



*SERVING*

Today's worship focuses on serving one another, in anticipation of our Service Sunday next week. We are excited to welcome Peter Wintermote, Social Services Admission Coordinator at Bethesda Home, who is sharing this morning's message.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Mark Schmidt
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Nathan Ashley
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP *John 15:9, 12-17*
- \*GATHERING HYMN No. 722  
*"Help Us to Help Each Other"*  
accompanied by Michelle Unruh
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN No. 283  
*"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"*
- \*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Keri Unruh
- SCRIPTURE READING Lindsey Buller  
*Acts 9:36-43*  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON Peter Wintermote
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 778  
*"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"*
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- FAITH FORMATION DEDICATION
- \*SENDING HYMN No. 811  
*"Use Us, God"*
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**Sunday, September 11**

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

*Spiritual Practice:*

*All are invited to come join in the Service Sunday next week!*

The flowers this morning are being shared by the family of Phyllis and Lee Goertzen with thanksgiving to God for 67 years of marriage.



**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

[https://youtu.be/VWM\\_l8BBXE](https://youtu.be/VWM_l8BBXE)

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation for everyone. This is the first Sunday of the new Faith Formation year. There are classes available for everyone!

- Wee Wonders (ages 2-4): Room 10
- Kindergarten - 3rd Grade: Room 11
- 4th & 5th Grade: Room 18 Sept. / Room 13-14 Oct - May
- Jr High (6th - 8th Grade): Room 16
- High School: Room 15
- Adult Quarterly: Conference Room
- Sermon Response: Library
- Café: Hospitality Hall  
*(Conversation And Fellowship for Everyone)*
- WOW *(Women of Worth)*: Room 17

**4:00 pm:** Tabor leads Chapel at Bethesda.

**5:30 - 7pm:** Event at Alexanderwohl Mennonite to benefit the MDS cabinet shop. Please see announcements for details.

**This Week**

*Bulletin announcements are due Thursday mornings.*

**Mon, Sept. 12, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness.

**Tues, Sept. 13 - 9:00 am** - Staff meeting.

**Wed, Sept. 14, 9:00 am** - Tabor Mennonite Women quilting day.  
**7:00 pm** - Men's Bible Study.

**Next Sunday, September 18**

**8:30 am:** Next Sunday is Service Sunday. Meet in the Tabor Church Park for a brief opening service and to receive instruction and assignments. There will be projects for everyone of every age!

A noon meal will be served in the park following the morning of service. Please see full details on the back page of the bulletin.

**1:30 pm:** Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk. See announcements.

## Prayer Requests

*The following requests were shared on Sunday September 4.*

- ★ Sheri Schmidt expressed appreciation for the prayers and support that the congregation has given throughout the pastoral search process (see *Thank You below from the Search Committee*). Thanks be to God!
- ★ Pastor Katherine shared that Jose Suastegui celebrated his graduation from the Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA - Anabaptist Biblical Institute). IBA and SeBAH (Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano/Hispanic Anabaptist Bible Seminary) held a joint graduation ceremony this past weekend. Thanks be to God and Lord, hear our prayers for the graduates as they continue to follow God's leading in their lives.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ the family of Dave Stevens and Hope Mennonite Church. Dave Stevens (Pastor of Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita) passed away early Sunday morning, September 4, following injuries from an accident on Saturday morning. Lord, hear our prayers for all who are grieving his death.
- ★ much needed rain in our area. At the same time remember to pray for all who are experiencing extreme weather conditions throughout the world. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for interim and transitional pastors, as they give leadership to congregations in times of change and new vision for the future.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for La Casa Grande (The Large House), a Christian community for children in Benin who have nowhere else to go. Pray for the children and teachers as they return to classes at Les Leaders (The Leaders), a school on La Casa Grande's campus that also welcomes children from the neighboring communities.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Bethesda Home, the care which is given to residents, and the many services it provides in our community!

## Thanks

We want to let everyone know how much we appreciated all the help we received with our recent move to Schowalter Villa! We were truly humbled by the number of people that showed up to help us! It made our move so much easier. Thank you again!

