

*All who are able are invited to stand.

+ The peace lamp is as a visual reminder that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe in uncertain times that God's shalom will prevail.

Song Leader: Braden Unruh

Greeters: North – Myron & Pat Schmidt
South – Tim & Judy Goertzen

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Susan Nafziger, Emma Schroeder, Beth Yoder

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

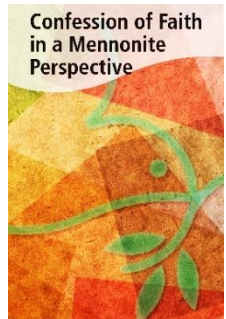
September 25 Attendance at Camp Mennoscah: Worship - 72

September 25 Offering: First Fruits - \$33,376.29

Summary Statements ++

10. We believe that the **mission** of the church is to proclaim and to be a sign of the kingdom of God. Christ has commissioned the church to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to observe all things he has commanded.

24. We place our hope in the **reign of God** and its fulfillment in the day when Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. He will gather his church, which is already living under the reign of God. We await God's final victory, the end of this present age of struggle, the resurrection of the dead, and a new heaven and a new earth. There the people of God will reign with Christ in justice, righteousness, and peace for ever and ever.



Questions for Reflection

1. How does Christian hope impact your life? What questions or doubts do the topics of mission or "end of the age" bring for you?
2. What does it mean for we the church to be a "sign of the kingdom of God"?

Next Sunday, we begin a fall series exploring the parables of Jesus – what they say about life in God's reign, and how might walk in that new life. The first parable we will consider will be the parable of the sower (Mark 4:1-20)

++ You can entire *Confession of Faith* here: www.mennoniteusa.org/who-are-mennonites/what-we-believe/confession-of-faith/

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We are grateful for safe passage of twins for Ashley (Hiebert) and James Nuss. Charlie Wayne weighed 6lbs, 15 ozs and Gracie Nicole, 5 lbs, 12 ozs. They were born on September 26 to proud and happy grandparents Lynel and Vicki Hiebert and great grandparents Merlin and

Velma Hiebert. Congratulations to the whole Hiebert clan – thanks be to God!

- ❖ We pray for health and smooth recovery as we continue to face Covid infections these days.
- ❖ We pray for all who've been affected by recent hurricanes. May there be timely and just distribution of needed resources.
- ❖ We pray for Alexanderwohl and for all congregations who are trying to follow Jesus faithfully in the face of change.
- ❖ We pray for the witness of the global church as Christians face the challenges of poverty, violence, persecution, as well as the temptations to tarnish our witness by serving comfort, power, security, or wealth.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 2

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship – World Communion

Today – last official garden table of the year

Tuesday, October 4

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 5

Midweek Begins – See schedule next page

7:00 Board of Trustees

Sunday, October 9

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

COMING EVENTS

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| Oct 10 | Blood Drive at Goessel Church – 1-6 pm |
| Oct 21 | 10 am Senior Coffee – Deputy Kaylin Miles from the Marion Co. Sheriff's Office will bring us a presentation on scams. |
| Oct 23 | Congregational meeting during worship time to renew pastoral calls for Pastors Caleb and Lois |
| Oct 27-28 | Annual MCC relief meat canning – schedule coming |
| Oct 30 | noon – Mennonite College Student Ministry fundraiser meal |
| Oct 30 | 7 pm – Professor Dwight Krehbiel – see announcement sheet |
| Nov 6 | 5:30-6:30 pm – Bethesda's Annual Pillars drive through meal |
| Nov 13 | 5-6:30 pm – Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Midweek Kickoff for all children ages 3 years old-5th grade.

You are invited to be part of our audience! Premiering Wednesday, October 5, a live broadcast of the V-A-L-U TV Show on Station K.15 will be hosted by Travis Duerksen with special Alexanderwohl guests of high value and Christian character, in the Foundation Room at 6:45. It will be a lively evening of faith story interviews, audience participation, games, and

snacks! Music time will take place prior to this from 6:30-6:45 pm – SonShine Singers (ages 3-kindergarten) in Rm #15 in the lower level and Kis Praise (grades 1-8) in the Chapel. Invite your friends!

Children’s Midweek Staff Needed: 1 activity leader to plan and lead activities 5 times between October 5 to March 29 is still needed for the elementary midweek group. Contact Nicole Hein, Aileen Esau or Susan Nafziger.

Pastor Caleb will again lead **Adult Bible Study** beginning this Wednesday with our Midweek kickoff. We will gather in the conference room at 7:50, just after the dismissal of choir. You may also join on Zoom. Each week we will delve deeply into one of **Jesus’ parables** about God’s grace and our discipleship. The study and insights we come to together will bear fruit in the following Sunday’s service.

Midweek Schedule:

- 5:45 – 6:30 pm Fellowship meal served
- 6:25 – 7:50 pm Supervised Childcare for infants to 2-year-olds
- 6:30 – 7:45 pm Children’s Music & Bible Class Activities
- 6:30 – 7:45 pm Junior High Youth Activities
- 6:45 – 7:45 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 – 8:00 pm High School Youth Activities
- 7:50 – 8:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Anabaptist Bible – study group: We would like to form a small group of 4-6 people to study 3 biblical passages in order to contribute study notes that would be published in the margins of a new Anabaptist Bible that is in development. The project is seeking 500 such study groups from different Anabaptist-related churches worldwide. Pastor Caleb is interested in facilitate this study group. Please let the church office or pastors know if you might be interested in participating.

AMC Library notes – 26 new books have recently been purchased and processed for the library. Stop by the library or the tables in the lobbies, to browse and check out a new book.

Tabor Church Food Pantry supplies are running low. See announcement sheet.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
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