

Tabor Mennonite Church

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JESUS CALLING: COUNT THE COST

As we continue in this worship series, today we prayerfully consider Jesus' words to would-be disciples. What stands in our way of saying "Yes" to Jesus? What do we prioritize? We also are grateful to have Rachel and Joseph Givens join us from Calais, France to share about their own experiences of saying "yes" to Jesus.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Marcene Entz
- CHORAL INTROIT *"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"* Church Choir
arr. McDonald
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Unruh
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *Matthew 16:24-27*
- *GATHERING HYMN *"How Clear Is Our Vocation"* No. 547
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF CONFESSION *"What Can I Leave Behind"* No. 154
- *PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- WORSHIP MUSIC *"Be Thou My Vision"* arr. Parker Church Choir
- CHILDREN'S STORY Rachel Givens
- FAITH TESTIMONY Joseph and Rachel Givens
- SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 8:19-22* Leann Toews
Luke 14:25-33
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Here I Am, Lord"* No. 545
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *SENDING HYMN *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* No. 421
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, November 2

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/QstnDefTdaM?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation

5:00-5:30 pm: Pillar's Banquet Drive Through

6:15 pm: Pillar's Banquet Dine In

This Week

Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Thursday.

- Mon, Nov 3,** **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Comforter Tying & Quilting
7:00 pm - Worship Council Meeting
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
- Tues, Nov 4,** **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting
6:30 pm - Book Study
7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting
- Wed, Nov. 5,** **12 noon** - 1st Wednesday Lunch
5:45 pm: Fellowship Meal
6:15-7:15 pm: Classes & Music for preschool - 5th grade
6:30-7:30 pm: Classes & Music for Jr High - High School
6:30 pm: Adult Class with Pastor Todd
7:30-8:30 pm: Church Choir
- Thurs, Nov 6,** **5:00-7:00 pm:** Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ
Donations will go to our Mission Partners, the Joseph and Rachel Givens family and to Bethesda Home

Next Sunday, November 9

Next Sunday we will continue our "Jesus Calling" series with the focus on The Rich Young Ruler. Scriptures for reflection are Matthew 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-30; Luke 18:18-30. Pastor Todd will be preaching.

11:45 - TMYF Fundraising Meal

12:30 - Annual Congregational Meeting

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for credentialed ministers in WDC who serve in specialized ministries as chaplains, campus pastors, educators, mission workers, administrators, campus pastors, and conference staff. Pray that God would grant them wisdom, compassion and resilience in the challenges and joys of their work.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wiginton, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for churches in Ecuador, as members are living in times of great uncertainty and violence. Pray for their protection, as they respond with faith and integrity, naming and resisting the forces of fear and apathy. Pray also for Delicia, Peter and their two daughters as they walk alongside these churches.

Congregational Announcements

MCC Meat Canning time is here again! Check the schedule on the bulletin board in the foyer to see if there's a spot you could fill and help support this important work of Mennonite Central Committee. Another important part of meat canning is purchasing the meat. Please leave your donations for the MCC meat canning in the truck in the foyer. If you have any questions contact Jim Schmidt.

Please come & stay awhile for the Nov 9 TMYF noon fundraiser and the Annual Meeting to: Affirm Persons to Serve in 2026, to Adopt the 2026 Budget, to Discuss the Revised Constitution Draft, and to discuss the reorganization of the Mennonite College Scholarship program.

Tabor Mennonite Women (TMW) has the new schedule up on the bulletin for upcoming events. Please note the spaces to sign up to volunteer throughout the year.

Two VBS Positions to fill – Please let Diane Unruh or Dale Alderfer know if you are willing to serve as Asst VBS Coordinator (moves into VBS Coord). 1 each 2-yr term and 3-yr term positions need to be filled. Please talk to Diane or Dale as soon as possible.

The Tabor Mennonite Women will meet to tie comforters on **Saturday, November 15 at 1:00-5:00**. Bring a snack to share for our coffee break.

