

Tabor Mennonite Church

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JESUS CALLING: THE RICH YOUNG RULER

Today we continue our "Jesus Calling" series with the story of the rich man coming to Jesus asking what must be done to attain eternal life. Jesus' response ultimately calls us to offer all of who we are to our God who makes even the impossible, possible. May we be challenged and encouraged to receive Jesus' call for us this day and everyday.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Susan Merrifield
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Venita Schroeder
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *Matthew 16:24-27*
- *GATHERING HYMN *"Who Now Would Follow Christ"* No. 576
accompanied by Russell Adrian
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF COMMITMENT *"I Bind My Heart This Tide"* No. 556
- *PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- WORSHIP MUSIC
- CHILDREN'S STORY Kara Swartzendruber
- SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 18:18-30* Eunice Nickel
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE *"I Will Follow"* No. 775
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *SENDING HYMN *"Somlandela"* No. 566
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, November 9

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/NKPorVBw-j4?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation

11:45 am: TMYF Fundraising Meal

12:30: Annual Congregational Meeting

Please come & stay for the 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.

This Week

Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Thursday.

- Mon, Nov 10,** **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Comforter Tying & Quilting
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
- Tues, Nov 11,** **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting
- Wed, Nov. 12,** **5:45 pm:** Fellowship Meal - Bierrocks
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. 13,** **9:30 am:** Coffee with the Pastors at Rhubarb Market, Hillsboro
- Sat, Nov. 15,** **1:00 pm:** TMW Comforter Tying - please bring a snack to share

Next Sunday, November 16

Next Sunday we will continue our "Jesus Calling" series with the focus Walking on Water. Scriptures for reflection are Matthew 14:22-33 and Mark 6:45-52. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for all who gather this Saturday, November 15, at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita, KS, for *Preparing the Way for Children*, a special event sponsored by WDC's Kids Meet Christ program to learn about the scriptural foundation for including children in worship, practical steps to become more intergenerational, and the process of congregational change. (For more information, see <https://mennowdc.org/kids-meet-christ-kmc/>)
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Christian Hospital (MCH), in Hualien, Taiwan, was among the first to respond when Typhoon Ragasa devastated villages and caused flooding in their region in September. Pray that MCH personnel will be able to share Jesus' love, as they continue to care for those who were injured, those who lost loved ones and all who were traumatized by the storm's destruction.

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.

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.

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!

Bethel College: Sun., Nov. 9 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum with author Daniel Markovitz, reading from his novel *The Spoils of Victory*, 3

pm, *Kauffman Museum auditorium at Bethel College*. 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, as well as a pop-up exhibit of WWII artifacts from the museum collection.

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

-Tues., Nov. 18 – Guest recital: Seraph Brass, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

-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.

-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.

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. Sing with the choir! Contact Greg Bontrager at greg.bontrager@hesston.edu for details.

--“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.

Camp Mennoscah: 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.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is hiring a full-time Director of Project Operations to provide strategic leadership for the Field Operations teams and projects. The Director will ensure operational excellence through overseeing the planning, coordination, and evaluation of disaster response and rebuilding initiatives. As a key member of the MDS Leadership Team, the Director of Project Operations will also contribute to organizational strategy, growth initiatives, and long-term planning. The ideal candidate will demonstrate a deep passion for the mission and vision of Mennonite Disaster Service, along with genuine enthusiasm for strengthening partnerships and building relationships both externally and within the MDS community. Please submit resume and cover letter to North Group at <https://northgroupconsultants.com/jobs/#jobs>.

Mennonite Mission Network: Ready for a life-changing gap year? Dive into **Service Adventure, a 10-month volunteer journey ages 17-20, now accepting applications for the term starting August 2026**. Live in community with peers and unit leaders, serve with local nonprofits and deepen in your faith alongside a supportive church congregation. Embrace adventure, grow in purpose and make a difference. Apply at MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

Menno Snapshot: Executive Director Glen Guyton urges MC USA to face challenges with faith, reimagine its structure, and engage congregations in shaping a hopeful, Christ-centered future together. Read his Menno Snapshots here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/the-future-of-mennonite-church/>

Mennonite Church USA: The MC USA Archives is seeking a volunteer to manage and update MennoObits, the online searchable public database of Anabaptist/Mennonite related obituaries. The primary task is entering information into the database. The volunteer would also review newspapers and funeral home websites in regions of concentrated Anabaptist/Mennonite populations to find related obituaries to enter. Managing MennoObits requires your own computer and about 12 to 16 hours of time per month working from your own home. An Archives staff person will provide training

and orientation. If interested, please contact Devon Miller at DevonM@MennoniteUSA.org.

AMBS: Webinar series: Find your way at AMBS! How can faith speak to issues that matter? Gain inspiration and insight from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary faculty in these webinars geared toward young adults. The webinars will be held from **8 to 8:30 p.m. ET** on the following Tuesdays: **Nov. 18: Find Purpose in the Mission of God**, with Joe Sawatzky, PhD; **Jan. 20: Find Hope in the Midst of Despair**, with Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD; and **Feb. 17: Find Meaning in Life**, with Sunghyun Lee, PhD. Attend any or all of the webinars! Register to receive the link: ambs.edu/find-your-way

-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

Nov. 2, 2025

Offering =	\$ 9,090.56	Attendance =	113
Adult FF =	\$ 24.00	Attendance =	30
Jr. FF =	\$ 236.25	Attendance =	46

Worship Link Views = 45

Upcoming Dates

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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