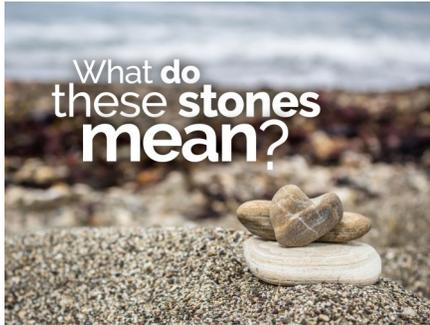


Meeting God in the Unexpected: Crossing the Jordan



Today, as we consider the wilderness time we are currently wandering through related to the pandemic, we will reflect on the story of God's people crossing the Jordan River into the Promised Land.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Diane Unruh

WELCOME AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

WORSHIP MUSIC Michelle Unruh
"How can I keep from singing" -arr. Lowry

SCRIPTURE READING *Joshua 3:14 - 4:7*

SERMON *"What Do These Stones Mean?"* Pastor Phil Schmidt

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"* No. 582

SENDING PRAYER and BLESSING

POSTLUDE *"What do these stones mean?"* Bryan Moyer Suderman

Words for hymn: in bulletin

Sunday, June 28

Come together in spirit to worship God and experience God's love. As we unite our hearts, may we be mindful of God's saving grace, especially as we face difficult circumstances through uncertain times.

We invite everyone to join our drive-in church service at 8:30am. Simply drive to Tabor and park in the East parking lot facing West. Please plan to leave about 6 feet between each car. We hope that everyone will be able to turn off their cars, roll down their windows, and turn on their radios to listen and participate in the service. Please bring ice water if it is warm. The service will not be longer than 45 minutes. We plan to keep the church building locked during the service. We will have an opportunity to receive an offering after the service. After the service, people will be welcome to pick up children's faith formation materials as well as church directories. We ask anyone who exits their car to please wear a mask. We look forward to seeing you on June 28! We will still have our Zoom Faith Formation classes at 10:30 that morning.

This Week

Pastor Rosie is on vacation June 20-June 28.

Tuesday, June 30, 10 am: Staff zoom meeting.

Wednesday, July 1 —

7:00 pm: Gathering on front lawn at Tabor. *See announcements.*

7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study at John Unruh's. *See announcements.*

Next Sunday, July 5

Next Sunday we continue our Unexpected worship series by focusing on Daniel in the lions den (Daniel 6), and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Farmers working diligently to harvest the wheat and plant fall crops. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ We continue to lament racial inequality and injustice. We pray for God's wisdom to lead us to greater understanding and involvement in moving toward reconciliation. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ As cases for COVID are again increasing, pray for awareness and responsibility in doing our part in helping to stop the spread of this virus. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team, as they prepare creative ways for WDC members to meet, learn and worship together on the weekend of August 1.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the opportunity we have to gather for a drive-in worship service!
- ★ the creativity and time that has been given by our Christian Ed Team to make Faith Formation for children possible this summer! May the children find the lessons and activities meaningful and fun as they enter into stories from the Bible. Thanks be to God.

Thanks

I want to thank everyone for praying for me and well wishes given during my cancer surgery and chemo treatments. The last scan shows no sign of cancer at this time, but I will need to have pet scans every 3 months for the next year. Thank you again, Lowell

Congregational Announcements

Zoom Faith Formation: We invite everyone to connect to a Zoom video call at 10:30am. After about 15 min. of connecting, sharing prayer requests, and a prayer, we will send people to breakout rooms. Zoom connection information is below (you can connect using a smartphone, tablet, computer, or you can even call in using a regular phone). Feel free to contact Pastor Phil if you have any questions. We look forward to connecting in this way!

-Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7022907372?pwd=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnaWxwdEwyVXRzdz09>

-Or, open Zoom and type in the following information:
Meeting ID: 702 290 7372 , Password: 2020

-Or, call in by dialing the following number: +1 346 248 7799, then dialing the Meeting ID (702 290 7372) followed by pressing the # key twice.

Zoom Gatherings: If you would like to schedule a Zoom meeting for your small group, faith formation class, or another gathering, please let one of the pastors know and we will get that set up!

