

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Mission Sunday: Mennonite Disaster Service

On this Mission Sunday, we welcome Kevin King, Executive Director of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) as he shares with us this morning. We are grateful for the good work of MDS and for the many ways that God calls us to serve and care for one another.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Cleo Koop

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Excerpts from Jeremiah 29:4-11* No. 783

*GATHERING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMNS *"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"* No. 25
"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord" No. 131

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Kevin King and Cleo Koop

WORSHIP MUSIC *"When I Can't Find My Way"* -Miller Michelle Unruh

SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 12:1-17* Sheri and Warren Schmidt
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Kevin King

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"* No. 778

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN *"We, Your People, Sing Your Praises"* No. 849

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, November 14

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

8:00 am: Tabor Church Congregational Meeting: Plan to be part of the decision making process of Tabor Church by attending the Congregational Meeting. *Rolls and coffee will be served!*

9:30 am: Worship Service in the Sanctuary.
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
Link: <https://youtu.be/3uOpOZoSV-c>

Fellowship Time following worship.

10:45 am: Faith Formation. Junior High, High School and Adults meet in the Hospitality Hall with Cleo Koop to learn more about MDS.

5-6 pm: Goessel Community Thanksgiving drive-by meal at Goessel Elementary. Sponsored by Goessel Ministerial Alliance.

Choose a Hymn: 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 bulletin board in the foyer. 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. 15, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness
7 pm - Men's Bible Study in the Hospitality Hall.

Tues. Nov. 16, 9 am - Staff meeting.
7 pm - Deacon meeting.

Wed. Nov. 17 - Wednesday Evening Programs
--5:45 – 6:30: *Supper served in the Hospitality Hall*
--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. 18 - Newsletter items are due.

Next Sunday, November 21

9:30 am: Next Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday. Scripture will be Psalms of Thanksgiving and Pastors Katherine and Luke will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

2-4 pm: Goessel Community Junior High Fall Foosball, Tabor Church Park. *See announcements.*

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on Sunday, November 7.

- ★ Bruce Funk and Jerry Toews both shared what a blessing it was to volunteer and work alongside others for the Men's Chicken BBQ. Thank you to everyone who came out to help, and to everyone who came to support Tabor's Mission Partners and Bethesda Home by taking home some delicious chicken to enjoy! Thanks be to God for this wonderful fundraiser!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ John and Ruth Peters during this time of transitioning from Kansas to New Mexico. Thanks be to God for the years that they were present with us at Tabor and the many ways they engaged with the ministries and fellowship of the Tabor Church family.
- ★ Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, and his family. Glen's mother, Manetta Guyton, died on Saturday, Nov. 6. Lord, hear our prayers as the family grieves her death.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC's online book discussion this Thursday, focusing on *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*, and pray for wisdom as we reckon with the legacy that continues to have devastating effects on Indigenous Peoples around the globe.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Severe funding cuts are hampering the functions of Kalonda Bible Institute, where many Mennonite church leaders are trained in Congo. MMN requests prayer for the professors and their families, who have lost their incomes, and for Bercy Mundedi, the director, who has an ardent desire to see the next generation of church leaders prepared for God's work.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Mennonite Disaster Service and the work of restoration and rebuilding of both homes and lives following disasters. Thanks be to God for the meaningful ways the love of God is shared!

Congregational Announcements

Junior High Event: All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from the Goessel community are invited to a fall afternoon of human foosball, outdoor games, and s'mores. This is the first event of the year with more coming in the spring/summer. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Coffee and Chat: Thursday, December 9 there will be a Christmas coffee for anyone who would like to join us. It will be at 10 a.m. in the Hospitality Hall. Please bring a small gift if you plan to attend. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. You can sign up until the Sunday before the event, December 5. Come have a time to visit and celebrate this special time. Contact Leann Toews (367-8257) if you have questions.

Meat Canning took place at the MCC Center in N Newton this past week. Donations are still being accepted to cover expenses and shipping costs. Checks 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!

Rejoice! The winter issue of the Rejoice! devotional is available for you to pick up from the table in the foyer. If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, please notify the church office.

Dare to Imagine, Mennonite Church USA's annual Advent at Home worship guide, is now available. It follows the worship theme, can be printed or read from a device, covers Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, is flexible (use all or some of the activities), and is for all ages, children through mature adults. [Download the free guide here](#). If you would like a paper copy, let Kim know and she can print one for you.

The Christmas Giving Tree: Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Crossroads Credit Union are sponsoring a "Christmas Giving Tree" to help families in need. We invite all parents who feel they could use a little help to fill out an application. 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, the Citizens State Bank and Goessel churches. 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. Two tags for each child will be available on the tree at the Crossroads Credit Union on **Tuesday, November 23**. All the gifts will need to be brought back to the Credit Union by **Monday, December 13**. The gifts should be wrapped and the credit union personnel will assist with the "checking in" process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the pastors. For more details, please see the November newsletter.

Josie's Closet – Medical Equipment Loan & Recycling has been helping families in need of medical equipment for a year. To borrow equipment, call Nancy Stucky at (620)747-9359 or email josiesclosetmedequip@gmail.com. Items often requested include shower chairs, commodes, walkers, and transport chairs. Donations of those and other gently used items are appreciated and can be made with the same contact information.

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.

