

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## WORSHIP

PRELUDE Pastor Katherine Goerzen  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Todd Schlosser  
CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 90*  
PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*  
GATHERING HYMNS “God, who stretched” ~verses 1 & 3 No. 414  
“For the fruit of all creation” ~verses 1 & 2 No. 90  
GATHERING PRAYER  
OFFERING OUR GIFTS “God, whose giving” No. 383  
SCRIPTURE READING *Ecclesiastes 5:18-19*  
*Ephesians 4:1-6; 11-16; 25-32*  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~Thanks be to God!*  
A BRIEF REFLECTION ON LABOR Pastor Katherine Goerzen  
SHARING WITH ONE ANOTHER  
Everyone at the tables is invited to share on both of the following questions.  
1) *How do you spend the majority of your day? (student, working at home, working at a different location, volunteering, caring for family, etc.)*  
2) *What are 1 or 2 ways that you intentionally live out your faith through your labor?*  
ANOINTING AND SENDING  
HYMN OF RESPONSE “Here I am, Lord” No. 395  
LABOR DAY PRAYER No. 804  
SENDING HYMNS “Forth in thy name” ~verses 1 & 3 No. 415  
“This little light of mine” ~verses 1 & 2 No. 401  
BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE

## Sunday, August 31

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Dylan & Lindsey Buller and family. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

**10:00 am:** Worship (Hospitality Hall)

## This Week

*Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Thursday.*

**Mon, Sept 1** Church Offices closed  
**7:00 pm** - Men’s Bible Study  
**Tues, Sept 2,** **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting  
**6:30 pm** - Book Study  
**7:00 pm** - Church Council  
**Wed, Sept 3,** **12 noon** - First Wednesday Lunch  
**7:15 pm** - Teacher Orientation/Safe Church Training  
**Sat-Sun, Sept 6-7** - Women’s Retreat at Camp Mennonscah

## Next Sunday, September 7

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday we will continue our worship series. The focus will be “Responding to Fear”. Pastor Todd will be preaching.  
**10:45 am:** Faith Formation - new classes begin

Wee Wonders (ages 2-4 yr.): Room 10  
Kdg-1st Grades: Room 11  
2nd-5th Grades: Room 13-14  
6th-8th Grades: Jr. Hi Room  
9th-12th Grades: High School Room

### Adult Classes

Sermon Response: Overflow  
Quarterly: Conference Room  
CAFÉ (Conversation and Fellowship for Everyone): Hospitality Hall  
WOW (Women of Worth): Room 17  
Bible Study (beginning Sept. 21): Room 18

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: We pray for protection, wisdom, courage, strength and blessings for our church planters and those who support this work as they build faith communities in difficult times. - WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Mennonite Christian Hospital (MCH) in Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world, which offers diverse medical specialties and advanced technologies across multiple campuses. Pray that MCH's commitment to serving marginalized people in remote communities will continue to offer well-being to all of Taiwan's people.

## 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.

**Rejoice!** The Fall issue of the *Rejoice!* Devotional is available on the table in the foyer. The Commission on Education makes these available to anyone who would like one.

**The Wednesday evening cooks are wanting a 9 x 13 cake pan for the church kitchen.** Before purchasing one, we thought we'd see if someone has a good quality one that isn't being used in your kitchen. If you have one to donate, contact Denise Nickel.

**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](http://westerndistrictwomeninmission.org). 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](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com).

**Sept. 3 – 7:15 p.m.** A **welcome & intro of programming** & schedules for leaders of Faith Formation & Wed Evening programming. **Safe Church Training** for people who work & communicate with children & youth at Tabor.

**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

**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 Newton Et Cetera Shop**, a local thrift shop with a big heart, needs volunteers to process items and clerk in our shop. The shop supports missions locally and globally, providing hope and sustainability worldwide. Do you have the heart for service? Do you feel called to help others? Have you been looking for a place to volunteer your time, talents, and treasures? Then the Newton Et Cetera Shop is the place for you! **Volunteer applications** can be picked up in the shop: 619 N Main, Newton, or filled out online at [newtonetceterashop.com](http://newtonetceterashop.com). We hope to see you soon!

**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 year's 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>

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. 30<sup>th</sup> Street in North Newton, questions can be directed to [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto:duaneunruh@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720.

#### **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!

**-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: Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – "Decororator," works by Jordan Buschur, through Sept. 25.** Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

**-Sat., Sept. 6 – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 7 a.m. start time** in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets (2801 N. Main St., North Newton 67117). Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in

Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail (terrain is mostly wood-chip path and sometimes uneven/sloping).

**-Fri., Sept. 12 – Bethel College music faculty recital, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel** with a reception to follow.

**Mennonite Church USA:** The MC USA Women's Summit 2025, hosted by MC USA's Women in Leadership ministry, addressed learning to pause, restore and resist. This dichotomy was discussed by inviting participants to consider a radical way to think about rest – as not just a necessity, but as an act of defiance. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/womens-summit-2025/](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/womens-summit-2025/)

-The MC USA Women's Summit on Monday, July 8, featured two panels where the attendees heard from eight women and gender-expansive people about their experiences in leadership. Eight panelists spoke at MC USA's Women's Summit. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/panelists/](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/panelists/)

-Iglesia Menonita Hispana (IMH), the Hispanic Mennonite Church of MC USA, has canceled its in-person meeting and will now hold a virtual Biennial Assembly on August 30, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/hispanic-mennonite-church/](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/hispanic-mennonite-church/)

#### **AMBS: Online Short Course: Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology:**

**Oct. 22 – Dec. 9.** Join Jamie Pitts, PhD, to explore the birth and development of the Anabaptist movements in the 16th century in this six-week online Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary short course. You'll be challenged to draw connections between the 16th century and your own life or ministry. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 1 to save \$50! [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](https://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

**-Church matching grants for seminary:** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers grants of up to \$2,000 per academic year to match contributions that congregations, conferences and regional churches make toward a full-time graduate student's tuition costs. Part-time students may be eligible for matching grants as well. We're committed to making theological education affordable and accessible for students across the church — tap a shoulder! [ambs.edu/church-matching-grants](https://ambs.edu/church-matching-grants)

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE****August 24, 2025**

Offering = \$ 3,132.00 Attendance = 127

**Upcoming Dates**

September 3 - 7:15 pm: Welcome/Intro/Safe Church Training (see announcement)

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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