Faith Formation for Children: Children's faith formation will begin June 28. Videos will be sent out and a bag of supplies will be available for pick-up at the drive-in worship service. If you cannot pick up your bag Sunday morning, please contact Pam Abrahams (brentnpam@hotmail.com or 386-4483) to arrange a time to get your supplies. ~Pam Abrahams

Outdoor Fellowship: In response to the Gathering Survey, many people indicated interest in having smaller group gatherings outdoors. **We would like to invite anyone 50 and older to come fellowship on the front lawn of the church at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 1.** If you are interested in coming, please call or email Kim Funk (367-2318, kfunk@tabormennonite.org) by Wednesday at 4pm so that we know how many people plan to come. Please bring your own lawn chairs, drinks and hand sanitizer. In accordance with the council-approved guidelines and as a way of caring for one another's well-being, masks will be required and everyone will be expected to maintain social distancing. Thanks!

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, June 24, 7pm, at John Unruh's farm. 12 week bible study on Romans. All are welcome. Bring your own chair, bible, work book. ~Nate Ashley & John Unruh

Book Study: Several people have indicated interest in reading and discussing Drew G. I. Hart's book, *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*. At this point, we are planning to meet via Zoom on Sunday, July 12 at 7:30 pm for an initial discussion and then meet again in August to discuss the whole book. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the study. I still have a couple extra copies of the book.

~Pastor Phil

As a follow-up to Emil Schmidt's faith sharing last Sunday, the Deacons are encouraging the congregation to consider how each of us can continue to carry on the Tabor tradition of working for peace and justice. Options include: reading books on a peace and justice issue, especially racial injustice during this time. Pastor Phil and several others have indicated interest in doing a book study, so contact him if that interests you. Another option is to walk from the church to the Tabor sign at K-15 highway, and spend that time praying and reflecting. If you want to, take a picture of you and your family at the sign and send it to Kim at kfunk@tabormennonite.org. A third option is watching documentaries and movies that educate us on racial injustice--one example is "13th." And, if you are interested in being part of a group that helps educate the Tabor family about current justice and peace issues, let a deacon know.

Because No One Should Go Hungry: The purpose of the Tabor Church Food Pantry is to provide food at no cost for families in need in the Goessel area. If you are struggling during this time of pandemic, know that you are not alone. We are here to help! Please call to set up a time to get your food. 367-2318 - Tabor Church; 747-0408 - Kim Funk; 367-2747 - Janna Duerksen; 367-2437 - Laura Unrau. This is a ministry supported by the Goessel area churches and community.

Pursuing Summits Coaching: According to my job description, "The pastor will be available to coach members and attenders of the congregation in order to help inspire them to maximize their personal, professional, and spiritual potential." With this in mind, I will begin offering 30-minute Zoom coaching sessions to anyone connected to the congregation. If you are interested in learning more about coaching or diving into some coaching sessions, please let me know. Also, feel free to visit my coaching website: pursuingsummits.com. Thanks! Pastor Phil

The WDC Virtual Annual Assembly will be held August 1-2. "Living in Exile" will use Scripture themes from Jeremiah 29:4ff and I Peter 2:11-12 with emphasis on listening to our brothers and sisters on the margins and being missional in new contexts. Everyone is invited to attend (no travel required)! Only delegates need to register. Please register by July 12 at: <https://mennowdc.org/2020-wdc-annual-assembly/>. Note that each delegate will need to have the ability to join the virtual Assembly with Zoom. Each delegate will need their own smartphone or computer with a webcam and speaker in order to facilitate voting during the morning delegate session. Non-delegates may join without registering! Non-delegates may observe and comment on the delegate session via YouTube Live, as well as join in live, interactive and recorded webinars.

Tabor Church may send 11 delegates to the assembly. Thus far, Deacons have affirmed the following Delegates for this year's WDC Assembly: Carol Duersken, Pastor Phil Schmidt, Erica Stoltzfus, Pastor Katherine or Peter Goerzen, Emil Schmidt, Duane Duerksen, Pastor Rosie Jantz. If you would like to serve as a delegate, please contact the church office or one of the pastors.

Red Cross blood drive – Aug. 10, 1-6 pm, at Goessel Mennonite Church. For a limited time, the Red Cross is testing ALL donated blood for COVID-19 antibodies. Donors will be notified of their results, which will indicate if they have been exposed to the COVID-19 and therefore developed antibodies. (Red Cross is not testing to diagnosis illness.) In addition to the extra need for blood during this pandemic, 25% of the nation's blood supply helps people receiving treatments for cancer. Every minute 5 units of blood are needed to help someone going through cancer treatments. Sign up to donate at redcrossblood.org or call Rosi (356-2418) or Nancy (367-2610) for assistance. There are only 11 spots still open so act soon.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

--The Western District Conference office is open. Visitor protocols include wearing a mask and social distancing. Though the Resource Library remains closed, they offer resources by reservation and pickup. See <https://mennowdc.org/library/>.

