

Tabor Mennonite Church

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RESPONDING TO ... IMMIGRATION

As followers of Jesus called to grow in the way of grace, joy and peace to allow God's healing and hope to flow through us into the world, we are invited to explore a faith based response regarding immigration. In doing so, we are reminded throughout scripture that God expects and empowers us to show love, extend hospitality, and ensure justice in relation to our neighbour, the stranger and the immigrant, leaving us to consider how we will respond to this calling.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Russell Adrian
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joshua Schmidt
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *from Leviticus 19; Deuteronomy 10; & Psalm 146*
- *GATHERING HYMN *"Seek the Peace of the City"* No. 206
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAYER *"For the Healing of the Nations"* No. 705
- *PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Carol Duerksen
- WORSHIP MUSIC Lydia Nickel
- SCRIPTURE READING Denise Nickel
Leviticus 19:33-34, Jeremiah 7:5-7; Matthew 25:34-36; Hebrews 13:1-3
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Jesus Entered Egypt"* No. 279
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *SENDING HYMN *"Beauty for Brokenness"* No. 712
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, August 24

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

9:30 am: Worship

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: Tabor's annual Mennograss event in the church park

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. We hope to see YOU there!

This Week

Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Thursday.

- Mon, August 25,** **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Quilting/Comforter Tying
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
- Tues, August 26,** **10:30 am** - Staff Meeting
- Wed, August 27,** **9:00 am** - Deacons Meeting
- Thur, August 28,** **9:30 am** - Coffee Time at Tabor

Next Sunday, August 31

10:00 am: Next Sunday we will worship together in the Hospitality Hall. As it is Labor Day weekend, our worship will center around using our gifts and our labor to serve God wherever we may find ourselves. As part of our worship will include sharing with one another, we invite you prayerfully consider how you live out your faith in your daily work and living. Scriptures for reflection include Ecclesiastes 5:18-19 and Ephesians 4.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for youth and children and their families, and for mentors, sponsors and teachers in WDC congregations, they begin a new school year.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Austin Roberts, who is completing his doctoral dissertation on youth and the church. Pray that he will have the time he needs to prepare to defend his dissertation, while also overseeing the kitchen and mentoring participants with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Northern Ireland.

Congregational Announcements

120 MCC School Kits from Tabor Mennonite Church! Thank you to all of you who helped buy supplies for school kits, donated money for them, and assembled the kits. We delivered 120 complete kits, and extra supplies and money that will be donated to MCC for school kits. Well done!



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!

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 Denise 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. 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

The MDS August edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King reflects on the impact of Katrina, 20 years ago this month; we also celebrate this years cohort of year-long volunteers; and you'll meet two pillars of faith in action, celebrating 14 years of MDS service. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3UFiw2x>

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.

The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet **Monday, August 25, 2025, 7:00 pm.**, in the Goessel City Building Community Room, 101 South Cedar St., Goessel, Kansas. Braylyn Hoopes, Goessel High School 2024 graduate and now preparing to be a teacher, met with her great-grandpa asking him questions about his life and experiences. The information she gathered was put into a book, making copies for the rest of the family. Braylyn's great-grandpa died unexpectedly soon after the book was published. Braylyn will tell us about this experience which has been very important to her and her family. The meeting is free and open to the public. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us, feel free to invite them. For more information, call either Fern

Bartel at the Goessel Museum (620-367-8200) of Anna Beth Birky (620-386-0381).

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.

Camp Mennoscah:

-The Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat is October 10-12. Registration is not yet open, but will be soon. Activities and lodging will be in the dining hall and bunkhouses.

-Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting will be held at Hope Mennonite Church on October 19 at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend.

-Volunteers are needed for grounds work. This could be mowing, trail maintenance, string trimming, poison ivy and sticker plant control, or likely any number of other things. Contact us at 620-297-3290 to discuss opportunities!

-Camp T-shirt comforter won by Lindsey M.! Congratulations to Lindsey and thank you to everyone who supported Camp Mennoscah through the tee shirt comforter raffle. Look for the next Camp Mennoscah tee shirt comforter to be available!

-There are two 20 amp RV hookups and two 30 amp RV hookups available in the south (boys) cabin area on a pole of the gazebo. The hookups/outlets are not spread out. Please communicate with others in your group, if there may be high demand for RV hookups. Camp Mennoscah only has electrical hookups.

Bethel College: Sat., Oct. 4 (during Fall Festival): Internationally renowned theologian **Miroslav Volf**, Yale University, will speak at Bethel College Mennonite Church, 10 a.m.

-Sun., Oct. 19, and Mon., Oct. 20: Dr. Kat Hill, a religious and cultural historian from Scotland, will give the annual **Menno Simons Lectures** *[please note that these dates are different from some previously printed material]*

-Sun.-Tues., Nov. 2-4: The biennial **Worship and the Arts Symposium** will focus on homiletics (preaching) with special guest Dr. Luke Powery from Duke Divinity School at Duke University. The symposium will also feature an art exhibition by Merrill Krabill and the fall choral concert "Bethel Sings."

Newton EtCetera Shop: We are seeking volunteers in every area of the shop: sorting, pricing, tagging, merchandising, and clerking. 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!

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.

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: On the final night of Mennonite Church USA's national convention, Follow Jesus '25, MC USA and MennoMedia hosted an Anabaptism at 500 party, in celebration of the tradition's 500th anniversary. The event consisted of fellowship, trivia and an attempt to read the entire Bible in under 15 minutes. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/anabaptism-500-reception

Menno Snapshot: Jessica Griggs, a freelance writer and copy editor with the MC USA communications team, shares the experience of collective camaraderie and competition she witnessed at the Anabaptism at 500 celebration on July 11 in Greensboro, North Carolina. Read about her experience here: mennoniteusa.org/camaraderie-competition

AMBS: Online Practical Leadership Training modules: Gain leadership skills through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's affordable short-term online modules! Upcoming offerings include Leading Intercultural Congregations in a Fractured World; Leading Engaging Weddings and Funerals; and Anxiety and Depression in Church Ministry. CEUs available. Check out our full list of modules! ambs.edu/plt

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

Aug. 17, 2025

Offering =	\$ 14,058.82	Attendance =	128
FF Offering =	NA	Attendance =	NA

Worship Link Views = 44

Upcoming Dates

August 31: Worship-10:00 am

September 3 - 7:15 pm: Safe Church Training for all people who work with children or youth at church

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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