



CANDIDATING SUNDAY

This Sunday we are excited to have Co-Pastor Candidate Todd Schlosser join us in worship and bring the morning message! We are grateful for this opportunity to meet Todd and his family, and we pray for the continued leading of the Holy Spirit as we joyfully anticipate a new chapter in the life of Tabor Mennonite Church! Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Diane Unruh and Michelle Unruh
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reece Hiebert
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 100* No. 20
- *GATHERING HYMN *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"* No. 759
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAISE *"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"* No. 131
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Todd Schlosser and Sheri Schmidt
- SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 12:28-34* Lewis Unruh
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Pastoral Candidate Todd Schlosser
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"* No. 485
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *SENDING HYMN *"The Lord Lift You Up"* No. 832
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, August 21

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

9:30 am: Worship
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
<https://youtu.be/v3FOtlwQs5A>

10:45 am: Jr High - Adults will meet in the sanctuary for a Q&A hour. Children will meet in the basement for Faith Formation.

11:45: Potluck meal. Everyone is welcome!

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due Thursday mornings.

Mon, Aug. 22 - 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.
7:00 pm- Christian Ed meeting.

Tues, Aug. 23 - 9:00 am - Staff meeting.

Wed, Aug. 24, 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study.
7:15 pm - Women's Ensemble.

Thurs, Aug 25 - Newsletter items are due.

Next Sunday, August 28

9:30 am: Next Sunday we continue our worship series, "Seeking God Together." The theme will be *Praying*. Scripture for reflection is Luke 11:1-13. There will be sharing from members of the congregation, including sharing from the MC USA Special Delegate Session and WDC Annual Assembly.

Congregational Meeting: Following the worship service there will be a brief meeting for a congregational vote to call Todd Schlosser as Co-Pastor of Tabor Mennonite Church. See announcements for more details.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

5:30 pm: Mennograss! Plan to join us in the Tabor Church Park. Supper will be served beginning at 5:30 pm and music will be from 6-8 pm. Michelle Unruh and friends, Eric Schrag and friends, and The Flannelbacks will be performing. Please bring your lawn chairs. We look forward to seeing you there.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, August 14.

- ★ Bruce Funk thanked everyone who helped with and participated in Threshing Days this year. He also encouraged people to consider volunteering next year, when it will be the 50th anniversary of the Goessel Engine Club and the 100th anniversary of the Gleaner combine. Thanks be to God for all who give their time and gifts on behalf of Threshing Days!
- ★ Keith Banman shared that the MDS Cabinet Shop had made the first shipment of cabinets (16 pallets) to Maryland to aid in the work of MDS. As of the end of July over 1,000 hours of volunteer work had been logged, with 20-30 people volunteering. Thanks be to God for this important ministry and for all who give of their time and gifts to join in MDS's work of repairing and rebuilding homes!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for God's strength and joy to be with all those who are serving in WDC leadership roles, as they begin a new year of service following the recent WDC Annual Assembly.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN began a new *Enviados* (Sent) cohort on Friday. Pray for participants in this Spanish-language, 12-module course for church planters. Pray, also, for the facilitator, Mauricio Chenlo, Mission Network's training and resourcing specialist for church planting.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ this weekend of meeting and learning to know Todd Schlosser and his family. We praise God, as together we discern God's call and leading for our congregation.

Thanks

Last Sunday, as is Tabor's tradition, second graders received Bibles from Tabor Church. Thank you to everyone who brought their first Bibles for display. This collection served as a visual reminder that the Bible is a book that never grows old. There were at least twenty Bibles on display!

Congregational Announcements

A Congregational Vote to call Todd Schlosser as Co-Pastor of Tabor Mennonite Church will be conducted after the worship service on Aug. 28, with a 75% vote of affirmation needed to approve the call. The Church Council strongly encourages in-person voting but is allowing for absentee ballots. Absentee ballots must be requested from the church office by Aug. 26 at 3 pm and your vote must be submitted by Aug 28 at 10 am, either by phone to the church office (620-367-2318) or by email to kfunk@tabormennonite.org.

