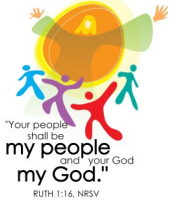


## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### RUTH

Today, as we revisit the story of Naomi and Ruth we get to be encouraged by the compassionate care and loyalty modeled in this story...a story linked to the lineage of Jesus.

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE Diane Unruh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Duerksen

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP VT No. 866

\*GATHERING HYMN "When We Walk with the Lord" No. 570

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise, I Will Praise You Lord" No. 131

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

WORSHIP MUSIC Men's Quartet

CHILDREN'S STORY Janna Duerksen

SCRIPTURE READING *Ruth 1:1-178* Kara Swartzendruber  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*

SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Bless the Arms That Comfort" No. 527

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

\*SENDING HYMN "Use Us, God" No. 811

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, October 8

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/dXIGqccZR88?feature=share>

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

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.*

**Mon, October 9, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness

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

**Wed, October 11, 9:30 am** - Comforter tying - Hospitality Hall

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

- Main Dish: Huntington Chicken

**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

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

### Next Sunday, October 15

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday's worship focus will be Cleo Koop sharing and preaching about a recent Mennonite Disaster Service Learning and Service trip to the Red Lake Indian Nation in Minnesota. Scripture for reflection will be Micah 6:1-9.

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

### Upcoming:

August 14-October 15 - Pastor Katherine on Sabbatical

October 14 - Bethel College Fall Festival (see announcements)

October 15 - 1:30 pm - 2023 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk

October 22 - Area Wide Jr-Hi Event

October 30 - Tabor Mennonite Women Program

November 2 - Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

November 5 - Bethesda Pillar's Banquet

November 12 - 11:45 - Potluck/Annual Congregational Meeting following

## 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 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for Bethel College as it celebrates its annual Fall Festival next weekend, and pray for WDC members who are students, faculty and staff at the college.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow is Indigenous People's Day. Pray for Mennonite congregations as they acknowledge that many Mennonites of European descent were among the first to move onto land from which Indigenous Peoples were forcibly removed. Mennonite Mission Network encourages congregations to find ways, in conversation with their Indigenous neighbors, to repair the harm done.

## Congregational Announcements

### Opportunities to serve at Tabor Mennonite Church

What are your gifts? What are your passions? What energizes you most as you seek to live out your faith? How can you be a blessing to others? Please consider the following opportunities to serve at Tabor Mennonite Church in our next fiscal year, beginning December 1.

- Deacons (1-2) (contact Denise Nickel)
- Faith Formation Coordinator (contact Dale Alderfer)
- Assistant Bible School Coordinator (contact Dale Alderfer)
- Trustee (contact Kenton Nickel)
- Landscape committee (contact Kenton Nickel)
- PA system (contact Kenton Nickel)

### Sunday Morning Faith Formation and Wednesday Evening Help:

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

\*\*Wednesday Evening—Jr Hi—Extra Teacher needed.

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

**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

**The Harvest Giving Walk** will take place at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church **Sunday, October 15 at 1:30 p.m.** It's not too late to pick up a donation envelope on the literature table today or find someone who is

participating and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry and MCC's clean water initiatives. Walkers are also invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry on the day of the event.

### Tabor Mennonite Women:

—Tabor Mennonite women are invited to participate in a **quilt show on Oct. 30, 7pm** in the Hospitality Hall. Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer by October 22, to show and share about one of your favorite quilts. You may also sign up to display a wall hanging, table runner or small quilted item. Contact Sharon Adrian, Dora Goerzen, or Kim Funk if you have questions. All women and girls are invited to attend the October 30 Quilt Show.

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

**Tabor Trading Post excitement!** This year we're planning to start EARLIER and go for more weeks! Our first Trading Post will be Sunday, Nov. 19., before Thanksgiving. That gives opportunities for people to create and/or buy things Thanksgiving/Fall related, whether it be decorations, foods, etc OR to do your Christmas shopping early! Then we plan for 3 more Sundays--Nov 26, Dec 3 and 10. So, start making, baking, creating and preparing to give and buy at the Trading Post! If you have a service or item you want to offer in the future, sell a coupon to be redeemed later. Creators and buyers make the Trading Post a great place to keep our money local and support our mission partners and other Tabor projects. Contact Ruby Graber or Carol Duerksen with questions.

**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.

## 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](http://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.

**Senior Coffee at Alexanderwohl Church – Friday, October 20, 10:00 am** – Brian Stucky will present "Mennonite Flour Mills of Central Kansas". Join us for an interesting morning!

### 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!

—**Camp Mennoscah will be at Bethel College's Fall Fest on October 14!** Put it on your calendar and come say hi!

—**The Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats will be moving to the Retreat Center.** All activities and lodging will be in the Retreat Center. 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!](#)

**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](http://dyckarboretum.org) or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

**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.

**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](mailto:bcwa@bethelks.edu). All proceeds will benefit Bethel College.

