

## Jesus' Parables: The Unjust Judge



This Sunday we reflect on Jesus' parable about the unjust judge, which reminds us that God is a God of justice, who hears us as we cry out day and night. Thank you to Peter Goerzen for preaching this morning.

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Janna Duerksen
CHILDREN'S STORY		Eric Litwiller
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 18:1-8</i>	Nathan Ashley
SERMON	<i>"Pray Always, and Don't Lose Heart"</i>	Peter Goerzen
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
	<i>Dismissal to go outside</i>	
SENDING HYMN	<i>"Lord, listen to your children praying"</i>	No. 353
SENDING BLESSING		

*Words for hymn in bulletin*

## Sunday, October 4

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.

**9:00 am:** Worship in the Hospitality Hall. You also have the options to drive-in to the church parking lot to listen via FM Radio 107.1, or you may choose to view via You-Tube (You-Tube recording is also available following the service).

**Following Worship:** BASIC class meets in the Hospitality Hall.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation: WOW and CAFE  
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.

### This Week

**Pastor Phil is on sabbatical through October 15.**

**Mon. Oct. 12, 7 pm:** Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.  
—Red Cross Blood Drive at Goessel Church. Call 367-2418 or 367-2610 if you have questions.

**Tues. Oct. 13, 10 am:** Staff meeting.

**Wed. Oct. 14, 6:45 pm:** Jr. High Youth meet in west parking lot.  
**7 pm:** TMYF meet in church park.

### Next Sunday, October 18

**9:00 am:** Next Sunday we will begin a new worship series "Jesus for President" based on The Sermon on the Mount. Scripture for reflection is Matthew 5:13-16 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching on salt and light.

**Following Worship:** BASIC class meets in the Hospitality Hall.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation: WOW and CAFE

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Pastor Phil as he concludes sabbatical this week. Lord, hear our prayer for rest and restoration for Pastor Phil during this time.
- ★ the family of Bob Unruh as they lay him to rest in a private family burial this week. Lord, hear our prayer for your peace and comfort to surround Erlene and their children during this difficult time of letting go. A public celebration of life will take place at a later date.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for generous contributions that support WDC's work of sustaining pastors and leaders, resourcing congregations, and nurturing church planting partnerships.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Brian and Noelia Fox of MMN are trusting God to show them the way through adjustments made necessary by COVID-19. Pray for family members as their daughters continue with e-learning and as Brian and Noelia adapt classes at the English academy. Pray also for their ministry with the Anabaptist community in Burgos, Spain.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Please pray for the delegates and leaders of the Constituency Leaders Council of Mennonite Church USA as they gather via video conference on Oct. 16 and 17.

## Thanks

We would like to express our thanks for all of the cards, meals, words of encouragement and other ways you all have supported our family through the last several weeks while I underwent surgery and the following recovery. It has been quite an unplanned experience but I am glad to be on the other side of it and feeling more normal again. We have felt extremely blessed by our church! Thank you!!

-Carrie, Shannon, Reed & Aleyx

## Congregational Announcements

**Our week at New Hope is from October 21 to October 27.** They have temporarily changed how they are requesting volunteers for the evenings and nights. We are asked to have evening volunteers for Saturday and Sunday and night volunteers for Friday and Saturday. So we are looking for 2 volunteers each for the night shift, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and evening shift on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. I had an outside visit with the new director, Brian Bisbee, this week. He seems very dedicated to New Hope and to the people they serve. They are doing their best to follow CDC guidelines and so far they have been Covid free. This is amazing and to God be the Glory!! Please let me know in the next week when you would like to work. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

~Barb Abrahams

**Fellowship Event:** Saturday, October 24 -- From 3-5 pm, come to Patchwork Farms (formerly Papa's Pumpkin Patch) and choose pumpkins (2-3 per family). Pumpkins can be carved at home; then take a picture of your pumpkins. Submitted pictures will be shared with the church family. More details to come.

**Safe Sanctuary Training** will take place Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 am via Zoom with Anna Groff, Executive Director of Dove's Nest. This is for all adults who usually sign the annual commitment to Tabor's Safe Sanctuary Policy (teachers, helpers, youth leaders, mentors, babysitters, drivers). Please mark your calendars for this Zoom event on protecting children and youth during a crisis. More details as the day gets closer. See Gayle Funk if you have questions.

**The Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk** will be held on Sunday, October 25. Donation envelopes are now available from your church recruiter Kevin Nickel. This year we are also offering an online option for donors and fundraisers. Please go to <https://runsignup.com/harvestgivingwalk> to make a donation or to set up your personal fundraising page.

**Fall Workday:** The Trustees would like to put together a work morning on October 31 to take care of some outside items. Some of the items we would like to address would be tree and shrub trimming around property, some small misc. grounds projects, and some cemetery maintenance.

