

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Thanksgiving Sunday

“Encourage one another and build each other up,
as indeed you are doing.
See that none of you repays evil for evil,
but always seek to do good to one another and to all.
Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:11, 15-18



WORSHIP

PRELUDE Michelle Unruh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Venita Schroeder

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Revelation 7*

*GATHERING HYMN “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” No. 126

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMNS OF PRAISE “We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer” No. 34
“Come, Ye Thankful People” No. 123

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN’S STORY Sheri Schmidt

WORSHIP MUSIC “I’ll Sing” -arr. Molly Ijames Adult Choir
trumpet: Peter Goerzen

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 1:15-23* Venita Schroeder
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “We Plow the Fields and Scatter” No. 747

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN “O God Beyond All Praising” No. 814

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, November 20

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtu.be/8lDgs5-fCtc>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

This Week

This week bulletin announcements are due on Monday.

Mon, Nov. 21, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.

7:00 pm - Men’s Bible Study.

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

7:00 pm - Deacon meeting.

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

No Regular Wednesday Evening programs.

7:00 pm - Adult Choir practice.

Thurs, Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day. Church offices closed.

Fri, Nov. 25 - Church offices closed.

Next Sunday, November 27

9:30 am: Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent. This will be Todd Schlosser’s first time to join us as Pastor of Tabor Church and he will be preaching. Scripture for reflection will be Luke 1:26-38.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Noon: Potluck meal to welcome Pastor Todd. Please bring food to share and your own table service.

Prayer Requests

The following was shared on Sunday, November 13.

- ★ Kara Swartzendruber shared a few examples from her 3rd grade classroom about ways that she has seen children “living peaceably with all,” including sharing with someone who was having a tough time or helping someone learn how to catch a football. Thanks be to God for the ways that children point to God’s Kingdom, and for the ways that they model what it means to treat others with kindness and respect.

Prayer requests continued

- ★ Leann Toews shared about her experience at Bethel College's Worship and the Arts Symposium, which focused on the *Voices Together* hymnal. She expressed gratitude for this meaningful event, and for how it has impacted the ways that she will sing the hymns from the hymnal going forward. Thanks be to God for the prayerful work that went into creating *Voices Together*!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ The caring quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: In this Thanksgiving week, offer a prayer of gratitude for members of WDC congregations and communities who care for the land, grow and harvest food, prepare meals, and share generously with a hungry world.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, who are serving through MMN, have lived among Indigenous communities in Argentina's Chaco region since 2004. Pray for them as they promote Indigenous culture and languages through Bible-study materials and educational opportunities, among other ministries of presence.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ God's goodness and faithfulness as we gather together in this season of Thanksgiving.

Congregational Announcements

Tabor Mennonite Women and Girls Christmas Breakfast will take place in the Hospitality Hall at 9:00 a.m. on December 10. Bethany Martin from Faith and Life Bookstore will entertain us with Christmas book selections and stories. A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer.

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.

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.

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. Tags with suggestions for gifts for children 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.

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.***

Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, November 28, 7 pm, in the Goessel City Building Community Room, 101 South Cedar St. From her journal, Clarice Voth will share from the days surrounding her family's traumatic loss in the death of her sister-in-law, Rhonda Krehbiel, in 1994. The focus of Clarice's presentation is to encourage journal-keeping and writing about family events, whether tragic or triumphant. The meeting is free and open to the public. For further information, please call either the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum (620-367-8200) or Anna Beth Birky (620-386-0381).

Upcoming:

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
Tabor singers: Hannah Adrian, Isabelle Alderfer, Sophia Goerzen
Dec. 7 - 1st Wednesday Women's Lunch
Dec. 10 - TMW Christmas Breakfast
Dec. 11 - Christmas Brass Concert at Alexanderwohl Mennonite
Dec. 12 - Goessel Community Blood Drive, Goessel Church
Dec. 15 - Christmas Coffee (men and women) in Hospitality Hall
Dec. 17-18 - Night in the Barn

Conference and Community Announcements

Western District Conference:

--**Giving Tuesday** is November 29 – WDC invites you to join this global giving initiative! Share a gift with WDC during this season, to help our congregations **Witness** & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, **Dwell** in just & loving relationships, and **Connect** to God's mission in the world. Current projections suggest that WDC income will fall short of expenses for the current year. Your generous gifts are invited to help close the gap towards WDC's 2022 budget goal! You may make an online contribution [HERE](#) (credit card, PayPal, Google Pay accepted) or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

