

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### ISAIAH'S VINEYARD SONG

This morning we have the joy of welcoming 6 people into membership at Tabor Mennonite Church. We also renew our commitment to one another and to Jesus Christ, who calls us to live in God's ways of justice, righteousness, and peace.

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE Russell Adrian

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Venita Schroeder

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Micah 6:6-8*

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*GATHERING HYMN "Come Walk With Us" No. 23

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

WORSHIP MUSIC Lydia Nickel

CHILDREN'S STORY Michael Unruh

SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5* Leann Toews  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*

SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 716

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Insert  
*Sheryl Molzen, Jeff and Tammy Wintermote, Todd, Jonathan, and Rebecca Schlosser*

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

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

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, November 5

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

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

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

**1:00 pm:** Tabor leads Bethesda Chapel service

**5:30 pm:** Bethesda Pillar's Banquet

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.*

**Mon, November 6, 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 7, 9:00 am** - Staff Meeting

**Wed, November 8, 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: Bierocks

**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 12

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday's worship focus will be Josiah's Reform. Scripture for reflection will be 2 Kings 22:1-20; 23:1-3. Pastor Todd will be preaching.

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

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

### Upcoming Dates:

November 19 - Trading Post opens (also Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10)

- GMA Community Thanksgiving Meal-5:00-6:30

November 22 - No Wednesday Evening Activities

December 3 - First Sunday in Advent

December 7 - Christmas Coffee - 9:30 am

*(Upcoming Dates, cont.)*

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

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Israel Palestine Task Force, and for WDC congregations that are engaged in advocacy for peace and justice for all who suffer war and violence.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Johnstown Service Adventure unit, which is made up of Elias Wolff, Henriette Preuss, Leni Schreiber and Marie Haller, as well as unit leaders Josh and Stef Musser and their children, Jacob and Noah. Pray for a harmonious household, deepening faith and service that reflects God's love through clinics, Head Start, school and after-school programs.

## 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.

**SHARE YOUR TABOR PHOTOS!** You can now share your own photos snapped at Tabor-related events directly to Tabor's Google Photos account at any time! Just go to the new link located on the Tabor Church website under "Media" and upload your photos of Tabor folks doing what we do as a church community - worship services, Faith Formation, Wednesday night activities, fellowship events, youth activities, outreach projects, social events, etc. Any shared photos are secure and will not be accessible by the public once uploaded. Shared photos will only be used for the express purpose of church-related publications and materials. Permission for use is implied once shared. Questions? Contact either Sheri Schmidt or Sherry Unruh. Happy snapping!

## 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 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.

**Tabor Mennonite Women:** 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

**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.**

**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.

**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 infor-

mation contact 620-367-8200.

**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](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Hesston College:** Join Hesston College in celebration of Tony Brown as we honor his lifelong pursuit of peace building through music with this year's Masterworks concert presented by Hesston College music department: [Peacing it Together: A Tribute to Tony Brown](#) **Saturday, November 11, 7:30 pm, Hesston Mennonite Church** Masterworks chorus and orchestra, along with soloists Dr. Holly Swartzendruber and Keith Harris, will perform compositions Brown held dear to his heart. Selected works include a scene from "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn, "Old American Songs" by Aaron Copland and a wide collection of spirituals and art songs. Arrive early for the **pre-concert life story sharing at 7 p.m.**, which will be given by friends and former colleagues John Sharp, Dallas Stutzman and Ken Rodgers. There is no charge to attend the event. Unable to attend in person? View the event online at [hesston.edu/livestream](https://hesston.edu/livestream)!

