

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### Stewardship Sunday

This Sunday we welcome Mitchell Stutzman, a Stewardship Consultant with Everence, who will be speaking on the story of Zacchaeus. May God continue to bless our time, talent, and treasures for the sake of the Kingdom.

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE Pastor Katherine Goerzen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dale Alderfer

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 96:1-9*

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*GATHERING HYMN *"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"* No. 34

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

CHILDREN'S STORY Ilona Abrahams

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 19:1-10* Michelle Unruh  
*The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!*

SERMON Mitchell Stutzman  
*"... A Wee Little Man Was He: Responding to Costly Love"*

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"* -vs. 1, 2, 4, & 5 No. 759

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *"God of the Fertile Fields"* No. 750

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

\*SENDING HYMN *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* No. 124

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, November 7

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Elton and Denise Nickel. 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/hrrz\\_7Q8vVU](https://youtu.be/hrrz_7Q8vVU)

**Fellowship Time** following worship.

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

**5:30 - 6:30 pm:** Bethesda Pillars Banquet drive thru pick up. Thanks to all who made reservations and donations.

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

**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. 8, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness  
**7 pm** - Men's Bible Study in the Hospitality Hall.

**Tues. Nov. 9, 9 am** - Staff meeting.  
**7 pm** - Christian Ed meeting.  
**8 pm** - Worship Council meeting.

**Tues. Nov. 9—Thurs. Nov. 11** - MCC Meat Canner *See announcements*

**Wed. Nov. 10** - Wednesday Evening Programs  
**--5:45 – 6:30:** *Supper served in the Hospitality Hall. Chili & Cornbread.*  
**--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*

**Thurs. Nov. 11, 7 pm** - Pastor Search Co. meeting.

### Next Sunday, November 14

**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:** Next Sunday is Mission and Mennonite Disaster Service Sunday. Scripture for reflection will be Acts 12:1-17 and Kevin King, Executive Director of MDS will be speaking.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation for everyone. Adults meet in the Hospitality Hall with Cleo Koop to learn more about MDS.

**5 pm:** Community Thanksgiving Meal. *See announcements.*

## Prayer Requests

*The following prayer requests were shared on Sunday, October 31.*

- ★ Thanks be to God for the wonderful ways in which Tabor supports one another!

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.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC Pastors' Day Apart on November 13, that the Holy Spirit would guide participants and presenter Sara Wenger Shenk in exploring the theme, *Tongue-Tied: Is Talking About Faith a Lost Art?*
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN praises God for Sue and Wally Fahrer's ministries of music, church-planting, pastoring and counseling in the United Kingdom, which spanned nearly four decades. Pray for them as they continue to serve God in their retirement in Liverpool, England.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the resources that Everence provides to help guide us with our stewardship practices. Thanks be to God!
- ★ The community support we experienced at the annual Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ this past Thursday and the generous gifts received for Bethesda Home and Tabor Mission Partners, Joseph and Rachel Givens.
- ★ Bethesda Home, which is a vital part of the Goessel Community. Thanks be to God for the support extended by the community by participating in the Pillars 'Banquet' today.
- ★ The relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee and the meat which is distributed every year throughout the world in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God for the meat canner, which is currently at the N. Newton MCC Center.

## Thank You

Thanks to all of you who supported the Tabor Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ. Donations received exceed \$8000, including money from sponsors, and before expenses. Contributions will be disbursed between Bethesda Nursing Home and our mission partners, the Givens family.

## Congregational Announcements

**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!

**Attention Mennonite Men:** John and Ruth Peters would like to have help carrying things out prior to the start of their auction on Saturday, November 13. They would like to start at 8:30 am. Call or text me (Elton Nickel) at 620-747-2558 so I know that someone will show up. Thanks!

**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. Goessel Ministerial Alliance (GMA) is hosting the meal which will be catered by Goessel Grocery and Deli. Donations are welcome to help GMA provide assistance for community families and the schools. Please RSVP to [amc@alexanderwohl.org](mailto:amc@alexanderwohl.org) by Monday, Nov. 8. *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 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](mailto: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.

## Conference Announcements

**Western District Conference Minister** Heidi Regier Kreider plans to be out of the office November 15 – December 31, 2021, for a sabbatical leave approved by the WDC Executive Board. In Heidi's absence, ministry responsibilities will be covered by other WDC staff and board, commission or committee leaders. Further details will be communicated directly to pastors, congregations and leadership groups. For more information, contact WDC at [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) or 316-283-6300.

**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](http://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](http://mcc.org/SALT) or contact Abby Endashaw, Young Adult Programs Coordinator at MCC Central States [abbyendashaw@mcc.org](mailto: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](http://mcc.org/swap-hindman-location-coordinators). For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer. See the [Wish List](#) for other ways to support Camp Mennoscah!

**--Looking for summer staff!** Camp Mennoscah will be at Hesston College (Nov. 8), Tabor College (Nov. 9) and Bethel College (Nov. 10) recruiting for summer staff with other Mennonite Camping Association camps. Camps are usually set up at tables near the cafeteria. We'll be there from mid-morning through lunch. Stop by to hear more about Summer 2022!

**Hesston College: Masterworks: Bach, Bixi, Mozart and Handel** – Nov. 13, 7 pm at Hesston Mennonite Church. Join us for an evening featuring Baroque and Classical masterpieces! Bach's cantata "Bringet dem Herrn Ehre seine," BWV 148; Bixi's "Organ Concerto in F," featuring Kenneth Rodgers, organ; Mozart's "Exsultate, Jubilate," K165 featuring Dr. Holly Swartzendruber, soprano; and Handel's "Hallelujah, Amen" from "Judas Maccabaeus." Musicians include Bel Canto Singers, area artists, and professional orchestra. Program and livestream at [www.hesston.edu/music](http://www.hesston.edu/music)

### Bethel College:

**--Life Enrichment at Bethel College has been canceled for spring 2022**, due to ongoing health and safety concerns. Organizers hope to resume Life Enrichment in fall 2022.

**--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.

**--Regier Gallery at Bethel College** – "Voices Together," a display of the original artwork featured in the new *Voices Together* hymnal, through Nov. 19. Gallery hours are 9 am-5 pm weekdays. 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 exhibit on an evening or weekend outside regular hours. Contact her at [rebuller@bethelks.edu](mailto:rebuller@bethelks.edu) to set up a time.

*--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!

**First Mennonite Church of Halstead** is hosting a drive-thru Mission Supper on November 13, from 5-7pm outside their church building at 427 W 4th in Halstead. Donations from this meal benefit the Neighbors Store and missionaries Dave and Rebekka Stutzman of Germany, and Joseph and Rachel Givens of France. The menu includes smoked sausage, chicken borscht, zweiback, green beans and a cookie. Be sure to join us!

#### 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.

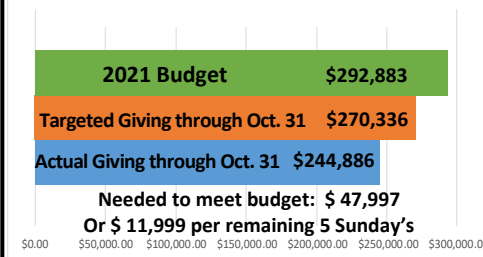
**Please see posted protocols for complete information.**

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

#### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE October 31, 2021

Offering	= \$ 3,094.24	Attendance	= 125
Adult FF	= \$ 37.00	Attendance	= 32
Jr. FF	= \$ 18.50	Attendance	= 36
Worship Link Views		=	55

#### Tabor Church Budget



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