

Tabor Mennonite Church

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Worldwide Communion Sunday together with Christians around the world as part of the body of Christ. As we mark this act of unity we remember what it means to be a unique and special part of this body of believers.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Marcene Entz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 133*

*GATHERING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMN *"Summoned by the God Who Made Us"* No. 1
(vs 1, 2, & 5)

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY

Keri Unruh

WORSHIP MUSIC

Nathan Goerzen

SCRIPTURE READING *1 Corinthians 12:12-27* Sara Hiebert
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"We Are One in the Spirit"* No. 387

CELEBRATING WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN *"The Church's One Foundation"* (vs 4 unison) No. 397

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, October 5

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/kEA5bwtOWaQ?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation

Location Change: The Bible Study faith formation class has moved to Pastor Katherine's office. All are welcome!

This Week

Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Thursday.

- Mon, Oct 6,** **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness
 9:30 am - Comforter Tying & Quilting
 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
- Tues, Oct 7,** **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting
- Wed, Oct 8,** **5:45 pm** - Fellowship Meal - Pizza Casserole
 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 Bible Study
 7:30-8:30 pm: Church Choir
- Sat, Oct. 11,** **11:00 am** - Memorial Service for Eleanora Goertzen
 Light lunch will follow the service in the Hospitality Hall

Next Sunday, October 12

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday. We will be celebrating and offering our gifts. Scripture for reflection will be Romans 12 and Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

Be sure to bring both of your filled out commitment forms.

Potluck: Next Sunday, October 12, all are invited to a potluck meal following Faith Formation. In honor of the 500th anniversary of Anabaptist, you are invited to bring foods that you associate with Mennonites and/or Anabaptism. So break out your *Extending the Table*, *Simply in Season*, or *More with Less* cookbook, or dust the flour off of your favorite family recipes, or ponder what have been some of your favorite meals served at different Mennonite gatherings, as we anticipate celebrating with this time of food and fellowship!

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the rich variety of study materials available in the WDC Resource Library, and pray for WDC congregations hosting Bible studies and book discussions to strengthen Anabaptist witness and courageous faith as followers of Jesus in today's world.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service units bring closure to their five-day retreat, hosted by the Alamosa Colorado unit in Colorado. Pray that participants will return to their units renewed by this time of worship, mutual encouragement, learning and fun.

Congregational Announcements

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, 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!

Wednesday Night Supper: To give the cooks an idea of how many will be eating on Wednesday nights and if there are special diet needs, please sign up to be a "regular" on Wednesday nights on the bulletin board. We always have enough if there are extras but this helps us with numbers. -In the past, we have had donations of meat and eggs. If you wish to help keep costs down and have something you would like to donate, let Denise know.

-Please note that if you put something in the kitchen fridge or freezer, please label; otherwise, it might just get used up for Wednesday night meals!

Wednesday Evening Adult Class... Starting on Wednesday October 8th, Pastor Todd will be offering a Wednesday evening adult class to study different aspects of the Bible starting at 6:30pm and ending right before choir practice. We will use the essays and resources found in the back of the Anabaptist Community Bible as our guide. If you don't have a copy of this Bible...that is fine!!...we will make sure all have what is needed to share in this time together. All are welcome!

The Harvest Giving Walk will take place at Tabor Mennonite Church next weekend **Sunday, October 12 at 1:30 p.m.** It's not too late to pick up a donation envelope on the table in the foyer today or find someone who is participating and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry and MCC's education projects. Walkers are also invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry on the day of the event.

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!

Tabor Endowment Committee: A century ago, most people supported their church through simple cash donations. Today, the financial landscape looks very different — nearly **80% of personal wealth is held in assets**, not in cash. These assets may include **IRAs, 401(k)s, stocks, real state, vehicles, and land**. As a result, many of us have limited cash on hand, but considerable value in other forms.

By giving a **small portion of your assets or an asset**, you can make a significant impact on both the **present and future ministries of Tabor Church** — often in a way that is tax-advantageous and easier on your day-to-day finances.

Whether given **during your lifetime** or as part of your **estate planning**, gifts of assets can be:

- Designated to support **special ministries**
- Used to supplement the **church's annual budget**
- Directed toward **specific programs** or causes you're passionate about

We encourage you to prayerfully consider how your legacy can help sustain and grow the mission of Tabor Church for generations to come.

Community and Conference Announcements

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.

Monday, Oct. 13: Authors Justina Neufeld & Wilma Loganbill speaking at Kidron Bethel Village - free - see poster on community bulletin board.

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 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. Peter Buller will be the speaker and 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 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!!

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.

Calling All Helpers! 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. Please call or text Tom Gaeddert at 316-288-7766 with your name and email address if you are willing to help and we will send out info for projects a week or two in advance of work to be done. Donations are also greatly appreciated and can be sent directly to camp designated for "Retreat Center". Thanks for your help!

Camp Mennoscah: Dam will be taken out on October 5 at 2pm. Meet at the shelter area (look for people and things happening). Spectators welcome, as are people to help take out the boards and clean them. Taking the dam out is not for the youngest ages due to the weight of the boards, but spectators of all ages are most welcome! Be prepared for whatever weather/temperatures there are. It's fun for both those helping and those watching!

-Registration for the Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat, October 10-12, is open. 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!

Bethel College: Thurs., Oct. 9 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, Chris Miertschin, director, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

-Sun., Oct. 12 – As part of the annual KIPCOR Film Series, a screening of the documentary *Join or Die*, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium followed by a mini-fair of local nonprofits and community organizations.

-Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center: "Made for you by a professional seamstress," fiber art by Karen Reimer, through Oct. 27.

-Registration is now open for Bethel College's Worship and the Arts Symposium, "Preaching Good News in a Troubled World," 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.** The featured visual artist is Merrill Krabill. Use the link above to see a complete schedule.

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, MVSers join in a global movement for peace and a more just world. Ready to make a difference? MennoniteMission.net/MVS

Menno Snapshot: "Conflict happens ... but it doesn't have to be destructive and can, in fact, be a catalyst for growth, healing and deeper faith," writes Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA denominational minister for Peace and Justice, in her Menno Snapshots blog. Read it and find resources for addressing conflict here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/conflict-transformation>

AMBS: Online Short Course: Anxiety and Depression in Church Ministry: Tuesdays, Oct. 21 – Nov. 25, 7–8:30 p.m. ET. Register by Oct. 14. ambs.edu/plt
-Online Short Course: Challenging Christian Nationalism: Oct. 22 – Dec. 9 with Drew Strait, PhD. No grades, no papers! Register by Oct. 15. ambs.edu/nationalism

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

Sept. 28, 2025

Offering =	\$ 7,409.00	Attendance =	144
Adult FF =	\$ 24.00	Attendance =	38
Jr. FF =	\$ 13.47	Attendance =	45

Worship Link Views = 41

OFFERING PROJECTS

Children's Faith Formation - Givens Family
 Adult's Faith Formation - MCC Projects

Upcoming Dates

October 8: Wednesday Evening meal and classes begin
 October 12: Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk
 October 19: Arts Soirée
 October 27: TMW program - Anabaptist Courageous Women
 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
 December 13: Tabor Mennonite Women and Girls Breakfast



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