

Tabor Mennonite Church

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HOSPITALITY, HEALING, & HOPE: VISION

Today we begin our four Sunday focus on Tabor's vision and mission revisiting our call to express hospitality, healing and hope. As Jesus offers each of these in our scripture this morning from Mark, let us consider how we receive and extend hospitality, healing and hope as part of this congregational family.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joshua Schmidt

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

CALL TO WORSHIP *Romans 15:1-13*

*GATHERING HYMN "Holy Spirit, Come with Power" No. 57

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "What a Fellowship" No. 160

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Cory Unruh

SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 5:21-43* Jim Schmidt

SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Be Thou My Vision" No. 549

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN "Praise God" No. 70

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, October 27

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Mark & Carrie Smith 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/Fh9Z4KoX_0o?feature=share

10:45 am: Faith Formation classes

This Week

Bulletin announcements due on Thursday by 9:00 am.

Mon, October 28,
8:45 am - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Quilting/Comforter Tying
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, October 29,
9:00 am - Staff Meeting

Wed, October 30,
Wednesday Evening Activities:

5:50 - 6:30 - Fellowship Meal - Sloppy Joes
6:30 - 7:15 - Programming for Preschool-5th gr.
(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, November 3

9:30 am: Next Sunday we will continue the series on Hospitality, Healing, and Hope - our vision and mission statement. The focus will be on Hospitality and our scripture will be Luke 7:36-50. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation

Upcoming Dates

November 3 - Catechism - 5:30 pm
- Bethesda Pillar's Banquet - 6:00 pm

November 4, 5, 6 - MCC Meat Canning

November 7 - Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

November 9 - Comfort Tying Event

November 10 - Noon - TMYF will be serving a Fundraiser Meal
12:30 pm - Annual Congregational Meeting to Process
2025 Budget and Persons to Serve

November 24 - 10:00 am - Community Thanksgiving Service
at Alexanderwohl. There will be no service at
Tabor that morning.

December 8 - Christmas Brass Concert at Alexanderwohl

December 14 - Women's and Girls' Breakfast

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

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ October is Pastors' Appreciation Month! We offer gratitude now and throughout the year for Pastor Katherine and Pastor Todd for their dedicated service and leadership.
- ★ Western District Conference: We are partners in church planting, but any growth we witness is due to God. Let's pray to God to give us wisdom to keep planting churches and find those who plant, like those who water. Let us pray that our God will give the spiritual growth essential to accomplishing God's work. -WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service participants from Arizona, California and Colorado are concluding their five-day fall retreat in Salt Lake City, Utah. Pray that they may return to their learning and service placements inspired and energized by the renewal they experienced in worshipping together and in sharing their experiences.

Congregational Announcements

The Goessel area churches and community are invited to sing "606" at the Goessel High School concert on Tuesday, Oct 29 as part of the 150 years celebration. There is a sign up in the back foyer. Please arrive at 6:30 pm for rehearsal, the concert begins at 7 pm.

New Hope Shelter meal needed for October 30. Please contact Shelley Buller by Monday evening if you can help provide food for Wednesday's supper at the shelter.

Meat Canning at the MCC center will be November 4-6. Sign up on the bulletin board to volunteer for a shift. Please place donations in the canner truck in the foyer. Make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church earmarked MCC meat canning. Contact Kenton Nickel with any questions. Thanks!

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

Tabor Mennonite Women will be tying comforters for MCC Relief on **Saturday, November 9**, from 1 to 5pm. in the Hospitality Hall. Come together for the whole afternoon, or part, and let's see how many comforters we can tie! Please bring a snack to share. If you would like to sew a top to be tied, please give it to Sharon Adrian, Dora Goerzen, or Kim Funk by November 4. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but a tangible reminder of hope and care to people when they need it most.

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.

The Christmas Giving Tree: Jesus' love was the greatest gift that God has ever given to humanity. That love continues to inspire us to gift each other with God's grace and love. The Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Citizens State Bank are sponsoring a "Christmas Giving Tree" to do just that. This tree endeavors to help with some of the expenses of Christmas for those families in need. We invite all parents who feel they could use a little help to fill out an application listing their children by name, age, and some gift suggestions with clothing sizes. Besides parents, other people that are aware of needs for children should also fill out the application form. 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 22** to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Crossroads Credit Union. Each child's name turned in will get 1 tag on the tree with their age, sex and gift description. The names of the children will not be on the tag. The tags will be available on the tree at the Crossroads Credit Union on **Tuesday, November 26**. All the gifts will need to be brought back to the Credit Union by **Monday, December 16**. The gifts should be wrapped and the credit union personnel will assist with the "checking in" process. The gifts will then be distributed by the Ministerial Alliance. It is our goal that everyone has a blessed and happy Christmas, both the giver and the receiver. We hope that each of our congregations may enter into this ministry opportunity. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the one of the pastors.

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.

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

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.

The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet next **Monday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Goessel City Building Community Room. The family Bible was one of the main items brought in the immigration trunks since it contained the family record. Or a memento of some kind may have been tucked in between its pages. If you are willing, we would appreciate your bringing a family Bible or any other item(s) with their stories to share with the group. Items do not have to relate to the 1874 immigration. We will build our October program around these items and their stories. Any items brought will not be passed around the group. Brian Stucky will show slides of a very old Bible with hand-written genealogy including one of his ancestors. This is a 1531 Froschauer Bible, printed in Zurich, Switzerland, that has been handed down to the oldest son in Amish families for generations. This is kept in a safe on an Amish farm in the Yoder, KS, area. For more information, call either the Goessel Museum (620-367-8200) or Anna Beth Birky (620-386-0381).