**Bethesda Pillars Banquet:** I am sure many of you have been questioning how you are going to spend the first Sunday of November this year because normally you would be at the Pillars Banquet, supporting Bethesda. Well never fear, the Bethesda Home Board of Trustees is still sponsoring the event!!! Bethesda Home's Annual Fundraiser, "Pillar's Banquet" will be held this year as a drive thru event! Sunday, **November 1** you are invited to drive through Tabor Church's parking lot to pick up a delicious homemade meal catered by Elaine Unruh, Lynette Duerksen and Laura Unrau. Details will be coming for this event so stay posted!

~Sara Hiebert, CEO Bethesda Home

**The Tabor Mennonite Men's annual chicken bbq** will occur on **November 5.** However, unlike the last 50 years there will be no in-church dining. The meal will be a drive-thru to-go meal. The menu will be the same, bbq chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner roll and ice cream. Mark this day on your calendar and come support the Tabor Mennonite Men. More details to follow.

**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!

**Porch Visits:** Please contact pastors directly to schedule a visit. We miss seeing you and we'd love to hear from you!

Pastor Rosie's availability (316-772-8740 [rjantz@tabormennonite.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

## Conference Announcements

**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** is conducting an Online Quilt Auction. The Quilt Auction begins on Monday, October 12, 2020 and will run through Monday, October 26, 2020. There are 25 quilts that have been selected by the Quilt Committee. The Quilt Auction is on the Auctria website at <https://charityauction.bid/KMRSQuilts>. The link is now live and there are pictures of the quilts with a complete description of each quilt that would be in the MCC Sale Quilt booklet. This includes title, dimensions, as well as the individual that donated the quilt if known. These are lovely quilts that are a representative of the more than 200 quilts that were donated in April. Check out the pictures now and start bidding on Monday, Oct 12! Please share this info with quilters and quilt lovers. If you have questions concerning the quilts, please contact Charlene Driggers at 620-947-1749.

### Western District Conference:

--Dealing with Stress and Depression: Did Heidi's September 15 Sprouts column on stress and self-care connect with you? If so, please review the resources from Prairie View Mennonite Health center here:

<https://bit.ly/36k4xqT>

--Connect! Faith Formation in Challenging Times: Join Kathy Neufeld Dunn (WDC Associate Conference Minister, Kansas Based) Saturday, October 24, 9-11 am CT on Zoom or Facebook Live for ideas of how to connect with the story of Jesus and with God--how to connect your church folk, yourself, and the curious. Before the pandemic, people were already going online for info and interaction. Now faith formation online is one tool we have to have in our faith formation toolbox. How do we do this with integrity? Want to join via Zoom? Request the link at [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org).

--Your Vote Matters! This article (<https://mennoniteswithoutborders.org/blog/your-vote-matters-to-us/>) from the perspective of DREAMERS (young adults who were brought to the U.S. as children) is the next article sponsored by the WDC Immigration Task Force in their series before the election. Please read it!

**Camp Mennoscah** volunteers will be removing the Camp Mennoscah dam on October 18 beginning at 3pm (after a morning baptism). You are welcome to come watch the process (please bring a mask and/or expect to stay at least 6 ft. away from others). If you would like to help in the removal process, please contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290. Physical distancing and mask wearing may not be feasible for those in the water.

**Mennonite Church USA:** Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, reflects on his 27 years as a Mennonite and shares his vision for what's working, what's not and what opportunities lie ahead for our denomination in his blog, "The church we're called to be." Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/the-church-were-called-to-be/>

### 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](http://mcc.org/celebration-2020)

--Share your thoughts! Mennonite Central Committee is partnering with the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions and we need your feedback. [Please take 5-7 minutes to complete this survey](#) to help MCC establish an understanding of how congregations are currently involved with creation care and advocacy. All results will remain confidential. Please share the survey link with others in your congregation. Thank you for taking time to help guide our future work in addressing issues around climate change. Please email [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org) for more information.

**Hesston College:** Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a socially distanced Bel Canto Block Concert. The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will perform an outdoor concert in the Mullet Drive parking lot north of Hesston Mennonite Church on October 18, 4 p.m. Weather delay will be announced via the Hesston College website and rescheduled for the following Sunday. A limited number of drive-in parking spots will be available and can be reserved by emailing [finearts@hesston.edu](mailto:finearts@hesston.edu) or calling 620-327-8141.

### Bethel College:

--Virtual events from Bethel College's Fall Festival, Oct. 2-4, can still be viewed on its YouTube channel, including No Cross, No Crown: Covid Edition, an original play by Karen Robu, based on the life of Antoinette Brown Blackwell, the first woman to be ordained in a mainline denomination in the United States, and an outspoken anti-slavery, temperance and women's suffrage advocate. You can also see the 2020 alumni awards presentations to Doris Bartel and Barry Hieb and Todd Flory's Young Alumnus Award convocation. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYk8Gp04MBoPIO2NUap95ug> and click the "Videos" link.