Fiscal Year End: Now is the time to prepare annual reports for the 2021 fiscal year which ends November 30. Reports will be due in December. Thanks you for submitting reports in a timely manner.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

--**Miracle on the Kwilu:** Shalom Mennonite Church (800 East 1st St, Newton), will host a presentation and discussion with Leonard & Antoinette Kiswangi from the Congo DRC along with Charles Buller of AIMM on Friday, November 19th at 7:00 pm. Fresh from their recent retreat with the Africa Leadership Coaching Network along the banks of the Kwilu River, they seek to re-imagine leadership among Anabaptist communities in Africa. Also planning to join us by zoom will be Bruce Yoder, Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission's new co-director who will share an update on AIMM's recent gathering of its international partners in Kikwit, Congo. Questions about this event can be directed to Charles Buller at 574.238.9659 or Shalom Mennonite Church at 316.283.7395

--**Full-time job opportunities** are available in various departments at **Mennonite Mission Network:** Human Resources, Finance, Global Partnerships, and Training & Resources. See full job descriptions and apply at MennoniteMission.net/Employment or direct questions to StaffRecruitment@mennonitemission.net.

Mennonite Church USA:

--As part of the Mennonite Church USA and MennoMedia's Common Read initiative, **Sara Wenger-Shenk discussed her book "Tongue-Tied,"** in which she investigates the reasons why people who claim the name of Christ are so reluctant to talk about him. Watch and share the webinar recording here: mennoniteusa.org/commonread-webinar

--Poverty is present in our communities, even when it's hidden. In their blog, "Poverty in Harvey County, Kansas," **Hesston College's Del and Michele Hershberger** share how under-employment, natural disasters and depopulation have caused people in their community to struggle silently with poverty, often leaving those around them oblivious to their financial difficulties. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/poverty-harvey-county>.

Camp Mennoscah:

--**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!

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp:

--**Snow Camps are back for 2022!** Jr. High (Jan. 21-23) & Sr. High (Feb. 18-20) The time has come to enjoy the beauty and chill of RMMC in the winter once again. Come play in the snow and on the ice and then be ready to come inside for good food, fellowship and worship together. For Jr. High, Sarah Neher will be sharing on the theme "Filling Your Toolbox" of spiritual practices. Guidelines similar to the summer camping programs will be in place for safety in gathering together. Visit the camp web page (www.rmmc.org) for additional details and to sign-up that you're headed to the Colorado Rockies to start the new year!

--**RMMC relies on the help of volunteers** to keep the ministry going. Your help with any camp tasks is greatly appreciated! If you have interest in volunteering, call (719-687-9506) or email info@rmmc.org RMMC. Long-term volunteers: help in Food Service, Maintenance, and Housekeeping. Service term can be for up to a year if so desired.

Hesston College: Keyboard Festival – Nov. 20; Finals recital at 3 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. Area piano and organ students are invited for a day filled with competition rounds and workshops. Categories open for Elementary, Junior, and Senior divisions. Schedule and registration information at www.hesston.edu/keyboardfest. The finals recital is open to the public in person or at www.hesston.edu/livestream

Bethel College:

--**Sun., Nov. 14, 2 pm – KIPCOR Film Series: A Home Called Nebraska,** Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Emily Haverkamp, an immigration and asylum lawyer from Wichita, will lead the discussion following the screening.

--**Last week to view "Voices Together,"** a display of the original artwork featured in the new *Voices Together* hymnal, through Fri., Nov. 19, in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

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

5 Places of Christmas: All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for 5 Places of Christmas on Saturday, December 4, at Goerz House on Bethel College campus. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, craft items, and poinsettias. Christmas candy, zwieback, peppernuts, poppyseed rolls and cinnamon rolls are always great sellers. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 3, from 1:30-4:30pm or Saturday, December 4 from 7-9 am. Thank you for your support of Bethel College!

Heartland Pregnancy Care: *Christmas is coming...* but for many of our clients, at Heartland Pregnancy Care, their children's Christmas Wishlist might remain just that...an unfulfilled longing. Heartland's *The Gift of Christmas* project will be able to put Christ's love in action and make our client's kiddos' hopes a reality! You can help by donation money or gifts.

--Gifts should be NEW with a \$20-\$25 value

--Age range Birth – 12 years

--Please include required batteries!

--Deliver unwrapped gifts to Heartland Pregnancy Care NO LATER than November 24th

--To shop Heartland's Amazon Gift Registry, follow this link...

<https://smile.amazon.com/registries/holiday/2Q1TGC2VUIDLP/guest-view>

--For info contact Vanessa at 620-200-8428 or vanessa@heartlandpcc.com

NOVEMBER 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

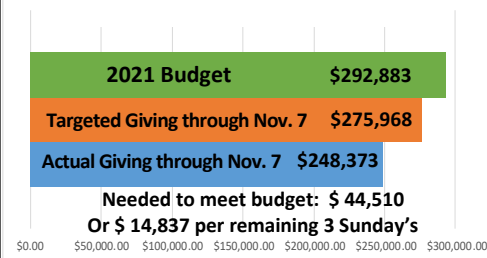
OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

November 7, 2021

Offering	= \$ 3,437.00	Attendance	= 102
Adult FF	= \$ 21.00	Attendance	= 33
Jr. FF	= \$ 10.50	Attendance	= 30

Worship Link Views = 33

Tabor Church Budget



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