

Tabor Mennonite Church

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SPREADING LOVE, LIFE, & HEALING THROUGH MUSIC

This Sunday we are grateful for the opportunity to welcome Herm & Vince, a singer-songwriter duo offering inspiration through their music. They offer the gift of music hoping that it may continue to heal and bring love to life.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Susan Merrifield
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP VT No. 108
- *GATHERING HYMN "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues" No. 78
accompanied by Marcene Entz
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAISE "Planets Humming as They Wander" No. 175
- *PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Pam Abrahams
- WORSHIP MUSIC Miriam Nickel
- SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 147:1-11* Diana Schmidt
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON THROUGH SONG Herm & Vince
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE "My Life Flows On" No. 605
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *SENDING HYMN "The Lord Your God Is with You" No. 173
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE/SENDING SONG

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, October 26

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/G1K7icf1Jtk?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation

1:00 pm: Tabor leads Bethesda Chapel

This Week

Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Thursday.

- Mon, Oct 27,** **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Comforter Tying & Quilting
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm - TMW - all are invited (see announcement)
- Tues, Oct 28,** **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting
- Wed, Oct 29,** **5:45 pm:** Fellowship Meal - Sloppy Joes
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

Next Sunday, November 2

Next Sunday we will continue our "Jesus Calling" series. Scriptures for reflection are Luke 14:25-33 and Matthew 8:19-22. Rachel and Joseph Givens will be sharing (from Calais, France) and Pastor Katherine will be preaching. There will be a special offering taken to support our Mission Partners in addition to our regular offering towards the church budget.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for our church planters as they follow God's call. Ask for guidance and provision to strengthen their ministries and bring stability to their families.

– WDC Church Planting Commission

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for JCS International's leadership at all levels and, especially for Gerlee (many Mongolian people identify with a single name), in her role as interim executive director. May God's Spirit guide this leadership transition and pray for more long-term workers to help with the many opportunities to serve in Mongolia.

Congregational Announcements

Get a fall treat today! Please stop by the hospitality hall after the service and pickup a fall treat to take with you to class from K & B Bakery. All donations will be added to the Trading Post fund.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. If possible, please talk to Diane or Dale before the end of October.

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

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!!

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>

Invitation to Sing! Community singers are invited to join the **Hesston College Choir**, directed by **Greg Bontrager**, in performing *Song of Wisdom from the Old Turtle* on **Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

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. greg.bontrager@hesston.edu Listen here: [YouTube Link](#)

The Fourth Monday Family History and Genealogy Group will meet next **Monday, October 27, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Goessel City Building Community Room, 101 South Cedar St., Goessel, Kansas. Leanne Githens from Fredonia will present the program. She is a retired public school librarian who now volunteers and researches at the Wilson County Historical Museum in Fredonia. She will share what she has learned about researching with [Newspapers.com](#). For more information, call either Fern Bartel at the Goessel Museum (620-367-8200) or Anna Beth Birky (620-386-0381).

Camp Mennoscah: 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!

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.

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.

Bethel College: Last chance to see "Made for you by a professional seamstress," fiber art by Karen Reimer, which closes Oct. 27, Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

-Tues., Oct. 28 – Bethel College Chamber Orchestra annual Halloween concert, Kris Hilding, director, 7 p.m., featuring music from "Animal Crossing," "Hollow Night: Silksong," "Violet Evergarden" and more; *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*

-Sat., Nov. 1 – Kauffman Museum bird walk, 8 a.m. start time in the museum parking lot at the corner of Main and 27th streets. Experienced birders lead a walk of 1-1.5 hours in Chisholm Park and on Sand Creek Trail.

-Sun., Nov. 2 – Merrill Krabill's exhibit "Between Earth and Sky" opens, with the artist reception on the same day, 3-4 p.m., Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

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

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

-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.

Hesston College: Hesston College Nursing Open House - Future nurses are invited to attend Hesston College's Nursing Open House on Saturday, November 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is a chance to experience one of Kansas's leading B.S.N. programs up close. This opportunity is available to prospective students, families, educators or anyone considering a career in health care. Brunch is included. Learn more and register at hesston.edu/larknursing.

-Hesston College Cultures Fair - The community is invited to join us Wednesday, November 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. 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 p.m., followed by international sides, desserts and drinks starting at 6 p.m. 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 a.m. to 2

p.m. 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.

Mennonite Mission Network: Just Peace Pilgrimage: 2026-Your congregation, Sunday school class and other groups are invited to **join Mennonite Mission Network in a seven-day Civil Rights or Christ at the Borders Just Peace Pilgrimage** to explore how God is weaving justice and reconciliation in U.S. and other communities. Engage firsthand with people, churches, and organizations who share how they pursue peace. Through group reflection, prayer, and worship, process these experiences and connect them to your faith; then return home as "changed people" who can inspire and lead change in your own community. For more information about a pilgrimage for your group, contact Stephanie Weaver, StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net www.mennonitemission.net/JustPeace

Menno Snapshots: Stanley W. Green, executive conference minister of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, shared four realignments to heal and renew the church in his recent article for Leader magazine (reprinted by MC USA, with permission). Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/realigning/>

AMBS: Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program

Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Journey helps participants nurture their leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with the guidance of a dedicated pastoral mentor and experienced facilitators. The Winter 2026 cohort begins Jan. 23; those who apply by Nov. 14 can save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

Orienting With the Word: Is your congregation eager for a new way to walk with Scripture? This free five-month program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Faith Formation Collaborative builds community and biblical competency through Bible study. Each participating congregation designates a small group to join with others in a Bible study practice that involves wrestling, wondering and worship with the biblical text. The next cohort runs Jan. 1 – May 17, and the program is free to participating congregations. Apply by Nov. 15! ambs.edu/orienting-with-the-word

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

Oct. 19, 2025

Offering =	\$ 8,955.90	Attendance =	129
Adult FF =	\$ 46.00	Attendance =	44
Jr. FF =	\$ 20.80	Attendance =	44

Worship Link Views = 32

Upcoming Dates

November 2: Bethesda Pillars Banquet

November 6: Tabor Mennonite Men's Chicken BBQ

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



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