--**WDC Immigration Task Force:** The Immigration Task Force has discontinued its work as of November 9, 2022, due to changing life circumstances of the task force members. Task Force members Raylene Hinz Penner, Ryan Goertzen-Regier, Anali Looper, Kendra Davila, Pat Cameron, Karin Kaufman-Wall and Kathy Neufeld Dunn (WDC Associate Conference Minister liaison) thank the WDC congregations that continue to be actively involved in immigration and refugee work. We pray that the networking gatherings we hosted were helpful and encouraging to you. We are all still passionate about justice for immigrants and refugees, and hope a new task group will form with participation of members from across WDC, to help keep all WDC congregations informed of immigration and refugee issues across our conference. Consider carrying on this vital work or tap a WDC friend to consider it. A WDC Task Force can be formed by any group of WDC people in response to special needs or interests, through an application process described in the WDC Constitution (WDC Constitution (Spanish) For more information contact the WDC office at 316-283-6300 or wdc@mennowdc.org

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA's largest faith formation gathering, will be held July 3-8, 2023, in Kansas City, Missouri. There will be programming for all ages, including a one-day Climate Summit for youth and young adults. See the tentative block schedule here: mennoniteusa.org/dates-location-mennocon23

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS): The November edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In our current issue: Learn about the MDS long-term response to Hurricane Ian in Florida: Read about volunteers responding to Hurricane Fiona in Atlantic Canada; A new web page with volunteer opportunities closer to home; and we have information on the up-coming MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania in February. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3Ueteqj>

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.

Dyck Arboretum of the Plains: All area churches are invited to attend this year's PRAIRIE LIGHTS event (formerly called Luminary Walk) at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Prairie Lights will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on November 25, 26 and 27, and on December 2, 3 and 4. Traditional outdoor highlights include the walking path lit up by thousands of twinkle lights, a nativity scene in the leaf house, and roasting marshmallows at the fire pits. Music, dance and storytelling are scheduled each night from 6:15 to 8 pm in the Prairie Pavilion "snow globe". Admission to the event is \$5 for Adults and FREE for children 12 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the Arboretum office or online at <https://dyckarboretum.org/prairie-lights>. The Hesston scout troop will provide hot drinks for a free will donation.

Heartland Pregnancy Center: Immediate needs. We are completely out of size 6, 7 diapers. We have many clients who utilize this size and are needing them. We are hoping you could bring a couple boxes, or gift cards, down to the center to have available. 1025 Washington Rd Suite C, Newton, KS

Buhler Mennonite Church: On Saturday, December 3 we need your help to package 50,000 meals. Our plan is to keep the meals local—providing food for our local neighbors. What a great way to give of your time during the Christmas season to help those who struggle to put food on the table. There is a job for all ages 7 to 146 years of age. You can work one shift or both shifts. Job orientation is provided. 1st Shift (Arrive 8:30 for the 9 –11 am). 2nd Shift (Arrive 10:30 for 11 am-1pm). 220 West Avenue B, Buhler. Sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0545AEAD2EA1F58-50000> Email: bmcpastor@gmail.com Call: 620.543.2733.

Bethel College:

--Five Places of Christmas: Sat., Dec. 3, the annual holiday open house, includes Kauffman Museum and Goerz House on the Bethel College campus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. *No charge for admission.* The Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is the host at Goerz House, where there will be baked goods, candy by the pound and other items for sale. Kauffman Museum features Ten Thousand Villages and many other gift items in the museum store, a Weave Your Own Ornament activity, the special exhibition "Reeds and Wool: Patterned Screens of Central Asia" and the permanent exhibits indoors and out. (Other locations: War-kentin House, Harvey County Historical Museum and Carriage Factory Gallery, all in Newton.)

--Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias at 5 Places of Christmas. 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 am to Goerz House. Thank you for your support of Bethel College!

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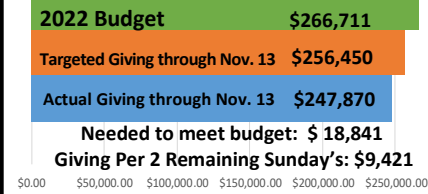
OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE November 13, 2022

Offering	= \$ 9,062.88	Attendance	= 108
Adult FF	= \$ 26.00	Attendance	= 42
Jr. FF	= \$ 12.26	Attendance	= 33
Worship Link Views		=	30

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

we are able to worship together in a warm building. While part of our budget helps to pay Tabor heating bills, likewise, our budget donations help to offset overhead expenses for MC USA, WDC, Bethesda, Camp Mennoscah and other entities supported through our budgeted giving.

Tabor Church Budget



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