--So Many Resources Available! At this year's virtual WDC Assembly on August 1, there will be four interactive Zoom webinars to choose from and links to many videos from Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Central Committee, Everence, and more of our partners in ministry! Themes include creation care, reconciliation, mission, and immigration justice, among others. Non-delegates don't need to register this year to have access to all these wonderful resources. Donations for WDC Assembly expenses are welcomed; donations exceeding expenses will go to the WDC Hope Fund to assist WDC congregations with financial need.

--The Western District Women's retreat committee has decided to have a modified retreat this year, due to concerns about COVID19. We will have a one day retreat on Saturday, September 12. There are two options: an in-person retreat at Camp Mennoscah or a virtual retreat. A virtual retreat would take place on the computer over a platform like Zoom. We would have activities to do - some together online, like worship sessions with singing and a speaker; and some smaller group activities like our seminars, where participants would work or talk "together, but separately." Zoom allows an interactive experience - so it's not like watching TV. Groups of two or maybe even several could be together watching and participating - like at your church or in your home. Please let us know your preference by completing this survey today: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QXF85X>

Mennonite Church USA:

--Service Adventure only has five spots remaining for the 2020-2021 term beginning this fall. If you are interested in taking a gap year to serve, live in community, and grow spiritually, contact SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or apply online at MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

--Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a director to provide leadership and oversight to the Marketing and Communication department. The ideal candidate will be passionate about God's reconciling mission to the world and committed to Jesus Christ. Embracing cultural diversity and anti-racism is essential. Anticipated start date is late July 2020. View the complete position description on our website at www.mennonitemission.net or contact staffrecruitment@mennonitemission.net for more information.

Mennonite Central Committee:

--Mennonite Central Committee essential service positions to be filled.
*Canner Operator: Two year service term is unique and offers the opportunity to travel around the U.S. and Canada, working as a team while meeting new people! Check out mcc.org/canning
*Program Manager - DR Congo: Provide management and oversight of projects and partner relations. Visit serve.mcc.org
*MCC Representative for Bangladesh: Provide leadership and direction to a well-established program that supports already-existing Bangladeshi agencies. Visit serve.mcc.org

--Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride: The planning committee is going ahead with plans for the 2020 Flatlander ride to be held on September 19. More information about this event can be found at: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride>. We are currently looking for additional people to help on the planning committee, and also for individuals or groups to help us with the SAGs (refreshment stops) on the various bike routes. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please email Donna at beckerdonna2@gmail.com or call 316-727-6346. Hope to see you there.

Camp Mennoscah: Family Weekend at Camp Mennoscah! Camp Mennoscah is inviting you to join in a modified Family Weekend on July 18-19. Many of the same activities like crafts and s'mores will be offered but adjusted to fit life during a pandemic. The pool is closed for the summer, but the river is still as splashable as ever. Each family group will be assigned their own bathroom. Register online at campmennoscah.org or call Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

Giving at Tabor

While we are not meeting in person, please continue with your faithful giving to the ministries of the church in the following ways:

- 1) Mail your offering to: Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, Kansas 67114
- 2) Start an automatic deposit from your bank account. Contact the church for more information. 367-2318; kfunk@tabormennonite.org
- 3) Use the online bill pay option that your bank has in place. Contact your financial institution if you are not familiar with this process.

For details on benevolent giving opportunities, please see previous bulletins.

Hymn for Worship

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal: A Worship Book No. 582
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Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou are mighty; hold me with they pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing waters flow.
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliv'rer strong Deliv'rer,
be thou still me strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Cannan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Gratitude

I am grateful for....

~ machinery that works during harvest and mechanics that can fix machinery that breaks down during harvest.

~ the harvest sun: from the morning sunrise that wakes the day, to the blazing sun that dries the wheat, to the breathtaking sunset that fills our being with peace and gratitude.

Please share what you are finding to be grateful for during this time of uncertainty and being apart. Email kfunk@tabormennonite.org or call 367-2318. If no answer, please leave a message.

Offering and Worship

June 21, 2020

Offering	=	\$ 1,425.00
Worship Link Views	=	80
<i>Views may include more than one person</i>		
Worship Mailings	=	26
Faith Formation Zoom	=	approx. 36



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am
Fellowship Time: 10:30am
891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, KS 67114
Phone: 620-367-2318
Website: www.tabormennonite.org

Worship: 9:30am
Faith Formation: 10:45am

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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