

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## LOVE, LIFE, AND HEALING THROUGH MUSIC

This Sunday we are grateful for the opportunity to welcome Herm & Vince, a singer-songwriter duo offering inspiration through their music. They offer the gift of music hoping that it may continue to heal and bring love to life.

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE Susan Merrifield and Elizabeth Dubuisson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Russell Adrian

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 126*

\*GATHERING HYMN "Come, We That Love" No. 31  
accompanied by Marcene Entz

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN "Oh, Have You Not Heard" -vs. 1 & 2 No. 668

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Krista Graber

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 147:1-7* Hoxie Hiebert  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*

MUSICAL SERMON Herm Weaver and Vince Buckwalter

MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT Heidi Goerzen  
*in recognition of World Mental Health Day on October 10*

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

\*SENDING HYMN "Over My Head" No. 594

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG Herm and Vince

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, October 9

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

A special welcome to the singer-songwriter duo Herm Weaver and Vince Buckwalter. These lifelong friends perform inspirational music selections on acoustic guitar and piano. Their songs come from music written long ago and brand new compositions: Americana, Sacred and Simple, and Inspirational. We also welcome Elizabeth Dubuisson, Susan Merrifield's sister, who is joining Susan on piano this morning.

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

[https://youtu.be/aTo7\\_Ap-BPg](https://youtu.be/aTo7_Ap-BPg)

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

**5:30 pm:** Faspa and Criminal Justice. Jeremy Koop will be speaking about his experience with the criminal legal system. Please see the announcement for more details.

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements are due Thursday mornings.*

**Mon, Oct. 10, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness.

**7:00 pm** - Men's Bible Study.

**Tues, Oct. 11, 9:00 am** - Staff meeting.

**Wed, Oct. 12, 9:00 am** - TMW quilting & tying comforts.

**Wednesday Evening programs.**

**5:45 pm** - Supper: Chicken nuggets and French fries.

**6:15 - 7:30 pm** - Preschool - Grade 5

**6:15 - 7:45 pm** - Junior High

**Youth Group Event:** TMYF will be participating in a Community Youth Group Event at Bethel College **7-8 pm** in lieu of our regular Wednesday evening programming. We will plan to eat at the church building like usual and then leave around **6:40 pm**. We're looking forward to this opportunity to connect with other Mennonite youth in the area!

### Next Sunday, October 16

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday is Indigenous Peoples Day and Karin Kaufman Wall, Peace and Justice Education Coordinator for MCC Central States, will be preaching. Scripture for reflection is Micah 4:1-4, which speaks of all peoples and nations streaming to the mountain of the Lord, as well as all peoples possessing their own plentiful land and resources without fear.

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

## Prayer Requests

### Remember to Pray for:

- ★ those in our congregation who are recovering from illness, recovering from or facing surgeries, grieving or facing difficulties. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ those who are mourning the loss of loved ones due to acts of violence, including the people in Thailand mourning those who died in a mass shooting in a child care center.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for boards, councils, elders and other church leadership teams in WDC congregations, and pray for God's guidance as they care for their communities of faith.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow is Indigenous Peoples' Day. Mennonite congregations around the world are growing in their awareness of the need for healing, both in white settler communities and in Indigenous communities. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer that this awareness will lead to action that addresses the wounds of all who live with injustice.

### Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The seasons of the year and the beautiful autumn weather we are experiencing.

## Thanks

Greetings from Camp Mennoscah! It has been an amazing year so far! With the help of program volunteers, support volunteers and the Summer Staff, we welcomed 371 campers back to share faith & fun for eight weeks of youth camp programming at Camp Mennoscah. Many lives were influenced by our 149 dedicated volunteers and staff, most of who come from supporting churches. We are thankful and blessed by the number of people willing to share in Camp Mennoscah's summer programming! Thanks to Tabor volunteers Jill Litwiller, Sarah Booth, Denise Nickel, Kristin Schmidt, Keith Banman, and Elton Nickel.

## Congregational Announcements

**Faspas and Criminal Justice:** In response to the MC USA Resolution on "Justice in the U.S. Criminal Legal System," the Christian Education Commission is hosting 2 Sunday evening Faspas in October to hear Jeremy Koop (Criminal Defense Attorney), Carrie Smith (Probation Officer), and Mark Smith (Law Enforcement Officer) share about their experiences within the criminal legal system. Jeremy will share on Oct. 9 and Mark and Carrie will share on Oct. 30, both at 5:30 pm. in the Hospitality Hall. Evenings will include Faspa, sharing from our presenters, and a time for questions and conversation. We are grateful for this opportunity to hear their stories and reflections!

