

Tabor Mennonite Church

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No. 39



MINDFUL WORSHIP: Taste and See

We are grateful to Jeff Wintermote for bringing the morning message. We will be celebrating World-wide Communion this morning.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE
Russell Adrian

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Elizabeth Alderfer

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

*CALL TO WORSHIP
VT No. 854

*GATHERING HYMN
"Let's Walk Together" No. 6

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE
"See, Scattered and Sown" No. 477

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

WORSHIP MUSIC
"Music Down in My Soul" Women's Ensemble
-arr. Moses Hogan

CHILDREN'S STORY
Jeff and Tammy Wintermote

SCRIPTURE READING
Psalm 8 Sharleen Francis
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON
Jeff Wintermote

HYMN OF RESPONSE
"Taste and See" No. 467

CELEBRATING AND RECEIVING COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER
Pastor Todd Schlosser

*SENDING HYMN
"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table" No. 801

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, October 1

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/5CMZlpl5IH4?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for Everyone.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, October 2, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, October 3, 7:00 pm - Church Council Budget Work Session for 2024 - Everyone is invited to attend in the Hospitality Hall.

Wed, October 4, 9:30 pm - Comforter tying - Hospitality Hall

12:00 noon - First Wednesday Lunch

5:45 - 6:20 pm - Supper for everyone.

6:20 - 7:30 pm - Preschool through 5th grade

6:30 - 7:50 pm - Jr. Hi and High School

Jr Hi Music - 7:30-7:50

High School Music --7:50-8:10

6:30 - 7:30 pm - Adult Bible Study - conference room

Look at Genesis 24 and the story of Isaac and Rebekah.

Everyone is invited!

7:30 - 8:30 pm - Adult Choir

Next Sunday, October 8

9:30 am: Next Sunday's worship will focus on Ruth. Scripture for reflection will be Ruth 1:1-17. Pastor Todd will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Upcoming:

August 14-October 15 - Pastor Katherine on Sabbatical

October 7—Goessel Harvest Festival (Play Human Foosball)

October 14 - Bethel College Fall Festival (see announcements)

October 15 –1:30 pm - 2023 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk (see announcement)

October 22—Area Wide Jr-Hi Event (see announcement)

Upcoming Events, continued

October 30—Tabor Mennonite Women Program

November 2 - Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

November 5 - Bethesda Pillar's Banquet

November 12 - Annual Meeting

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Pastor Katherine during her sabbatical time. We invite God's presence to be with her and we look forward to her return on October 16th.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for pastors beginning ministry assignments in WDC congregations, as they offer leadership and get to know new faith communities.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who work with volunteers at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, to offer food and shelter to migrants, as they seek refuge en route to the United Kingdom. Pray for deep spiritual grounding for the Givens family and the volunteers, as they accompany people suffering from deep trauma. Pray also for more volunteers.

Congregational Announcements

Help Needed: One person is needed from Tabor to help and be on the organizational committee for the Community Thanksgiving Meal on November 19. Please talk to Pastor Todd if you are willing to help in this role.

Lost and Found: Please visit the lost and found table in the foyer and claim your items. Unclaimed items will be donated to Etc after October 8.

The Harvest Giving Walk will take place at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church on **Sunday, October 15 at 1:30 p.m.** Pick up a Walk envelope today or find someone who is walking and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry and MCC's global projects. Walkers are invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry on Walk day. Please make checks payable to "Harvest Giving Walk."

Area-wide Junior High students (grades 6-8) - You are invited to our first event of the school year on **Oct. 22, from 7-9 p.m.** We will enjoy a hayrack ride out to Patchwork Farms Pumpkin Patch with games, s'mores, and fellowship. Drop off and pick up will be at Tabor Mennonite Church. Contact sponsors with questions: Chelan and Megan Duerksen or Brandon and Kristi Unruh.

Tabor Trading Post will again be opening up for the holiday season! This gives a longer notice for those of you who are crafters who want to participate. Keep watching as more information becomes available!

Tabor Mennonite Women - A schedule of upcoming events is posted on the bulletin board. Please consider signing up to help with an event. Thank you!

