

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### TABOR'S 12 SCRIPTURES:

#### SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT

Today we will focus on the feelings and beliefs regarding peace as we spend our second to last Sunday on our Tabor 12 scriptures, using Peter's encouragement to seek and pursue peace from 1st Peter. As we live in a time when peace can feel elusive both on a personal, national and international level we invite God to guide our reflections on how to fulfill God's will of peace for us.

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Worship Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 34*

\*GATHERING SONG *"Let's Walk Together"* No. 6

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Together"* No. 389

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *"Draw the Circle"* -by Gordon Light and Mark A. Miller

CHILDREN'S STORY Eunice Nickel

WORSHIP MUSIC Miriam Nickel

SCRIPTURE READING *1 Peter 3:8-11* Donavon Schmidt

SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace"* No. 719

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

\*SENDING HYMN *"May the Face of God Shine on You"* No. 844

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, October 13

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/QtJU5xKkBa8?feature=share>

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation classes

-Catechism 2.0 class will begin - see announcement

-The 4th/5th Grade class will be leaving to see "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat".

**5:30 pm:** Catechism

**6:00 pm:** Area Wide Jr. High Hayrack Ride - see announcement

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements due on Thursday by 9:00 am.*

**Mon, October 14,** **8:45 am** - Faithful Fitness

**9:30 am** - Quilting/Comforter Tying

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

**Tues, October 15,** **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting

**7:00 pm** - Deacon's Meeting

**Wed, October 16,** **Wednesday Evening Activities:**

**5:50 - 6:30** - Fellowship Meal - Chalupas

**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

### Next Sunday, October 20

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday we will finish our focus on our 12 Scriptures - Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly. Our scriptures will be Micah 6:6-8. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation

### Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC congregations that are hosting special events during this fall season, as they share food and fellowship with their wider community, and invite participation in ministry and mission projects.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: On Tuesday, participants will embark on Mennonite Mission Network's first Just Peace Pilgrimage to South

Africa. Pray for them as, for the next two-plus weeks, they will immerse themselves in the country's struggle against apartheid and wrestle with the church's role in upholding racial segregation in South Africa and the United States.

### Upcoming Dates

November 3 - Bethesda Pillar's Banquet  
- Catechism  
November 4, 5, 6 - MCC Meat Canning  
November 7 - Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ  
November 9 - Comfort Tying Event  
November 10 - 12:30 pm - Annual Congregational Meeting to Process  
2025 Budget and Persons to Serve  
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

### Congregational Announcements

The 2024 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk took place on Sunday, October 6 beginning and ending at Goessel Church. Forty participants enjoyed a beautiful, fall afternoon and completed a route between 1 and 6 miles. Over **\$6,000** was raised for this event and will be dispersed to MCC's global food projects and the Tabor Church Food Pantry. Additionally, over **35** items were collected for the Tabor Food Pantry. Thank you for your support of this annual community event – by walking, donating money or non-perishable items, and praying for us!

~Kevin & Yvette Nickel, area coordinators

#### Area 6th-8th graders:

We will meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Tabor Mennonite Church for a hay-rack ride to Patchwork Farms, where we will enjoy roasting hot dogs, making s'mores, and enjoying the outdoors together! Students may be picked up at the pumpkin patch at 8:00 p.m. Questions? Contact: Megan Duerksen or Kristi Unruh.

**Catechism 2.0 Faith Formation:** 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. This class is open to anyone. It will meet Oct. 13 & 20, Nov. 3, 10, & 17.

**Opportunities to serve at Tabor Mennonite Church:** What energizes you as you seek to live out your faith? What are your gifts and your passions? How can you be a blessing to others? Prayerfully consider serving in one of the following ways in the next fiscal year beginning December 1. Or encourage someone else with these gifts to consider serving.

- Deacon
- Council Secretary
- Outreach Commission Executive Committee

**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 by donation. Tables are available if you wish to stay and eat. Please check out the poster in the foyer for more details.

