

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### Sunday, November 24

**10:00 am:** Today we will worship together at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church for a Community Thanksgiving Service. Peter Goerzen will be preaching. There is no service at Tabor Mennonite on Nov. 24.

**\*\*Here is the Zoom link for the Community Thanksgiving service:**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83006222370?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83006222370?pwd=8KuMkQvGWevdb4YdfHggnuF8P8MYLa.1)

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Meeting ID: 830 0622 2370

Passcode: 154516

### This Week

**NOTE: Bulletin announcements due on Tuesday, Nov. 26 by 9:00 am this week.**

<b>Mon, November 25,</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> - Faithful Fitness <b>9:30 am</b> - Quilting/Comforter Tying <b>7:00 pm</b> - Men's Bible Study
<b>Tues, November 26,</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> - Staff Meeting
<b>Wed, November 27,</b>	<b>No Wednesday Evening Activities this week</b>
<b>Thurs/Fri, Nov. 28-29</b>	<b>Church Offices closed</b>

### Next Sunday, December 1

Next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent. Our worship focus will be *The Promise of the Spirit*. Pastor Todd will be preaching. Our scripture for reflection will be Isaiah 61:1-11.

### Prayer Requests

*The following requests were share on Sunday, November 17*

- ★ Western District Conference: During this Thanksgiving Season, give thanks for the amazing church planting opportunities. Give thanks for the pastors & lay leaders who are ministering to the needs of people & building communities of faith, & for the many ways WDC supports them. Give thanks for the many who provide resources of finances, vision & time to the efforts of church planting. -WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: On Thanksgiving Day, Joseph and Rachel Givens, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network, will continue a tradition of gathering the guests of Maria Skobtsova House and the other houses of refuge around Calais, France, for a meal. Pray that on this day, God's love will be shown, so that people fleeing violence may find community and people who are hungry may eat their fill.

## Congregational Announcements

**The Tabor Trading Post** is open for business in the Hospitality Hall on these dates: Dec. 1, 8, & 15. So, plan to make, create, assemble, bake, shape, dream and scheme of fun things to sell as well as plan to come buy what has been created. Proceeds will go to help fund Bethesda's Christmas List which is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Ruby Graber or Carol Duerksen with questions.

**All are invited to join Christmas choir** that will sing in church on December 22. Rehearsals are Dec 4, Dec 11 from 7:15-8:15 pm and Dec 18 from 6:30-8 pm.

**Please join us for our traditional Christmas brunch on Thursday, December 5 at 9: 30 a.m.** This is for men, women, anyone who wants to join us. Bring a gift for the game. It doesn't have to be expensive. Bring a snack, Christmas goody, something to eat. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be provided. Also this year please bring a FAVORITE Christmas ornament, table decoration, nativity or any Christmas item to put on your table. We are going to share why it is your favorite. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board starting this Sunday. Questions: call Leann 620 877 0397.

**The Christmas Giving Tree:** See poster on the bulletin board. The tags will be available on the tree at the Crossroads Credit Union on **Tues, Nov. 26**. All the gifts will need to be brought back to the Credit Union by **Mon, Dec. 16**. The gifts should be wrapped. The gifts will then be distributed by the Ministerial Alliance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the one of the pastors.

**Tabor Mennonite Women:** A schedule of events has been posted on the bulletin board. Please note programs coming up and sign up for volunteer spots needed. If you have questions, contact Denise Nickel or Diana Schmidt.

**TTT (Tabor Tool Time):** Details on the bulletin board.

**Help Needed:** The Newton Et Cetera Shop board of directors consists of representatives from area churches. Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui has represented Tabor Mennonite Church for the past six years but her term ends in December and a replacement is needed. If this is a position that interests you, please inform Violeta by December 15.

### Upcoming Dates

December 5 - Christmas Coffee (sign up on bulletin board)  
December 8 - Christmas Brass Concert at Alexanderwohl  
December 12 - Coffee with the Pastors  
December 14 - Women's and Girls' Breakfast  
December 21-22 - Night in the Barn at Patchwork Farms  
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

## Community and Conference Announcements

**MDS-On the Level announcement:** Our November edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, learn about Bridging Together, a new partnership with Lutheran Disaster Response, read how hope is being renewed in Santa Cruz plus get all the details for the upcoming 75th Anniversary Celebration. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4fWz7HD>

This January, *Anabaptist World* will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism with a **special commemorative issue of the magazine** highlighting the history of the movement. [Order extra copies of this special issue](#) by Dec. 13. Extra copies are available for order now for **just \$8/copy**.