Sunday Morning Faith Formation and Wednesday Evening Help:

****Sunday Morning**—Helper every other month for high school needed.

****Wednesday Evening**—Preschool—Helper needed

Kdg/1st Grade—Teacher and Helper needed

Jr Hi—Extra Teacher needed

Would you prayerfully consider filling these positions as our fall semester has started? Please sign up or let the education committee know if you are interested. Thank You!

Are you interested in volunteering for an evening shift at New Hope Shelter? Tabor Church is on schedule for 5 weeks a year and the evening shift goes from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Volunteering there is not hard work. It involves having a good evening meal, and some good fellowship with the residents. New Hope requires you to go through the orientation which is about an hour long and they have one scheduled for October 12 at 7:00 p.m. Please let me know if you have questions or are interested in taking in this opportunity. Barb Abrahams

Calling all vocalists and instrumentalists! The music committee is looking for volunteers (individuals or groups) to provide Special Music for the worship services during November - February. If you are willing to share your musical gifts for this ministry, contact Carrie Unruh at 620-983-2294 or lewunr@gmail.com.

Conference and Community Announcements

Blood Drive: Blood shortages are making the nationwide news! Let's do our part to donate and help make a difference! Sign up at redcrossblood.org to donate on October 9, between 1:00-6:00 pm at Goessel Church. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

Goessel High School Alumni Choir: There will be a Goessel High School Alumni Choir rehearsal/concert on Saturday, October 7. Alumni of all ages and singing ability are invited to join together with past Goessel choir directors Andrew Voth, Renae Peters, Greg Bontrager, Jerry Toews, and current director Braden Unruh, for an afternoon of singing and reconnecting! All alumni are welcome to sing, including those who had a director prior to Jerry Toews. To sign up to sing in the Alumni Choir, or to ask any questions, please email Braden Unruh at unruhb@usd411.org

Mennonite Disaster Service: The September edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS is hiring several positions; the important role of cooks at an MDS projects; and moving words of gratitude at the closing of the project in Cape Breton. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/45YzaOx>

Camp Mennoscah:

—**The dam will be taken out on Sunday, October 8, at 2:30pm** whatever the weather may be, unless deemed dangerous. Meet down by the shelter. Helpers and spectators are welcome. Helping is not for younger ages due to the heavy planks and rushing water, but are welcome to watch the activities. Planks will need to be scraped and pressure-washed once removed. Many hands are welcome!

—**M&M Project Update: We've made it to \$80,000!**

The monies that have been brought in for the Mission and Ministry Project (M&M) now total more than \$80,000! Gifts, small and large, continue to be given to the fund drive, and we are getting closer weekly to our goal of matching the generous gift of \$100,000 that started this matching drive. Thank you all so much! See the poster on the bulletin board with more information about giving and to see future events coming up that support the M&M Project.

—**The Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats will be moving to the Retreat Center.** All activities and lodging will be in the Retreat Center. HVAC renovations have not taken place, yet, so space heaters will still be used. The Retreat Center is better insulated and will offer a more comfortable temperature than the dining hall. Cropping and crafting will be downstairs and meals will be upstairs, so attendees need to be prepared to go up and down stairs. If you have already registered and this does not work for you, contact us at 620-297-3290. [Register now and bring your friends!](#)

BCWA welcomes donations of baked goods for Market-in-the-Round and pies for Pie-by-the-Slice at Fall Festival. Bring homemade fruit pies, poppyseed roll, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, or other treats to room 140 in Luyken Fine Arts Center from **2-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 or 7-9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.** Questions? Email bcwa@bethelks.edu. All proceeds will benefit Bethel College.

Bethel College:

—**Sat., Oct. 7** – “Wild Words: Poetry & Prairie,” with Aubrey Streit Krug, 9:30 a.m., *Kauffman Museum auditorium at Bethel College.*

—**Sun., Oct. 8, and Mon., Oct. 9** – **Staley Lectures** at Bethel College: Fernando Pérez and Rebeca González, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel, and 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center (English translation by Linda Shelly).

—**Bethel College's Fall Festival is Oct. 12-15**, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 14, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, the musical *The Addams Family* and two different organ performances. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.

—**Fri., Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m., Sun., Oct. 15, 2 p.m.** – Bethel College music and theater present the musical *The Addams Family* during Fall Festival, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. Ticket purchase required, in Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m., online (<https://bethelks.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?depts=3>) or at the door.

