

Tabor Mennonite Church

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JOSIAH'S REFORM

Today we will look at the story of King Josiah and his faithful response to hearing and believing the prophecy delivered to him by Huldah resulting in a period of reformation and revitalization.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Russell Adrian
LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
*CALL TO WORSHIP *excerpts from Psalm 119*
*GATHERING HYMN "Thy Word Is a Lamp" No. 398
*GATHERING PRAYER
*HYMN OF PRAYER "Create in Me a Clean Heart" CS No. 77
*PASSING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
OFFERING OUR GIFTS
CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt
WORSHIP MUSIC "Ancient Words" *arr. Mark Hayes* Adult Choir
SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 22:1-13 Kim Funk
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
*HYMN OF RESPONSE "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" No. 182
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 12

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

https://youtube.com/live/11u_PB5ASuk?feature=share

10:45 am: Faith Formation for Everyone

11:45 am: Potluck Meal followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, November 13, 9:30 am - Comforter tying and hand quilting on the MCC Sale quilt - Hospitality Hall

5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, November 14, 9:00 am - Staff Meeting

Wed, November 15, 9:30 am - Comforter tying and hand quilting on the MCC Sale quilt - Hospitality Hall

5:45 - 6:20 pm - Supper for everyone
Main Dish: Taco Salad

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 - conf. room

7:30 - 8:30 pm - Adult Choir

Next Sunday, November 19

9:30 am: Next Sunday's worship focus will be Isaiah of the Exile. Scripture for reflection will be Isaiah 40:1-11. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Trading Post opens in Hospitality Hall—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.

5:00-6:30 pm: GMA Community Thanksgiving Meal for all

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, and for those who are considering a call to ministry, that they would be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in times of change.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Matthew and Toni Krabill, as they prepare to move from the Paris Mennonite Center (France) to The Sanneh Institute in Accra, Ghana, to continue their work and ministry. Pray for them as they collaborate with partners in the Francophone Mennonite Network, who are launching a French-language theological training program.

Upcoming Dates:

November 19 - Trading Post opens (also Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10)
November 22 - No Wednesday Evening Activities
November 23-24 - Church Offices closed for Thanksgiving
November 28 - 6:00 p.m. - MCC Evening of Service (see posters)
December 3 - First Sunday in Advent
December 3 - 3:00 pm - McPherson Brass Christmas Concert at Peabody Lutheran Church
December 7 - Christmas Coffee - 9:30 am
December 9 - Tabor Mennonite Women's Breakfast
December 10 - Christmas Brass & Elbiata Goessel Community Concert - Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church - 7:00 pm
December 16-17 - Night in the Barn
December 24 & 31 - No Faith Formation
December 31 - Christmas Social -10:45 am
March 4-6 - MCC Comforter Blitz, Yoder, KS

Congregational Announcements

Community Thanksgiving Meal: The Goessel Ministerial Alliance is planning a Thanksgiving meal in the Goessel Elementary Gymnasium on Sunday, November 19 from 5:00-6:30 pm. It takes a community to make a community meal happen! Please check the bulletin board for signups to provide food as well as signups for other tasks. Whether you come to eat, sign up to help, or both, thank you for considering how you can be a part of this Thanksgiving meal.

The Christmas Giving Tree:

The Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Citizens State Bank are sponsoring a "Christmas Giving Tree". Applications will be 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 17 to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Citizens State Bank. The tags will be available on the tree at the Citizens State Bank on Tuesday, November 21. All the gifts will need to be brought back to the Bank by Monday, December 11. The gifts should be wrapped and the bank personnel will assist with the "checking in" process. The gifts will then be distributed by the Ministerial Alliance. See more details in the newsletter.

Tabor Mennonite Women:

—The Tabor Women & Girls Christmas Breakfast is coming soon - it will be on December 9 at 9 am in the Hospitality Hall. The program will be Ken Rodgers' impersonation of Julia Child - it will be very entertaining! Bring your friends! Please sign up on the bulletin board by December 3. If you're willing to decorate a table, you can indicate that on the sign-up sheet as well.

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

Community and Conference Announcements

Alexanderwohl Senior Coffee on Friday, November 17, at 10:00 am when Nora and Forrest Miller from Newton will share their "Harvey County Road Adventure" with us.

Everence® will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. 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.

The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum has recently given the **gift shop** a little refresh and would love for you to come check it out! We have several new items for purchase including special 150th celebration merchandise (t-shirts, tea towels, pins and stickers)...and don't forget to purchase some homemade peppernuts for the Christmas season! **Open Tuesday-Saturday 12 to 4pm.**

The 2024 commemorative 150 Years of the Mennonite Migration calendars have arrived!! These calendars are filled with interesting Mennonite historical tidbits and include event dates for the 150th celebration of Mennonites coming to America. They are great for Christmas gift-giving! Calendars are \$15 plus tax and will be for sale at the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum gift shop. For more information contact 620-367-8200.

Dyck Arboretum of the Plains: The 2023-24 Prairie Window Concert Series continues with Martha Scanlan & Jon Neufeld on Sunday, November 19, 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. —All area churches are invited to attend this year's PRAIRIE LIGHTS event (formerly called Luminary Walk) at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Prairie Lights will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on November 24, 25 and 26, and on December 1, 2, and 3. 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>. 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, education and storytelling are scheduled each night from 6:15 to 8:00 pm in the Prairie Pavilion "snow globe". The Hesston scout troop will provide hot drinks for a free will donation.

