

Tabor Mennonite Church

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All Saints Day: *Supporting Others in Trying Times*

As God's children, we are called to encourage one another and build each other up. This Sunday, we will be hearing different people from our congregation reflect on ways that they have felt supported by others or share ways they have sought to support those around them. May God's Spirit continue to empower us to pray for one another, encourage one another, and build each other up in love!

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Worship Team
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Nathan Graber
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>New Testament Writings</i>	
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*GATHERING HYMNS	"Here I Am, Lord"	No. 545
	"We Are People of God's Peace"	No. 797
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	"Revelation Song"	Worship Team No. 415
CHILDREN'S STORY		Janna Duerksen
WORSHIP MUSIC	"All The Way Home" -Sarah Quartel	Sisters Forever
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Romans 12:9-18	Peter Goerzen
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	
HYMN	"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" -vs. 1	No. 778
SHARING		Bill Unruh
HYMN	"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" -vs. 2	No. 778
SHARING		Barb Banman
HYMN	"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" -vs. 3	No. 778
SHARING		Elton Nickel
HYMN	"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" -vs. 4	No. 778

SHARING

Joshua Schmidt

HYMN

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" -vs. 6

No. 778

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER

Pastor Luke Unruh

*SENDING HYMN

"The Lord Lift You Up"

No. 832

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, October 31

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Duane, Janna and Adriana Duerksen. 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/EnST1xdJEBo>

Fellowship Time following worship.

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. Nov. 1, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness
7 pm - Men's Bible Study in the Hospitality Hall.

Tues. Nov. 2, 9 am - Staff meeting.

Wed. Nov. 3 - Wednesday Evening Programs

- 5:45 – 6:30: Supper – pre-packed brown bag lunches provided.
- 6:30 – 7:15: Class for Preschool through 8th Grade
- 7:00 – 7:45: Youth Group
- 7:30 – 8:15: Adult Bible Study

Thurs. Nov. 4, 5-7 pm - Mennonite Men Drive-by Chicken BBQ.
See announcement for details.

Nov. 6-7 - Pastor Luke personal weekend. Please direct pastoral needs to Pastor Katherine.

Next Sunday, November 7

9:30 am: Next Sunday is Stewardship Sunday. Mitch Stutzman, Stewardship Consultant with Everence, will be speaking on the story of Zacchaeus from Luke 19:1-10.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

5:30 - 6:30 pm: Bethesda Pillars Banquet. Reservations due today. See *announcements* for details.

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on Sunday, October 24.

- ★ Phyllis Goertzen praised God for the recovery she has had since her heart attack one year ago. Thanks be to God for healing and the many prayers!
- ★ Donavan Schmidt thanked the Visual Arts Committee for their wonderful work with the fall display on the Communion Table. Thanks be to God for the wonderful colors of fall!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Brian Voth, who had surgery Friday, Nov. 29 on neck vertebrae. He is looking forward to a slow but full recovery and relief from nerve pain and numbness in his shoulders/arms. Lord, hear our prayers for successful surgery and complete healing.
- ★ Braxton Church, 5-year-old son of Kelcey and Amanda Church, will travel to Boston Children's Hospital from Nov. 12-17 for multiple, highly specialized surgeries that will take place on Nov 15th. These surgeries are for Braxton's ongoing GI and airway medical conditions. Braxton, Amanda, & Amanda's cousin will be flying to Boston. Please be in prayer for Braxton, his family, and his team of medical providers and surgeons as they continue to care for him, as well as for Kelcey & Natalie who will remain at home. If you would like to follow Braxton's medical journey, check out his Facebook page at fb.me/BraxtonMChurch. Lord, hear our prayers for successful treatment and healing.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the generous financial gifts and prayers of WDC congregations and members to support conference ministries of sustaining ministers, resourcing congregations and encouraging church planting.

Prayer requests continued

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Jaden Hostetter, who is serving with MMN and VMissions, has started a ceramic studio for refugees who have been welcomed by the Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador. Pray that, through creating art, participants will find a space of healing and a place to build community.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Jaycee Mae, a daughter born to Justin and Melisa Sommerfeld on October 21. Thanks be to God!
- ★ The rains following the fall harvests and plantings. Thanks be to God for faithfulness of "summer and winter and springtime and harvest!"



Congregational Announcements

Tabor Mennonite Men Drive-by Chicken BBQ November 4, 5-7pm. Donations will be received 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!

Meat Canning will be happening at the MCC Center in N Newton on November 9-11. Sign up on the bulletin board to volunteer. Donations can be written to Tabor Mennonite Church and earmarked "MCC meat Canning" and placed in the truck in the foyer. Please support a wonderful mission!

