

Tabor Mennonite Church

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PEACE SUNDAY

This year's theme for Peace Sunday (celebrated around September 21 each year) is Invest in peace: for everyone, everywhere, every day. As a congregation who strives to both pray for peace and act for peace, may everything that we do – whether in word or deed – seek to reflect and embody God's way of healing, compassion, and peace every day of our lives. ¹

WORSHIP

Prelude

Marcene Entz

Welcome and Announcements

Nathan Ashley

Musical Call to Worship

"Be a Sower" - No. 789

Everyone is encouraged to read and ponder the lyrics of this hymn as Marcene plays.

Ring the Prayer Bowl and Lighting the Peace Lamp

***Spoken Call to Worship**

from *Philippians 2:5-11*

***Gathering Prayer**

***Gathering Hymns**

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

No. 581

"O Day of Peace"

No. 787

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.

Children's Story

Sheri Schmidt

Worship Music

"Let there be Peace on Earth"

Kathleen Rich (piano), Carolyn Voth (cello), and Valerie Klaassen (clarinet)

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-17, John 16:33

Venita Schroeder

The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pastor Katherine Goerzen

Worship Music

"Dona nobis pacem"

Trio

Congregational Sharing

Pastor Katherine Goerzen

Congregational Prayer

"O Healing River"

No. 706

Offering Our Gifts

***Sending Hymn**

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

No. 205

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand if you are able*

¹ Elements from this worship service are taken from both Mennonite Central Committee as well as Mennonite World Conference's Peace Sunday 2026 worship resources.

Sunday, September 13

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/rHD4U9LVwXA?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation

This Week

Mon, Sept 14, 8:30 am - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - Comforter Tying/Quilting

6:30 pm – Safe Church Meeting

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, Sept. 15, 9:00 am - Staff Meeting

Wed, Sept. 16, 7:00 pm - TMYF

Next Sunday, September 20

Next Sunday is Service Sunday. We will begin at 8:30 am. More details to follow. No regular worship service or faith formation.

Congregational Announcements

URGENT NEED: We still need 1 teacher & 1 helper for the Kdg-2nd grade class and 1 more teacher for the 3rd-5th grade class.

Maybe you haven't been a teacher YET – Now is the time to try it!

Is God's spirit nudging you to help nurture the faith of Tabor's children?

Thank you for prayerfully considering this wonderful ministry!

Thank you very much to those who have already volunteered!

WOW (Women of Worth) Faith Formation class - As the new Faith Formation year is beginning, there is interest in re-starting the WOW class. Former and new members are welcome! The focus of the class will be determined by the group. If interested, meet in the library on September 13 during FF hour or contact Nancy Funk.

Tabor Mennonite Women are invited to a Mystery Evening on Sept 23.

Please sign up on the bulletin board by September 13 if you are attending and if you can drive. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. and bring \$20 for the cost of the evening.

It's Tabor's turn to serve at New Hope Shelter and volunteers are needed to prepare and serve food on September 25 and 26. Contact Shelley Buller. No training necessary; all that's needed is a desire to participate in one of Tabor's service opportunities to help those in need.

Caring Groups: Fall is a good time to start a new Caring Group or two! We have some who are interested but we need more. If you are interested, please contact one of the deacons. If you are in a Caring Group and could add others to your group, please let us know.

Wednesday Evening Kick Off: Wednesday, September 30 – 5:45 pm

Supper, games, and visitation for ALL! Please bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on and roasting sticks if you have some.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Church Choir will begin on September 30 at 7:15 pm. All are welcome to join!

Wednesday evening meals are around the corner. If you or a small group would like to **provide a meal**, that would be awesome. Last year we did not have to raise prices of the meal because we had generous donations of beef and eggs. **If you have anything you would like to donate**, let Denise know.

Wednesday Evening Activities at Tabor! We are excited about a few changes we are making for Wednesday evenings this year and invite people of all ages to come for an evening of fellowship and learning together! Join us at 6:15 in the Hospitality Hall following supper for a Bible lesson about different occupations from the Bible. We are asking modern day fishermen, weavers, cooks and more to bring these occupations to life! Activities for children, youth and adults will follow at 6:40. A kickoff event (for everyone) is set for September 30 at 5:45 in the church park. Regular programming for all ages starts on October 7. We hope you come join us!

Schedule for Wednesday Evening

5:45-6:15 Supper meal served

6:15-6:20 Prayer & Announcements

6:20-6:35 Opening Bible Story Session for all ages with Guest Presenter (we invite everyone to join us in the HH and while people may continue to eat, we ask that they do so quietly)

6:40-7:15 Preschool Activities (Class time & Music)

6:40-7:40 Kdg-8th Activities (incl music), TMYF, Adult Bible Study

7:45-8:45 Church Choir



OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

September 6, 2026

Offering = \$	5,490.93	Attendance =	99
Adult FF = \$	10.00	Attendance =	12
Jr. FF = \$	8.66	Attendance =	34
Worship Link Views =		35	

Upcoming Dates

September 20: Service Sunday at Tabor
September 22: New Hope Shelter *Blueprint for the Future* event
September 23: TMW Mystery Evening
September 25-27: Hesston College Homecoming
September 27: Susan Hart will share during worship and
Faith Formation
September 30: Wednesday Evening Kickoff
Church Choir begins – 7:15 pm
October 3: Goessel Harvest Festival Quilt Show
October 4: Harvest Giving Walk - 1:30 pm
– beginning at Alexanderwohl
October 15-17: Bethel College Fall Fest
November 5: Chicken BBQ

See announcement sheet for details of these and other events.



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As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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The church office is normally open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday a.m. with pastors' days off on Friday. These times are flexible. To visit with church staff, it is recommended to call ahead to ensure the person you wish to speak to is available.

Deacons:

Nancy Funk Larry Goerzen Nathan Graber Denise Nickel Kristi Unruh