

TABOR MENNONITE CHURCH
at Camp Mennoscah
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Services are at Camp Mennoscah on Sunday. There is no service at Tabor Mennonite Church.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due by 9 am on Thursday mornings.

Mon, Sept 15 **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness
 9:30 am - Comforter Tying & Quilting
 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
Tues, Sept 16, **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting
Wed, Sept 17, **7:00 pm** - Christian Education Meeting

Next Sunday, September 21

9:30 am: Next Sunday the theme is "Responding to Violence". Todd Lehman will be preaching.
10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

Remember to pray for:

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC staff, congregational leaders and members who will gather in Texas this Saturday, September 20, for *Preparing the Way for Children in Worship*, a day of fellowship, worship and learning hosted by Kids Meet Christ, WDC's program to support congregations reimagining worship to better engage children (<https://mennowdc.org/kids-meet-christ-kmc/>).

Mennonite Mission Network: Kate Widmer, who serves with Mennonite Mission Network, is in the middle of her two-month North American Ministry. Pray for her as she shares with supporting congregations and individuals about her work alongside members of a French Mennonite congregation that reaches out to women and children in low-income neighborhoods. May she also find rest and renewal during this time in the United States.

Congregational Announcements

Pastor Todd will soon complete three years at Tabor. We are blessed! The Deacons, with affirmation from the Church Council, are conducting an informal evaluation and would appreciate your responses. We are encouraging regular attenders, including youth, to pick up a survey located in the foyer and return it by September 28. Please note that there is an area on the back page for you to add additional comments that may not be addressed on the survey.

Mentor/Mentee Party - We will be having our kick-off party on Sunday evening, September 14, at the church from 5:30 to 7:30. Supper will be provided. This is for all mentors and the youth they are paired with. . Please pray that these new pairs can form meaningful relationships as they learn to know each other better.

Wednesday Evening Activities: Please be sure to register your children (age 3-high school) using the Google form sent out or this QR code. The Kick-off event is Oct. 1 with a meal and fun in the church park at 5:45 pm. Classes and choir will begin on Oct. 8. Activities for preschool-adults.

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.

The annual Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk is a month away. This year's route (between 1 and 6 miles) will **begin at Tabor Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 12 at 1:30 p.m.** Find a donation envelope on the table in the foyer and start your fundraising today! Donations go to support MCC and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry.

Community and Conference Announcements

The Central Kansas Master Chorale will present a Madrigal Festival with pianist Karen Unruh. Please join us for this concert directed by Dr. Joel Garber. This free event will be held at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14 at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S Main Street, Hesston, KS**. Admission is free, donations encouraged. For more information, visit the chorale website at www.centrankansasmasterchorale.org.

Jerry Toews will speak at Life Enrichment Wed., Sept 17 about his role in preparing the vehicles donated to the KS Mennonite Relief Sale at 9:30am in the Fine Arts Center, Bethel College.

Sr. Coffee at Alexanderwohl Church with Dr. Will Wiebe Friesen will be on **THURSDAY**, September 18 at 10:00 a.m. "Mennonite Hymnody: From the dungeons of Passau, Germany, in 1535 to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in 2025. We will explore some of the different veins of worship styles, hymns sources, and traditions, and possibly challenge your understanding of just what 'Mennonite singing' really is."

The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum is hosting a quilt show during the Goessel Harvest Festival on **Saturday, October 11 from 9am - 1pm**. The quilts will be on display in the Friesen House located on the museum grounds. Featured quilts will be from the quilt show committee members: Sharon Adrian, Sandy Duerksen, Kim Funk, Laura Unrau and Sharon Unruh. Admission to the museum is free during the Goessel Harvest Festival. The Goessel Harvest Festival will have many other activities all day long including live music by Jake Schmidt and Steel Skarecrows starting at 5pm on the East side of the Goessel High School building. Make sure to follow the Get Goessel Facebook page for more information.

Mennonite Heritage & Agriculture Museum will have a program featuring Donna Hetrick, daughter of Norman and Wanda Ratzlaff on **October 18, 7:00 p.m. at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church**. Donna Ratzlaff Hetrick will play the recital she played in June, 2024 at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Chelmo, Poland as part of a celebration of Mennonite history in the Przechowko area. This is the region where many of the Alexanderwohl congregation lived, 1600-1800.

