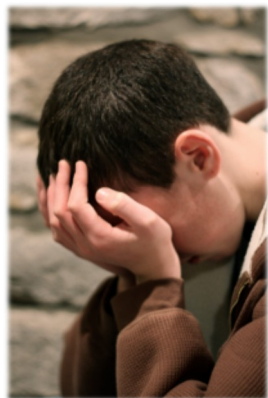


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MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY: *Supporting Ourselves in Trying Times*

The difficulties of the past number of months have taken a toll on many people's mental health and emotional well-being. This Sunday we welcome Dr. Elizabeth Guhman, Vice President of Clinical Services at Prairie View, who will be speaking to ways that we can care for ourselves during these difficult times.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Michelle Unruh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Duane Duerksen

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 23* No. 725

*GATHERING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMN *"All Who Are Thirsty"* No. 49

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *"Far Above the Noise of Life"* No. 625
Michelle Unruh, Pastors Katherine and Luke

CHILDREN'S STORY Pastor Katherine Goerzen

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Matthew 11:28-29* Janna Duerksen
Philippians 4:6-7
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SHARING Dr. Elizabeth Guhman

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Healer of Our Every Ill"* No. 644

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Luke Unruh

*SENDING HYMN *"My Life Flows On"* No. 605

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, October 24

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Harlin and Doris 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/cU-cVjmDBak>

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, 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. 25, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness
7 pm - Men's Bible Study in the Hospitality Hall.

Tues. Oct. 26, 9 am - Staff meeting.

Wed. Oct. 27- 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 8th 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. 28, 7 pm - Deacon meeting.

Next Sunday, October 31

9:30 am: Next Sunday the theme will be "How do we support each other?" Scripture for reflection will be Romans 12:9-18. We will hear from Bill Unruh, Barb Banman, Elton Nickel, and Josh Schmidt, who will share about ways that they have felt supported by others or ways they have sought to support those around them.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on Sunday, October 17.

- ★ Eunice asked for prayers for her family following the unexpected and tragic death of her 29 year old cousin, due to an aggressive lymphoma cancer. He leaves behind a wife and four young children. Lord, hear our prayers and surround this family with your presence in the midst of this devastating loss.
- ★ Janna brought greetings from Dawson and the Albuquerque Volunteer Unit, and asks for continued prayers for the young people who are serving, as well as for the unit leaders as they offer their support in the midst of challenges and joys. Lord, hear our prayers for Dawson, Anna, Brooke, Bowen, Barry and Erika. Thanks be to God for this opportunity to serve!
- ★ John expressed his and Ruth's thankfulness to the Tabor congregation, the people here, and the support they have felt over the years. Lord, hear our prayers for John and Ruth as they anticipate moving to Albuquerque in the next few weeks. Thanks be to God for the support they have experienced, as well as for the many gifts they have shared with our congregation!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ our Pastor Search team as they meet. Lord, hear our prayers for listening ears, wisdom, and clarity.
- ★ 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.
- ★ all who have been impacted by violence and the threat of terror. We remember those suffering in Haiti due to natural disaster, followed by political unrest and the ongoing threats and mistreatment of those who live there. We pray for the group of 17 Christian Aid Ministries workers and family members, all of whom are Mennonite, who were kidnapped and are currently being held for ransom. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ Western District Conference: The WDC Executive Board as they meet this week, to further WDC's mission of empowering congregations to Witness and invite others to faith in Christ, Dwell in just and loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Service Adventure young people and unit leaders who are settling into community living and extending the ministries of host congregation in Albuquerque (NM) Mennonite Church. Pray for them as they work with children and youth, people without homes, Habitat for Humanity, a community art center, and an urban farm.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Prairie View and everyone they minister to and care for. Thanks be to God for their presence in our community!

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.

Ministry appointments are due today.

--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.

--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 (This is a reservation only meal!) You won't want to miss this wonderful,

home cooked 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!

Tabor Church Congregational Meeting: Plan to be part of the decision making process of Tabor Church by attending the Congregational Meeting on November 14. Time to be determined.

Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal will take place on Sunday, Nov. 14 with a drive thru meal served from 5-6 pm at the front doors of the Goessel Elementary School. The meal will be catered by Goessel Grocery and Deli. Donations are welcome to help Goessel Ministerial Alliance provide assistance for community families and the schools. Please RSVP to amc@alexanderwohl.org by Monday, Nov. 8.

