

Tabor Mennonite Church

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HOSPITALITY, HEALING, HOPE: *HOPE*

As we wrap up our series on Tabor's Mission and Vision statement, we proclaim that the hopeful presence of God's Spirit continues to breathe new life, even into situations that appear to be full of grief, destruction, and death. May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Susan Merrifield
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Janna Duerksen
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP Church Choir
"Touch the Earth Lightly" by Murray/Alonso paired with VT No. 145
- *SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP Screens/VT No. 383
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *GATHERING SONGS Youth Worship Team
"Beautiful Things" No. 551
"There's a Wild Hope in the Wind" No. 828
- *PASSING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ **and also with you.**
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Mark Smith
- WORSHIP MUSIC "Speak, O Lord" arr. McDonald Church Choir
- SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 37:1-14 Eunice Nickel
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE "Spirit of the Living God" No. 740
Accompanied by Diane Unruh
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *SENDING HYMN "My Hope Is Built" No. 621
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, November 17

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Brandon & Kristi Unruh 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/s9pdK9lmy9w?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation classes

1:00 pm: Tabor leads Bethesda Chapel

This Week

NOTE: Bulletin announcements due on Tuesday, Nov. 26 by 1:00 pm next week.

- Mon, November 18,** 8:45 am - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Quilting/Comforter Tying
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
- Tues, November 19,** 9:00 am - Staff Meeting
7:00 pm - Christian Education Meeting
- Wed, November 20,** **Wednesday Evening Activities:**
5:50 - 6:30 - Fellowship Meal-Fish sticks/
Hamburgers
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 24

10:00 am: Next Sunday we will worship together at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church for a Community Thanksgiving Service.

****Here is the Zoom link for the November 24**

Community Thanksgiving service:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83006222370?pwd=8KuMkQvGWevdb4YdfHggnuF8P8MYLa.1>

Meeting ID: 830 0622 2370 Passcode: 154516

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

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for chaplains in WDC who are serving in hospitals, hospice, health-care communities, educational institutions, corporate settings and other organizations. Give thanks for their gifts of healing and care, and pray for God's peace and presence to sustain them daily.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Freddy Barrón and Margrit Kipfer Barrón, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Bolivia, request prayer for all regions around the world experiencing a lack of rainfall that is leading to devastating wildfires. Pray specifically for Chiquitania, near Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where fires are wiping out the world's largest remaining area of healthy dry forest ecosystems.

Congregational Announcements

The Tabor Trading Post is open for business in the Hospitality Hall on these dates: Nov. 17, 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 Nov 20, 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. 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 **Fri, Nov. 22** to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Crossroads Credit Union. 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 is a congregation that emphasizes serving and hospitality. We do this within the community as was recently done on our Service Day. The Deacons and Pastors would like to take it a step further in our Tabor congregation by starting a service called **TTT – Tabor Tool Time**. Many of us have family and friends that can help if we have a need in our home but maybe there are times when a member does not have someone they can reach out to for a job that doesn't necessarily need a call to a professional. We would like to make a list of people that might have time to occasionally be someone who could be a handyman or handywoman to help with small chores for someone in need...e.g. someone who needs something done on a ladder for someone who no longer can climb a ladder, someone who might have a small maintenance job, washing windows, trimming bushes, etc. If you are someone who is willing to have your name put on a volunteer list, please contact your deacon. *On the other side, if you are someone who needs a small project that someone in church could volunteer their time to help you with, contact your deacon and they will match you up with a volunteer handyperson.* At this time, Denise Nickel will be the "point person" so contact her or your deacon.

Reminder: You can share your **photos of Tabor events** by uploading them through the secure portal on our website at tabormennonite.org under "Media" .

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.

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](#) . Extra copies are available for order now for **just \$8/copy**.

Community and Conference Announcements

Newton Chorale and the Newton Community Children's Choir will be presenting a combined performance on **Nov 17 at 3:00** at the **Bethel College Mennonite Church** in North Newton. Admission is free but a freewill offering will be taken.

In 2022, when Russia invaded Ukraine, Antonina Broyaka and her two children fled Ukraine and came to live in Manhattan, KS. They were hosted by Sharolyn Flaming Jackson, who grew up in the Goessel community. Come and hear their modern day story of leaving their homeland and coming to Kansas and learn about their life now on **Sunday, November 17, at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church**.

