



The Shrewd Steward

Jesus said, “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” As children of the light, may our lives proclaim that our passion is for God’s Kingdom and that our heart lies with the treasure of God’s Good News.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Russell Adrian
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Elizabeth Alderfer
GATHERING HYMN	<i>“Praise, I will praise you, Lord”</i>	No. 76
CHILDREN’S STORY		Kara Swartzendruber
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 16:1-9</i>	Eric Litwiller
SERMON	<i>“For where your treasure is . . .”</i>	Pastor Katherine Goerzen
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>“Take my life”</i> vs. 1, 4, 5, 6	No. 389
FAITH TESTIMONY		Nathan Ashley
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER		Pastor Rosie Jantz
SENDING BLESSING		
POSTLUDE		

Words for hymns in bulletin

Sunday, September 20

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.

Extra Produce? Need some veggies? We will set up a table again for produce on the west side of the church out of the sun. All proceeds will go to the Tabor food pantry.

10:30 am Zoom Faith Formation: We invite everyone to a Zoom video to connect with one another and share prayer requests. After about 15 minutes we will send people to breakout rooms. Zoom connection information is below.

-Click 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.

4:00 pm: Celebration of Life Service for Irvin Boese at the Wheat Building on the Mennonite Heritage and Ag Museum grounds. Faspas will be served. Please follow safety guidelines by wearing a mask and social distancing.

This Week

Pastor Phil is on sabbatical through Oct. 15.

Tues. Sept 22, 10 am: Staff meeting.
Narrative Budget Request are due.
Newsletter items are due

Wed. Sept. 23, 7 pm: Men’s Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Next Sunday, September 27

8:30 am: Next week at our drive-in worship service, Michelle Armster, Executive Director of MCC Central States, will be preaching on the Parable of the Sower.

If you plan to stay in your car, please park in a perimeter in the East parking lot. You may tune your radio to FM 107.1. If you would like to sit on a blanket or lawn chairs, please park on the West side of the church and walk to your spot in the East parking lot. Thanks again to everyone for following our safety precautions (social distancing and wearing masks) for the health and well-being of our church family. Following the service, we again invite people to bring offerings forward and stay for a time of visiting and fellowship.

10:30 am: Zoom Sharing and Faith Formation

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on September 13.

- ★ Peter expressed lament over the many changes and challenges this year has brought. Lord, hear our prayer. He also expressed appreciation for the ways that the church has creatively continued to be church together as well as praise for the ways that God continues to work for good even during difficult times. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Kay shared that her parents were celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary! Thanks be to God!
- ★ Luke shared about the disappointment in having his service trip to Indonesia cancelled and requested prayer in discerning the next steps for him to take. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Remember to pray for Pastor Phil as he takes a month of sabbatical rest. Lord, hear our prayer for rest and restoration for Pastor Phil during this time.
- ★ those in our church family who are recuperating from surgery or have testing or surgery in their future. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ all students, parents, teachers and staff in our schools, homes and colleges, as they continue with education in new ways and different settings. Lord, hear our prayer, and thanks be to God for learning opportunities.
- ★ The many people affected by the wildfires and recent storms and hurricanes. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Executive Board, Commissions, Gifts Discernment Committee and staff as they meet online next Saturday for Reference Council, a time for orientation and reflection together on common mission and priorities for the coming year.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado of MMN request prayer for the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Benin since quarantine ended in June. Pray especially for the protection of the children and staff at *La Casa Grande* and that the children will not fall behind in their education.

Congregational Announcements

The deacon team will be discerning a new deacon and welcomes anyone who is open to considering this, or has a suggestion of someone, to contact one of the deacons by the end of September. Erica Stoltzfus' term is up, and our policy is to maintain a gender balance on the team, so we will be interested in finding out which women might be feeling the tap on the shoulder from the Holy Spirit to consider serving Tabor in this role.

Service: Due to the circumstances that have caused us to change so many plans this year, the Service Sunday that typically would take place in September will not happen this year. Instead, we encourage you to look for ways to be of service in the community and to your neighbors near and far. A few suggestions: make freezer meals for the Food Pantry, tie comforters for MCC, help with painting projects at the Mennonite Heritage and Ag Museum in Goessel (contact Kim at kfunk@tabormennonite.org or call 367-2318 or 747-0408 for details on freezer meals or to get tops and supplies for comforters; contact Steve Banman at the museum, 367-8200, for painting).

Save the Date: This year's **Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk** will be held on Sunday, October 25 at 1:30pm beginning at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church shelter house. This annual walk - of 1-6 miles - benefits MCC and the Tabor Food Pantry. Donation envelopes will be available from your church recruiter in the coming weeks and this year we are offering an online fundraising option as well. Just go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/99515/BecomeFundraiser> to set up your personal fundraising page. Mark your calendars, start fundraising, and plan to attend this year's event!

Narrative Budget Requests are due September 22. Please email to kfunk@tabormennonite.org.

Commitment Sheets: Forms have been emailed/mailed to you and are due September 27. Please prayerfully consider the ways you are able to help carry out the ministries we share here at Tabor. Log in to <https://forms.gle/giRWVtANBK4vi9mF8> to complete your form or return a paper copy to the church office.

Porch Visits: Please contact Pastors directly to schedule a visit. We'd love to hear from you!

