

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Jesus for President:



Salt and Light



This Sunday we begin our series on “Jesus for President” which focuses on Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. We recognize that Jesus came preaching a platform that is drastically different from the platform of either current political party. As Jesus’ followers, may we seek to embody what Jesus preached so that our lives may be like salt in a world that has lost its flavor and light in a world filled with shadows.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Michelle Unruh
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Pastor Phil Schmidt
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Matthew 5:13-16</i>	Brent Abrahams
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
CONGREGATIONAL and OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
	<i>We will end this time of prayer by praying the Lord’s Prayer together. Feel free to join in wherever you are.</i>	
SENDING BLESSING		
POSTLUDE	<i>“You are salt for the earth”</i> -vs. 1&2	No. 226

Words for hymn in bulletin

Sunday, October 18

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. Drive-in to the church parking lot to listen via FM Radio 107.1, or you may choose to view via YouTube (YouTube recording is also available following the service). You are welcome to fellowship in the parking lot following the worship service.

Following Worship:

--It’s time for more supplies for children’s faith formation this fall! Come to the table outside the front door where Doris and Carol are handing them out after the service and pick yours up!

--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=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnWxwdEwyVXRzd09>

-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

Mon. Oct. 19, 7 pm: Men’s Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. Oct. 20, 10 am: Staff meeting.

Wed. Oct. 21 - Tues. Oct. 27: Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter.

Wed. Oct. 21, 6:45 pm: Jr. High Youth meet in west parking lot.
7 pm: TMYF meet in church park.

Thurs. Oct 22, 7 pm: Christian Ed meeting. **Newsletter items are due.**

Sat. Oct. 24, 3 pm - 5 pm: Fellowship Event at Patchwork Farms.

Next Sunday, October 25

9:00 am: Next Sunday we continue our worship series “Jesus for President” based on The Sermon on the Mount. Scripture for reflection is Matthew 5:38-44 and Pastor Phil will be preaching on loving our enemies.

Following Worship: BASIC class meets in the Hospitality Hall.

10:30 am: Safe Sanctuary Training. *see announcements*

10:45 am: Faith Formation: WOW and CAFE

1:30 pm: Harvest Giving Walk. *see announcements*

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ the family of Bob Unruh. Due to the increased number of COVID cases in local counties, they have decided to postpone the private inurnment that was to take place on October 17. Lord, hear our prayer for Erlene and family as they continue to grieve their loss.
- ★ our communities, schools and nursing homes as the number of COVID cases testing positive continues to increase. Pray for those who test positive, those who are in quarantine, those who care for our loved ones in nursing homes, and teachers and staff who continue to work tirelessly to keep our students safe and healthy while in school. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ our nation as election day draws near. May we all remember the call we have to be followers of Jesus. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ For much needed moisture to water the dry land. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for youth and children's leaders in WDC congregations as they give support and nurture faith formation for young people in the midst of our changing and uncertain world.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite communities in Guatemala are suffering from COVID-19, many people have died. Deb Byler of MMN requests prayer for all, but especially for the pastors who pray with sick people. Pray for wisdom and God's protection so pastors can care for others without exposing themselves to the disease.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: the congregations in the Atlantic Coast Mennonite Conference, who will be gathering via video conference for their annual assembly on Oct. 24-25.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The gift of marriage. Royce and Jennifer Flaming are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today, Oct. 18. Congratulations and thanks be to God!



Congregational Announcements

The Deacon Board presented the following recommendation at the recent church council meeting:

"Based upon the upcoming retirement of Pastor Rosie Jantz, the Deacon Board is recommending that Pastor Katherine's role be increased from half time to full time and that Pastors Phil and Katherine would serve our congregation as co-pastors. They, along with the Deacons, would determine specific role responsibilities based on their gifts as well as the spiritual needs of the congregation. After an initial sense of calling to ministry, Pastor Katherine felt affirmation for her calling through conversations with congregation members in the church where she completed her college practicum (as part of her Bachelor of Church Ministries degree from CMU) as well as through visiting with nursing home residents when she served as a C.N.A before she began pastoring. We look forward to her devoting more time towards the caring ministry at Tabor Mennonite Church." This recommendation was unanimously approved by the Church Council on October 6, and there will be a vote of affirmation for Pastor Katherine in this expanded role at our November 15 business meeting.

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, 23rd and 24th from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and evening shift on 24th and 25th 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 Harvest Giving Walk will take place at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church **Sunday, October 25 at 1:30 pm.** Pick up a Walk envelope today or find someone who is walking and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry

and MCC's COVID-19 relief efforts. "With your support, we can respond to COVID-19, and where possible scale up our ongoing health, food and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) work... You can help vulnerable communities around the world." Participants are invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry to the Walk. Please make checks payable to "Harvest Giving Walk" or donate online at <https://runsignup.com/harvestgivingwalk>.