**Bethesda Home's Annual Pillars Banquet** – Bethesda is celebrating 125 years and there is no better way to commemorate this milestone than joining us for our Pillar's Banquet on November 3, 2024. This year there will be 2 options – a drive thru from 5:00 -5:30 **OR** a dine-in experience with seating starting at 6pm. For those eating at Tabor, a story-telling presentation by Kris Schmucker will start at 6:45pm. Please RSVP by October 25 and when doing so, please indicate if you will be attending in person or drive thru. This year's proceeds will go towards a new generator that is estimated to cost \$300,000. Help us reach our goal of \$100,000 this year!! For donation suggestions, please see flier in your mailboxes. Thank you!!

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

**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.

**Anabaptism at 500 Bible Sale:** For more information and to order before **October 15, 2024** for a discounted price, go to this link:

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

**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](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) or 316-283-6300. Thanks for your support of Western District Conference!

**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.

## Community and Conference Announcements

**Everence® October Workshop: Informative Social Security and retirement income** on Tuesday, October 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Senior Coffee at Alexanderwohl Church on Friday, October 18, at 10:00 am** will be presented by Sharolyn Flaming Jackson, K-State Research and Extension on "Blue Zones: Keys to Living Longer and Better". Sharolyn will help you discover the "Power 9" lifestyle habits of the world's longest-living communities, known as Blue Zones. Explore what is unique about these five unique regions and hear about her experiences when visiting Ikaria, Greece.

**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](mailto:warkentinmuseum@gmail.com).

**Hesston College: Bel Canto Singers performance at Bethel College Life Enrichment** along with performing arts faculty members Ken Rodgers and Russell Adrian will perform "Anabaptist Hymnody: 500 Years of Singing" at Bethel's Life Enrichment series **October 23**. This series is especially designed for adults age 60 and over. The schedule and registration details are available at [bethelks.edu/life-enrichment](http://bethelks.edu/life-enrichment).

**-"Timeline/Jeremy the Crow"** featuring the work of Joshua Cross, Hesston College art professor, in the Regier-Friesen Gallery in Hesston College's Laban Peachey Center from Oct. 1 to 31. There will be a reception October 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. with a gallery talk from Cross and refreshments. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

**-Prayer requests** - Please pray for our board, administration, faculty and staff representatives as they gather for the fall Hesston College Board of Directors meetings October 24 to 26. Pray for the many international students at Hesston College as they adjust to a new culture and as they assimilate to college life and all this brings them.

**Bethel College: Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College: "SMOL," art by Audra Miller**, through Oct. 25. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m. (**closed Sun.-Tues., Oct. 13-15, for fall break**).

**Thurs., Oct. 24**, Bethel College's 2nd biennial Senses & Aging Symposium with Tena M. Alonzo and Mollie Heiden, Beatitudes Campus, Phoenix, speaking on "Living with Dementia," 6-8:30 p.m., *Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village*

**-Fri., Oct. 25 - The Bethel College Department of Visual Arts and Design and the Newton Chapter of the AAUW present Phyllis Pease, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.**

(Bethel College, cont) **Oct. 27-28 - Sun., Oct. 27 & Mon., Oct. 28 – Annual Menno Simons Lectures**, "Russian Mennonite Diasporas on Four Continents in the Age of Empires, Revolutions and Extremes Since the Late 18th Century," with Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor of at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, **7 p.m.**

**Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College**

**Camp Mennoscah: The dam will be taken out on Sunday, October 20, at 2pm.** Meet at the shelter area (look for people and things happening). Spectators welcome, as are people to help take out the boards and clean them. Taking the dam out is not for younger ages due to the weight of the boards, but spectators of all ages are most welcome! Be prepared for whatever weather/temperatures there are. It's a fun time for both those helping and those watching!

**-The November 1-3 Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat will be the only retreat for the Fall.** There is still space at this retreat. 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!