**The Newton Treble Clef Annual Vespers** will be Sunday, December 1, 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus, Newton. The prelude will begin at 2:45 featuring Connie Rickard saxophone. The program will include: Treble Clef Chorus, Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble, and the Schrag Siblings – A freewill offering will be taken for the scholarship fund that will be awarded to high school seniors who are pursuing a music major. We invite you to begin your Christmas Season as our guest.

**Country Christmas - December 7 from 5-7 pm** - The Goessel FFA and the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum are collaborating to put on a community Christmas event. See poster on bulletin board.

All bakers and craft makers are invited to make items for **5 Places of Christmas** on **Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10:00 - 3:00** at Goerz House. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. Your homemade cookies, zwiebach, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts and poppyseed rolls are always great sellers. This year we are especially asking for homemade candies such as fudge, peanut clusters, peanut butter balls and peanut brittle as well as other non-chocolate candies. We are also looking for Christmas craft items to sell. **Please bring your items to Goerz House on Friday, December 6, from 2:00-5:00pm or on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9:30-10:00 am.** Thank you for your support of Bethel College.

**Blood Drive:** "Give something that means something" - give blood December 9, between 1-6 p.m. at Goessel Church. Sign up at [redrossblood.org](http://redrossblood.org).

**Bethel College: Sun., Nov. 24 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program**, "Diversity and Complexity in Indian Kansas," Eric Anderson, Haskell Indian Nations University, **3 p.m.**, *Kauffman Museum auditorium*  
**-Sun., Dec. 1 – Celebrate Museum Store Sunday at Kauffman Museum, 1:30-4:30 p.m.** At **3 p.m.**, there will be a **German Christmas singalong (Deutsche Weihnachtslieder)** with **William Eash, Merle Schlabaugh and Karen Bauman Schlabaugh** in the museum auditorium. BYOP (bring your own peppernuts/pfeffernusse).

**-Tues., Dec. 3 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, directed by Chris Miertschin, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center**

**-Weds., Dec. 4 – Singalong to Christmas portions of Handel's Messiah, 11 a.m.**, with chamber orchestra and soloists, *Bethel College Mennonite Church*. Scores provided.

**-Thurs., Dec. 5 – Gala Jazz, directed by Chris Miertschin, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center**

**-Sat., Dec. 7 – 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.

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

**-Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – "The Pandemic Portraits," works by Nicholas Hill, through Dec. 7.** Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

**Dyck Arboretum:** All area churches are invited to attend this year's PRAIRIE LIGHTS event (formerly Luminary Walk) at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Prairie Lights will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on November 29, 30 and December 1, and on December 6, 7, and 8. Admission to the event is \$5 per person ages 13 years+ 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. The Hesston scout troop will provide hot drinks for a free will donation.

**MCC: MCC Open House, Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 2pm-4pm** all are welcome to come see the updated space at MCC Central States in North Newton. Bring your Christmas shopping list to get your alternative Christmas gifts purchased from our tree! Visit with MCC staff, get a tour while you enjoy some snacks. We can't wait to see you at the Open House, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton! [mcc.org/open-house](http://mcc.org/open-house)  
**-Giving Tuesday at MCC, Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 6:30pm-8pm** we're excited to host this annual evening of service to kick off your holiday season! This all-ages event is focused on service and fellowship. *Please bring new dark colored hand towels with you* – the more you bring, the more hygiene kits we can pack! There will be Christmas cards to write in and comforters to tie AND snacks to enjoy. What a great way to give back on Giving Tuesday! [mcc.org/giving-tuesday](http://mcc.org/giving-tuesday)

**-Yule love this!** Join us for a live, online event on December 3, at 11:00 AM CST/10:00 AM MST as we take you behind the scenes of MCC's Christmas Giving Guide. Discover the impact behind each gift and how your generosity makes a difference. Learn more and register to join this event at [mcc.org/yule-love-this](http://mcc.org/yule-love-this). Thank you for sharing these announcements and flyers with your congregation!

**MCC SALE:** Those planning to make quilts for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale note that quilts **need to be turned in for the auction by February 14, 2025**. This is three weeks earlier than previous years. Quilts can be brought to the North Newton MCC Resource Center. The KMRS Quilt Committee appreciates all the work that goes into your contributions!