The women's ensemble will have another rehearsal on August 24 at 7:15 p.m. Any additional women who couldn't come to last week's practice are still welcome to join us. We will sing on August 28.

Opportunity to Help: Ron and Nancy Schroeder would like some help with their move to a Schowalter duplex on September 3. Meet at their home, 225 Edwards, in Moundridge. The time to meet has not yet been determined. Contact Elton Nickel if you have a pickup and/or trailer to help with the move.

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

Do you appreciate opportunities to connect with Junior High or Senior High Youth? Do children bring you joy? Do you appreciate their curiosity, their thoughtful questions, and their insights about God? The Christian Education Team is looking for people to help nurture the faith of our children and youth! Our Fall Sunday Morning Faith Formation for Children and Youth will begin on September 11 and we invite you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to participate in one of these ways this year:

- Nurturing the faith and playing with our Wee Wonders
- Sharing God's Good News and/or leading Crafts & Games with our Grade School Age Children -- For each Sunday we would like both a Storyteller and a Creative Response leader, one pair with our K-3rd graders and the other pair with our 4th-5th graders
- Encouraging and nurturing the faith of our Junior Highers
- Supporting and nurturing the faith of our High Schoolers
- Praying for children, youth, and teachers

As we've done in previous years, *the hope is to have enough people join in this important ministry so that everyone involved can lead these faith formation classes every other month* rather than every month so that they can still connect with adult faith formation opportunities as well.

If God is nudging you to participate in this important and valued ministry of our congregation -- whether you've done this before or this is your first time -- please be in touch with a member of our Christian Education Team as soon as possible. Thank you for prayerfully considering this!

Mentor program: We will be needing several adults who are interested in being part of the mentoring program here at Tabor. Please pray about this opportunity to share your life experiences with a youth as they go through high school and into life after that. Having an adult mentor can be life changing for a young person, hopefully it will be the start of a friendship that will last a life time. For more info, please contact Dale Alderfer or Sarahanne Unruh.

Tabor Service Sunday: Tabor Church is sponsoring a Community Service Sunday the morning of September 18. Information and sign up sheets for various projects will be posted in the coming weeks. Here are a couple of projects to get us started!

--Helping others: If you or someone you know needs help with a certain project, forms for requests and suggestions are on the bulletin board. Fill out and place the form or a note in the secretary mailbox, or send your request by email to tabor@tabormennonite.org, or phone 620-367-2318 no later than September 4. The time allotment for any project will be 2-3 hours (9:00-noon). Final decisions on all requests will be made on Sept. 7.

--MCC School Kits: School kits are one of MCC's projects in high demand. We will continue to collect supplies for these kits and children will have the opportunity to assemble the kits on our Service Sunday. *You may place your donations for school kits in the basket next to the church office. Shopping lists are available on the shelf beneath the mailboxes.*

The annual Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk is less than a month away. This year's route (between 1 and 6 miles) will begin at Tabor Mennonite Church on Sunday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m. Pick up a donation envelope from Kevin Nickel and start your fundraising today! Donations this year will go towards MCC's response to the crisis in Ukraine and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry.

Rejoice! The fall issue of the *Rejoice!* devotional is available. Pick up your copy from the table in the foyer or the shelf below the mailboxes.

Upcoming:

August 28 - Mennoglass.

September 10-11 - Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

September 11 - New Faith Formation year begins.

September 17 - Flatlander Bicycle Ride for MCC water project.

September 18 - Service Sunday at Tabor.

Harvest Giving Walk.

Sept. 21 - 27 - Serve at New Hope Shelter.

September 28 - Wednesday Evening Kick Off.

