

Tabor Mennonite Church

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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

On this Thanksgiving Sunday, we gather to worship and to praise God together, and we warmly welcome Trent Voth, assistant professor of Bible and religion from Bethel College, who is sharing this morning's message.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Marcene Entz
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Todd Schlosser
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 4:4-7*
- *GATHERING HYMN "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer" No. 34
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF THANKSGIVING "Sing to the God of Harvest" No. 122
- *PASSING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Trent Voth
- SCRIPTURE READING *1 Corinthians 11:17-34* Sharon Adrian
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Trent Voth
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE "Life-Giver, Maker, God of All" No. 38
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *SENDING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 114
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, November 26

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/hwDd-lpYrqU?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for Everyone

Trading Post open 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.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, November 27, 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 28, 9:00 am - Staff Meeting

Wed, November 29, 9:30 am - Comforter tying and hand quilting on the MCC Sale quilt - Hospitality Hall

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

Next Sunday, December 3

9:30 am: Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent. Our worship focus will be *How will we know . . . How long?* Pastor Todd will be preaching. Scripture for reflection will be Mark 13: 24-37 and Isaiah 64:1-9.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for chaplains and other ministers in WDC who offer pastoral care for members of our communities experiencing pain, loneliness, loss or grief, particularly during this holiday season.

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Jonah and Memee Yang began serving with Mennonite Mission Network in September. Pray for Jonah as he teaches Hmong and Thai students in Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Journey Program and for Memee as she offers Sister Care seminars. The Yangs live in Minnesota and will travel to Thailand twice each year.

Upcoming Dates:

November 28 - 6:00 p.m - MCC Evening of Service (see poster)
 December 3 - First Sunday in Advent
 - Trading Post open (also Dec. 10)
 - 3:00 pm - Newton Community Children's Choir at Alexanderwohl
 - 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 13 - Wednesday Evening Caroling at Bethesda
 December 16-17 - Night in the Barn
 December 20 & 27 - No regular Wednesday Evening Activities
 December 24 & 31 - No regular Faith Formation
 December 31 - Christmas Social - 10:45 am
 January 2 - February 4: Pastor Katherine's third month of sabbatical (note: The Jerusalem Seminar she was planning to participate in has been cancelled)
 January 3 - Game Night
 March 4-6 - MCC Comforter Blitz, Yoder, KS

Thank You

Thank you very much to everyone who brought food, decorated, served, helped set up and clean up at the Community Thanksgiving meal. It was an enjoyable evening of eating and visiting with our neighborhood.
 ~Sharon Adrian

Congregational Announcements

The pictorial directory is here! Pick up your copy from the table in the foyer following worship. Since this was an above-budget project, we are accepting donations towards the printing costs, which can be placed in the box in the foyer.

Christmas Coffee: Everyone is invited to a Christmas Coffee on Thursday, December 7 at 9:30 am. Please bring a Christmas goody to share. Also bring a white elephant gift for our game.
 Questions: Call Leann 367-8257

Blood Drive: December 11 - 1:00-6:00 pm - Goessel Church

The Christmas Giving Tree:

The Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Citizens State Bank are sponsoring a "Christmas Giving Tree". The tags will be available on the tree at the Citizens State Bank beginning 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.

Tabor Mennonite Women:

—The Tabor Women & Girls Christmas Breakfast is 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.

—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.

Nursery attendants wanted!

In an effort to offer hospitality to our families and visitors with young children, we'd like to reinstate having attendants in the nursery on Sunday mornings, beginning in the new year. We would like to have 2 adults - or 1 high schooler and 1 adult - available most Sundays to staff the nursery. Nursery attendants will only be assigned one Sunday per quarter. Please let Yvette Nickel know if you are interested in being part of this pool of volunteers. Thank you for considering this important ministry for our youngest attendees. (Safe sanctuary training will be provided as needed.)

Rejoice! The winter issue of the *Rejoice!* devotional is available on the table in the foyer. The Christian Education Commission makes these available for anyone who would like one.

Community and Conference Announcements

MCC:

-MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (6-12 month sizes); *new* bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); *new* hand towels (dark colored). Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: men's shirts (sizes XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color) and men's underwear (sizes 2XL, 3XL -- any color). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

-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!

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: 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.

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.**

Bethel College:

-Sat., Dec. 2 – Five Places of Christmas, featuring Kauffman Museum and the Bethel College Women's Association at Goerz House, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Other locations are Carriage Factory Gallery, Harvey County Historical Museum and Warkentin House, all in Newton.

