

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Living at Peace With Everyone

This Sunday we are grateful for the opportunity to have Sheryl Wilson join us for worship! Sheryl is the Director of the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution – she will be preaching on Romans 12:9-21.

We are also grateful to have Bradley Kauffman join us! Bradley served as the Project Director and General Editor of the *Voices Together* hymnal and he will be leading hymns during our worship service. In our worship together, may we strengthen our relationship with God and with one another.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE selections from *Voices Together* Pastor Katherine Goerzen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Michael Unruh

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *I Peter 3:8-11*

*GATHERING HYMNS “Summoned by the God Who Made Us” No. 1
“Here to the House of God We Come” No. 27

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE “For the Fruit of All Creation” No. 124

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN’S STORY Carrie Smith

SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 12:9-21* Kara Swartzendruber
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Living at Peace with Everyone” Sheryl Wilson

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace” No. 713
verses sung by Michelle Unruh

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN “As You Go Out From Here” No. 814

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, November 13

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Mark and Carrie Smith and family. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtu.be/uLuBERvDP1A>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone. Bradley Kauffman will lead a hymn sing in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend!

5:00-6:30 pm: Goessel Community Thanksgiving Dinner in the Elementary school gym. All are welcome!

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due Thursday mornings.

Mon, Nov. 14, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.

7:00 pm - Men’s Bible Study.

Tues, Nov. 15, 9:00 am - Staff meeting.

Wed, Nov. 16, 9:00 am - TMW quilting & tying comforts.

Wednesday Evening programs.

5:45 pm - Supper: Soup buffet. *Suggested donation \$3.50.*

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

6:15 - 7:45 pm - Junior High / High School

7:30 - 8:30 pm - Adult Choir practice

Thurs, Nov. 17 - *Newsletter items are due.*

Next Sunday, November 20

9:30 am: Next Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday. Scripture for reflection will be Ephesians 1:15-23 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Mission Partners Joseph and Rachel Givens, as they share about their work at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais at a conference of the Mennonite Churches in France.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for credentialed ministers in WDC, as they provide leadership, guidance and care for congregations, church institutions and community ministries.

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Robin Gingerich serves at LCC International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania, through MMN. This year, LCC has 780 students from 58 different countries, with many of the students coming from Ukraine. Pray for Robin and all the students, faculty, and staff as they work for peace on many levels.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The work of Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution and their commitment to strengthen conflict resolution and promote peace and social justice.

Congregational Announcements

New Hope Shelter has invited all of the people that volunteer for shifts and/or provide meals from our church, to a pie and coffee evening on November 29 at 7pm. They need to know how many to plan for, so please let me know by November 17 if you plan to attend.

-Barb Abrahams

Night In The Barn will be December 17 & 18. We need some volunteers to help the youth fill in for characters and guides. Donations of any Christmas goodie is accepted to serve to those that attend the event. Please consider bundling up and participating or baking for this traditional event! Let Kristi Unruh know how you can help.

Christmas Giving Tree: The Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Crossroads Credit Union are sponsoring a community 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. Other people that are aware of needs for children may also fill out an application form. Applications are available 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 18 to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Crossroads Credit Union. The tags will be available on the tree at the Crossroads Credit Union on Tuesday, November 22. Gifts will need to be brought back to the Credit Union by Monday, December 12. The gifts should be wrapped and the credit union personnel will assist with the "checking in" process. It is our goal that everyone has a blessed and happy Christmas, both the giver and the receiver

Get ready for Christmas! Tabor Trading Post will be open December 4 and 11. Funds will be used to help with the support of our Mission Partners, the Hospitality Hall Sound & Video equipment fund, and MCC projects. Let's see if we can fulfill many Christmas wish lists! For more information contact Ruby Graber or Kristi Unruh.

MCC's Buckets of Thanks are filling up, but keep the supplies coming, we've got A LOT of buckets to fill! After making your donation of relief kit supplies to MCC, make sure you [sign up to track MCC's next shipment of relief kits as it travels the world!](#) You will receive updates at each check point, including when the kits reach their final destination to be distributed by an MCC local partner in Jordan to Syrian refugee families and vulnerable Jordanians. Donate all the items in a relief kit or pick just a few items to donate – all items are helpful and necessary to complete a relief kit bucket. ***Please leave your donations in the basket in the foyer and they will be taken to the MCC Resource Center in North Newton.***

Rejoice! The winter issue of the *Rejoice!* devotional is available. Pick up your copy from the table in the foyer or the shelf below the mailboxes.

