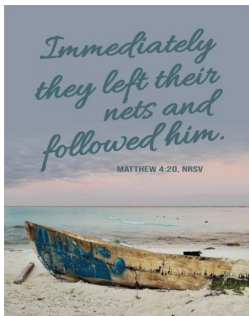


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JESUS CALLING: CALLING THE DISCIPLES

Today we begin our four part worship series "Jesus Calling". During our worship time we will be exploring what we are willing and feeling called to leave behind or pick up for Jesus' sake. This morning we are reminded of, and challenged by, the first disciples immediate "yes" when Jesus invited them to follow him.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Pastor Katherine Goerzen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Nathan Ashley

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Matthew 16:24-27*

*GATHERING HYMN "Will You Come and Follow Me" No. 540

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAYER "Softly and Tenderly" No. 544

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 5:1-11* Donavon Schmidt
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" No. 283

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN "You walk along our shoreline" STJ No. 99

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, October 19

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Cory & Keri 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/LixFla_n9Jw?feature=share

10:45 am: Faith Formation

1:00 pm: Tabor leads Bethesda Chapel

2:00 - 5:00 pm - Arts Soirée in Hospitality Hall

2:00 - Art Show in the Hospitality Hall

3:00 - Concert in the Sanctuary

4:00 - Refreshments in the Hospitality Hall

This Week

Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Thursday.

Mon, Oct 20, 8:30 am - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - Comforter Tying & Quilting

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, Oct 21, 9:00 am - Staff Meeting

7:00 pm - Worship Council Meeting

Wed, Oct 22, 5:45 pm: Fellowship Meal - chalupas

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, Oct. 23, 9:30 am - Coffee Time at Tabor

Next Sunday, October 26

Next Sunday our focus is *Spreading Love, Life & Healing through Music*. We welcome Herm & Vince who will be sharing during our worship.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's ministry partner Camp Mennoscah, as it holds its annual meeting today, and seeks to be a place where people of all ages come to renew themselves, their relationships, and their connections with God and nature.

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Juan Pacheco Lozano has been named Mennonite Mission Network's new Regional Director for Latin America. Pray for wisdom and energy, as Juan continues to build the ministry of fostering relationships with Mennonite churches and partners across twelve Latin American countries.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Pastor Katherine and Pastor Todd! October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We offer gratitude for all they do from preaching to teaching to pastoral care to administration, and so much more!

Thank You

*The 2025 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk took place on Sunday, October 12 beginning and ending at Tabor Mennonite Church. Forty-eight participants enjoyed a warm, windy, fall afternoon and completed a route between 1 and 6 miles. Over **\$8,500** was raised (a new fundraising "record") and will be dispersed to MCC's education projects and the Tabor Church Food Pantry. Additionally, 49 items were collected for the Tabor Food Pantry. Thank you for your support of this annual community event – by walking, donating money or non-perishable items, and praying for us!*

~Kevin & Yvette Nickel, area coordinators

Congregational Announcements

Now is the time to volunteer for Special Music during Tabor Church worship services. The Music Committee is scheduling Sundays November - February. Please consider sharing your musical gifts with the congregation - vocal or instrumental, individuals or groups. Let Carrie Unruh know by the end of October if you can help. Thanks for considering this ministry.

Couch Needed: We have a lot of youth who are a part of our congregation (thanks be to God!). To help make room for everyone in the youth room and Jr. High room, we are in need of an additional couch or two. If you have a couch you would be willing to donate, please let Pastor Katherine, Sarahanne Unruh, or Kenton Nickel know. Thanks for considering!

OCTOBER 27, 7 P.M.—TABOR MENNONITE WOMEN SPECIAL PROGRAM TMW EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO ALL OF TABOR-- INVITE A FRIEND

Refreshments will be served following the program.



Wendy Funk Schrag will provide stories and photos from a European Anabaptist tour she participated in May as part of the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism in Zurich, Switzerland. Come hear stories, including a slide presentation, of both well-known and little-known Anabaptist sites and specific women who are mostly unknown (because they were women!). How does their courage inspire us to be courageous today?

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, and especially for the first meeting when we will need someone to do devotions and 2-3 people to bring food.

It's time to renew your subscription to Anabaptist World in our Tabor group **before 11/1/2025**. Subscriptions expire January 2026. Cost is \$54.00 for US subscriptions (or \$49.00 if you choose to do the Auto-Renewal which would automatically deduct the renewal amount from your credit card annually -- which you would need to do independently of the Tabor group). If you want the Tabor group renewal, make your check out to Tabor Church Deacon Fund and put it in Ruby Graber's box.

Sunday, Nov. 2 - Joseph and Rachel Givens will be sharing via Zoom during the service. In addition to our regular offering, we will be taking a special offering for the Givens to help fulfill our annual commitment of \$1500 for support.

