

Tabor Mennonite Church

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SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

On this Sunday, we are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate Children and Family Dedication! We remember and reaffirm that we are called to support and care for one another within the church, just as we offer our support and encouragement for these children and their families. May we seek to live by Jesus' commandment to his disciples: "love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Worship Team
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rosie Jantz
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Colossians 3:12-17</i>	
*GATHERING SONG	<i>"Come, Receive His Joy"</i>	No. 124 CS
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*HYMN	<i>"Let the Children Come To Me"</i>	No. 47 STS
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	<i>"Beautiful Things"</i>	
CHILDREN'S STORY		Pamela Abrahams
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"I Believe God"</i> <i>"All God's Creatures"</i>	Tabor Children's Choir
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>John 15:12-17</i> <i>The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	Brandy Ashley
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"We Are One in the Spirit"</i>	No. 387
CHILD AND FAMILY DEDICATION		
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*SENDING HYMN	<i>"Here I Am, Lord"</i>	No. 545
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>

Sunday, September 25

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtu.be/RaZNXuaBt5Q>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due Thursday mornings.

Sun, Sept. 25 - Tues, Sept. 27 - Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter.

Mon, Sept. 26, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study.

Tues, Sept. 27 - 9:00 am - Staff meeting.

Wed, Sept. 28, 9:00 am - Tabor Mennonite Women quilting day.

6:00 pm - Wednesday Evening Kickoff in the church park!

Picnic provided. Please bring lawn games. Everyone is invited.

Next Sunday, October 2

8:30 am: Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. Sara Dick, General Manager of the Newton Et Cetera Shop will bring the morning message. Scripture for reflection will be Genesis 12:10-20 and Mathew 2:13-23. We will join in celebrating Communion with our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Those in our congregation who are recovering from illness, recovering from or facing surgeries, grieving or facing difficulties. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ the people of Puerto Rico and the destruction they have experienced following Hurricane Fiona.
- ★ Western District Conference: Please pray for Summit Street Church, our church replant in Beatrice, NE, as we come up to our 1-year anniversary of replanting. May we continue to prayerfully re-imagine what it means for us to follow Jesus' call to become something new. We are especially thankful for the 10 people who participated in our new members class this summer. -Pastor Tim Amor
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the new partnership program created by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), Meserete Kristos Seminary and MMN, which offers a master's level curriculum in theology to Ethiopian students. Pray for the students, as well as for Henok Mekonin and Joe Sawatzky, who are jointly supported by AMBS and Mission Network, as they provide leadership.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: The MC USA Executive Board will be meeting Sept. 29-Oct. 1 in San Antonio, Texas. Pray for God's guidance, wisdom and support in their discussions and decision making.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the much needed rain and the cooler fall temperatures we are experiencing!
- ★ the gift of families and children and extended church families who share in guiding and loving one another.

Thanks

We wish to offer a warm thank you for your cards, thoughts and prayers since the death of my (Ruby's) sister, Mary Yoder. It was so meaningful and healing to be able to participate in the service and spend time with extended family.
~Ruby and Jim

The 2022 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk took place on Sunday, September 18 beginning and ending at Tabor Mennonite Church. Thirty-eight participants endured the 100 degree heat and completed a route between 2 and 6 miles. Over \$6,600 was raised for this event and will be dispersed to MCC's Ukraine crisis response and the Tabor Church Food Pantry. Additionally, 46 items were collected for the Tabor Food Pantry! Thank you for your support of this annual community event – by walking, donating money or non-perishable items, and praying for us!
~Kevin & Yvette Nickel, area coordinators

Thank you to everyone who came out to get involved with community service projects last Sunday. Painting happened on a house, trees were trimmed, weeding in flower beds got done, comforts were tied, Et Cetera Shop Christmas items were priced, frozen meals were prepared for Tabor Food Pantry, MCC school kits were assembled, numerous items for MCC kits were sorted and packaged, cards for nursing home residents were made, notes of encouragement were written to our Mission Partners, the noon meal was cooked (and eaten!), and a whole lot of fun and visiting happened while working together! We are grateful for the opportunities we have to serve and participate in the work of God's good world.