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: The Bethesda Home Board of Trustees is still sponsoring Bethesda Home's Annual Fundraiser, "Pillar's Banquet." It 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 soon!

The Tabor Mennonite Men's Chicken BBQ will occur on **November 5**. The menu will be the same but will be a drive-thru to-go meal. 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)
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.

Conference Announcements

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is conducting an Online Quilt Auction. The Quilt Auction will run through Monday, October. 26. There are 27 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 bid! 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:

-- Join the conversation at WDC's Leadership Lunch on October 22 at 12:00 noon. Each month a Kansas Leadership Center leadership competency is presented. Anyone is welcome. Email wdc@mennowdc.org for a Zoom link to join the conversation.

--The WDC Immigration Task Force offers its next 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.

An Immigration Detention Center Attorney Speaks Out, by Anali Looper
The months since the COVID-19 outbreak began have been trying for all of us. But for the thousands of people locked in immigration detention centers, trying doesn't even begin to describe the situation. As a nonprofit immigration attorney in central Texas, I work inside detention centers helping people apply for asylum and other immigration benefits, and I can tell you that even before COVID-19 health care inside these facilities was suspect at best. Early this year one of my colleagues told me she spoke with a detained man who explained how he'd had to use a shoelace as a makeshift catheter because he was unable to get adequate healthcare. Even inhalers or widely available medications are sometimes withheld from those detained. (To read the full length article, go to: <https://mennoniteswithoutborders.org/blog/an-immigration-attorney-speaks-out/>)

Camp Mennoscah is a year-round campground! Ask about winterized facilities or conquer the prairie wilds in a tent. It's a whole new world in the winter--and available for you! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation.

Mennonite Church USA: Tune into Mission Network's Facebook on Mondays at 1 p.m. (EST) for the Hope Series and let us help you dwell in the hope that is the love of Christ. Be sure to tune in on Thursdays at the same time for Hope Around the World, a check-in time with our international partners.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC):

--**Mask ask!** MCC is responding to a request from people on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in southeastern Montana for cloth face masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. If you would like to sew masks, please use the following guidelines:

- Adult sized
- Use at least 2 layers of good quality cotton fabric (solid colors preferred)
- Elastic ear loops
- Nose wire/filter pockets optional

Please ship purchased or completed masks to the MCC Central States Material Resources Center (Attn: Kate Mast) at 121 East 30th Street, North Newton, KS 67117, or drop off in the 24 hour donation room at MCC by **November 15th**. They will all be collected and transported to Montana in time for the winter season. Questions? Please contact katemast@mcc.org.

--MCC's Seed program has positions available now in Colombia, Guatemala and El Salvador! The Seed program is perfect for young adults (18-30) who value service, community, and cultural exchange addressing systemic issues like food insecurity and climate change through grassroots, community-based initiatives. For more information, visit mcc.org/seed or email abbyendashaw@mcc.org.

Bethel College: 2020 Menno Simons Lectures – For the first time in 68 years, this annual series will be delivered virtually. The speaker is César Garcia, general secretary of Mennonite World Conference, Kitchener, Ontario. The series title is “Towards an Anabaptist Catholicity.” Lectures are Sunday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m. (live online / Q&A to follow); Monday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m. (pre-recorded); and Monday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. (live online / Q&A to follow). To register, go to <https://forms.gle/t55EqQjrttWn4md8A> All registered participants will receive the Zoom link a day or so before the series begins.

Lecture 1: “Anabaptist Catholicity: A Definition”

Lecture 2: “Anabaptist Catholicity as Centripetal Force.” This lecture will be pre-recorded as part of the college Convocation series, and will be available at <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/convocation>

Lecture 3: “Anabaptist Catholicity as Centrifugal Force”

Prairie View: Our mental health is just like our physical health - everyone has it and we need to take care of it. Now, more than ever, we need to prioritize mental health. For some of us, mental health conditions have worsened. For others, new mental health problems may have developed as a result of the pandemic. Together, we can make positive change. Prairie View has prepared some social media campaign materials and would like to share them with you. The link to Google Drive is here: <https://bit.ly/36k4xqT>.

Everence will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning* webinar, on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Hymn for Worship

You are salt for the earth

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You are salt for the earth, O people, salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain:

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace.
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people, light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!

Refrain

Gratitude

I am grateful for....

~ the prayers of the people, and for the healing of body, mind and spirit.

~ a walk in the woods with grandchildren on a beautiful fall afternoon.

~ birthdays and anniversaries that keep on coming.

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 October 11, 2020

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BUDGET UPDATE

Giving Update through October 11 (46 Sundays)

2020 Fiscal Year Budget: \$284,182.00

Faithful Giving to Date: \$224,249.39

PPP Loan/Grant: \$ 31,900.00

for Salaries and Utilities

Amount needed to meet budget: \$ 28,032.61



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am

Worship: 9:30am

Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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