The Mennonite Men's Annual Chicken BBQ is right around the corner on Thursday, November 6, 5-7 p.m. Donations received that night will go to our Mission Partners, the Joseph and Rachel Givens family and to Bethesda Home. *If your business or you, personally, would like to help offset the expenses, please let Elton Nickel know and give him or Lindsey Buller your Sponsor check.* Thanks!

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

Mennonite Disaster Service On the Level: Our October edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares what gives him goosebumps, learn how MDS volunteers are changing lives in a remote Alaska village and read how volunteering with MDS during Katrina impacted so many lives.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4n50530>

Bethesda Home's Annual Pillars Banquet – Join us on November 2, 2025 for our Annual Pillars Banquet. This year there will be 2 options – a drive thru from 5:00 -5:30 **OR** a dine-in experience with seating starting at 6:15pm. Please RSVP by October 24 and when doing so, please indicate if you will be attending in person or drive thru. This year's proceeds will go to our updated lighting project. Help us reach our goal of \$126,000 this year!! Thank you!!

A Fair Trade “pop up shop” is coming to the area just in time to start your holiday shopping! Paula Brunk Kuhns, owner of **Just Cause, a fair trade store based in Portland, OR, will be setting up her store at Hesston Mennonite Church (309 S Main St. Hesston, KS) for a 2-day event, October 24-25. The store will be open from 10am-7pm each day. Find beautifully crafted baskets, jewelry, home decor, kitchenware, metal art, cards, Christmas nativities and ornaments, and so much more from over 30 countries around the world.** When you shop Fair Trade, you're not just buying a beautifully crafted item. You're partnering with artisans around the world as they preserve their craft, support their families, and build a sustainable future. Each piece holds a story, and you become part of it. This is also a fundraiser for the Hesston Mennonite Church Youth Groups.

Hoffnungssau Church invites you to our annual **Mission Supper** on Saturday, Oct. 25, 5:00 – 6:30. See flyer on community board.

The 2025-26 Prairie Window Concert Series welcomes back Walnut Valley Festival favorites, Damn Tall Buildings, on Saturday, October 25 at 7 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music in a prairie garden setting. [Purchase tickets online at dyckarboretum.org](#) or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

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: Welcome to Eric Litwiller! Eric is the new Development Director for Camp Mennoscah. He can be reached at eric.litwiller@campmennoscah.org He has jumped in head-first to activities and has already started making contacts.

Camp Mennoscah (cont)

-Retreat Center Work Day on October 25! Please call or text Tom Gaedert at 316-288-7766 to participate. The retreat center at Camp Mennoscah has provided many folks with the opportunity to participate in a multitude of camp activities and we are looking to jump start the renovation project with new management, fresh volunteers, and renewed financial assistance. To complete the project, we need your help whether you have construction skills or not! We'd like to create a list of people who we can email for specific work day projects as they come up. Donations are also greatly appreciated and can be sent directly to camp designated for “Retreat Center”. Thanks for your help!

-Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting will be held at Hope Mennonite Church on October 19 at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend either in person or by Zoom. [Click here to join the Zoom on October 19 at 6:30pm.](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83727344903?pwd=NRqvZwzuai9X8QoeCfU9GVFWYToKDZ.1) (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83727344903?pwd=NRqvZwzuai9X8QoeCfU9GVFWYToKDZ.1>) Hope Mennonite Church is located at 868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita, KS 67212. A silent auction for a few items will take place.

-Verenike Casserole Meal Returns! Camp Mennoscah will be having a Verenike Casserole Fundraiser on November 8 at Faith Mennonite Church. Reserve your meals at <https://forms.gle/DMurJFkp5P7Fb3C86> The meal consists of verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, 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!

Bethel College: Sun., Oct. 19 & Mon., Oct. 20 – Annual Menno Simons Lectures, with Dr. Kat Hill. The overall theme is “Diasporic Lives: Mennonites, Migration and the Search for Home.” **Oct. 19, 7 p.m.,** “People, Places, Past: Mennonite Meanings of Home Across Time and Place”; **Mon., Oct. 20, 11 a.m.,** “Diasporic Lives and Dispersed Archives: Reading the Records of Mennonite Belonging”; **Mon., Oct. 20, 7 p.m.,** “Contested Homes and Conflicted Belonging in Mennonite Pasts.” All in Krehbiel Auditorium with audience discussion following each lecture. Free and open to the public.

-Tues., Oct. 28 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra concert, Kris Hilding, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium

-Sun., Nov. 2 – Bethel Sings, a concert featuring all Bethel College vocal groups, Dr. Russell Adrian, director, 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church

-Registration is now open for Bethel College's Worship and the Arts Symposium, Nov. 2-4 on the Bethel campus. There is no fee, but registration is needed to get accurate numbers. Go to <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/worship-and-the-arts-symposium/> and click the “Registration” button. **The focus of the 2025 symposium is homiletics, with Dr. Luke Powery** from Duke Divinity School in Durham, N.C.

–Now in the Regier Gallery : “Made for you by a professional seamstress,” fiber art by Karen Reimer, through Oct. 27. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