~Shelley Buller & Kim Funk, coordinators

Congregational Announcements

Tabor Church Wednesday Evening Programming will be starting soon!

--Kick Off on September 28 at 6pm. Everyone is invited to come and join us for a picnic and lawn games in the church park!

--Regular Wednesday Evening Programming will begin on October 5.

Fellowship Meal beginning at 5:45

Children and Youth Programming beginning at 6:15

Preschool - Grade 5 end at 7:30; Junior / Senior High end at 7:45.

--Please fill out the registration form for each of your children planning to

attend at this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfud4wpMrsLJ1rucHVBqaaq1BdVoyL0Y4Rr4aMig2eu9oxrtLw/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have any questions, contact the church office at 620-367-2318.

Tabor Mennonite Church is excited to host Herm & Vince on Sunday, October 9! The singer-songwriter duo will provide a musical sermon during the morning worship service. Tabor is one of two locations at which these lifelong friends will perform while they are in south central Kansas. They perform inspirational music selections on acoustic guitar and piano. Their songs come from music written long ago and brand new compositions: Americana, Sacred and Simple, and Inspirational. For more information about this musical duo, see <https://www.hermandvince.com/>

A Deacon Team position will be coming available in the new fiscal year as Lewis Unruh ends his term. If you feel a call to learn more about being a deacon or would have someone you would like to suggest for this position, please let one of the deacons or Pastor Katherine know. The job description includes: Assist the Pastors in giving spiritual guidance to the congregation through visitations, serving of communion, assisting in baptisms, preparing and overseeing the benevolence budget, and by offering support and guidance to the pastors.

Singers and Musicians: It is time for the Music Committee to schedule "special music" for the Sunday services here at Tabor. If God has given you musical talents that you are willing to share, contact Carrie Unruh at 620-983-2294 or lewunr@gmail.com

Get ready for Christmas early! Tabor Trading Post will be open Dec. 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.

Tabor Church Food Pantry needs groceries and welcomes donations of non-perishable food items as well as personal hygiene items and household cleaning/laundry products. **Most supplies are running low**, in spite of the generous donations of grocery items received last Sunday from the Harvest Giving Walk. Donations of frozen meat in 1-2 lb. packages are also accepted. Groceries may be left by the door of the church office or on the table in the food pantry room in the basement. *For donations of frozen meat, please call the church (367-2381) to schedule a time for drop off.* Cash donations are also accepted. Thanks for your continued generosity and support of this community ministry

The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum has invited author Carolyn Zeisset to speak on Sat., Oct. 1, at 2:30 pm at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Zeisset's recently published historical novel, *Then the Rules Changed*, tells the 1870s Russian Mennonite migration story from the perspective of a child. The main character is loosely based on Zeisset's grandfather, who was a child when his Mennonite family settled in Marion County, Kansas. Her presentation will include background details of the emigration and make connections between historical context and current events in Ukraine. A refreshment time will follow with the opportunity to purchase and have Zeisset sign your copy of her book.

Blood Drive: Make a difference by donating blood on October 10, between 1 - 6 pm at Goessel Church, with a single unit or a Power Red donation. Sign up for your appointment time online at redcrossblood.org. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081 or Rosie Reimer 620-367-2418. Thank you for helping save someone's life.

Upcoming:

September 28 - Wednesday Evening Kick Off
October 5 - Wednesday Evening Activities begin
October 22 - Kent Jantz Farm Sale
October 26 - Adult Choir practice begins
November 2 - First Wednesday Lunch
November 3 - Tabor Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ
November 6 - Bethesda Pillars Banquet

Conference Announcements

Mennonite Central Committee

Peace Camp: Young adults are invited to join MCC on November 6-11 on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico as we discover new ways to live and proclaim the gospel of peace. This week-long experience will be filled with practical learning about deconstructing oppressive systems, building community, participating in spaces of healing and commitment to hospitality. This experience will be facilitated in Spanish; a minimum of conversational Spanish is expected from all participants. Registration fee is \$200; sign up now at mcc.org/campamento-de-paz. *Our prayers are with the people of Puerto Rico after the devastation from Hurricane Fiona this past weekend. After speaking with peace camp organizers on the ground there, we are glad to know that they are managing okay, and that the peace camp location was not impacted. As of today, we expect the peace camp to take place as planned.*