MCC: Get busy giving on Giving Tuesday at an Evening of Service at MCC! Nov. 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. at MCC in North Newton, KS. Bring *new dark colored* hand towels with you to pack hygiene kits (the more towels you bring, the more kits we can pack!). MCC partner Offender Victim Ministries will be here with supplies to write holiday greetings to prisoners, we'll have comforters to tie and delicious snacks to enjoy. What a great way to give on Giving Tuesday! —**Driving through Kansas on your way south this winter?** Are you heading to South Texas? If so, MCC Central States in North Newton, KS is looking for your help! We need to transport 25 boxes of kits to a partner in McAllen, TX. Please contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org with any questions or interest. Thanks! —**MCC Comforter update** – thank you to all the hardworking MCC comforter makers who make beautiful, high-quality gifts to share with our partners around the world! The MCC guidelines for comforters were recently updated after receiving feedback from partners around the world. For complete MCC comforter information, including the updated guidelines, check out the Comforters page of our website (mcc.org/get-involved/kits/comforters). Please reach out to the Workroom Supervisor, Kate Mast (katemast@mcc.org), with any comforter questions! —**SAVE THE DATE** – The MCC Comforter Blitz will be March 4-6 in Yoder, Kansas.

Bethel College:

-Sun., Nov. 12 – KIPCOR Film Series presents *Eroding History*, 2 p.m.
Krehbiel Auditorium
-Thurs., Nov. 16 – Artist reception for Eden Quispe and “Motherhood,”
6-8 p.m., *Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center*
-Mon., Nov. 20 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, directed by Chris Miertschin, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

5 Places of Christmas on Saturday, December 2, at Goerz House, Bethel College: All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. Your home-baked cookies, zwiebach, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts and poppyseed rolls are always great sellers. This year we are especially asking for homemade candies such as peanut clusters, peanut butter balls, peanut brittle or fudge. Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 1, from 1:00-4:00 pm or on Saturday from 9:00-10:00 am. **Thank you for your support of Bethel College.**

Camp Mennoscah: M&M Project Update: WE DID IT!!

We did it, friends! Working together, we have raised more than \$100,000 for the Mission and Maintenance Project at Camp Mennoscah! Thank you all who have supported this effort with your prayers and your gifts! We've been able to match the generous gift that started this challenge back in the Spring! Camp is still in need of money for maintenance. Please consider giving to Camp Mennoscah and/or the M&M Project on Giving Tuesday - this year on November 28 - or as part of your end-of-the-year giving. It's not that we aren't thankful for all you've done - but there is a lot to be done at Camp, and we already know that God has touched your heart and called you to be part of Camp's mission. Let's not just finish the M&M Project strong - let's finish the year strong! **Thank you for being a part of Camp Mennoscah! 75 years - There is still so much ahead!**

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: -

-Jr. High (Jan. 19-21) and **Sr. High (Feb. 16-18)** Snow Camps are coming again in 2024! – The time has come to enjoy the beauty and chill of RMMC in the winter once again. Come play in the snow and on the ice and then be ready to come inside for good food, fellowship and worship together. For Jr. High, Sarah Neher will provide the input for the weekend, and Eli Regier will be our music leader. For Sr. High, Luke Unruh (First Mennonite Church Newton, KS) will be sharing and Rachel Miller will be leading our worship music. Visit the camp web page (www.rmhc.org) for additional snow camp details and to register that you're headed to the Colorado Rockies to start the new year!
-Young Adult Snow Camp (Feb. 16-18) Young Adult Snow Camp continues to join the Sr. High Snow Camp week of activities and fellowship with participants serving as program assistants AND participants at just the right young adult price . . . free!
-Scrapbook Retreat, Jan. 26-28 is your opportunity to create paper or digital photo books and share ideas and good conversation with other scrapbook

participants. Lisa Longacher will return as our program resource for the retreat and help facilitate a variety of activities. Please come for retreat and community in God’s creation here at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Register online (www.rmmc.org) and save a space to join in.

Mennonite Church USA: Shelley Buller, executive assistant to the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board, has announced her plans to retire at the end of 2023, after 46 years of dedicated service to the denomination. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/shelley-buller-retire

AMBS: Seminary Preview Webinar. Thinking about seminary? Or do you know someone who might be? Join us online on **Tuesday, Jan. 30, 8–8:45 p.m. ET**, and get a glimpse of what Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary has to offer — whether you want to study at a distance or on our campus in Elkhart, Indiana. Areas of study at AMBS include pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, Christian formation, peacebuilding, Anabaptist theology, environmental sustainability leadership and more. Register online (no cost): ambs.edu/preview

-Expand your leadership skills through AMBS’s new Practical Leadership Training modules! The following Leadership Clinic modules will be held in person at AMBS on Monday, Feb. 19: Anxiety and Depression in Church Ministry; Cultivating Vital and Faithful Congregations; Healthy Boundaries 101; and Leadership for Antiracist Spiritual Formation. CEUs available. ambs.edu/plt

Schweitzers and Friends, An opportunity for the theatrically inclined! A musical drama in two acts will be given Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, 2024. This historical drama is one of the events celebrating 150 years since ancestors came to the U.S. in 1874. The first informational meeting will be Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge, 401 18th Avenue. Anyone interested in being part of a drama depicting a history of Anabaptist Mennonites is welcome. Adults and children are needed for acting and/or singing in the choir. Rehearsals will begin the last week of January and be held twice a week (the evening that works best and Sunday afternoons). If you have questions, please contact Jenny Schrag by text or phone at 620-747-9158.

-Kathy Goering for the 150th steering committee

| OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE | | | |
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| Nov. 5, 2023 | | | |
| Offering | = \$ 5,849.21 | Attendance | = 117 |
| Adult FF | = \$ 26.00 | Attendance | = 40 |
| Jr. FF | = \$ 8.00 | Attendance | = 45 |
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| Worship Link Views | | = | 32 |



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