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WORSHIP

**Please stand if you are able*

Next Sunday our focus will be "Responding when ... Bad things happen" and will center around the story of Joseph in Genesis. Scripture for reflection will be Genesis 37. Pastor Katherine will be preaching. We will also celebrate Child and Family dedication.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for leaders and participants in the *Voices Together* mini-webinar hosted by the WDC Resource Commission coming up on September 30, as they share ideas, resources and inspiration for meaningful worship and music (<https://mennowdc.org/wdc-affinity-group-forums/>).
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network rejoices with members of the Bolivia Mennonite Church, as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. Pray for them as they set goals and plan for the future.

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.

Wednesday Evening Activities: Please be sure to register your children (age 3-high school) using the Google form. 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. See the poster on the doors.

The Harvest Giving Walk will take place at Tabor Mennonite Church **Sunday, October 12 at 1:30 p.m.** Pick up a Walk envelope today or find someone who is walking and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry and MCC's education projects. Walkers are invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry to the event. Please make checks payable to "Harvest Giving Walk."

Tabor Mennonite Church Endowment Fund: The Endowment Committee will be sharing a series of short bulletin announcements over the next several Sundays. Our goal is to raise awareness and provide information on how the Tabor Endowment Fund can be used to strengthen the church's mission and ensure Tabor's legacy for generations to come. We have each been blessed in many ways, and while we cannot take anything with us, we can make a lasting difference through the ways we give.

Tabor Mennonite Church Endowment Fund (cont)

Ways to Give:

- **Stocks or Property** – Gifts of assets may help you save on taxes.
- **Memorial Gifts** – Honor a loved one through a lasting contribution.
- **Bequests in a Will or Trust** – Even 1% can make a big difference. With a simple sentence, you can designate your gift and direct its purpose.
- **Charitable Gift Annuities** – Receive a guaranteed yearly payment for life in exchange for gifting an asset.
- **Agricultural or Other Assets** – Grain, livestock, machinery, or even vehicles (classic or current). No income tax is due if sold through the Tabor Endowment.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might participate in this legacy of giving.

Committee Members: Cory Unruh, Larry Goertzen, Jim Graber
(Open to two additional members)

Bring your garden produce to share in the Hospitality Hall! Please leave a donation for the Food Pantry!

Community and Conference Announcements

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 as part of a Mennonite Mission Network's Just Peace Pilgrimage trip.

The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet **Monday, September 22, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Goessel City Building Community Room. Brentan Yost, Minister in the Meridian Mennonite Church, will share experiences from the time when he and his wife Brecken served on a mission assignment to Ukraine.

Blood Drive: "Color your fall with kindness" and donate blood on **October 6, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church.** Sign up at red-crossblood.org to donate. Your donations are always needed. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

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 mu-

seum 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 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 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.

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.)

Bethesda Pillars Banquet – Mark your calendars now for November 2 at Tabor Mennonite Church – There will be a drive thru option as well as a plated meal. More details to come!

The 2025-26 Prairie Window Concert Series opens with [The Last Revel](#) on **Sunday, October 5 at 4 p.m.** at the **Dyck Arboretum of the Plains** in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and delicious food from Crust & Crumb in a prairie garden setting. [Purchase tickets online](#) at dyckarboretum.org or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

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.

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. 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. 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>

Bethel College: Thurs., Sept. 25 – Closing reception for Jordan Buschur and "Decorator," 6-7 p.m., Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center

-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 Fall Fest play, and the ribbon cutting for the

new Wellness Center. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/> for the complete schedule.

-Fri., Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 4, 3:30 p.m., Sun., Oct. 5, 2 p.m. – The Bethel College theater department presents *Vanya and Sonia and Ma-sha and Spike* by Christopher Durang during Fall Festival, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Ticket purchase required, in Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or at the door. *Contains adult content and may not be suitable for young children.*

-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: Homecoming at Hesston College-Sept 26 -28. 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 Laban Peachey Center from September 1 to 28.

-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.

Tabor College: Monday, Sept. 22 at 7pm - Concert - Guest Artist, Roosevelt Credit with Tabor College Concert Choir—Shari Flaming Center for the Arts

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 short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. 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

OFFERING PROJECTS

Children’s Faith Formation - Givens Family

Adult’s Faith Formation - MCC Projects

Upcoming Dates

October 1: Wednesday Evening Kickoff in the Park

October 8: Wednesday Evening meal and classes begin

October 12: Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk

October 19: Arts Soiree

November 2: Bethesda Pillars Banquet

November 6 - Tabor Mennonite Men BBQ - 5-7 pm

November 15: Kids Meet Christ Workshops - Wichita

December 13: Tabor Mennonite Women and Girls Breakfast



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