Tabor Church Congregational Meeting: Plan to be part of the decision making process of Tabor Church by attending the Congregational Meeting on November 14 at 8 am. *Rolls and coffee will be served!*

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.

Volunteer at Community Thanksgiving: GMA will be hosting a drive-through Community Thanksgiving Meal on Sunday, November 14 at the Goessel Elementary School. GMA is looking for a few people to help clean up the kitchen following this event (beginning around 6pm). If you are willing to help, please let Pastor Luke or Katherine know. Thanks!

The Christmas Giving Tree: Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Crossroads Credit Union are sponsoring a "Christmas Giving Tree" to help with some of the expenses of Christmas for 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 clothing sizes. Besides parents, other people that are aware of needs for children should also fill out the application form. Applications are 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 19** to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Crossroads Credit Union. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the one of the pastors. For more details, please see the November newsletter.

Do you enjoy a cup of coffee? A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board if you would be willing to help make coffee on Sunday mornings. Volunteering to clean up after Faith Formation is also very much appreciated.

Conference Announcements

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 Central Committee:

--NEW Seek discipleship program for young adults: Seek is a new six-month intentional discipleship program from MCC which encourages young adults (18-20 years of age) to learn more deeply what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus. The program will include multiple discipleship and service opportunities with MCC partners in Palestine and Israel and Jordan. The Seek program begins in January 2022 and takes place in Palestine and Israel. To learn more and apply for the Seek program, visit mcc.org/seek.

--SALT applications are now open! Are you interested in learning a new language, visiting a new country, and joining a new community abroad? SALT applications are now open! Through SALT (young adults age 18-30), practice your skills in education, peace building, agriculture,

community health care and more while connecting with the global Anabaptist community of faith. For more information, visit mcc.org/SALT or contact Abby Endashaw, Young Adult Programs Coordinator at MCC Central States abbyendashaw@mcc.org.

--MCC seeking SWAP Location Coordinators in Hindman, Kentucky: MCC Appalachia's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program coordinates week-long service opportunities for young people and adults, to provide housing repair for low-income individuals and families. The Hindman Location Coordinators will plan and direct all aspects of the SWAP ministry in Hindman, Kentucky. MCC is also looking to connect with other ministries related to economic development and/or food security and would welcome location coordinators with these interests and backgrounds. Apply online for this opening by December 10 at mcc.org/swap-hindman-location-coordinators. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

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>. There are no registration fees.

--The October edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. 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!

--We are grateful for you! We continue to get calls from volunteers and receive gifts of items off the Wish List. These items and projects help with the faith formation that happens at Camp Mennoscah. The list has more wishes and there are more projects to do. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Check out these ways to [Get Involved!](#) and support camp's ministry. Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer. See the [Wish List](#) for other ways to support Camp Mennoscah!

--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.

Hesston College: 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. 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:

--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).

-- **Fri., Nov. 5 – The Menno Simons Lecture Endowment, with support from the Reimer-Boese Worship and the Arts Endowment, brings Jan Kraybill, Kansas City**, to the Bethel College campus for two lectures on the theme “This is Our Story, This is Our Song: The Power of Music in Community.” “The Sound of Science” is at **11 a.m. in Memorial Hall** as part of Bethel’s student convocation series. “Music and Memory, Meaning and Mission” is at **7 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium** in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

--**Fri., Nov. 5 – Reception for Menno Simons lecturer Jan Kraybill and the “Voices Together” exhibit** (in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College), **following Kraybill’s lecture that begins at 7 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium**, in the Fine Arts Center lobby.

--*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!**

COVID PROTOCOL FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

- 1) Masks are to be worn 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 meal.
- 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.

Please see posted protocols for complete information.

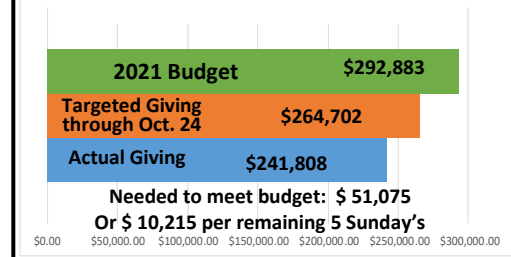
-Thank You, Covid Task Team – Gayle Funk, Duane Duerksen, Erica Stoltzfus

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE October 24, 2021

Offering	= \$ 4,641.00	Attendance	= 98
Adult FF	= \$ 30.00	Attendance	= 28
Jr. FF	= \$ 11.23	Attendance	= 28

Worship Link Views = 19

Tabor Church Budget



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