

Tabor Mennonite Church

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TABOR'S 12 SCRIPTURES:

Be a Living Sacrifice

As we return to our Tabor 12 scriptures this morning, we do so by being reminded of the encouragement and challenge found in Romans 12. This scripture reminds us of our purpose, calling, and way of life as followers of Jesus that may not conform to the world around us, but also offers the freeing and uplifting reminder that we engage this faith journey as part of a larger body of believers.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Nathan Goerzen & Cynthia Goerzen
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Katherine Goerzen
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Colossians 3:12-14, 17*
*GATHERING HYMN "What Is This Place" No. 22
*GATHERING PRAYER
*HYMN OF PRAYER "Let There Be Light" No. 714
*PASSING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
OFFERING OUR GIFTS
CHILDREN'S STORY Pam Abrahams
SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 12* Sharleen Francis
SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" No. 778
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*SENDING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 716
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, September 29

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/w9ZMSVEZCwI?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation classes

3:00 pm: Immigrant Site Pilgrimage - Alexanderwohl Mennonite

The tour to the site of the Immigrant Houses will be offered 2 times, at 3:00 pm & at 4:00 pm. Church Tours will take place at 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30 pm.

This Week

Bulletin announcements due on Thursday by 9:00 am.

Mon, September 30, **8:45 am** - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - Quilting/Comforter Tying

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, October 1, **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting

7:00 pm - Church Council

Wed, October 2, **12:00 pm** - First Wednesday Lunch

6:00 pm - TMYF will go to the Hesston Homecoming Parade. Plan to meet at Hesston College at 6pm. After the parade we will go out to eat together. This is *optional*, but there will be no other High School Youth programming this Wednesday.

Wednesday Evening Activities:

5:50 - 6:30 - Fellowship Meal

6:30 - 7:15 - Programming for Preschool-5th gr.
(NOTE: Music for Grades 2 - 5 begins at 6:15)

6:30 - 7:45 - Programming for Jr. High

7:15 - 8:15 - Church Choir

Saturday, October 5 Goessel Harvest Festival - Tabor is offering

Human Foosball

Bethel College Fall Festival - see announcements

Next Sunday, October 6

9:30 am: Next Sunday our service will continue to focus on our 12 Scriptures - *Faith Without Works Is Dead*. Our scriptures will be James 2:14-17. Pastor Katherine will be preaching. We will observe World Communion Sunday.

10:45 am: Faith Formation

1:30 pm - 2024 Harvest Giving Walk beginning at Goessel Church

Upcoming Dates

October 13 - 6:00-8:00 pm - Area-wide Jr. High hayrack ride, food, and fun

- Catechism

November 3 - Bethesda Pillar's Banquet

- Catechism

November 7 - Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

November 24 - Community Thanksgiving Service at Alexanderwohl

December 8 - Christmas Brass Concert at Alexanderwohl

December 14 - Women's and Girls' Breakfast

December 21-22 - Night in the Barn at Patchwork Farms

Thank You

- ★ *Bethesda contacted the church and wanted to offer a word of thanks for all the work done last weekend. They also expressed thanks for the cards given to the residents. Everything was very much appreciated!*
- ★ *Thank you to all who helped on our service day last Sunday! We were able to achieve a lot in a short amount of time. A special thanks goes out to Kenton and Kevin Nickel for providing the leadership and organization needed so we could have another successful work day!*

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the IBA Christian formation program at the new Arca de Salvacion Church in Uspantan, Guatemala. May God bless and guide the leaders and participants, and may this program strengthen the faith and commitment of the community in its walk with Christ. -WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Anicka Fast, as she fosters collaborations that cross academic disciplines and national boundaries, and as she teaches global church history and archiving skills throughout Africa. Pray for her as she edits a new Mennonite World Conference Global Anabaptist-Mennonite history series, in addition to teaching and traveling.

Congregational Announcements

Faith Formation - We still need a teacher for preschool to complete our ministry team for our children.

The Harvest Giving Walk will take place at Goessel Church next weekend **Sunday, October 6 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 global food projects. Walkers are also invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry on the day of the event.

The **Wednesday Evening cooks are planning menus** and looking forward to serving meals for October through December! If you or a group of you are interested in making a meal for one of the evenings, let us know.
~Denise, Rosie, and Kris.

A **new list** is being compiled for those who are willing to **provide a meal** to a family when there's been a death in the family or hospital stay. If you would like to be included on this list, please contact Denise Nickel.

Help Needed: The Music Committee is looking for a **pianist** for the adult choir which starts practice on Wednesday, October 2. Please contact Cynthia Goerzen, Pastor Katherine Goerzen, or Carrie Unruh if you have any suggestions.