The Goessel Arts Fund Committee is hosting an Arts Soirée on Sunday, October 19, from 2-5 pm at the Tabor Mennonite Church. There will be an **art show** in the hospitality hall that will feature local and regional artists. A **concert at 3 pm** in the sanctuary will include performances by the Salina Symphony Brass Quintet, Holly Swartzendruber (soprano), and a piano duo extravaganza that will feature Goessel area pianists Russell Adrian, Marcia Brubaker, Jason and Renae Peters, and Karen Unruh performing works for 4-10 hands! Following the concert at 4 pm, **refreshments** will be served in the hospitality hall. Plan now to attend this free event! (The Goessel Arts Fund Committee is a subsidiary of the Goessel Community Foundation. Members are Russell Adrian, John Goerzen, Kris Schmucker, and Karen Unruh.)

Join us to hear about the Givens: As a supporting congregation of Rachel and Joseph Givens in Calais, France, we would like to invite you to **First Mennonite in Halstead (427 W 4th), Sunday afternoon September 21 at 1:00 pm** to hear Weldon Martens talk about his time in Calais with the Givens family. Weldon was part of a Mennonite Mission Network's Just Peace Pilgrimage trip - Christ at the Borders in Calais, France- this past April.

QUILTERS CORNER IS HAVING A FALL SALE on Friday, October 3, from 4:00 – 7:00pm and Saturday, October 4, from 8:00am to noon at the MCC Central States Warehouse, 121 E. 30th Street, North Newton, Kansas. Come and shop ALL things quilting! **SPECIAL ITEM FOR SALE:** Husqvarna-Viking Designer Epic 1 sewing and embroidery machine with many, many accessories - \$4,500. Contact person for this item is Charlotte Wenger: wengercd@gmail.com All proceeds support MCC work around the world for relief, development, and peace.

BETHEL COLLEGE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION is looking forward to Fall Festival, our biggest money-raising event. We will have our usual New Year's cookies, borscht and zwiebach and pie by the slice all outside Luyken Fine Arts Center and Market-in-the-Round inside. We again welcome your donations of homemade peppernuts, whole fruit pies, poppyseed rolls, zwiebach, cinnamon rolls, cookies, jams and jellies and other goodies. We'd love to have you donate your craft items as well! Please bring baked goods and craft donations to the Luyken Fine Arts Center Music Library between 1-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, or 7-9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. If you have questions, contact us at bcwa@bethelks.edu. Volunteers are needed as well to staff the booths. To sign up, click on the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA8A72FA3F58-50920044-fall>

Camp Mennoscah: The next tee shirt comforter will be (silent) auctioned off at Bethel College's Fall Fest on October 4. Get your bid ready! Tee shirts and other souvenirs will be available, too.

-Registration for the Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat, October 10-12, is open. Activities and lodging will be in the dining hall and bunkhouses. Register at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com>

-Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting will be held at Hope Mennonite Church on October 19 at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend. Hope Mennonite Church is located at 868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita, KS 67212. A silent auction for a few items will take place.

-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: Tues., Sept. 16 – Chamber Orchestra concert, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., *Memorial Hall*

-Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College – “Decorator,” paintings by Jordan Buschur, through Sept. 25. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

-**Bethel College's Fall Festival is Oct. 2-5, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 4, on campus.** Features include music, food, class reunions, football (Bethel vs. Sterling), the play *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* by Christopher Durang, and a ribbon cutting for the new Wellness Center. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/> for the complete schedule.

-Sat., Oct. 4 – Miroslav Wolf, “Striving for Superiority and Striving for Excellence,” 10 a.m., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*. Wolf, a Croatian Protestant theologian, is the Henry B. Wright Professor of Theology and director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture at Yale University. His latest book, *The Cost of Ambition*, examines why ambition is at odds with the Christian faith.

Hesston College: Save the date for Homecoming at Hesston College

Hesston College will celebrate with alumni and friends of the college during Homecoming weekend, September 26 to 28. President Mark Landes will be inaugurated during the weekend activities. For a full schedule of events and to register to attend, please visit hesston.edu/homecoming.

