

Tabor Mennonite Church

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HOSPITALITY, HEALING, & HOPE:

HOSPITALITY

As we continue our series on Tabor's mission statement, our focus this morning is on hospitality with an emphasis on the story of the woman who anointed Jesus.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Worship Team
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Bill Unruh
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:1-2, 5-6, 15-16</i>	
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>"Let Us Build a House"</i>	No. 36
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>"We Dream of a Turning"</i>	No. 209
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	<i>"Jesus has done so much for me"</i>	
	-arr by Tom Booth and Joyce Bailey	
CHILDREN'S STORY		Janna Duerksen
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 7:36-50</i>	Denise Nickel
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"There Is a Line of Women"</i>	No. 546
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER		Pastor Todd Schlosser
*SENDING HYMN	<i>"Use Us, God"</i>	No. 811
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, November 3

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

https://youtube.com/live/g_SZEjqDt-g?feature=share

10:45 am: Faith Formation classes

5:30 pm: Catechism

6:00 pm: Bethesda Pillar's Banquet

5:00-5:30 pm - Drive-Through time

This Week

Bulletin announcements due on Thursday by 9:00 am.

November 4, 5, & 6	MCC Meat Canning
Mon, November 4,	8:45 am - Faithful Fitness
	9:30 am - Quilting/Comforter Tying
	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
Tues, November 5,	9:00 am - Staff Meeting
	7:00 pm - Church Council
Wed, November 6,	12:00 pm - First Wednesday Lunch
	Wednesday Evening Activities:
	5:50 - 6:30 - Fellowship Meal - Bierocks
	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
Thurs, November 7,	5:00 - 7:00 pm - Mennonite Men's Chicken BBQ
Sat, November 9,	1:00 - 5:00 pm - Comforter Tying Event (see announcement for details)

Next Sunday, November 10

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 Healing and our scripture will be Mark 2:13-17. Pastor Todd will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation

11:45 am: TMYF will be serving a Fundraiser Meal

12:30 pm - Annual Congregational Meeting to Process 2025 Budget and Persons to Serve

Upcoming Dates

November 24 - 10:00 am - Community Thanksgiving Service at Alexanderwohl. There will be no service at Tabor that day. See poster on bulletin board.

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 :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations and members during this election week in the United States, as they seek to live faithfully and bear witness to the way of Jesus in today's world.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying that this Tuesday's elections in the United States will take place without violence and that the leaders who are elected will lead the country in ways of justice and peace.

Thank You

Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC School Kit Challenge! Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we collected a total of 30,714 school kits – blowing past our goal of 24,000 school kits for the 2024 challenge. Each of these kits is a gift and treasure for families around the world.

Congregational Announcements

Reminder: You can share your **photos of Tabor events** by uploading them through the secure portal on our website at tabormennonite.org under "Media" . With fall classes and activities underway, sharing your photos is a great way to let the congregation know what's happening in the life of our church! Thank you!

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!

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: 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.

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

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.

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. For questions, contact the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum.

Bethel College: Sun., Nov. 3 – Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups, Henry Waters, director, 4 p.m., with the theme “Sing You Home” and featuring the Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Chapel Choir, Woven and Open Road; *Bethel College Mennonite Church*

-Mon., Nov. 4 – “The Pandemic Portraits,” works by Nicholas Hill, opens in the Regier Art Gallery in Lukyan Fine Arts Center at Bethel College (reception Nov. 14). Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

-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

-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.

Hesston College: 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 (325 S. College Dr., Hesston) from November 1 to 24. Katie is an art professor at Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas. There will be a reception with the artist Thursday, November 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

-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.

-Prayer requests: Please pray for Hesston College as we continue the search process for our next president. Pray for the members of the search committee, for the Hesston College Board of Directors, for the faculty and staff and for the candidates applying for this significant role.

-Prairie Window Concert, November 3: Flagship Romance

Join Dyck Arboretum November 3 at 4 p.m. to hear Flagship Romance. Shawn Fisher and Jordyn Jackson effortlessly fuse technical precision in their impeccably tight vocal blend with an invigorating sense of emotional abandon in their energetic live persona. This duo will have you questioning how their larger than life sound can come from just two voices and an acoustic guitar. Crust & Crumb will serve food during intermission. For tickets visit dyckarboretum.org/events.

-The 2024-25 Prairie Window Concert Series welcomes back **Damn Tall Buildings** 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](https://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.

Camp Mennoscah: 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.

-Help keep the HVAC project moving towards completion! 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.

-Work at Camp Mennoscah does not stop when it's not the summer! Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 for ideas of tasks you could help us complete. We will work with you to find a time and project.

-Thank you to everyone who helped take out the dam! This activity has been taking place—as far as we know—since the beginning of camp. The boards are removed to allow the buildup of silt from behind the dam to wash away with rain.

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

MCC: MCC Borderlands Peace Camp, Jan. 19-25, 2025 Young adults, ages 18-30, are invited to join MCC in El Paso, TX and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico in January! This MCC Peace Camp will explore topics of peace and justice through the lens of migration, including the Biblical mandate of hospitality. Find out more and register by January 5 at mcc.org/borderlands-peace-camp.

-Serving And Learning Together (SALT) applications now open for 2025! Each year, MCC offers 80+ unique opportunities to serve with our local partners working for relief, development and peace around the world. Explore the numerous possibilities that match your passions, skills, and experience. If you're between the ages of 18-30, the SALT program might be the epic adventure you've been waiting for. Check it out at mcc.org/salt!

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: 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

-The MC USA Executive Board has published its updated “Guidelines for Developing Organizational Resolutions and Church Statements in Mennonite Church USA” and appointed a new Resolutions Committee ahead of the Delegate Assembly on July 11-12, 2025, in Greensboro, North Carolina. The deadline for resolutions is Nov. 13,

2024. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/resolutions-committee/

-As a denomination that seeks to extend peace and dismantle oppression and violence, MC USA has a distinct perspective on social justice issues and concerns that impact our communities. Learn more about MC USA's faith values, ongoing peace and justice work and resources for further understanding in the new "Exploring the Issues" downloadable resource series. Read the first backgrounder on immigration

here: mennoniteusa.org/resource/exploring-the-issues

-Join MC USA's Climate Justice Coordinator Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler in imagining a sustainable future for ourselves, our children, and our planet by participating in an online book study of the compelling and timely book, "So We and Our Children May Live" by Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler. Drawing from Scripture, science, Indigenous wisdom, and personal stories, the authors invite us to open our hearts and our culture to deep, Spirit-led transformation. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-book-study

-Menno Snapshot: Stanley Green, executive conference minister of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, offers this prayer, calling us to conflict transformation and peace, while asking God for wisdom and courage to enact change in a world full of discord and despair. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/prayer-conflict-transformation

AMBS: 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; Immigrant-led Movements; 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. ams.edu/upcoming-courses

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 October 27, 2024

Offering = \$	6,736.00	Attendance =	115
Adult FF =	\$ 23.00	Attendance =	38
Jr. FF =	\$ 13.25	Attendance =	42

Worship Link Views = 32



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