

Tabor Mennonite Church

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RESPONDING WITH ... WISDOM

As many have started or are anticipating starting the school year, our focus for this Sunday is on wisdom as we proclaim that God's wisdom is different from the wisdom of the world. No matter where we may find ourselves during this upcoming school year, may embody and choose the wisdom of God in all that we say and do.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Hoxie Hiebert and Cynthia Goerzen
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Nathan Ashley
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *from Proverbs 8 & 9*
- *GATHERING HYMN "This Is God's Wondrous World" No. 180
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah" No. 95
- *PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Janna Duerksen
- WORSHIP MUSIC Sophia Goerzen
- SCRIPTURE READING *1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5* Sara Hiebert
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 716
- SHARING from Western District Conference Annual Assembly
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *SENDING HYMN "You Shall Go Out with Joy" No. 847
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, August 17

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/jm-wtV9mydE?feature=share>

10:45 am: Assemble MCC School Kits

This Week

Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Wednesday this week.

- Mon, August 18, 8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Quilting/Comforter Tying
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
- Tues, Aug 19, 9:00 am** - Staff Meeting

Next Sunday, August 24

9:30 am: Next Sunday we will continue our summer worship series. Prior to next week feel free to consider the following scripture references—Matthew 15:35-36, Leviticus 19:33-34, and Jeremiah 7:5-7. Pastor Todd will be preaching.

10:45 am: Please come to discuss changes to the **Mennonite College Scholarship program** and the supporting budget. If you have Jr. High or High School children or have been a long time supporter of student scholarships we hope to see you for this meeting.

6:00 pm: Mennograss (see announcement)

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, for candidates considering a call to ministry, and for congregational leaders as they nurture church life and witness in times of change and uncertainty.

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Pamela Obonde, who has joined the administrative team of Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM), as a church and donor relations coordinator. AIMM and Mission Network collaborate closely in ministries on the African continent. Pray for Pamela, who is based in Manitoba, Canada, as she builds bridges across agencies, cultures and nations.

Congregational Announcements

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

Bring your garden produce to share! A table is available in the Hospitality 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!

You are invited to join us for Tabor's annual Mennograss event in the church park on August 24. A supper of hamburgers and sides will be served and there will once again be live music. Food starts at 6:00 and music will begin at 6:15. The Schrag siblings (Julianna, Timothy & Jacob) and Prairie Heirs (Rick & Denise Woelk, Eric Schrag, and Gayle Voth) will be performing. We are looking for volunteers to make a fruit or vegetable salad to share. If you're interested in helping in this way, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. We look forward to another wonderful evening of food, fellowship and music and hope to see YOU there!

Are you thinking of attending WDWIM Womens Retreat? As you can see in the announcement below, our Pastor Katherine and her sister-in-law are the input leaders so we know it's going to be an inspirational weekend! If you haven't attended before and have questions, ask me or someone who's been there before. Let's see how many Tabor ladies/girls we can get registered! Tabor has volunteered to provide the Saturday supper. Please sign-up on the Sign-Up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to carpool and/or if you can help prepare the meal or provide some bars. If you have questions, contact Denise Nickel.

August 29 is the due date for registering for Western District Women & Girls Retreat! Join us at Camp Mennoscah September 6 & 7. Register and pay online at westerndistrictwomeninmission.org or print out the registration form online and send in your payment to the address on the form. This year's theme is **Courageous Women of the Bible** with Katherine Goerzen and Laura Goerzen as our speakers. **GIRLS AGE 8 and up** are welcome to attend with an adult. Questions? Email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

WANTED: 2 Tractor Drivers to pull the shuttle at the State Fair on **Thurs., Sept 11 from 2-5pm**. You will receive one FREE Admission ticket to the Fair. The KS MCC Sale receives a \$2500 donation for providing these drivers. Call Jerry 620 367 8257 or text 620 386 0646

The 2025 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk will be on Sunday, October 12 at 1:30pm beginning at Tabor Church.

Community and Conference Announcements

As part of the Salt City Film Fest in **Hutchinson at the Fox Theater** Sept 25-27, the film "[Where the Cottonwoods Grow](#)" by Dale Hildebrand (Canada) will be shown at **7 pm on Thursday, September 25th. Tickets are \$5.** The film tells the story of the Mennonite migration from Ukraine and Russia to North America. This is the same film that Kauffman Museum earlier sponsored for screening at Bethel College. Please join us! - SCFF Programming Director, Sheri Kaufman-Marsh.

Recycling opportunities at MCC in North Newton, KS! MCC accepts the following materials for recycling, cardboard, books, and paper. We also recycle soft plastics (any plastic packaging that you can stretch with your finger, including Amazon mailers and bubble wrap). We also accept and process wearable clothing, shoes and purses/bags. However, it is best to donate those items to an Et Cetera Shop first, if possible. When you arrive at MCC, follow the signs toward the warehouse and you'll find bins outside under the covered roof for each recyclable item. MCC is located at 121 E. 30th Street in North Newton, questions can be directed to duaneunruh@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

Bethel College Life Enrichment: There is a pink brochure on the community bulletin board with the dates and times of each presentation. Most sessions are in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Luyken Fine Arts Center. Full semester attending all sessions is \$40 per person or \$4 per person as a weekly option. Lunch options are also available.

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.

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
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Mennonite Church USA: The MC USA Executive Board thanked four outgoing members for their service to the denomination at an abbreviated Executive Board meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina, on July 10, 2025. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/thanks-members-service

-On behalf of Mennonite Church Canada, Executive Minister Doug Klassen extended a warm welcome to the MC USA Delegate Assembly gathered in Greensboro, North Carolina, on July 11, 2025. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/greeting-at-convention

Menno Snapshot: Sally Weaver Glick, a spiritual director, writer, photographer and a graduate of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Goshen, Indiana, and some of her spiritual directees find it difficult to pray during these troubled times, but she finds hope in the idea of the river of prayer. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/river-of-prayer/

AMBS: Online Short Course: Challenging Christian Nationalism: Oct. 22 – Dec. 9. Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this six-week online Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary short course to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and how faith communities can mobilize to disrupt it. Drawing on biblical studies, theology and peace studies, we'll explore how nonviolent resistance in the way of Jesus can counter extremist narratives that are radicalizing Christians. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 1 to save \$50! ambs.edu/nationalism

-Take a seminary course this fall! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly options include 1 Corinthians: Transforming a Divided Church; Faith Formation and Spirituality: Children; Public Faith and Christian Nationalism; Preaching; Reading Cultural Contexts; Somatic Spiritual Practices; and more. In-person courses are also available. Some courses may be audited. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first six credit hours! Courses run Sept. 2 – Dec. 12; sign up by Aug. 25. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**Aug. 10, 2025**

Offering =	\$ 14,771.40	Attendance =	133
FF Offering =	NA	Attendance =	NA

Worship Link Views = NA

Upcoming Dates

August 24: FF hour - Discussion on proposed changes to the
Mennonite College Scholarship Task Force
structure & budget

August 24: Mennograss - 6:00 pm

August 31: Worship-10:00 am

September 6-7: Western District Women in Mission's annual
Women & Girls Retreat

September 7: Fall Faith Formation begins

September 13-14: Tabor Mennonite Church Campout

October 1: Wednesday Evening activities begin

October 12: Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk

November 15: Kids Meet Christ Workshops - Wichita



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hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.*

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