#### **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). The Sunday evening lecture will be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/dp1S-nsXXAw?feature=share>

—**Bethel College's Fall Festival is Oct. 12-15**—See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.

—**Thurs., Oct. 12 – Bethel College Jazz, directed by Joel Boettger, 6 p.m.** at Taste of Newton, downtown Newton.

—**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.

—Now in the **Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center** at Bethel Col-

lege “**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. Artist reception for “Bold Color: Acrylic Paintings” and Virgil Penner, 6-8 p.m.

—**Sat., Oct. 14-8 am-The Kauffman Museum October bird walk** beginning in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets.

—**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).

—**Sat., Oct. 14–Fall Fest programs at Kauffman Museum, all in the museum auditorium:** 10:30 a.m., “The Organ at Home,” Rosi Penner Kaufman and Donna Hetrick; 2 p.m., Jerry Jost of the Kansas Land Trust; 4 p.m., “The Bethel Bell and Brown vs. Board of Education,” Levi Goossen, attorney.

—**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](mailto: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.

**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](http://mcc.org/peace-education-coordinator) by October 16.

**Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church**, 43 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Inman, will hold its annual **Sausage Mission Supper** on Saturday, October 21, 5:00 – 6:30. This will be a curbside pick up meal featuring our traditional menu of German sausage, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamed peas, zwieback, applesauce and pie. This year we will have picnic tables out for anyone wanting to stay and eat their meal! Cost will be a free will offering with all proceeds going to support **Camp Mennoscah M & M project**. Call or text Barb (620-543-6863) or Eric (620-899-6972) to order meals.

**The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Fall banquet** will be held at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson Avenue in Newton on **Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** The keynote speaker will be Jerry Juhnke who has been researching Swiss Volhynian Mennonite genealogy and history for many years. He will give a program entitled “Interesting Happenings Over Our Last 500 Years”. He will answer such questions as: Do

you know of an ancestor that travelled back to Russia to settle a legal issue? Do you know of a very famous movie star that lived near Pretty Prairie? Do you know where our ancestors were originally going to settle, or where in New York our immigrant ancestors got off the ship?

An **ethnic German meal will be catered by the Breadbasket**. Bohne beroggi will be made by authentic Schweitzer cooks. The cost to attend is \$25 per person payable at the door. RSVP by texting or calling Nancy Stucky, 620-532-5693 by October 23.

**Mennonite Church USA:** There's still time to register for the Generation Z Energy and Spirit challenge! Mennonite Church USA is inviting young people to actively care for the planet through the challenge, which runs through April 2024. All high school student participants in graduating classes '24-'27 are eligible for a \$1000 grant toward tuition at one of our Mennonite colleges or universities. Two exceptional group projects will earn a cash prize of \$500-\$1000 for an outdoor experience. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/energy-challenge/](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/energy-challenge/)

—*Menno Snapshot*: Talitha Amadea Aho, keynote speaker for the Mennonite Church USA Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit on July 8, 2023, wrote a letter to thank the climate summit attendees and follow up on the question, "What can an introvert do about climate justice?" Read her letter here: [mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-introvert](http://mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-introvert)

#### **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:**

— **AMBS Forming Leaders Together Campaign Launch Celebration: Thursday, Oct. 19, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**, in the AMBS Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount (3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana). Please join the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary learning community, the AMBS Board of Directors, and leaders from Mennonite World Conference and Mennonite Church Canada to celebrate the public launch of the seminary's Forming Leaders Together campaign! The celebration will include a lecture by Jamie Pitts, PhD, Professor of Anabaptist Studies, on "Mysteries of Reconciliation: Culture, Violence, Politics," in honor of his recent promotion to full professor. A dessert reception will follow the presentation. Please RSVP by Oct. 12: [ambs.edu/celebrate](http://ambs.edu/celebrate)

—**Expand your leadership skills through AMBS's new Practical Leadership Training modules!** Upcoming offerings include Peacemaking through Curious Dialogue (webinar); Practices and Principles for Effective Boards (four-session online workshop); and Creating a Healthy Congregational Culture (webinar). CEUs available. Check out all our offerings and register today! [ambs.edu/plt](http://ambs.edu/plt)

**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](mailto:aaratzlaff@yahoo.com) or 316-619-4580 for more information.

#### **OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

**October 1, 2023**

Offering	=	\$5,359.00	Attendance	=	141
Adult FF	=	\$ 25.76	Attendance	=	26
Jr. FF	=	\$19.08	Attendance	=	36
Worship Link Views					= 39

<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>310,131.00</b>
Per Sunday (52)	5,964.06
# Sundays through 10/1	44
Targeted Giving	262,418.54
Actual Giving through 10/1	217,750.85
Above (Shortfall)	(44,667.69)
Remaining Sundays	8
Amount Needed per Sunday	11,547.52



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