

Tabor Mennonite Church

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JESUS CALLING: WALKING ON WATER

As we conclude our "Jesus Calling" worship series, we reflect on the story of Jesus calling Peter to come join him upon the water in the midst of the storm.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Diane Unruh

CHORAL INTROIT *"We Will Serve the Lord"* ~ Nickel Church Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Joshua Schmidt

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

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

*GATHERING HYMN *"Faith of the Martyrs"* No. 575

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *"Count Well the Cost"* No. 577
~accompanied by youth instrumentalists & Russell Adrian

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Tammy Wintermote

WORSHIP MUSIC *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"* ~arr. Sjolund Church Choir
~accompanied by Phillip Balzer~piano Corynn Nickel~flute

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 14:22-33* Jo-Ann Schmidt
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Oceans"* No. 456

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

*SENDING HYMN *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"* No. 443

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, November 16

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

10:45 am: Faith Formation

This Week

Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Thursday.

Mon, Nov 17, **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Comforter Tying & Quilting
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, Nov 18, **9:00 am** - Deacons Meeting
11:30 am - Staff Meeting

Wed, Nov. 19, **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

Next Sunday, November 23

Next Sunday we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday and Thanksgiving through Scriptures and Songs.

Trading Post begins in the Hospitality Hall.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations as they discern how to follow Jesus faithfully, practice healthy relationships, and act boldly for justice and peace in the world today.

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network is actively recruiting young people to participate in service programs beginning in August 2026. Pray that those whom God is calling to sign up for Mennonite Voluntary Service — with units in Arizona, California and Colorado — and Service Adventure — with units in Alaska and Colorado — will say yes.

Congregational Announcements

On the foyer table:

-Rejoice! The next issue of the *Rejoice!* devotional is available. The Commission on Education makes these available to anyone.

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.

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.**

WIDE MOUTH CANNING JARS (pint and quart) are needed for soup mixes and cookie mixes for the Tabor Trading Post. Jars can be placed in a box in the kitchen. Thanks for your help!

Community and Conference Announcements

Everence® November workshop: Make Medicare an Easy Step

Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on **Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

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!

Christmas Giving Tree: All applications need to be turned in by **Friday, Nov. 21** to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Citizens State Bank. The tags will be available on the tree at the Citizens State Bank on **Tuesday, Nov. 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.

Calling all bakers and craft makers! You are invited to make items for **5 Places of Christmas** happening on Saturday, December 6, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at Goerz House on the Bethel College campus. Bethel College Women's Association will again be selling baked goods, candy, craft items and poinsettias. Your homemade cookies, zweibach, cinnamon rolls, peppernuts and poppyseed rolls are always great sellers. This year we are especially asking for homemade candies such as fudge, peanut clusters, peanut butter balls and peanut brittle, as well as other non-chocolate candies. **We are also looking for Christmas craft items to sell. Please bring your items to Goerz House (2512 College Ave., North Newton, KS) on Friday, December 5, between 2:00 - 5:00 pm or on Saturday, December 6, from 9:30 - 10:00 am.** Thank you for your support of Bethel College.

Camp Mennoscah: Camp Mennoscah is thrilled to report that within the last three weeks, the insulation, drywall, mudding, and taping of the retreat center has been completed thanks to the generosity of many volunteers from a variety of area churches! While there remains much work to do on the building to get it on-line, the completion of these aspects of the work are a significant step in achieving our goal of having the retreat center available for public use by the end of March 2026, and we welcome your gifts of time, talent, and treasure toward that goal. To invest in the future of our children's faith journey's, please call or text Camp's Director

of Development - Eric Litwiller - to inquire about ways to give.

Bethel College: Tues., Nov. 18 – Guest recital: Seraph Brass, 7 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. This award-winning all-female brass quintet will also do an open rehearsal on campus Monday evening in Krehbiel Auditorium, starting between 6 and 7 p.m.

-Now in the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center: “Between Earth and Sky,” multimedia ceramic works by Merrill Krabill, through Nov. 21.

Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

-Dr. Russell Adrian, Professor Chris Miertschin and the Bethel College Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble will be doing a short fall tour in central Kansas, “The Heavens Are Telling,” with concerts at the following:

Fri., Nov. 21, 7 p.m., First Mennonite Church (52 Rambler Rd., Hutchinson); **Sat., Nov. 22, 1 p.m.,** informal destination concert, St. Fidelis Cathedral on the Plains (900 Cathedral Ave., Victoria); **Sat., Nov. 22, 7 p.m.,** Manhattan Mennonite Church (1000 Fremont St., Manhattan); **Sun., Nov. 23, 10:30 am,** morning worship at Southern Hills Mennonite Church (511 SE 37th St., Topeka). Friday evening’s concert, titled “Light,” is a collaboration with the Hutchinson Community College Choir and will feature an original composition by Judson Lee, director of choral activities at HCC.

Hesston College: 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 p.m. 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.

–“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. Normal exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free.

MCC: HURRICANE MELISSA RESPONSE - MCC is responding to the impact of Hurricane Melissa. Please pray for the people who have been affected by this disaster. MCC is working with local partners to provide food, hygiene items and other emergency supplies. We welcome your donations at mcc.org/hurricane-melissa.

-Give back on Giving Tuesday at MCC, Dec. 2 from 6:30-8PM! Make plans to join us on Giving Tuesday! Bring your family and friends to this casual,

come-and-go, all-ages event. Kick off your holiday shopping by picking gifts for your friends and family from the MCC Christmas Giving Guide! Pack hygiene kits, tie comforters, make a cardboard comforter block craft, and enjoy snacks. Find out more at mcc.org/giving-Tuesday.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is hiring a full-time Director of Project Operations to provide strategic leadership for the Field Operations teams and projects. Please submit resume and cover letter to North Group at (<https://northgroupconsultants.com/jobs/#jobs>).

Mennonite Mission Network: Support hope for migrating people Mennonite Mission Network invites **prayer and urgently needed financial support for Joseph and Rachel Givens**, who serve with the Maria Skobtsova Housing Association in Calais, France. Their ministry offers vital shelter and care to migrating people seeking refuge as they journey to England. Visit **MennoniteMission.net/Givens** and click "Give Now." For more information about their immigration ministry, contact Elizabeth Eby, ElizabethE@MMNWorld.net.

Menno Snapshot: Learn how rest strengthens our capacity to resist oppression, inequity and despair in this Menno Snapshots blog by Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA’s denominational minister for Peace & Justice, featuring reflections from attendees of the Women’s Summit in Greensboro, North Carolina. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/reflections-womens-summit/>

Mennonite Church USA: Big changes are coming to the health coverage market in 2026. Are you ready? Watch MC USA’s recorded webinar, "Navigating Change: Health Coverage in 2026," about what’s ahead and how it could affect your premiums. The first half is a broad overview of market shifts in 2026 and the second half focuses on The Corinthian Plan, MC USA’s healthcare plan for pastors and church workers. View it here: <http://bit.ly/4qv8jV5>

AMBS: Take a seminary course this spring! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s distance-friendly options include Biblical Foundations for Peace and Justice; Faith Formation and Spirituality: Adults and Seniors; Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations; Numbers: Encountering Wilderness; Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence; Spiritual Practices: Play and Rest; and more. In-person courses are also available. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first two courses for credit. Courses run Jan. 13 – May 1; sign up by Jan. 5. ambbs.edu/upcoming-courses

-AMBS Pastors & Leaders 2026: “Resistance, Resilience, Rest”: Feb. 23–26. How can we best prepare ourselves to accompany our communities through challenging times with courage and conviction? We need rested, resilient pastors and leaders who can lead resistance against the many forms of oppression and violence that exist around us. At this conference, we’ll gain resources to care for ourselves and each other, looking to Scripture for wisdom, strength and inspiration. Speakers: Drew G.I. Hart, PhD; Dan White, Jr., MA; and Tonya White. Join the event in person or watch via livestream. Register by Jan. 26 to save \$50!

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
Nov. 9, 2025			
Offering =	\$ 5,547.00	Attendance =	136
Adult FF =	\$ 30.00	Attendance =	46
Jr. FF =	\$ 4.00	Attendance =	44
Worship Link Views = 36			

Upcoming Dates

Nov 23, 30, Dec 7, 14, 21: Tabor Trading Post
 November 30: First Sunday in Advent
 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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