-The congregation has enjoyed **Special Music** provided by youth during the summer. Now is the time to volunteer for Special Music during Tabor Church worship services on Sundays from November through February. Please consider sharing your musical gifts with the congregation - vocal or instrumental, individuals or groups. Let Carrie Unruh know by the end of September if you can help. Thanks for considering this ministry.

Catechism 2.0 Faith Formation: This class will be taught by Peter Goerzen. The purpose is to expand and deepen faith, love of God, and discipleship by exploring basic Christian practices, beliefs, and commitments. To provide a class for adults who don't currently have one. The format of the class: 15-25 minutes of input exploring multiple Christian approaches to a particular question/topic. 20-25 minutes of discussion. No homework. It will meet 5-6 times per quarter.

Fundraiser for New Hope Shelter: Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church is hosting a Fund Raiser event for New Hope Shelter on October 26, 2024 from 5:00-6:30 pm. You can order a meal with curbside pick-up by calling/texting Barb 620-543-6863 or Teresa 620-242-2357. Cost is a freewill donation. Please check out the poster in the foyer for more details.

Bethesda Pillars Banquet – Mark your calendars now for November 3 at Tabor Mennonite Church – There will be a drive thru option as well as a plated meal with entertainment. More details to come!

The Chicken BBQ is coming up on **November 7**. If you wish to **be a sponsor** for meal expenses, please contact Elton Nickel.

Tabor Trading Post will be active again this fall. So start thinking about what you would like to do. More details to follow. See Ruby Graber or Carol Duerksen if you have questions.

Book Study Opportunity: We will be hosting a book study on Glen Guyton's book *Reawakened*. As this fits well with conversations we have been having with our Church Council, the study will take place at 6:30pm on the evenings when Church Council meets (the first Tuesdays of each month). *However, this book study is **not** only for Council members.*

Anyone who wants to participate is welcome! If you are interested, and have not already done so, please let a pastor know so that we can get you a copy of the book. This will begin in the new calendar year.

About to be released . . . Anabaptism at 500 Bible Sale: For more information and to order now for a discounted price, go to this link:

<https://www.mennomedia.org/anabaptist-community-bible>

Preorder pricing is available through October 15, 2024.

Western District Conference (WDC) invites you to subscribe to our weekly Tuesday announcement email "WDC News & Updates" to receive announcements from WDC, WDC Congregations, and our institutional partners as well as weekly articles from WDC staff, credential updates, and upcoming events. This is a great way to stay connected and informed about what is happening in and around WDC. To subscribe, visit the following link: <http://eepurl.com/hKcbDX> or contact the WDC Office at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300. Thanks for your support of Western District Conference!

Community and Conference Announcements

Blood Drive: Carve out a new tradition and donate blood on October 7, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. New donors are encouraged and welcomed! Sign up at redcrossblood.org. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

Our **September edition of On the Level** is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares the power of prayer, learn how volunteers are keeping our fleet rolling, and volunteers look back on a year of MDS service.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3ZtD4Pd>

The 2024-25 Prairie Window Concert Series begins with [Buffalo Wabs & The Price Hill Hustle](#) on Sunday, October 6, 2024 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](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

SMCHA Annual Banquet - Faith Mennonite, Newton-Thursday, October 10 at 6:00 pm

We will be featuring an ethnic German buffet style meal catered by the Breadbasket. A return of our 'bohne beroggi' made by authentic Schweitzer cooks will occur again. At this event we will focus on thanking those that coordinated the 150th anniversary of Schweitzers coming to the United States. Dale Schrag will be our speaker for the evening. We invite you to come enjoy good food, learn who we are and were, learn what SMCHA is doing and planning, have a great time fellowshiping with friends old and new, and continue our celebratory mood from the 150th. The cost of the annual banquet is \$25 to be paid at the door. RSVP to Nancy Stucky by October 7 with a text or phone call to 620-532-5693. After contacting Nancy, you are welcome to pay online on www.swissmennonite.org. Come and enjoy!

Warkentin House Hymn Sing and Faspa: October 27 - 4:00 pm

The hymn sing will be led by Andrew Voth and accompanied by Karen Bauman-Schlabach. Faspa will include zwieback, cheese, cured meat, relish, jam, and dessert. Suggested donation of \$15.

Reserve your spot by emailing warkentinmuseum@gmail.com.

Bethel College Women's Association needs your donations of baked goods and craft items! Home-made pies, poppyseed rolls, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, other baked goods and treats for Market-in-the-Round at Fall Festival are welcome. In addition, home-made jams/jellies and craft items are needed. **All of these items can be delivered to the Music Library in Luyken Fine Arts Center from 1 - 5 p.m. on Friday, October 4.** All proceeds will benefit Bethel College. Questions?

Email bcwa@bethelks.edu.