Conference Announcements

Women and Girls Retreat is coming! Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) Retreat Committee has been busy planning the annual Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 10 & 11, and ALL women are invited to attend! The theme is: Women's Voices. Girls in Grade 5 and up are also invited to come, although there will not be separate programming for them. Deadline for registration is August 31. Contact Darlene Powers, dpowers11@cox.net for questions or more information. Come have a fun and relaxing weekend! *Retreat Brochure and Registration Form are attached to Tabor's weekly email or can be found on the shelf below the mailboxes in the church foyer.*

Camp Mennoscah

--Annual Meeting and Dedication of the Renovated Campfire Amphitheater on September 18! Join us for an evening of song, popcorn, and generic pop, as well as updates and information on the year at Camp Mennoscah. Time is yet to be determined. (It's like a mini-Camp Sing!)

--Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat on Oct. 28-30! Scrapbookers and Crafters are all invited to come for a weekend of creativity and friends. Lodging will be in the Retreat Center and cropping/crafting will be in the Main Camp dining hall. Space heaters will be available for both areas since the repairs for the furnaces will not be completed. Register here!

Mennonite Church USA

--MC USA is now offering a wide variety of **MennoCon21 resources**, including the evening sermons, seminars and Bible studies, for free on the MC USA website and YouTube channel. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/resources-menncon21

--Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Glen Guyton was one of many faith leaders to sign a statement calling for President Biden to re-enter the Iran nuclear deal. Read the statement here: mennoniteusa.org/faith-leaders-iran

On the Level: The August edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: learn about the urgent need for volunteers to clean up after the Kentucky flooding, see a tasty display of gratitude in Princeton, B.C., and enjoy the smiles of volunteers in the Family Program at Camp Amigo. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3CekCOO>

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites you to become a volunteer! Help us to share God's love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you'd like to join us, please stop by, call us at 316.283.9461, or attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: Thursday 9/15/22, 5-6 pm or Thursday 10/20/22, 6-7 pm. We hope to hear from you soon!

Offender Victim Ministries (OVM) invites all who are supportive of Restorative Justice in our communities to join us for a celebration of these efforts at Just Desserts 2022! Block off your calendar on August 21, 6-8 pm and come on out to Prairy Mezzanine in Newton for an evening of sweets, treats, and entertainment. New this year - a little wine to go with your dessert! Find out more and use the secure registration form at <https://www.offendervictimministries.org/just-desserts>

Do Justice. Love Mercy. What's Required to Abolish the Death Penalty: You are invited to a Special Event September 10, 10 am to 12 pm. Panelists: Peter Goerzen, Professor of Bible and Religion, Bethel College; Donna Schneweis, Board Chair, KCADP; Ron Wurtz, Retired Federal Public Defender, First Director of the Kansas Death Penalty Defense Unit; Katie Rose Friesen Birkey, Bethel College Student; Steven Becker, Former District Court Judge 27th District/Kansas State Rep. District 104; Wilma Loganbill, Murder Victim Family Member. Attendance Options: In person at Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College; Virtual via Zoom. To register: Email info@ksabolition.org and specify your attendance preference. No admission charge. Sponsored by: Bethel College Bible & Religion Dept; Kansas Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution; Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty

Life Enrichment returns to Bethel College with the start of the fall semester – but it will be *on a different day*. Life Enrichment resumes *Thursday*, Aug. 25, and will be on Thursdays thereafter. Place and time remain the same: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 a.m. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/life-enrichment> for more information.

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
August 14, 2022**

Offering	= \$ 4,161.41	Attendance	= 128
Adult FF	= \$ 33.00	Attendance	= 29
Jr. FF	= \$ 8.85	Attendance	= 27
Worship Link Views		=	37

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

we are able to support students from Tabor Church who are attending Mennonite Colleges. Each semester, Tabor provides \$1,000 scholarships to these students. The scholarships double when these colleges match the grant! This year those receiving scholarships are Dawson Duerksen and Porcelain Unruh attending Hesston College and Elizabeth Alderfer, who is attending Bethel College.



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