

Tabor Mennonite Church

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GMA Joint Worship Service

Goessel Church

9:30 am: Coffeecake Potluck

10:00 am: Worship

Pastor Brad Penner, Goessel Church, preaching

Sunday, August 3

9:30 am: Coffee Cake Potluck - Goessel Church

-all are invited to bring a coffee cake to share (drinks will be provided).

10:00 am: Worship - The service has been moved to Goessel Church. The offering received as a part of this joint worship service will be evenly split between the ministry of the GMA and Bethesda Home. Checks can be made payable to GMA.

There is no service at Tabor on August 3. There is no live stream this week. The link for last week, July 27, is <https://youtube.com/live/0cZee5hncKc?feature=share>

This Week

Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Thursday.

Mon, August 4, 8:30 am - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - Quilting/Comforter Tying

7:00 pm - **NO** Men's Bible Study this week

Tues, Aug 5, 9:00 am - Staff Meeting

6:30 pm - Reawakened Book Study

7:00 pm - Church Council

Wed, Aug 6, 9:00 am - Deacons Meeting

12:00 noon - 1st Wednesday Lunch

Thurs, Aug 7, 7:00 pm - Worship Council

Fri-Sat, Aug 8-9 WDC Assembly at Hesston Mennonite Church

Assembly Theme: Anabaptism @ 500: Faithfulness Then & Now

Friday - 7:00 pm Worship, Sanctuary—Sermon: Josue' Coy Dick

8:30 pm Camp Sing (Camp Mennoscah), Community Center

Saturday - 10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary—Sermon: John Sharp

Next Sunday, August 10

9:30 am: Next Sunday we will continue our summer worship series with "Responding to Creation and Nature". Michael Unruh will be preaching.

10:45 am: Finger Food Fellowship

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for congregation members, delegates, families and guests gathering next weekend for WDC 2025 Annual Assembly! Pray for God's Spirit to enliven our worship, discernment, fellowship and learning around the theme *Anabaptism@500: Faithfulness Then and Now*.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the youth of First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson, Kansas, as they begin a week-long Christ at the Border Just Peace Pilgrimage. Pray for the participants as they learn about the realities of migration at the Mexico-United States border and the justice that Jesus is calling them to.

Congregational Announcements

Meal for New Hope Shelter: We need a few individuals who are willing to take the evening meal to the New Hope Shelter on August 8. No training needed. Contact Shelley Buller if you can help out in this way.

Bring your garden produce to share! A table is available in the Hospital-ity Hall to leave surplus garden produce to share. If something looks good to you, please help yourself and leave a donation for the Food Pantry!

Food Pantry: Thank you for the generous donations that continue to come in to the food pantry! Our freezer is available for donations of meat (1 lb. packages). Please contact Tabor Mennonite Church to arrange a meat donation. Other items we are currently low on include pasta, pasta sauce, box mac and cheese, pancake mix, cereal, ketchup, canned fruit, and canned tuna and chicken.

MCC's School Kit Challenge is back! The notebooks and pencils that devoted supporters like you lovingly pack into MCC school kits help kids write their own success stories, and rulers provide hope beyond measure. School kits provide these and other essential supplies that families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles would not be able to buy otherwise. Join the 2025 School Kit Challenge and help MCC provide 25,000 school kits for 25,000 kids this summer. To learn more about this challenge and to download a free activity guide, visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge

Items to Donate (NEW items only):

4 spiral notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
8 new unsharpened pencils
1 ruler (flat; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings opt)
12 colored pencils (in packaging)
1 large eraser
4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
1 small all metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)
If you like to sew, we could also use some drawstring bags.

Tabor Challenge: Make more kits than last year! Can we make 200 this year?

Start collecting now.

Wicker Tote: School supplies

Secretary's Box: Money labeled for MCC school supplies and items will be purchased.

Faith Formation Sign Up: Check out the table in the foyer and sign up to teach or help on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings.

Community and Conference Announcements

Blood Drive: Between your summer activities and vacations, please make time to donate blood on August 4, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. Both single and double unit donations are needed. Sign up at redcrossblood.org. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

Online registration is open for the Womens & Girls Retreat September 6-7 at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. Our speakers this year are Pastor Katherine Goerzen (Tabor Mennonite Church) and Pastor Laura Goerzen (First Mennonite, Newton). Go to westerndistrictwomeninmission.org for a detailed schedule, register and pay online, or print out forms to register and pay by mail. **Registration is due August 29.** Any questions? Email us at westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com. See you there - share the news and bring a friend!

From James Wilson, General Manager, Newton EtCetera Shop: *Our renovations are nearing completion, and the shop looks amazing! Now is the time to jump on board with the Newton Et Cetera Shop! We are seeking volunteers in every area of the shop: sorting, pricing, tagging, merchandising, and clerking.*

Why volunteer with the Newton Et Cetera Shop?