~Ron and Nancy Schroeder

The Pastoral Search Committee would like to say a huge thank you for your prayers and support throughout the process of discerning and calling Todd Schlosser as our new Co-pastor here at Tabor. Thank you to everyone who came out over the candidating weekend and gave Todd such a warm Tabor welcome - for asking good questions, engaging in meaningful conversations, and just spending time getting to know each other. Thank you to everyone who participated in the vote, allowing us to officially call Todd to serve as Co-pastor alongside Pastor Katherine. Thank you to everyone who voted "yes" - for providing affirmation of the discernment of both the committee and Todd as God brought our separate journeys together. And thank you to everyone who voted "no" - for reminding us that we are a community of diverse and wide-ranging perspectives that can come together in unity and love to do the work Jesus calls us to. As we worked and prayed together throughout the process, one thing was clear: Tabor has a strong foundation, and that is our commitment to follow Jesus together. We may have to do a little remodeling and fixing up now and then - we are a work in progress - but our foundation is firm. And as we begin this new, exciting building phase and welcome Todd to Tabor, we have hope and much to celebrate. Thanks be to God!

~The Search Committee

## Congregational Announcements

**Thank you** to everyone that signed up to help with Faith Formation at Tabor, for both Sunday mornings and Wednesday Evenings! There are a few positions that remain open. Please see the sign up sheets on the table in the foyer and join in helping to nurture the faith of our children at Tabor.

**You're invited!** Come-and-go September 11, from 5:30-7:00 pm on the Alexanderwohl Church yard to an evening of lively music, great fellowship and home-made ice cream! Bring a lawn chair and/or a blanket, and your checkbook! Along with all the fun, this is a fund-raiser for the new MDS cabinet-making shop. Hope to see you there!

**Tabor Mennonite Women:** Anyone interested in working on a quilt for the MCC Sale is invited to come to the Hospitality Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 9 am. Quilters with any level of experience are welcome. Learn how to quilt or help those who are learning. Join in the fun!

**The 2022 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk** will take place at Tabor Mennonite Church on **Sunday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m.** It is not too late to pick up a donation envelope on the table in the foyer or find someone who is participating and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry and MCC's Ukraine crisis response efforts. Tabor's current participants are Brent & Pam Abrahams, Russell & Camille Adrian & family, Duane & Janna Duerksen, Sharleen Francis, Lee & Phyllis Goertzen, Peter & Katherine Goerzen & family, Hoxie Hiebert, Reece & Cayla Hiebert, Elton & Denise Nickel, Kevin & Stephan Nickel, Mark & Carrie Smith and Cory & Keri Unruh and family. Walkers are also invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry on the day of the event.

**Tabor's week to volunteer at New Hope Shelter** is September 21 through September 27. This is for the evening shifts each day from 5 pm to 11 pm. If you are able to take a shift, please let Barb Abrahams know.

**All children ages 2-5th grade** are invited to sing together during the service on September 25. Practice is taking place during the Sunday School opening each week. If you have any questions, please talk to Pam Abrahams.

**Get ready for Christmas early!** Tabor Trading Post will be open December 4 and 11. Funds will be used to help with the support of our Mission Partners, the Hospitality Hall Sound & Video equipment fund, and also MCC projects. Start early and let's see if we can fulfill many Christmas wish lists! For more information contact Ruby Graber or Kristi Unruh.

**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:**

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.

October 5 - Wednesday Evening Activities begin.

October 26 - Adult Choir practice begins.

## **Conference Announcements**

### **Camp Mennoscah**

**--Women's Retreat** has been Cancelled - Please take note that the Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) Women's Retreat planned for Sep 10 & 11 at Camp Mennoscah has been cancelled due to not enough registrations to make it feasible. Contact WDWM executive Committee, westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com with feedback and ideas for the future. Offering for the weekend was to go to support the mission of Camp Mennoscah. If you would still like to make a contribution, please send your check to: Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111

**--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!)

**--Camp Mennoscah is considering moving camps** to a Sunday to Friday schedule. We'd be interested in hearing your thoughts--parents, campers, weekend groups, everyone! Please call 620-297-3290 or reply to [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org)