LOOKING AHEAD: Who needs Black Friday or Cyber Monday when you have the **Tabor Trading Post**? PLUS the money you spend goes to the Tabor Food Pantry and Camp Mennoscah! Start planning what you will bring to sell, and then come shopping! **The first Sunday will be Nov 23 and continue every Sunday until Dec 21.**

Community and Conference Announcements

Christmas Giving Tree: The Goessel Ministerial Alliance is pleased to announce that we are sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree again this year. The tree will be at Citizens State Bank. This tree endeavors to help with some of the expenses of Christmas for those families in need. We invite all parents who feel they could use a little help to fill out an application listing their children by name, age, and some gift suggestions with clothing sizes. Applications will be available at the Goessel Elementary and High School offices, the Goessel City Office, the Crossroads Credit Union and the Citizens State Bank. All applications need to be turned in by **Friday, November 21** to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Citizens State Bank. Each child's name turned in will get 1 tag on the tree with their age, sex and gift description. The names of the children will not be on the tag. The tags will be available on the tree at the Citizens State Bank on **Tuesday, November 25**. All the gifts will need to be brought back to the Bank by **Monday, December 15**. The gifts should be wrapped and the bank personnel will assist with the "checking in" process. The gifts will then be distributed by the Ministerial Alliance. It is our goal that everyone has a blessed and happy Christmas, both the giver and the receiver.

Bluestem U, the lifelong learning program of Bluestem Communities, will host a free Authors Speaking Series **Thursday, November 10, at 10 a.m.**, in Kidron Hall at Kidron Bethel Village, N. Newton, featuring Lauren Friesen with *The Anabaptists: A Comedy in Two Acts* and *Acting Up: An Anthology of Mennonite Playwrights*, and Janice Pauls with *Dandelions are Beautiful*. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentations.

Habitat for Humanity of Harvey County invites you to our annual Pork Chop Dinner fundraiser on Nov. 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas. Dine-in and carry-out options are available. This is Harvey County Habitat's largest fundraiser of the year, and we need your generous donations to help ensure we can continue to build a new home for a qualifying family each year. Please reserve your pork chop meal (includes pork chop, potatoes, green beans, dessert, and a drink) by visiting our website at <https://harveycountyhabitat.org/pork-chop-dinner-reservation/>. Thank you for supporting the vision of Habitat for Humanity, where everyone has a decent place to live!

ETC: Volunteers needed—clerk, place goods on the sales floor, put price tags on items. Volunteer applications can be picked up in the shop or filled out online at newtonetceterashop.com/volunteer.

Camp Mennoscah: The last day to reserve your Verenike Casserole Meal is November 3! Camp Mennoscah's Verenike Casserole Fundraiser is November 8 at Faith Mennonite Church. **Reserve your meals at** <https://forms.gle/DMurJFkp5P7Fb3C86> (You may also call 620-297-3290.) The meal consists of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zwi-back, and fruit crisp. **Meals will be available at Faith Mennonite Church between 5:30-6:30pm on November 8th. You may either drive-thru and pick up your meals or dine in.** Watch Camp Mennoscah's Facebook page and check your email for any changes. Suggested donation of \$20 per meal or \$40 per pan. Additional donations are welcome!

-Hey, all you potential 2026 Summer Staffers! Camp Mennoscah will be recruiting for summer staff leadership positions at Hesston College, Tabor College, and Bethel College on November 10-12, respectively. A pizza meal for those interested will take place on November 12 (time and place TBD). Positions include office, nature, music, lifeguard, crafts and grounds/maintenance. The online application will be open no later than November 10. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 with questions.

-Big thanks to everyone who helped with the Retreat Center Project work day on October 25! Progress was made and tasks were crossed off the list.

-Eric Litwiller is Camp Mennoscah's Director of Development. He grew up in Goshen but moved to Kansas in late 2010, and to his current home west of Newton in the summer of 2015 when he married Jill (Friesen) Litwiller who has served on the Board of Directors for camp and often volunteers as camp nurse. Prior to joining camp staff, Eric had fundraising roles in a number of organizations in the area, including as Director of Charitable Services and Church Relations with Everence. In addition to his full-time role with Camp Mennoscah, Eric is also the incoming Board Chair for the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, though you may have seen him at the sale in his previous volunteer capacity overseeing the My Coins Count booth. He is excited to bring his experience in estate planning, non-cash assets, and annual giving to help find the funds needed to complete the Retreat Center.

Bethel College: Sun., Nov. 2 -“Between Earth and Sky,” multimedia ceramic works by Merrill Krabill, opens in the *Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center*, with the **reception, Nov. 2, 3-4 pm** Krabill will give an **artist talk Mon., Nov. 3, at 9 am** in the gallery. The exhibit will remain through Nov. 21; gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 2-4 pm
-Sun., Nov. 2 – Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups, Dr. Russell Adrian, director, 4 pm, Bethel College Mennonite Church
-Mon., Nov. 3 – Dr. Luke Powery of Duke Divinity School speaks in Bethel College convocation, 11 am, Krehbiel Auditorium, as part of the Worship and the Arts Symposium.
-Sun., Nov. 9 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum with author Daniel Markovitz, Olpe,

Kan., reading from his novel *The Spoils of Victory*, 3 pm, *Kauffman Museum auditorium at Bethel College*. This program is in connection with the museum's special exhibit “Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness and the Great War”; the novel focuses on a largely forgotten aspect of World War II history, the confinement and employment of hundreds of thousands of German POWs throughout the United States from 1943-46. The book will be for sale at the event, with a book signing afterward.