Volunteers are needed as well to staff the booths. To sign up, click on the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA8A72FA3F58-50920044-fall/102465998#/>

Bethel College: TODAY, Sun., Sept. 29 – Mark Jantzen, Bethel College professor of history, speaks on "Brief Imperial Russian Sojourn: Lasting Mennonite Memories," following a short annual meeting at 3 p.m. at *Kauffman Museum*.

-Mon., Sept. 30 – "SMOL," art by Audra Miller, opens in the *Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College*. The exhibit reception is Fri., Oct. 4, 6-8 p.m.

-Bethel College's Fall Festival is Oct. 3-6, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 5, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football (Bethel vs. Tabor, the "Menno Bowl"), the musical *9 to 5*, and the 50th-anniversary celebration for the social work program.

See <https://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/> for the complete schedule.

-Thurs., Oct. 3 – Bethel College Jazz, 6 p.m. on the Main & Broadway -stage at Taste of Newton, downtown Newton

-Fri., Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 5, 3 p.m., Sun., Oct. 6, 2 p.m. – Bethel College music and theater departments present 9 to 5: The Musical 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. *Contains adult content and may not be suitable for young children.*

-Sat., Oct. 5 - Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets

-Sat., Oct. 5 – Sarah Augustine will give a keynote address for the 50th anniversary of Bethel College social work, **2 p.m., Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village.** She will also speak **Sun., Oct. 6, 10 a.m., at Bethel College Mennonite Church,** and **Mon., Oct. 7, 11 a.m., for convocation in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.**

-Sat., Oct. 5 – Fall Fest programs at Kauffman Museum in the museum auditorium: 10 a.m., Rosi Penner Kaufman will play the historic Teschemacher cabinet organ and present "Organ Music at Home, Wherever that May Be"; **1 p.m., Steve Friesen**, author and historian, "Galloping Gourmet: The Buffalo Bill Nobody Knows"; **3 p.m., Steve Friesen**, "Alps on the Plains: The Life and Work of Emil Kym." The museum will also have special kids' activities throughout the day.

Camp Mennoscah: Registration for the Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats is open! The dates are November 1-3 and November 15-17. Lodging and crafting will be held at Main Camp in the bunkhouses and dining hall. [Register here.](#) We'll see you for another fun weekend!

-Camp Mennoscah will have a booth at Bethel College's Fall Fest on October 5th! Tee shirts will be for sale and staff & board will be available to chat. Stop by and say hi!

Rocky Mountain Mennoite Camp: QUILTOBER AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN - There are four quilt retreats to choose from . To register, please visit the camp website at www.rmmc.org.

Mennonite Church USA: The board of directors of Iglesia Menonita Hispana (IMH, translated Hispanic Mennonite Church), a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA, appointed Rev. Dr. Juan Montes as executive director during the IMH annual meeting, in Chicago, Illinois. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/juan-montes

-Menno Snapshot: Russell De Young established the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund in memory of his wife, to help Mennonite churches install solar panels and move toward net-zero fossil fuel usage. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/remembering-wife-net-zero-grants

AMBS: Free lecture livestreamed - How to Challenge Christian Nationalism: Building Peace in an Age of Extremism **Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7–8 p.m. EDT** In this free lecture, AMBS Associate Professor **Drew Strait**, PhD, will share insights from his new book, *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism* (Wipf and Stock, 2024). Learn about why Christian nationalism is a threat to democracy and the church's witness, and how faith communities can counter political idolatry, radicalization and violent extremism.

<https://www.ambs.edu/learn-now/what-is-christian-nationalism>

-Online Short Course: Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace: Oct. 23 – Dec. 10. Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this six-week online Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary short course to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and explore practical and effective nonviolent strategies for resisting it — drawing insights from how Jesus countered oppression. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 2 to save \$50; final registration deadline is Oct. 16. ambs.edu/nationalism

-Fully online seminary degree. Check out Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's fully online **Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism!** The 46-credit-hour academic degree program can be completed in four years of part-time study and offers a global approach to Anabaptist theological education. Learn more: ambs.edu/matga

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
September 22, 2024

Offering = \$ 2, 250.00 Attendance = NA

12 Scriptures

<i>In the beginning was the Word</i> John 1:1-18	<i>Christ is our Foundation</i> I Corinthians 3:11	<i>Choose who you will Serve</i> Joshua 24:14-15
<i>Sermon on the Mount</i> Matthew 5-7	<i>Love God and Neighbor</i> Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Matthew 22:34-40 Mark 12:28-34	<i>The Golden Rule</i> Luke 6:31
<i>God sent Jesus for Salvation</i> John 3:16-17	<i>Clothe yourselves with Qualities of Christ</i> Colossians 3:12-17	<i>Be a Living Sacrifice</i> Romans 12
<i>Faith without Works is Dead</i> James 2:14-17	<i>Seek Peace and Pursue It</i> 1 Peter 3:8-11	<i>Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly</i> Micah 6:6-8

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