More information about peace camps: mcc.org/peace-camps.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The September edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares lessons learned while hiking, learn about the need for volunteers this fall, plus details of a new MDS warehouse in California. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3xCpfz4>

100th Anniversary Celebration! In 1912 the Western District Conference Mission Board voted to establish a mission church in Hutchinson. The following year on April 20, the first Mennonite service was held in Hutchinson with 37 people in attendance. Services continued to be held on a regular basis leading to the adoption of a constitution on April 9, 1922, and the forming of the Hutchinson Mennonite Church, later becoming First Mennonite Church in 1939. Throughout its history, the people of First Mennonite have reached out into the community in service to the city of Hutchinson. Now, in 2022, First Mennonite Church of Hutchinson, KS is celebrating its centennial on October 22 & 23. In addition to the weekend celebration, pre-centennial events will be held on October 5, 9, 12 and 19. You are invited to join in any of the events. Information and registration for the centennial celebration can be found on the church's website: www.hutchfmc.org

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) invites healthcare providers in all disciplines, including allied health, and all interested in the intersection of health and faith to our Annual Gathering at MCC's Welcoming Place in Akron, PA, October 14th-16th, 2022. The theme is: Coming Together at the Well - Renewal Through Exploring the Five Life Standards. Participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss the Five Life Standards from More-With-Less and how they apply to health and healing as well as hear from keynote speaker Malinda Elizabeth Berry, PhD, professor at AMBS. Registration information at mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2022/.

Bethel College:

--“Environmental Exposure,” sculpture by Glen Ediger, is on display in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College, beginning Fri., Sept. 30: 9 am-5 pm, Mon.-Fri.; 2-4 pm, Sunday.

--Registration is now open for “Joining Voices Together,” Bethel College’s Worship and the Arts Symposium, Sat., Nov. 12, on campus, featuring resource people Bradley Kauffman, Rachel Epp Buller, Katie Graber, SaeJin Lee, Cynthia Neufeld Smith, Adam Tice and Isaac Villegas. Register at <https://www.bethelks.edu/worship-arts-registration-2022>; discount for 3 or more people from the same congregation. In addition, the public is invited to a Community Evensong service, Nov. 12 at 7 pm in Memorial Hall, which will consist entirely of congregational singing from the Voices Together hymnal, arranged around the 12 artworks found in the hymnal.

--Bethel College’s Fall Festival is Oct. 6-9, with most activities taking place Saturday, Oct. 8, on campus. Features include music, food, class reunions, football, Children’s Park, the play *Quiet in the Land* by Anne Chislett and the STEM Symposium honoring Professor Emeritus of Psychology Paul Lewis. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival> for the complete schedule.

--Bethel College Women’s Association will appreciate donations of homemade baked goods for Market-in-the-Round and Pie-By-the-Slice at Fall Festival. Zwieback, cinnamon rolls, fruit pies and poppyseed rolls are especially needed. Please bring to Room 141 in Luyken Fine Arts Center 2-5pm on Friday, Oct 7, or 7-9am on Saturday, Oct 8. Pies may be delivered to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center. Email bcwa@bethelks.edu with questions.

Hesston College Fall play: *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* - Sept. 29 to Oct. 2, Black Box Theater, Keim Center. Middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia share a home in Bucks County, Pa., where they bicker and complain about the circumstances of their lives. Old resentments flare up when their movie-star sister and her young boyfriend show up to sell the family home in this hilarious weekend reunion. Intended for high school age and older. \$10 per adults/seniors and \$5 for students. More info at hesston.edu/theatre

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE September 18, 2022

Service Sunday
Offering = \$ 3,858.00 Attendance = 75
Mission Partner Offering = \$250.00

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

Wednesday evening activities can happen here at Tabor. \$2,000 of the Christian Education budget is designated for Wednesday evening activities. This helps to finance the activities which are planned for all ages. These donations are necessary, but many thanks go out to the many, many, volunteers that bring creativity and energy to make all of the activities happen. Without you, Tabor could not offer the programs that we do!



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