-Tues., Nov. 11 – Bethel College Organ Recital Series presents David Pérez, 7 pm, Administration Building chapel

Hesston College: Hesston College Cultures Fair - The community is invited to join us Wednesday, November 5, from 5:30 to 7 pm as we celebrate our diverse student body and their homeland cuisine at this year's Cultures Fair! Hesston College is honored to host students representing 28 countries this fall, and many of these students will share their hearts through a taste sampling from their home countries. A curry main dish will be served by dining services beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by international sides, desserts and drinks starting at 6 pm in Bontrager Student Center dining hall. Cost is \$9.23 per person. Reserve your place by Nov. 3 at hesston.edu/culturesfair2025.

-Hesston College Engineering Day - Hesston College invites high school students and future engineers to campus for Engineering Day on Saturday, November 8, from 9 am to 2 pm This opportunity is available to students, parents, teachers or community members who may be considering a career in engineering. Lunch is included. Learn more and register at hesston.edu/engineering-day.

-Hesston College Masterworks Concert

The Hesston College Music Department invites the community to their fall Masterworks Concert featuring the piece, “Song of Wisdom from Old Turtle” on **Saturday, November 22, at 7 pm in Hesston Mennonite Church**. The piece is based on a favorite children's book. The message and music are beautiful and also deeply meaningful and timely in today's world. **Invitation to sing with the choir! Rehearsals:** Nov. 10, 17, 20 (with orchestra)- 7:00-9:00, and 22 - 3:00-5:00. To participate, please email your **name** and **voice part** to receive music. Contact Greg Bontrager greg.bontrager@hesston.edu Listen here: [YouTube Link](#)

-“Art From the Hearth” exhibit opens at Hesston College

An exhibit titled, “Art From the Hearth” will be featured in the Regier-Friesen Gallery located in Hesston College's Laban Peachey Center (325 S. College Dr., Hesston) November 3 through 28. The exhibit includes various artists' created bowls, cups, plates, teapots, etc. and includes recipes in which to fill them. A reception with the artists will take place Wednesday, November 12, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Normal exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

Mennonite Mission Network: Live your faith through action! Join Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) for a transformative **one-year volunteer experience for ages 20+ starting**

August 2026, with an option to extend your placement. Serve with organizations addressing critical community needs, like health, education and immigration. By living with peers in a unit house and growing with a local faith community, MVrdeSers join in a global movement for peace and a more just world. Ready to make a difference? MennoniteMission.net/MVS

Mennonite Church USA: The latest issue of *Equipping*, MC USA's quarterly resource newsletter created for pastors and leaders, is now live. This issue brings fresh tools, inspiration and opportunities to deepen your leadership, enrich your ministry and build resilient congregational life. Read and subscribe here: <https://bit.ly/4qsyGLr>
-Mennonite Church USA is seeking an **Administrative Assistant for Church Vitality/Special Events Coordinator** Location: Elkhart, IN. View the job description [here](#). To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call (574)523-3027. Application deadline is November 21, 2025.

AMBS: AMBS Alumni Recognition Reception: Monday, Nov. 10, 8–9 p.m. ET. The recipients of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's 2025 Alumni Ministry and Service Recognition, Michele Hershberger (MA 2000) and Robert (Jack) Suderman (MRE 1975), will be honored during this Zoom reception. All are welcome! Registration is required to receive the link: ambs.edu/alumni

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

Oct. 26, 2025

Offering =	\$ 5,481.00	Attendance =	119
Adult FF =	\$ 9.00	Attendance =	33
Jr. FF =	\$ 9.50	Attendance =	43

Worship Link Views = 41

Upcoming Dates

November 9: TMYF fundraising meal - 11:45

Annual Congregational meeting - 12:30

November 15: TMW Comforter Tying

November 15: Preparing the Way for Children in Worship

-10:00 am at Hope Mennonite Church, Wichita

Nov 23, 30, Dec 7, 14, 21: Tabor Trading Post

December 13: Tabor Mennonite Women and Girls Breakfast

December 14: Christmas Brass at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

December 20 & 21: Night in the Barn



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