Pastor Rosie's availability (316-772-8740 rjantz@tabormennonite.org)
Sundays: 4-7 pm, Tuesdays: 1-5 pm, Wednesdays: 9 am-3 pm

Pastor Katherine's availability (316-727-4986 kgoerzen@tabormennonite.org)
Tuesdays: 12-3 pm, Wednesdays: 9-3 pm
Thursdays: 9 am-3 pm, 5-8 pm, Saturday: 9 am-4 pm

NOTE: Subject to change when our children are in hybrid or remote learning for school.

Small Group Gatherings: If you would like to schedule an in-person or Zoom meeting for your small group, faith formation class, or another gathering, please let church staff know and we will get that set up!

Support Bethesda Home: Please take time to respond to the urgent request to contact legislators regarding the new federal mandate concerning testing of staff for COVID. You received an email with details and documents regarding this issue. (mailings also included this information) Your response is vital. Thank you for your support of Bethesda staff and residents.

MCC Relief Sale: The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is sponsoring an online auction at this time. Bidding ends September 26. Acutria Auction site. <https://charityauction.bid/KMRS>

Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum: The Marie and Martha Voth Wheat Marquetry Art Show display will end on September 30. Museum Hours are Tues-Sat. 10am-5pm. Reg. admission applies and free admission for museum members. Beginning in October, museum hours will be Tues-Sat. noon-4pm.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

--The WDC Immigration Task Force introduces its second installment in a series of thought pieces, mindful of immigrants among us without a voice this election season. They seek to make visible what is too often invisible with regard to immigrant lives and immigration issues. Watch for these topics in the coming weeks: "Positions on Immigration Issues of the 2020 Presidential Candidates;" and "Voices of Our Immigrant Brothers and Sisters."

--Include a gift to Western District Conference in your will or estate plan, as a great way to support WDC's work of sustaining pastors, resourcing congregations and nurturing church planting into the future! To learn more about basic tools of creating an estate plan, see a recording of the recent Everence webinar What to do with your stuff: basic estate planning (<https://www.everence.com/everence-articles/core-markets/national-advisors-and-representatives/webinars/20200129-ww-basic-estate-planning>). This is part of an 11-week "Webinar Wednesday" series by Everence.

Mennonite Church USA:

--Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit fundraiser Fri., Oct. 16 at First Mennonite Church, Newton. A burrito order to go will take place instead of the usual dinner. Burritos will be cooked by chef Carlos Lujano. (Order Pork, Chicken or Meatless burritos. Sold by ½ dozen-6 burrito and a dozen-12 burritos). Pick up 4:30-6:30 pm, instructions will be sent later. Sale by donation. If you are not able to order you are invited to give a donation. Your generous gift will help ensure the future of this vital ministry. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. For inquiries or to order contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342. DEADLINE to order: Thursday Oct. 9.

Camp Mennoscah

--Camp Mennoscah's annual meeting is September 27. Details regarding the meeting will be shared as soon as possible.

--There are still a few openings for Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats Oct. 30-Nov.1 and Nov. 6-8. Register at campmennoscah.org!

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC):

--Celebrate with us! Mennonite Central Committee invites you join **Celebration 2020: MCC at 100**, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020

--Register NOW for the **MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride!** Due to COVID-19, the ride is a "virtual" event this year and open to EVERYONE. Riders may register any time until September 29. Register online at Bikereg.com. Donations from non-riders are welcome! Mail checks for MCC Flatlander Bike Ride to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, N Newton, KS 67117.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS): The September edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/33EJ34W>

Wurst Fundraiser Ever: You're invited to a German-themed drive-through carryout meal fundraiser to benefit Mennonite Central Committee Sept. 26 held at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton. Tim and Heidi Huber's family will be offering bratwurst, sides, dessert and drinks, with an RSVP deadline of Sept. 19 or 300 reservations at <https://forms.gle/ASndjK9AQP3BLRS7> or by calling 316-217-1932. Hope to see you there!

Bethel College:

--KIPCOR, the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Bethel College, is co-sponsoring, with Bethel's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Peace Connections of Newton, local activities for the 2020 National Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action, Sept. 19-25. Check kipcor.org or the KIPCOR Facebook page for updates and the Zoom link.

--Fall Festival at Bethel College is not canceled but will look different this year. While there won't be a "Fall Festival fair" on campus Oct. 3, see www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival for a detailed schedule. The Bethel College Women's Association is taking orders for baked goods at www.bcwamarketonline.com/shop/preorderforfallfest/9 (ordering deadline: Sept. 30).

Hymns for Worship

Praise, I will praise you, Lord

No. 76
Hymnal: A Worship Book

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Love, I will love you Lord . . .

Serve, I will serve you Lord . . .

Take my life

No. 389
Public Domain

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Gratitude

I am grateful for....

~ crisp fall mornings and cool fall evenings. Seasons of nature and seasons of life.

~ the opportunity to gather on Sunday mornings in the parking lot for outdoor worship! Wonderful and refreshing!!

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

September 13, 2020

Offering	=	\$ 5,825.00
Cars at Drive in Worship	=	54+
Worship Link Views	=	54
Worship Mailings	=	27
Faith Formation Zoom	=	20
FF Children's Link	=	20

Views may include more than one person

Giving Update through September 13 (42 Sundays)

Targeted giving: \$229,530

Actual Giving: \$201,770

Shortfall: \$27,760



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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Deacons:

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