**Mennonite Church USA (MC USA):** MennoCon23 is less than a year away! But what is MennoCon23? Watch the newest video in the Mennonite Church USA Q&As series, "What is #MennoCon23?" to find out! [mennoniteusa.org/qa-mennocon21](http://mennoniteusa.org/qa-mennocon21)

**Mennonite World Conference (MWC)** affirmed the appointment of Linda Dibble, the Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) moderator, as one of the two North American representatives on the MWC Executive Committee and Sue Park-Hur, MC USA director of racial/ethnic engagement, to the MWC Deacon Commission. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/mwc-meets](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mwc-meets)

**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 5-6 pm. We hope to hear from you soon!

**First Mennonite Church of McPherson, KS** is celebrating 75 years of church life on Sunday morning, September 25, at 9:30 at the church. From building a church by 38 charter members in 1945 and after a fire building another in 1963, God has been leading these people. These Mennonites are known for helping others through mission projects like school kits, building an Oak Harbor Cottage for homeless, establishing the ReUse It Center, working at the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale in Hutchinson each year to provide funding for overseas needs, meat canning to alleviate food crises, and providing a blessing box of food at the church for whoever needs it. God has blessed. The church address and contact info is as follows: 1161 E. Avenue A, McPherson, KS 67460 620-241-4040 [firstmennonitemac@gmail.com](mailto:firstmennonitemac@gmail.com)

**Sunflower Performing Arts presents [Sunflower Soirée](#)** - Sept. 11, 3 pm, Hesston Mennonite Church. You are invited to our season opening event that is free of charge and will present local/regional artists: Carren Moham, soprano; Mei Li, piano; The Salina Symphony Brass Quintet, Brain Flowers and Outside the Bach(s). Light refreshments to follow. More info at [sunflowerarts.org](http://sunflowerarts.org) or view at [hesston.edu/livestream](http://hesston.edu/livestream)

### **Bethel College:**

**--KIPCOR Film Series begins**, Sun., Sept. 11, 2 p.m. with *Generation 9/11*, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Filmmaker Katherin Hervey tells the stories of an entire generation shaped by the events of 9/11 and the aftermath. Audience discussion follows the film screening.

**--Bethel College's Fall Festival** is Oct. 6-9, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 8, on campus. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.

## Service Sunday!!

Next Sunday, September 18, we will participate in Worshipful Work by serving our community in many different ways!! Listed below are the various ways in which you can help.

- Plan worship/participate in leading worship at Bethesda.
- Attend worship and visit with residents following the service.
- Community work projects: yard work, tree trimming, painting, etc.
- Plan and make frozen meals for food pantry clients.
- Tag Christmas Merchandise for the Et Cetera Shop.
- Shop for items for Food Pantry and New Hope Shelter.
- Plan and prepare noon meal for congregation following projects.
- Tie Comforts and Embroider tea towels for MCC.
- For children, with adult volunteers to coordinate and help:
  - Make cards for residents at nursing home residents and food pantry clients.
  - Assemble school kits and other projects for MCC.
  - Childcare and other activities.

There are opportunities for everyone to serve. You may sign up on the sheets posted in the foyer, call the church at 367-2318, email [tabor@tabormennonite.org](mailto:tabor@tabormennonite.org), or respond by signing up at this link <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=O2Nh1PoID0-JbrneMIkcC9N8IMLFf4dOkKUi-bzUiCHVUOFBRWk9NREc0TzqxU0M0OEIWUII1UE0xVC4u>

Items for everyone to bring:

- lawn chairs for opening service and noon meal.
- water bottle and snack to take with you on your service assignment.

Sunday Lunch: We are planning that all those participating in a service opportunity will attend lunch. Tabor members/attenders who do not participate in a service project are welcome to join us for the "send off" service at 8:30 am and then again for lunch and sharing about the morning. We will eat Sunday lunch in the church park (weather permitting) at 12:30 pm. A suggested donation of \$3/person will be appreciated.



### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE September 4, 2022

Offering	= \$13,838.93	Attendance	= N/A
Worship Link Views	=	30	

#### BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

we are able to support Bethesda Home through our unified budget giving. \$4,000 of this year's budget is designated for Bethesda. Visiting residents, helping with chapel services, and volunteering in other capacities, are all ways that generosity can be extended to this vital ministry in our community.



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