**Hayrack ride!** Plan to attend this fellowship event on Sunday, Oct. 23. We will meet at church at 6:15 pm to load the wagons and head to Brandon and Kristi Unruh's farm. S'mores and a fire to warm up around will be provided. See you then!

**Meat Canning** will once again take place at the MCC Center in North Newton. Our days to provide volunteers will be October 27 and 28. A signup sheet will be on the bulletin board and donations may be placed in the Canner truck in the foyer. *Please make checks out to Tabor Mennonite Church with Meat Canning on the memo line.* Contact Kenton Nickel with any questions. Thanks for your support!

**Use your gifts to support Tabor's ministry!** Opportunities to serve at Tabor are available in the new fiscal year. Please prayerfully consider one of the following positions: Deacon, Worship Executive Team, Christian Education Team, Outreach Commission Team. To volunteer or for more information on any of these positions, please talk to Pastor Katherine or an individual on the board or commission of interest, or contact Kim at the church office.

**Giving to the Givens:** Tabor Church has committed to an annual donation of \$1,500 to our Mission Partners, Rachel and Joseph Givens. To date, we have received \$1,314 through special offerings. This leaves a total of \$186 to reach our goal for this fiscal year. Please leave your generous donation in the box on the table in the foyer. Any donations above our annual commitment are greatly appreciated, as funding for their ministry depends on financial support designated for them through Mennonite Mission Network.

**The Worship and the Arts Symposium** at Bethel College will focus on the new *Voices Together Hymnal*. This event will take place on November 12. See more information at: <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/worship-arts-symposium>. Tabor is planning to do a group registration to take advantage of the group rate. If you are interested in attending this event, please let Pastor Katherine know by Sunday, **October 16**. Thank you!

**Tabor Church Food Pantry needs groceries** and welcomes donations of non-perishable food items as well as personal hygiene items and household cleaning/laundry products. **Many supplies are running low.** Donations of frozen meat in 1-2 lb. packages are also accepted. Groceries may be left by the door of the church office or on the table in the food pantry room in the basement. *For donations of frozen meat, please call the church (367-2381) to schedule a time for drop off.* Cash donations are also accepted. Thanks for your continued generosity and support of this community ministry.

**Request from Mission Partners, Joseph and Rachel Givens:**

Donations of thermal underwear and blankets are needed for people that they care for. You may donate individually, or Faith Formation classes or small groups may wish to go together to make an online purchase through this link [https://www.amazon.fr/hz/wishlist/ls/3UP2NU6M47HW0?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.fr/hz/wishlist/ls/3UP2NU6M47HW0?ref_=wl_share). Please donate as you feel led. For more information, please see the emailed request that was sent on September 29.

**Blood Drive:** Make a difference by donating blood on October 10, between 1 - 6 pm at Goessel Church, with a single unit or a Power Red donation. Sign up for your appointment time online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081 or Rosie Reimer 620-367-2418. Thank you for helping save someone's life.

**Community Bible Study** at Goessel Church Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Enter at North door.

**Upcoming:**

October 22 - Kent Jantz Farm Sale  
October 23 - Hayrack ride  
October 24 - Tabor Mennonite Women meet  
October 24 - November 4 - MCC Relief Meat Canner in N. Newton  
October 26 - Adult Choir practice begins  
October 30 - Faspa and Criminal Justice  
November 2 - First Wednesday Lunch  
November 3 - Tabor Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ  
November 6 - Bethesda Pillars Banquet  
November 13 - Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal

**Conference Announcements**

**Mennonite Church USA:** Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration. In her blog, "Mass incarceration and restorative justice," Loraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA denominational minister of Peace and Justice, writes, "Restorative justice principles hold transformation as a value — transformation of people, systems and structures that oppress." Read the rest of her blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/snapshots/restorative-justice](http://mennoniteusa.org/snapshots/restorative-justice)

**Western District Women in Mission** invites you to join a virtual "Book Shelfies with Bethany" hour on Tuesday, October 25 from 7-8 p.m. Bethany Martin, Manager at Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton, will present book reviews to add to your reading list as you settle in with good books during the winter months or think about gifts for Christmas. A very brief business meeting will be held to vote on some changes to our bylaws and to elect the new executive committee members of Western District Women in Mission. To register and receive a Zoom link, please e-mail [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com). Registration deadline is October 24.