**Camp Mennoscah: The Verenike Meal has returned!** Save the date for a tasty verenike casserole meal on Saturday, December 14, at Faith Mennonite Church at 5:30pm. Meals will be pick up or delivery. A reservation form will be available soon.  
-The Board of Directors has written a letter regarding the challenges Camp Mennoscah is facing. [The letter can be found here.](#)

**-Giving Tuesday is December 3!** From the widow's two coins to Zaccheus giving half his possessions to the men who lowered a sick person through the roof to Jesus, each person contributed to Jesus' ministering. You can also be part of Jesus' work at Camp Mennoscah through prayer, volunteering, or financial gifts. Your gifts support summer youth camps, the comfort and enjoyment of guest groups, and care of the facilities. Give online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) through the Donate Here button or send to Camp Mennoscah.

**-There are currently materials on hand for 18 of 35 projects remaining on the HVAC renovation at the Retreat Center. Work groups can be of any size (within reason).** Contact Isaac at 316-217-5626 or Olivia at 316-293-7313 to set up a time for you or your group. If you are interested in working on a weekend, advance notice of two weeks is needed. A lack of construction skills should not keep you from helping. Willing hands and the ability to follow directions are the only requirements. (Activities for those under 18 are limited and likely not at the Retreat Center.)

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Jr. High (Jan. 24-26) and Sr. High (Feb. 14-16)** 2025 Snow Camp – Visit the camp web page ([www.mmmc.org](http://www.mmmc.org)) for additional snow camp details and to register!

**-Young Adult Snow Camp (Feb. 14-16)** Young Adult Snow Camp continues to join the Jr. and Sr. High Snow Camp activities and fellowship with participants serving as program assistants AND participants at just the right young adult price . . . free!

**-Scrapbook Retreat, (Jan. 31-Feb. 2)** Lisa Longacher will return as our program resource for the retreat and help facilitate a variety of activities. Register online ([www.mmmc.org](http://www.mmmc.org)) and save a space to join in.

**Save the Date!** The 2025 Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be **Aug 8-9, 2025 at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS**. Along with others around the globe, next year at Assembly we plan to celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism. Please add this to your calendar and plan to join us!

**Mennonite Church USA:** Mennonite Church USA convention planners have released the tentative event schedule and learning track descriptions for next year's convention, Follow Jesus '25, which will take place July 8-12, 2025, at Koury Convention Center, in Greensboro, North Carolina. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/schedule-seminar-followjesus25](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/schedule-seminar-followjesus25)

**-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](http://mennoniteusa.org/form-choice-request) View the PDF here: [mennoniteusa.org/choice-slide](http://mennoniteusa.org/choice-slide) View the PowerPoint slide here: [mennoniteusa.org/choice-blog-slide](http://mennoniteusa.org/choice-blog-slide)

**Menno Snapshots:** On the one-year anniversary of the beginning of the Israel-Hamas war, Oct. 7, Amy Yoder McGloughlin, conference minister for Allegheny Mennonite Conference, reflected on how the imagery of Rachel's tears applies to the current war. Read her reflections here: [mennoniteusa.org/anniversary-israel-hamas-war](http://mennoniteusa.org/anniversary-israel-hamas-war)

**-Paula Holtzinger**, a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, provides insight on how to effectively handle conflict, through listening, leaning in and utilizing resources. Read her thoughts here: [mennoniteusa.org/listening-leaning-in](http://mennoniteusa.org/listening-leaning-in)

**AMBS: Do you sense a call to ministry?** Nurture your leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen your understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's **Journey Missional Leadership Development Program**. The distance-friendly undergraduate-level program offers the guidance of a dedicated pastoral mentor and community support. The Spring 2025 cohort begins Jan. 24; apply by Dec. 4 to save \$100! [ambs.edu/journey](http://ambs.edu/journey)  
**-Develop skills for holistic leadership!** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Master of Arts in Christian Formation program prepares students for ministry in spiritual formation and guidance, teaching and worship in congregations and other faith-based settings. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available! [ambs.edu/macf](http://ambs.edu/macf)

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**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**  
**November 17, 2024**

Offering = \$ 5,286.00	Attendance = 40
Adult FF = \$ 40.00	Attendance = 32
Jr. FF = \$ 10.71	
Attendance = 117	

Worship Link Views = 33



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