
- ★ persons who are willing to share their gifts by filling needed positions on our commissions, committees and ministries. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ all who are experiencing illness, recovering from surgery, continuing with medical treatments, and all who are grieving losses or experiencing emotional trauma. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ The caring quilts are home.

## Prayer Requests Continued

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC's Resource Library in Kansas, and its Texas branch, and pray that these resources would be used to nurture spiritual growth and vitality for WDC congregations, leaders and members of all ages.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's partner, Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, is meeting with international representatives in Burkina Faso and Congo this month. Pray for wisdom, as church leaders from many countries, including first-time representation from the Angolan Mennonite churches, evaluate their ministries and discern God's direction.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ God's love for us and God's faithfulness as we come to him in prayer.
- ★ our Pastor's during this month of Pastor appreciation. Thanks be to God!

## 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

**Chicken BBQ:** Thursday, November 4 is the date set for the 2021 Tabor Church Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ. Once again, it will be a "Drive-By" from 5-7 pm. Donations will be received that evening for our Mission Partners, the Givens family, and Bethesda Home. *Men, please sign up on the bulletin board to help with this event.*

**Bethesda Home Pillar's Banquet** will take place on November 7 from 5:30-6:30 pm. This will be a drive through event at Tabor Mennonite Church. Donations for the meal: Adults - \$150/plate, Children 12 and under: \$25/plate, First Time Attendees: \$75/plate. If you are unable to give the above amounts, any donations are appreciated! We don't want you to miss this event just because of the cost! Please RSVP by October 31 to Bethesda Home at 620.367.2291 or email Sara at [shiebert@bethesdahome.org](mailto:shiebert@bethesdahome.org) (This is a reservation only meal!) You won't want to miss this wonderful, homecooked meal made by Lynette Duerksen, Elaine Unruh and Laura Unrau. Checks may be mailed to Bethesda Home, earmarked Pillars or bring it along with you when you pick up your food!

**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** has a variety of positions open for those called to be the hands and feet of God in a global context. We hope you will prayerfully consider the following service opportunities.

- ♦ Seek Discipleship Program – Jordan, Palestine and Israel
- ♦ International Program Safety and Security HR Specialist
- ♦ External Grants Coordinator – Lebanon, Syria & Iraq
- ♦ Program Coordinator – Lebanon, Syria & Iraq

For more information about our current openings, including those listed here, please visit [mcc.org/serve](http://mcc.org/serve).

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** You are invited to the Region 3 Annual Meeting Nov. 12 & 13 at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S Main, Hesston. Meeting will be a hybrid fashion. Local -- masks and social distancing. Online registration is at <https://tinyurl.com/2xa9bys9>. Theme: *MDS-Deep Roots-New Growth, A house is not always the answer*. Throughout the weekend you will have opportunities to meet/greet some of the MDS binational staff and learn about MDS activities. There are no registration fees.

**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.

**Hog Roast:** Sunday, October 24, 5-7pm, First Mennonite Church of Halstead. This pulled pork meal will be by donation with proceeds going towards the WDC Hope Fund. This fund provides financial support for WDC congregations affected by Covid-19 and other disasters. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy music provided by the Smokey Valley Bluegrass Band. This event will be at the South Park Gazebo located at 3rd and Locust Street in Halstead. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Hesston College:** Bel Canto Singers Fall Concert, [Deep Peace](#) – Oct. 24, 2 pm. at Hesston Mennonite Church. The program is inspired by this year's theme verse at Hesston College, Ephesians 4:2-3, in which Paul calls Christians to lift each other up in community. Masks required for audience; all performers are fully vaccinated and will sing without masks. [www.hesston.edu/livestream](http://www.hesston.edu/livestream)

## Bethel College:

--Sun., Oct. 31 – Bethel College fall choral showcase, “Bethel Sings,” featuring the Concert Choir, Women’s Ensemble, Woven and Open Road, 4 p.m. at Memorial Hall. *Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors for groups of 10 or more people, regardless of vaccination status.*

--Fri., Nov. 5 – Original artwork from the *Voices Together* hymnal on display Oct. 29-Nov. 19 in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center on campus. With the cooperation of the Menno Simons Lecture Endowment, Jan Kraybill, Kansas City, will be speaking twice on the Bethel campus on Nov. 5 – at 11 a.m. (regular Friday convocation in Memorial Hall) and at 7 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. A reception for the exhibit will follow the evening lecture. IN ADDITION, Rachel Epp Buller, professor of visual arts and design at Bethel and gallery and exhibit coordinator, is available to church groups who would like to visit the “Voices Together” exhibit on an evening or weekend outside regular hours. Contact her at [rebuller@bethelks.edu](mailto:rebuller@bethelks.edu) to set up a time between Oct. 29-Nov. 19.

## OCTOBER 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.

--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!**

**Please see posted protocol for complete information.**

## 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.

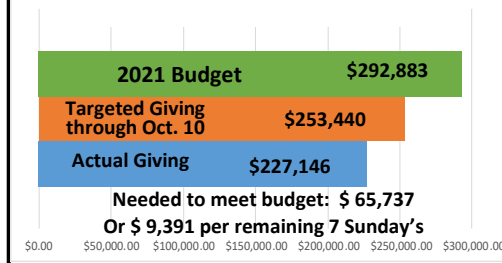
-Thank You, Covid Task Team – Gayle Funk, Duane Duerksen, Erica Stoltzfus

## OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE October 10, 2021

Offering	= \$14,820.20	Attendance	= 99
Adult FF	= \$ 19.00	Attendance	= 34
Jr. FF	= \$ 4.99	Attendance	= 29

Worship Link Views = 24

## Tabor Church Budget



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