Flooring Update: This rework is nearing completion. The Hospitality Hall continues to be **closed until October 29** with limited use as previously arranged.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference: Do you know a member of a WDC congregation who has leadership gifts, skills and perspectives to share in WDC? The WDC Gifts Discernment Committee seeks a diversity of names to consider for potential nominations for elected leadership roles, and values your suggestions as they prepare to select nominees for 2022. Suggestions may be submitted at any time using the online form on the WDC website: [Nomination suggestions for WDC Elected Positions](#) Or send suggestions to WDC at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300 or PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. For reference, information about WDC Executive Board and Commissions can be found here: <https://mennowdc.org/executive-board-commissions/> Thank you! WDC Gifts Discernment Committee

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.

Mennonite Mission Network: Would you like to use your vocational skills and spiritual gifts in your place of employment? MMN may be the place for you. We will be adding to our team across several departments, with immediate openings and more coming soon. Join us in sharing the good news of Christ across the street and around the world. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Employment to find all open positions.

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.

--The October edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS continues it's response to Hurricane Ida, volunteers head into the city to help rebuild after a fire and one of the oldest MDS units celebrates 65 years of service. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/30AMiMY>

Camp Mennoscah:

--**Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat**, November 5-7. Register at www.campmennoscah.org!

--**Thank you for helping take out the dam!** Approximately 10 people plus spectators helped remove the dam and bring up the canoes and kayaks for the winter. The dam will be replaced in the spring.

--**Camp Mennoscah will be recruiting for 2022 summer staff** on Nov. 8 at Hesston, Nov. 9 at Tabor, and November 10 at Bethel Colleges with other Mennonite Camping Association camps.

The Newton Area Cancer Support Group invites you to hear guest speakers Diana Thomi and Benita Baker who will speak on "The Healing Power of Forgiveness" on Thursday, October 28, 7pm at Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 East First St, Newton. Masks will be required and we will have the ability to socially distance. Diana is Executive Director and Benita is Volunteer Coordinator of Victory in the Valley in Wichita. Victory in the Valley sponsors numerous support groups including the Newton Area Cancer Support Group that meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at Shalom Mennonite Church.

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

--**Sunflower Performing Arts: Sunflower Soirée** -- Oct. 31, 3 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. Formerly known as Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts, Sunflower Performing Arts series will open with the first-ever Sunflower Soirée, a concert of local and regional artists that also promotes the season ahead and kicks off the organization's annual patron drive. Free of charge, this event will feature the following artists: pianist Karen Schlabaugh; The Sunflower Trio; flautists Kristin Shaffer

and Kenna Graber; guitarists Howard Glanton and Excier Rodriguez; soprano Holly Swartzendruber and pianist Karen Unruh; and musicians Ken Rodgers and Russell Adrian. Light refreshments will be served. Audience members required to wear masks inside the church, and artists will wear masks when not performing. www.hesston.edu/livestream

Bethel College:

--Thurs., Oct. 28 – *Bethel College Chamber Orchestra* Halloween concert, 7:30 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

--Sun., Oct. 31 – **Bethel College fall choral showcase**, “Bethel Sings,” featuring the Concert Choir, Women’s Ensemble, Woven and Open Road, 4 pm, Administration Building steps (Memorial Hall in case of bad weather).

--*Bethel’s current COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors for groups of 10 or more people, regardless of vaccination status.*

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.

--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.

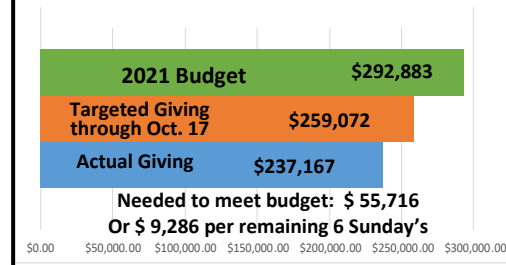
-Thank You, Covid Task Team – Gayle Funk, Duane Duerksen, Erica Stoltzfus

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE October 17, 2021

Offering	= \$10,020.26	Attendance	= 100
Adult FF	= \$ 36.00	Attendance	= 29
Jr. FF	= \$ 9.98	Attendance	= 23

Worship Link Views = 29

Tabor Church Budget



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