-Student photographer exhibit open at Hesston College

An exhibit titled “Travelogue of Photos Presenting the Connection to Home and the Allure of Away” featuring the work of Hesston College student photographer Audrey Befort will be featured in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in Hesston College's Laban Peachey Center (325 S. College Dr., Hesston) from September 1 to 28. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

-Fall theatre production, “Journey to the Poles of Inaccessibility”

The Hesston College Theatre department will perform “Journey to the Poles of Inaccessibility,” a new comic fantasy play by Craig Pospisil, October 2 to 5 in the Black Box Theater located in Keim Center. Performance times are Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at hesston.edu/bookstore or by calling 620-327-8104.

-Fall HC Lark athletic events have begun

Hesston College athletics begins a new athletic era as a member of the NAIA this fall. Schedules, rosters and game information for Lark volleyball, men's and women's soccer, golf and cross country can be found online at HCLarks.com. Come out and support the Larks this fall!

The Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association annual banquet will be held on October 18 at 5:00

p.m. at the Burrton City Auditorium (203 N. Burrton Ave., Burrton, KS). Peter Buller, recent Bethel College graduate, will speak about his experience this summer at Reba Place in Chicago, connecting with bigger themes about our role as Mennonites in the world. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Schwisters. RSVP by October 11 to Dave Stucky at bigdstucky@gmail.com or text or call 620-532-4408. The cost of the banquet is \$25 and can be paid at the door or online at www.swissmennonite.org.

Mennonite Mission Network:

-Mennonite Voluntary Service - Live out your faith through service! Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 term. This one-year volunteer experience is open to individuals age 20+, with the option to extend placements for an additional one to two years. Serve with organizations addressing critical community needs, such as health, education, immigration and more. You won't do it alone, though! By living with peers in a unit house and growing with a local faith community, MVSers join in the global movement to work for peace and a more just world. Ready to jump in? Go to MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply.

-Service Adventure - Can a gap year change your life? Only if you're up for adventure! Service Adventure applications are now open for the 2026-27 term. Service Adventure is a 10-month volunteer experience for young adults ages 17-20. Live in community with peers and unit leaders, serve with local nonprofit agencies, and grow in your faith with a supporting church congregation! Learn more and apply at MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

-International workers need support - Mennonite Mission Network invites prayer and financial support for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who serve with the Maria Skobtsova Housing Association in Calais, France. This ministry provides vital shelter and support to migrating people seeking refuge as they journey toward England. To sustain this critical work, additional funding is urgently needed. You can make a difference! Visit MennoniteMission.net/Workers/Givens and click or tap the "Give Now" button. For questions or to learn more about the Givens' work with immigration, contact Elizabeth Eby at ElizabethE@MMNWorld.net.

Menno Snapshot: Nekeisha Alayna Alexis, speaker/consultant for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, shares her hope and provides an opportunity for others to share that hope amid a world that seems to be full of despair. Read more in her Menno Snapshot's blog here: mennoniteusa.org/opportunity-from-panic

AMBS: AMBS job opening: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for a full-time Executive Assistant to the President and Vice President/Academic Dean. The person in this key executive-level position plays a central role in the leadership infrastructure of the seminary, supporting and extending the work of the President and Academic Dean through high-level administrative coordination, strategic alignment and institutional representation. Please share this opening with people you know who may be interested. See the job description: ambs.edu/jobs

-New *Anabaptist Witness* issue on "Latino Anabaptism and Global Mission" available for free online. The articles in this issue depict the new reality of Latin American Anabaptism, in which "mission and migration" are practiced not only by northern Anabaptists but also by Latino/a Anabaptists, in collaboration with one another and with other global partners. Latino/a Anabaptists are creating the future of Anabaptism in the Americas and beyond. anabaptistwitness.org

-Online Short Course: Challenging Christian Nationalism: Oct. 22 – Dec. 9. Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this six-week online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary 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

Offering & Attendance - September 7, 2025

Offering = \$4,355.00	Attendance = 116
Adult FF = \$ 36.00	Attendance = 37
Jr FF = \$ 13.06	Attendance = 41
Worship Link Views = 39	