**Bethel College:**

**-Sun., Nov. 5 – Bethel Sings**, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups, 4 p.m., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*

**-Mon., Nov. 6** – Julia Spicher Kasdorf: 7 p.m., *Administration Building chapel at Bethel College*

**Mon., Nov. 6, 11 a.m.**, *Krehbiel Auditorium*

**Tues., Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.**, *1887 Cafe*

**-Sun., Nov. 12 – KIPCOR Film Series** presents *Eroding History*, 2 p.m. – *Krehbiel Auditorium*

**-"Motherhood" Mixed Media works by Eden Quispe**  
*Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

**Dyck Arboretum of the Plains:** The 2023-24 Prairie Window Concert Series continues with Scott Mulvahill on Sunday, November 5, 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](https://dyckarboretum.org) or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

**Camp Mennoscah:**

**—Volunteers are needed immediately to work (M-F) alongside the facilities director on general maintenance tasks.** Working on these regular maintenance tasks will allow more time for planning and preparation for the Retreat Center HVAC project. The project is running behind and we need to make up time! Call or text Jordan at 316-613-1848.

Calls/texts will be answered between 8am - 5pm. Volunteer hours will also be 8am-5pm or a portion of that time. Please bring a water bottle and your lunch. Work for the week of October 23 will be winterizing buildings.

**—Recruiting for Summer Staff at Hesston, Tabor, and Bethel College** will take place November 6-8 respectively. Camp staff will be available primarily in the morning until lunch (or maybe somewhat longer) to answer questions about summer staff positions. Staffers need to be at least 18 years old, preferably with one year of college or equivalent experience (like volunteering). Positions include office, lifeguard, nature, music, maintenance, and crafts. A pizza gathering for interested people will be held on November 8 around 6:30pm, location TBD. Text or call Olivia at 316-293-7313 with questions.

**—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!](#)

**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](mailto: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 \(mcc.org/get-involved/kits/comforters\)](https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/comforters). Please reach out to the Workroom Supervisor, Kate Mast ([katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org)), with any comforter questions!

**—SAVE THE DATE** – The MCC Comforter Blitz will be March 4-6 in Yoder, Kansas.

**Mennonite Church USA:** Mennonite Church USA has launched "Learn, Pray, Join: End Gun Violence," an initiative to bring awareness to the complex issue

that intersects with poverty, racism, discrimination, criminal justice, education and the environment. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/educate-topic-lpj](https://mennoniteusa.org/educate-topic-lpj) Visit the initiative page here: [mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence](https://mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence)

**AMBS: Anabaptist Witness: Call for submissions.** *Anabaptist Witness* welcomes submissions on “Mission and Peace in Ethiopia” for its April 2024 issue, which will be guest edited by Henok Mekonin, MA, and Abenezer Shimeles, AMBS MDiv student. Submissions can be from various genres and should relate to the journal’s focus on Anabaptist and Mennonite churches in mission; in this case, the Meserete Kristos Church should be central to most submissions. Historical, biblical and theological approaches are welcome. The deadline is Jan. 1, 2024. View guidelines: [anabaptistwitness.org](https://anabaptistwitness.org)

**—Online Short Course: Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: Jan. 31 – March 12.** Study how 16th-century Anabaptists approached Scripture — as compared with Catholics and other Protestants — and consider those similarities and differences in light of today. Instructors for this six-week AMBS Online Short Course are Laura Brenneman-Fullwood, PhD, and David Cramer, PhD. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Sign up by Jan. 10 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](https://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

**—Church matching grants for seminary.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers grants of up to \$2,000 per academic year to match contributions that congregations, conferences and regional churches make toward a full-time graduate student’s tuition costs. Part-time students may be eligible for matching grants as well. We’re committed to making theological education affordable and accessible for students across the church — tap a shoulder! [ambs.edu/church-matching-grants](https://ambs.edu/church-matching-grants)

### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE October 29, 2023

Offering	= \$ 4,222.00	Attendance	= 129
Adult FF	= \$ 16.75	Attendance	= 29
Jr. FF	= \$ 10.51	Attendance	= 45

Mission Partners-Givens = \$ 550.00

Worship Link Views = 44

### Unified Budget Giving Update - Fiscal Year 2023

Total Budget	310,131.00
Actual Giving through 10/29	247,013.52
Needed to meet budget	63,117.48
Sundays remaining	4
Amount needed per Sunday	15,779.37



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