Nov. 2 - Water's Edge - Peace Connections fundraiser for Circle of Hope, a relationship-based poverty-reduction program. More info can be found on our [website](#). See poster on bulletin board.

Dyck Arboretum: The 2024-25 Prairie Window Concert Series continues with [Flagship Romance](#) on Sunday, **November 3, 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](#) to reserve your seats.

Sing along: All are invited to attend an hour long **Community Hymn Sing** led by Dr. William Eash, Professor Emeritus of Music, Bethel College. This event will be held at Eden Mennonite Church (401 18th Ave, Moundridge), **Sunday afternoon, November 10 at 4:00pm**. Be prepared to request your favorite hymn and a brief story, why it is a favorite. Refreshments served after singing.

Peace Connections has a program once a month, Laundry Love, to help friends and neighbors who may be struggling with basic expenses. Any amount you donate will go directly to supporting this ongoing expression of community support. See the card on the community bulletin board with information for giving.

Bethel College: 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 Schmalz, 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**

-Tues., Oct. 29 – Bethel College Orchestra Halloween Concert, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. You're invited to come in costume (you might win a prize)!

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

-Sun., Nov. 3 – Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups, Dr. Henry Waters, director, 4 p.m., with the theme “Sing You Home” and featuring the Concert Choir's KMEA 2025 concert repertoire; *Bethel College Mennonite Church*

-Tues., Nov. 12 – Bethel College Organ Recital Series presents Dr. Jacob Hofeling, with music on a theme of science and space, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel

Hesston College: Nursing Department Open House on Saturday, November 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event includes a nursing program track information session, a faculty and student panel discussion, campus tour, brunch, "All about Student Life" session, a financial aid talk and a run through of your possible next steps toward becoming a Hesston College nursing student! Visit hesston.edu/larknursing to register.

-Engineering Day at Hesston College on Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Highlights include a \$500 scholarship to HC for all attendees, multiple interactive segments, student and faculty panel for Q and A session, student project showcases, campus tour, free lunch and a drawing for one \$2,000 scholarship and one \$1,000 scholarship. Visit hesston.edu/engineering-day to register.

-Prairie Lights at Dyck Arboretum

The first of two weekends of Prairie Lights will kick off the holiday season November 29, 30 and December 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. each night. Experience the quiet beauty of Kansas in winter while observing tens of thousands of twinkle lights adorning the arboretum path and illuminating the grounds. For tickets visit dyckarboretum.org/events.

Camp Mennoscah: The November 1-3 Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat will be the only retreat for the Fall. There is still space. Lodging and crafting will be held at Main Camp in the bunkhouses and dining hall. [Register here.](#)

-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.

-Volunteers needed—come enjoy the cooler weather! Volunteers for the HVAC work at the Retreat Center are welcome Monday - Friday. For anyone interested in working on a weekend, two weeks notice is needed. Contact Isaac at 316-217-5626 to sign up.

Western District Conference: Live at a distance? Wish you could read larger print? Want a good audiobook that will help you grow in faith? Wish you could access the library from your phone? The WDC Resource Library has something new just for you! **Launching November 1st, you can borrow ebooks and audiobooks from the Resource Library!** See more at mennowdc.org/library or contact the library at crib@mennowdc.org

Mennonite Mission Network is hosting a webinar focused on how service has helped shape people's lives and careers. If you know of a young adult who is considering service or is passionate about immigration issues, please encourage them to tune in for this event! Register here: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/.../Webinar-Immigration...>

Mennonite Church USA:

Many congregations have established safety protection policies to proactively provide a secure and healthy environment for individuals of all ages to connect with God. However, when a person who is a known sex offender seeks to join the congregation, what steps should the congregation take? Join host Nancy Kauffmann and presenters Eric Massanari, Jolene Miller, Kristin Jackson and Michael Danner on Tuesday, October 28 at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT, as they discuss these questions and more during an informational webinar. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/safe-church-october-webinar

-Save the date! MC USA is pleased to announce that the 2025 biennial national gathering and leading faith formation event, Follow Jesus '25, will take place July 8-12, 2025, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/convention View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/fj25_ad View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-25-slide

-Call for blogs! Members of MC USA who were not raised in a Mennonite tradition or people who grew up in MC USA but feel that they have actively chosen to remain Mennonite as they grew into their faith are invited to submit a 500-900 word "Menno by Choice" blog about why they have actively chosen to be a Mennonite. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/form-choice-request View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/choice-slide View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/choice-blog-slide

Menno Snapshot: Susan Kragt - Read more about her journey to joining Mennonite Church USA here: mennoniteusa.org/why-mennonite

AMBS: Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program

Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! 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 2025 cohort begins Jan. 24; those who apply by Dec. 4 can save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

-Documentary: *What Happened at Benham West: African American Stories of Community, Displacement and Hope*. Your church or organization can host a screening of this 80-minute documentary about the exclusion of African Americans in the city of Elkhart, Indiana, as told through the stories of local elders. The film can be a helpful introduction to the lasting economic and social impacts of White supremacy and structural racism, and you can opt to include a presentation after the film for additional context. Schedule a screening through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: ambs.edu/benham-west-project

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE October 20, 2024

Offering = \$	4,305.00	Attendance =	131
Adult FF =	\$ 15.00	Attendance =	35
Jr. FF =	\$ 15.75	Attendance =	40

Worship Link Views = 34



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