Sat., Dec. 2 – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 a.m. Meet in the museum parking lot.

Wed., Dec. 6 – Singalong to Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah*, 11 a.m., with chamber orchestra and soloists, *Bethel College Mennonite Church*. Scores provided.

Thurs., Dec. 7 – Gala Jazz, directed by Joel Boettger, 7:30 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

Sun., Dec. 10 – 37th annual Lighting of the Green , 8 p.m. on the Bethel College campus

Camp Mennoscah: [The application for 2024 Summer Staff at Camp Mennoscah is open!](#) Summer staff must be 18 years old or older. The staff leadership positions receiving stipends are naturalist, crafts leader, lifeguard, grounds/maintenance, music leader, and office/media. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. The 2024 summer camp season begins June 2 with orientation for summer-long positions and ends August 4. We can't wait to hear from you!

-M&M Project Update: End of Year Giving!

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 hearts and called many 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) Jr. High, Sarah Neher-input and Eli Regier-music leader. Sr. High, Luke Unruh-sharing and Rachel Miller-worship music. Visit the camp web page (www.rmmc.org) for additional snow camp details and to register.

★ **If you are interested in taking the Jr. High Youth to Snow Camp, please speak with Pastor Katherine.**

-Men's Retreat: Join us for Men's Retreat **March 1-3, 2024** to spend time with God and fellow men in the beauty of creation. The festivities for the weekend include worship times, foosball, ping pong, chess, human curling, snowshoeing, musical jam sessions, great fellowship and more! On the Friday prior to Men's Retreat, participants have a tradition of tackling necessary projects at camp. This day of volunteering helps RMMC better serve campers and guests. Register @ rmmc.org.

-Women! Mark your calendars now for Women's Retreat at RMMC, **March 8-10, 2024**. Come to the mountains for a weekend away. Retreat, hike, explore, rest, fellowship, laugh, cry, and so much more. This weekend is geared towards women ages 18 and older to come together for laughter, fun, and great fellowship. Theme to be announced! Please visit rmmc.org to register.

Mennonite Church USA: As part of Mennonite Church USA's latest Learn, Pray, Join initiative, End Gun Violence, Jonny Rashid, pastor for West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship, a member church of Allegheny Mennonite Conference, shared a prayer of lament about gun violence. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/prayer-to-end-gun-violence

-Anabaptist musicians from a variety of countries met this spring in Canada for a songwriting retreat sponsored by Anabaptist Worship Network. George Makinto, director of worship at Los Angeles (California) Faith Chapel, recounts how he experienced hope through the gathering of such a diverse group of people worshipping God together. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/hope-ringing-out

-Michael George, a Palestinian-American and facilitator of MennoPIN's "Twinning with Gaza" Initiative, a Mennonite Church USA affinity group, laments the recent attacks from Hamas and ongoing war in Israel/Palestine. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/lament-for-gaza

-Rachel Ringenberg Miller, denominational minister for ministerial leadership for Mennonite Church USA, reminds us that Anabaptist congregational leadership requires collaboration, from the leaders and from the congregation. The process to make changes takes time, but the inclusive nature of the process is worth it. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/collaboration-anabaptist-leadership

AMBS: Grow your skills in offering spiritual direction! With a focus on practice-based learning, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's **Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction** offers a curriculum and supervised program to prepare you to become a spiritual director or to strengthen the spiritual direction aspects of your ministry. You can complete the 21-credit-hour certificate part time in two years, either fully online or with a combination of distance-friendly and campus-based courses. ambs.edu/certificate

-Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level AMBS program! Journey helps participants nurture their leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with the guidance of a dedicated pastoral mentor and experienced facilitators. The Spring 2024 cohort begins Jan. 26; those who apply by Dec. 6 can save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

40th Anniversary Celebration/Open House for Peace Connections - Nov. 30 - 6-8 pm - See poster on community bulletin board. Thanks for inspiring transformation in people and systems by building resources, relationships, and resilience.

Fourth Monday (Family History & Genealogy Group - No meetings scheduled in November and December.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
Nov. 19, 2023

Offering	= \$13,864.52	Attendance	= 135
Adult FF	= \$ 33.00	Attendance	= 33
Jr. FF	= \$ 6.07	Attendance	= 42

Worship Link Views = 35



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