**-Start tapping shoulders and thinking about the 2025 summer.** Camp Mennoscah will be recruiting for summer staff (along with other camps) at Hesston, Tabor and Bethel Colleges from November 11-13, respectively. There will be a pizza meal on November 13 at a location and time yet to be determined for interested applicants. (The application is not yet open.)

-The auction of the first Camp Mennoscah tee shirt quilt was a (silent) race to the end at Bethel College's Fall Fest. (There are several more quilts yet to come, if you missed out on this bidding war.) **Thank you to everyone who stopped by the booth to chat, buy a tee shirt, pull a donation envelope, bid on the quilt or whatever else!** It was a hoot to see everyone.

**-Volunteers needed—come enjoy the cooler weather!** Volunteers for the HVAC work at the Retreat Center are welcome Monday - Friday. A lack of construction skills should not keep you from helping out with this project. Willing hands are what is needed! Let us know when you are available, so we can prepare for you. For anyone interested in working on a weekend, two weeks notice is needed. Contact Isaac at 316-217-5626 to sign up.

**MCC: Responding to the crisis in Lebanon and Gaza:** Up to a million people in Lebanon have been displaced in the last few days due to increasing military attacks. And the grave humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues. You can donate and **provide relief today**. MCC continues to respond to the needs of displaced people in Lebanon and Gaza. MCC is providing relief to recently displaced people in Lebanon with food, hygiene, bedding and psychosocial support. Please pray for an end to the violence and for a just peace in Israel and Palestine. Donate online at [mcc.org/palestine-israel](http://mcc.org/palestine-israel)

-MCC seeks a full-time **HR Recruiter and Central States HR Generalist**. As HR Recruiter, this position supports general recruitment and selection processes for openings across the organization. As a regional HR Generalist, this individual is the front-line HR contact for all local employees, assisting with a range of HR tasks, and redirecting to specialist colleagues as appropriate. This position can be based in Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Montana, or Minnesota with a preference for North Newton, Kansas office. [Apply online here by October 23.](#)



**MDS:** Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers are in western North Carolina responding to the impacts of Hurricane Helene with equipment to move debris, mud, and downed trees. MDS is accepting donations for the recovery effort. Please pray for the people impacted by the hurricane and the volunteers as they respond. Visit [MDS.org](https://www.mds.org) to see the latest volunteer needs or to make a donation. Check donations can be mailed to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Write "Hurricane Helene" on the memo line.

**Mennonite Church USA:** The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff responded with disappointment and significant questions about Mosaic Mennonite Conference's announcement recommending withdrawal from the denomination. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/mc-usa-says-better-together](https://mennoniteusa.org/mc-usa-says-better-together)

**Menno Snapshot:** In recognition and celebration of our 15 years of service, Mennonite Church USA's The Corinthian Plan invites all interested persons who are part of an MC USA conference or congregation to submit a health and/or wellbeing story. Submit your wellbeing story here: [mennoniteusa.org/tcp-wellbeing-stories](https://mennoniteusa.org/tcp-wellbeing-stories)

**AMBS: 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. 16. [ambs.edu/nationalism](https://ambs.edu/nationalism)

**-Take a seminary course this spring!** AMBS's distance-friendly options include Apocalypse Against Empire: The Book of Revelation; Doing Theology in the Anabaptist Tradition; Faith Formation and Spirituality: Youth and Young Adults; Human Sexuality and Christian Ethics; Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence; Spiritual Practices: Water of Life; and more. In-person courses are also available. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours. Courses run Jan. 14 – May 2; sign up by Jan. 6. [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

**-Seeking a Professor of Practical Theology.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for a full-time Assistant or Associate Professor of Practical Theology to begin in July 2025. [ambs.edu/jobs](https://ambs.edu/jobs)

### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE October 6, 2024

Offering = \$	9,894.54	Attendance	=	130
Adult FF =	\$ 70.00	Attendance	=	37
Jr. FF =	\$11.09	Attendance	=	43

Worship Link Views = 31

### 12 Scriptures

<i>In the beginning was the Word</i> John 1:1-18	<i>Christ is our Foundation</i> 1 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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