Upcoming:

Nov. 24-25 - Church Offices closed for Thanksgiving

Nov. 27 - First Sunday of Advent

- Pastor Todd Schlosser's first Sunday at Tabor! Noon Potluck Meal

Nov. 30 - December 6 - Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter

Dec. 4 & 11 - Tabor Trading Post

Dec. 4 - Newton Community Children's Choir Concert at Alexanderwohl

Dec. 7 - 1st Wednesday Women's Lunch

Dec. 11 - Christmas Brass Concert at Alexanderwohl Mennonite

Dec. 17-18 - Night in the Barn

Conference and Community Announcements

Mennonite Church USA:

--The Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA gathered in San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 29-Oct. 1 for its first meeting since the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly this spring. Executive Board members adopted a new resolutions process, responded to the actions of the Delegate Assembly and proposed a new three-year cycle for future Delegate Assemblies. Read about more of their actions here: mennoniteusa.org/executive-board-takes-action

--Painting a full picture of mass incarceration in the United States requires a reckoning with how Indigenous peoples in the U.S. are disproportionately arrested and sentenced in comparison to the broader population. "The inequities within our legal system are evident not only in statistics but also in comparison of specific cases," writes Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA's denominational minister for peace and justice. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/indigenous-mass-incarceration

Mennonite Disaster Service: The Kansas MDS Unit is sponsoring a Learning and Service trip to Jennings Louisiana, January 28-February 4, 2023. Participants will leave on Saturday traveling to New Orleans, staying over night, learning about long term recovery from disasters and visiting Laura Plantation on Sunday. Your cost will be one night lodging, two tours we will take and meals on the days we travel. MDS is covering the

transportation, meals and lodging while on the MDS project in Jennings. We will be rebuilding homes with MDS from Monday through Friday. To make your reservations or for more information contact Cleo Koop at cleohkoop@gmail.com or call 316-282-0797.

Mennonite Central Committee:

--Give back on Giving Tuesday with an evening of Service & Snacks, Nov. 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Hesston College Mennonite Church! Join Everence® and MCC for an evening of service! We'll make MCC [hygiene kits](#), tie comforters, write holiday cards to incarcerated people with MCC partner organization Offender Victim Ministries (OVM) and enjoy snacks! Bring your family and friends to this opportunity to give back on this Giving Tuesday! [Find out more!](#)

--MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton is critically low on inventory! An MCC kit cannot be shipped until every single item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by helping to fill the following needs: New infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); shampoo (20 oz or more), thin sanitary pads (28 count minimum) and dark colored bath and hand towels. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring item to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton). Questions are always welcome, please contact katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Bethel College: Sun., Nov. 13 – KIPCOR Film Series presents John Lewis – Get in the Way, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. This film by Kathleen Dowdey tells the story of the late congressman and civil rights icon. Free and open to the public, with a freewill offering taken to support KIPCOR and the film series.

5 Places of Christmas Saturday, December 3 at Goerz House, Bethel College. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. Christmas candy, cookies, zwieback, peppernuts, poppyseed rolls and cinnamon rolls are always great sellers. All bakers and crafters are invited to make items for the event. Please bring your items on Friday, December 2 from 1:30-4:30pm or on Saturday, December 3 from 8:30-10:00am to Goerz House. Thank you for your support of Bethel College!

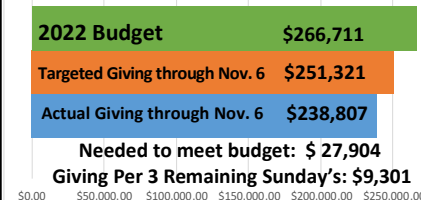
OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE November 6, 2022

Offering	= \$ 2,780.00	Attendance	= 131
Adult FF	= \$ 37.00	Attendance	= 44
Jr. FF	= \$ 19.65	Attendance	= 44
Worship Link Views		=	33

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

we have the *Voices Together* hymnal for use during Worship. Thanks to intentional budget planning and special offerings in previous years, we were able to purchase these new hymnals for a significant savings before they were printed. Sing to the Lord with gladness!

Tabor Church Budget



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