- 1. It keeps you active and engaged in the community.*
- 2. It helps you enlarge your social circle as you meet new staff, volunteers, and customers.*
- 3. It provides a service to the community. We supply low-cost goods for those in need or on fixed income. Additionally, we offer a Free Room for those without financial means.*
- 4. You help support a global mission of relief, development, and peace. There are many ways you can sign up to volunteer! You can find the online application at our website: newtonetceterashop.com. You can also pick up the paper volunteer application in the shop as you shop! Every minute you volunteer, you are impacting the lives of our local and global communities.*

MCC: Know Your Rights virtual training, August 14 & 15 led by MCC Central States Immigration Program Coordinator Abraham Diaz Alonso. This virtual training will help facilitate information to vulnerable immigration populations. **Sign up today!** Reach out to abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org, 956.904.7092 with questions.

Save the Date for the Kids Meet Christ Fall 2025 Workshops - Sept 20 in San Antonio, TX and Nov 15 in Wichita, KS. The Theme will be "Preparing the way for children in worship". Stay tuned for more details!

Planning a small group retreat or church leadership getaway?

Consider the North Newton Family Retreat as your next destination! This spacious home in North Newton, Kansas features 5 bedrooms with 9 beds and 3 full bathrooms—comfortably sleeping up to 12 guests. It's an ideal setting for meaningful connection with close friends or focused planning time. Generous common areas provide the perfect space to gather, relax, and recharge. For questions or to make a reservation, please contact Amy Funk at 316-284-7208 or newtonksvacationrentals@gmail.com.

Scan the QR code for full details and availability!

North Newton Family Retreat is the personal residence of Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) missionaries Laura and Nick Sharp. During their year of service in La Mesa, Colombia, they're offering their home as a short-term vacation rental to help offset living expenses back in the U.S. Your stay helps support the meaningful work taking place in Colombia. Rental proceeds help cover personal expenses not included in their MMN budget (mortgage, taxes, insurance, etc.).



Mennonite Church USA: The MC USA Delegate Assembly installed Marty Lehman as the moderator for the new biennium and provided unanimous affirmation for a slate of new Executive Board members and other nominees, including incoming Moderator-elect Todd Lehman (no relation). Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/marty-lehman-as-moderator/

-A spirit of hope and shared purpose marked the opening of MC USA's biennial Delegate Assembly on July 11, 2025, as more than 350 delegates gathered in Greensboro, North Carolina, to reimagine the denomination's future and approve four key measures to strengthen and equip the church. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/delegates-propel-mc-usas-forward/

-The big dove is here! MC USA has launched an online storefront featuring hats, sweatshirts, mugs and more. Check out the selection of merch that displays Follow Jesus, the MC USA dove and a retro line of gear from past conventions. Every sale helps support MC USA ministries! bonfire.com/store/mc-usa-gear

Mennonite Mission Network: Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples — You and your community are invited to engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. What might it mean for your community to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and actively contribute to the work of truth telling and repair? **Date: October 7 - 11, 2025**
Contact: StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace

-Civil Rights Pilgrimage — This special pilgrimage tailored specifically for young adults will be led by MC USA executive director Glen Guyton. Join for a unique multiracial pilgrimage through the southern United States with opportunities for shared learning and deep understanding of the racial divides that our society perpetuates.

Date: October 28 - November 2, 2025; register by September 15

Contact: StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace

AMBS: Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Sept. 18–20 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. Theme: "Kinship with All Creation: Pursuing Relationship, Justice and Community." Keynote speakers: Wendsler Nosie, Sr., PhD, of the Apache Stronghold and the American University of Sovereign Nations; T. Wilson Dickinson, PhD, of Lexington Theological Seminary; and Douglas Day Kaufman, ThM, of the Anabaptist Climate Collaborative. Selected portions of the conference will be livestreamed. Registration is now open! ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded

-Gain peacebuilding skills at AMBS! Prepare for work and scholarship at the cross-section of theology and transformative peacebuilding through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's 52-credit-hour **Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies** program. ambs.edu/matps

Menno Snapshot: In response to the escalation of violence involving Israel, Iran and the United States, Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz offered this litany that reminds us of God's call to peace. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/instruments-of-your-peace/

Upcoming Dates

August 10: FF hour - Finger Food Fellowship
August 17: FF hour - Assemble MCC school kits
August 24: FF hour - Discussion on proposed changes to the Mennonite College Scholarship Task Force structure & budget
August 24: Mennograss
August 31: Worship-10:00 am
September 6-7: Western District Women in Mission's annual Women's & Girls Retreat
September 7: Fall Faith Formation begins
October 1: Wednesday Evening activities begin

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

July 27, 2025

Offering = \$ 4,214.02 Attendance = 127
FF Offering = NA Attendance = NA

Worship Link Views = 27



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