**Camp Mennoscah:**

--Work and Play Day on October 15! Share a few hours of your time for the satisfaction of improving camp grounds and some free time wandering the trails, fishing, or whatever your favorite camp activity is. The day starts at 8:30 am at the maintenance shed. If you are coming from distance, ask about an overnight stay. Let us know you're coming, so we can plan for you and your friends. Call 620-297-3290 or email [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org).

--We're taking out the dam on October 16 at approx. 2:30pm! Everyone is welcome to join in or to watch. Gather at the shelter. (The actual removal of the boards is not for young ages.) The event will go forward, whatever the weather, unless deemed unsafe. If uncertain, call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

--Let us know if your camper/you have not received the summer youth camp photos and address sheets for your camp week. The summer is a busy time and sometimes things are missed.

--Camp Mennoscah is considering moving camps to a Sunday to Friday schedule. We'd be interested in hearing your thoughts--parents, campers, weekend groups, everyone! Please call 620-297-3290 or contact [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org).

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** invites you to become a volunteer! Help us to share God's love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you'd like to join us, please stop by, call us at 316.283.9461, or attend our upcoming volunteer orientation Thursday, 10/20/22, 5-6 pm to tell us what interests you. We hope to hear from you soon!

**“We Own This Now”** is coming to Kansas for several showings! This Ted & Company play will be performed at several dates and locations. Created in partnership with the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition, “We Own This Now” is a benefit for the Kanza Heritage Society. This play looks at love of land and loss of land. What does it mean to “own” something? What is the relationship between “owning” and “taking” –and what is the relationship between “ownership” and (taking) responsibility? Click [here](#) for more information about the showings.

--Sat, Oct. 29, 7 pm, Theatre Lawrence, 4660 Bauer Farm Dr, Lawrence  
 --Wed, Nov. 2, 7 pm, Tabor College, 400 South Jefferson, Hillsboro  
 --Thurs, Nov. 3, 7 pm, McPherson Church of the Brethren, 200 N. Carrie, McPherson  
 --Sat, Nov. 5, 3 pm, Hope Mennonite Church, 868 N. Maize Road, Wichita

**Quilter’s Corner** is gladly accepting donations for the MCC sale which is April 14 and 15, 2023. Bring your fabric, notions, quilts and quilting supplies to the MCC Center in North Newton clearly labeled for Quilter’s Corner. If questions, contact Ann Yoder Smith at 919-604-3282.

**Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church**, Inman, will be hosting their Mission Supper on Saturday, October 22, 5-6:30pm. The Menu will be: German Sausage – Mashed Potatoes & Gravy – Creamed Peas – Applesauce – Zwiebach – Pie. Order your curbside pickup by calling / texting Barb 620-543-6863 or Teresa 620-242-2357. Freewill donations will be accepted for The Mary Magdalene House in Hutchinson. Check out the Hoffnungsaue Facebook Service on September 25 for the presentation by The Mary Magdalene House. For more information go to [www.marymagdalenehouse.com](http://www.marymagdalenehouse.com)

**Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association:** After two years of not meeting, we are excited to announce plans for the Fall banquet to be held at the Eden Mennonite Church near Moundridge on Thursday, October 27, at 6 pm. The keynote speaker will be Brian Stucky, a 1971 graduate of Moundridge High School and currently living in Goessel. As a descendant of the family who operated the Alta Mill near Moundridge, he will give a program about “Mennonite Mills in Central Kansas”. Knackie’s will cater the meal. The cost to attend is \$25 per person payable at the door. RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693 by October 24.

**Everence** will hold the popular Social Security and retirement income workshop at its office in North Newton on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. The workshop will cover, Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your retirement income last, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

## OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE October 2, 2022

Offering	= \$ 7,065.00	Attendance	= 133
Adult FF	= \$ 8.00	Attendance	= 29
Jr. FF	= \$ 13.65	Attendance	= 38
Worship Link Views		=	38

## BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

Tabor has a group called Faithful Fitness! This group is sponsored by our Health Care Ministry team and meets weekly to support one another with goals for Bible reading and fitness challenges. This budget line provides funds for equipment and incentives to meet these goals. Anyone is welcome to join this group at any time!



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