Everence® November workshop: Make Medicare an Easy Step on **Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Everence office, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Harvey County Habitat for Humanity invites you to join us for our annual **Pork Chop Dinner fundraiser on November 21, 2024 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church**. Dine-in and carry-out options are available. This is Harvey County Habitat's largest fundraiser of the year, and we need your generous donations to help ensure we can continue to build a new home for a qualifying family each year. Please reserve your pork chop meal (includes pork chop, potatoes, green beans, dessert and a drink) by visiting our website at <https://harveycountyhabitat.org/pork-chop-dinner-reservations/>. Thank you for supporting the vision of Habitat for Humanity, where everyone has a decent place to live.

Mission Supper hosted by First Mennonite Church of Halstead on Saturday, November 23 from 5-7 pm. See poster on community board.

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.

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.

Bethel College: Sun., Nov. 17 – KIPCOR Film Series presents *Food, Inc. 2*, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. This is the sequel to the 2009 documentary *Food, Inc.* Audience talkback to follow with Ryan Goertzen-Regier of the Kansas Rural Center.

-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**

-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.

Hesston College: Hesston College Masterworks Concert

The Hesston College music department will perform its annual Masterworks concert on Saturday, November 23 at 7 p.m. in Hesston Mennonite Church. "Te Deum: A Concert of Thanksgiving" will feature the works of Johann Sebastian Bach and Joseph Haydn. The concert is free and open to the public. An offering will be taken to support the Hesston College music department.

-President finalists to visit Hesston College

Hesston College is pleased to announce three finalists for the position of Hesston College president will visit campus in the coming weeks. These candidates will have a series of meetings and interviews with Hesston's faculty and staff, as well as an evening meet and greet event open to the greater Hesston community. Community mem-

bers are invited to attend and hear from the candidates, learn about their visions for Hesston College and participate in a Q and A session. The public events are scheduled as follows:

- Candidate 1: Monday, November 18, 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church
 - Candidate 2: Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church
 - Candidate 3: Monday, November 25, 7 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church
- Candidate names and short biographies will be shared on Hesston College's social media channels two days before each visit. The community is encouraged to participate in welcoming the finalists at the meet and greet events and provide feedback afterward through an online survey; the survey link will be provided at the meet and greet events. If unable to attend in person, virtual meeting links are available on the Hesston College website at hesston.edu/presidential-search.

-Visiting artist exhibit opens at Hesston College

An exhibit featuring the work of Katie Petersen will be featured in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in Hesston College's Laban Peachey Center from November 1 to 24. Katie is an art professor at Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

-The 2024-25 Prairie Window Concert Series on Sunday, November 17, 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.

-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.

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. 30th St, North Newton! 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

-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. Thank you for sharing these announcements and flyers with your congregation!

Camp Mennosciah: 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.

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) 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) and save a space to join in.

Mennonite Church USA: Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite Central Committee Central States and Eastern Mennonite Seminary provided an in-person conflict transformation training to 17 participants on Sept. 26-28, 2024, in Akron, Pennsylvania.

Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/conflict-transformation-training/

-Check out the September issue of Equipping, Mennonite Church USA's quarterly resource newsletter for pastors and leaders here: mennoniteusa.org/equipping-sept-2024 Subscribe to Equipping here: mennoniteusa.org/equipping-subscribe

Menno Snapshots: Jon Carlson, moderator for Mennonite Church USA, reflects on trends in church attendance and what they mean for how we do church together. Read his reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/37-5

-Sheryl Wilson, vice president of culture and belonging at Bethel (Kansas) College, gives advice on how bystanders can better assess a situation in which they witness harm done to others, so they know how to step up without overstepping. Read her thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/bystanders-harms-done

Mission Statement background: The following is posted beside the Hospitality, Healing and Hope banner located in our foyer..

"The (Mission) Statement was drafted by a Mission Statement Task Force (dubbed the "Dream Team") consisting of Donovan Schmidt, Carol Abrahams, Rosie Jantz, Elmer Schmidt, Corey Miller, Edna Dyck, David Baker and Janna Duerksen, with feedback from the congregation. The statement was adopted by the congregation in 2000.

The mission statement logo depicts a pitcher at the top which shows swirls of oil being poured out. The swirls, also seen in Tabor's seven worship banners, represent God's healing power. The open and receiving hand is a symbol of the hospitality of Tabor Church. The leaf on the lower right signifies hope for new growth."

The complete Mission Statement is...

"Tabor Mennonite Church Seeks to respond to God's call...by extending Hospitality and acceptance to all people, by offering Healing through our risen Lord, and by giving Hope to all through the power of the Holy Spirit."

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE November 10, 2024

Offering =	\$ 16,207.83	Attendance =	142
Adult FF =	\$ 43.00	Attendance =	47
Jr. FF =	\$ 7.28	Attendance =	47

Worship Link Views = 30



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