—**The Kauffman Museum October bird walk** will be on the second Saturday to coincide with Fall Festival (Sat., Oct. 14, 8 a.m. start time).

—**Sat., Oct. 14, 2:30 p.m.** – **Bethel College Organ Recital Series** presents a concert featuring 8 organ alumni and Shirley Sprunger King, *Administration Building chapel* (part of Fall Festival).

—Now in the **Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center** at Bethel College “**Bold Color**,” **acrylic paintings by Virgil Penner**, through Fri., Oct. 20. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

—**Call for volunteers – The Bethel College Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help with Taste of Newton and Fall Festival.** Shifts are 1.5-2 hours long and need to be filled on Thursday, Oct. 12, 5-9 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact Brad Schmidt at 316-285-5252 or bschmidt@bethelks.edu, or use the following online forms: verenike booth, Taste of Newton: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AF22A1FDCF8-verenike3>; burger booth, Fall Fest: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AF22A1FDCF8-burger1>; verenike booth, Fall Fest: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AF22A1FDCF8-verenike2>

—**SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 29-30**, Dr. Aileen Friesen from the University of Winnipeg will give the **annual Menno Simons Lectures** at Bethel College.

KMRS QUILTER'S CORNER FALL SALE - October 13-14, 2023, Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-3, at MCC, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton, KS. There will be lots of great quilt-related items available for purchase with all the proceeds going to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Questions? Contact Rose at 316-288-0079 or Ann at 919-604-3282.

Dyck Arboretum of the Plains: The 2023-24 Prairie Window Concert Series celebrates its 100th show with Leslie Mendelson on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. [Purchase tickets online](#) at dyckarboretum.org or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.

MCC: MCC is hiring a Peace Education Coordinator! The Peace Education Coordinator leads MCC's church education efforts nationwide in the U.S. related to peace and nonviolence. This includes peace theology, conflict transformation, and response to violence (including gun violence prevention, anti-militarism, and mass incarceration). Education efforts involve engaging MCC's constituency on these peace-related topics by working with MCC regional staff and with denominational and other partners. Apply at mcc.org/peace-education-coordinator by October 16.

Mennonite Church USA: Learn more and register by October 15, 2023, for

the Mennonite Church USA Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/energy-spirit View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/slide-energy-youth

—Menno Snapshot: Ingrid Friesen Moser, wellbeing coordinator for Mennonite Church USA's The Corinthian Plan, shares how spending time outdoors can help heal us and, when we come together for climate justice, can also help our planet. Read her story here: mennoniteusa.org/heal-ourselves

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:

—**Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology: Oct. 25 – Dec.**

12. Explore the birth and development of the Anabaptist movements in the 16th century in this six-week online AMBS short course taught by Jamie Pitts, PhD. You'll be challenged to draw connections between the 16th century and your own life or ministry. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 4 to save \$50; final registration deadline is Oct. 18. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

—**AMBS Transition to Leadership program.** This two-year program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary guides and nurtures new pastors during the crucial first years of ministry through one-on-one mentoring, biannual Learning Events, and four specialized training sessions per year. The Fall 2023 cohort starts Nov. 9; apply by Oct. 9. ambs.edu/transition-to-leadership

Open to new participants: Healing & Hope, a confidential group of women supporting each other after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held via Zoom and will begin again in mid-October. This group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at aaratzlaff@yahoo.com or 316-619-4580 for more information.

Footsteps of Paul in Greece + 3-Night Cruise: May 27 – June 6, 2024. Led by Pastor Weldon Martens, Grace Hill Mennonite Church; Whitewater, KS. This is a 11-Day Tour & Cruise to Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, Crete, Patmos, Ephesus, Mykonos & Santorini. Cost: \$3,219 + flights. Registration: Due by January 18, 2024. Contact Pastor Weldon Martens at: weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276. Complete tour information & registration at www.tourwithweldon.com

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE September 24, 2023

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| Offering | = | \$4,277.00 | Attendance | = | 126 |
| Adult FF | = | \$ 47.63 | Attendance | = | 35 |
| Jr. FF | = | \$12.86 | Attendance | = | 46 |
| Worship Link Views | | | | | = 32 |



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