

Jesus' Parables: The Wedding Banquet



Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday together. Though we are experiencing Communion in a different way this year, the meaning behind this sacred act remains the same: may partaking of the bread and cup serve to nourish our relationship with God, with one another, and with our brothers and sisters around the world.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Russell Adrian
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Pastor Rosie Jantz
GATHERING HYMN	<i>"Here in this place"</i> -vs. 1 & 2	No. 6
CHILDREN'S STORY		Carrie Unruh
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 14:12-24</i>	John Unruh
SERMON	<i>"The Parable of the Wedding Banquet"</i> Pastor Katherine Goerzen	
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Here in this place"</i> -vs. 3 & 4	No. 6
CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION		
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER		Pastor Rosie Jantz
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.

8:30 am: 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.

9:15 am: BASIC class meets in the Hospitality Hall.

10:30 am: Drive-in Worship Service.

This Week

Pastor Phil is on sabbatical through October 15.

Mon. Oct. 5, 7 pm: Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. Oct. 6, 10 am: Staff meeting.
7 pm: Church Council Zoom meeting.

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

Next Sunday, October 11

Next Sunday we will continue our worship series 'Jesus' Parables', focusing on The Unjust Judge. Scripture for reflection is Luke 18:1-8 and Peter Goerzen will be preaching.

Zoom Sharing and Faith Formation.

BASIC FF class will meet in the Hospitality Hall.

Times and places for Worship and Faith Formation to be determined following the decision of Church Council at their meeting on Tuesday, October 6.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Pastor Phil as he continues sabbatical. 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.
- ★ loved ones in our nursing homes and also the staff at those facilities as they begin to move toward reopening with scheduled outdoor visits. Lord, hear our prayer for continued safety for all involved.
- ★ all students, parents, teachers and staff in our schools, homes and colleges, as they continue with school during difficult times. Lord, hear our prayer, and thanks be to God for learning opportunities.
- ★ Those persons facing loss due to wildfires, hurricanes and other weather related incidents. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations as they continue to navigate difficult decisions and new patterns of church life during the pandemic.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher of MMN completed their sabbatical leave in the United States last month. Pray for them as they pick up their ministries, many have been put on hold due to South Korea's COVID-19 restrictions.

Thanks

Thank you for the cards, phone calls, and emails we received recently after the passing of Jim's stepmother, Nola. She was a wonderful addition to our Schmidt family. Rudy and Nola enjoyed 16 years of marriage, and Nola felt very much a part of Tabor Church during those years. She truly missed Tabor and her friends and family here when she moved back to Nebraska to be closer to her son and her extended family. We give thanks for the gift of Nola as our Stepmom and Grandma.

--Jim and Diana Schmidt and family

Tabor Church:

On behalf of Bethesda, I want to thank each of you for your support - financially, but also through prayers, words of affirmation to the staff, donations of masks and goodies and most recently through your legislative actions of writing letters on Bethesda's behalf. Thank You !! We are blessed!

~Sara Hiebert, Bethesda

Congregational Announcements

Blood Drive: It's almost that time again – Oct 12 is the next blood drive at Goessel Church. We had such a great response they added a few extra spots so there are now 7 openings. Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org or talk with Rosi (367-2418) or Nancy (367-2610).

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.

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)
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

Western District Conference:

--Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church's annual Mission Supper will be a carry out meal this year due to Covid 19. The meal will feature our traditional menu of German sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed peas, zwiebach, applesauce and pie on Saturday, October 24, 5:00 - 6:30. To order meals call or text Barb (620-543-6863) or Teresa (620-242-2357) by October 18. This will be a free will offering benefit with all proceeds going to support the Buhler Omega Project, an addiction recovery house for women. The Buhler House opened its doors in February 2020.

Camp Mennoscah

--Work and Play Day! Camp Mennoscah invites volunteers to sign up for a day of service and fun on October 10. The day begins at 8:30am and ends approximately 2:30pm. Contact staff at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org for details. Please bring a mask!

--Escape to the prairie! Pastors and ministry workers are welcome to come to Camp Mennoscah for a day or overnight retreat. No charge for the first day/night, but reservations are required. Spend time on the trails, have a campfire cookout, and enjoy the open spaces of the tallgrass prairie and the Minnescah River! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to make a reservation.

Mennonite Church USA:

--Women in Leadership, a ministry of Mennonite Church USA, is presenting "What We Need Is Here," a series of webinars engaging theological work born out of women's experiences. The next two webinars will address intersectionality (Oct. 11, 6 p.m. CT) and navigating patriarchy (Oct. 22, 6 p.m. CT). Register by Oct. 8 here: <https://forms.gle/kARRY9JLTcZv4duf9>

--The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board recently met to report on its strategic plan, approve a budget and affirm a process for addressing polity concerns. Read about it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/eb-meeting-sept-2020/>. The Executive Board also responded to the report from the Membership Guidelines Advisory Group: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/processes-advisory-group-report/>

--Join Mennonites across the church who are reading Stephanie Lobdell's "Signs of Life: Resurrecting Hope Out of Ordinary Losses," as part of a Common Read, a shared reading experience. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/common-read/>

--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.

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

MEDA Convention 2020: Discover intersections of faith and business and business solutions to poverty at this year's convention: *Towards an equal world*. We invite you to attend the upcoming virtual convention of Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) on November 6-7. MEDA serves the working poor around the world, bringing dignity and joy by helping them grow sustainable, locally owned small businesses that are not dependent on charity for survival. More information is available at www.medaconvention.org

Bethel College:

--Bethel College Theater presents No Cross, No Crown: Covid Edition, an original play by Karen Robu, adapted for an online format. This year's Fall Festival play is 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. The play can be viewed on Bethel's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYk8Gp04MBoPIO2NUap95ug>

--Tues., Oct. 13 – The Bethel College Chamber Orchestra will present a short outdoor concert (weather permitting), 5 p.m., *on the Green*. *Face coverings must be worn on the Bethel campus*.

Can you help? On Saturday, October 17, 2020 an Outreach Meal Packaging Event will happen and we need 150 volunteers to make this a success. Our goal is to package 50,000 meals between 9am - 2pm (in two shifts). This is part of a nationwide 1,000,000 meal challenge in honor of the 19th anniversary of 9/11. All of the meals will be donated to domestic food banks, with 5,000 meals donated within Reno County. The event will be at the Sand Hills Event Center in Hutchinson. We will practice social distancing considerations including provided masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer. The event is co-sponsored by Buhler Mennonite Church and IdeaTek. Sign up and also pass the invitation on to other people you know. For more information and to sign-up use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0545AEAD2EA1F58-100000> or call 620.899.2733.

