



Jesus for President: Love for Enemies

With enemy hate on full display in our world, especially amidst the political discourse leading up to elections, Jesus calls us to a higher standard. In the midst of Jesus' challenging sermon on the mount, he declares, "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:44-45a). May we take Jesus' words seriously as we seek to put them into practice in our everyday lives.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Peter Goerzen
CHILDREN'S STORY		Sheri Schmidt
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Matthew 5:38-48</i>	Pastor Rosie Jantz
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	
SERMON	<i>"Blessed are the Peacemakers . . ."</i>	Pastor Phil Schmidt
CONGREGATIONAL and OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Phil Schmidt
	<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 HYMN	<i>"Be thou my vision" -vs. 1</i>	No. 545
SENDING BLESSING		

Words for hymn in bulletin

Sunday, October 25

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 a variety of ways. Options include gathering in the Hospitality Hall, driving in to the church parking lot to listen via FM Radio 107.1, or viewing via YouTube Livestream (YouTube recoding is also available following the service).

Following Worship: BASIC class meets in the Hospitality Hall.

10:45 am: Safe Sanctuary Training. *see announcements*
Join Zoom Meeting

-Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/93733931462?pwd=dmNxUGFzOS9tUVlaQjF6a3QxVC9Ndz09>

-Or, open Zoom and type in the following information:

Meeting ID: 937 3393 1462, Passcode: 201297

One tap mobile: +13462487799,,93733931462#,,,,,0#,,201297# US

-Or call in by dialing the following number: +1 346 248 7799,
then dial the Meeting ID: 937 3393 1462 Passcode: 201297

1:15 pm: Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk. Meet at Alexanderwohl Church shelter house. *See announcements*

This Week

Sun. Oct. 25 - Tues. Oct. 27: Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter.

Mon. Oct. 26, 7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. Oct. 27, 10:00 am: Staff meeting.

7:00 pm: Deacon meeting.

Wed. Oct. 28, 6:45 pm: Jr. High Youth meet in west parking lot.

7:00 pm: TMYF meet in church park.

Sat. Oct. 31, 9:00 am: Fall workday. *See announcements.*

Next Sunday, November 1

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 6:5-15 and Pastor Phil will be preaching on The Lord's Prayer.

Following Worship: BASIC class meets in the Hospitality Hall.

10:45 am: Faith Formation: WOW and CAFE

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ the family of Carrie and Lewis. Twila (mother of Carrie) died peacefully last Sunday afternoon. Her memorial service and burial were Friday afternoon. Prayers are requested for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Lord, hear our prayer for peace and comfort.
- ★ our communities, schools and nursing homes as new positive COVID cases continue to be seen. 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 extreme weather related conditions causing wildfires and flooding. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for pastors in WDC, as they provide congregational leadership and care during challenging times.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for MMN's partner DOOR and UpNext, DOOR's mentorship program for young women of color desiring to explore the intersection of faith and justice. Pray for these young adult leaders and their mentors to make a positive impact in their communities as they apply faith-based leadership models.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the recent rainfall we were able to enjoy and the anticipation of more moisture to come! Thanks be to God!

Thanks

On behalf of Hispanic Ministries IBA program, I want to thank each of you who ordered burritos for the Annual IBA Fundraising. The event was successful, and we were blessed with your orders and generous gifts. We sold over one thousand burritos. Thank you for helping ensure the continuation of this vital Spanish program. We ask for your prayers as the tutors and students continue classes in this challenging pandemic time.

~Violeta

Congregational Announcements

Worship at Tabor: Duane Duerksen, Gayle Funk, and Erica Stoltzfus met Wednesday evening to discuss criteria for in-person worship at Tabor Church. We recommend following the Kansas Department of Health and Environment School Gating Metrics (found here: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/kdhe.epidemiology#!/vizhome/COVID-19TableauVersion2/GatingMetricsMaps>). Hover your cursor over the counties on the map to see the statistics. This is based on community testing positivity rates for the previous two week period; we will be looking at both Marion and Harvey counties. We will monitor this every Wednesday to make a decision regarding church for the upcoming Sunday. If positivity rates are between 5%-<15% (green, yellow, and orange color coding) in-person services may continue in the building. If positivity rates rise to 15% (red coding) or greater in either one or both counties, in-person services will be suspended until both counties drop below 15%. This week our positivity rate is 14.8% in Harvey County and 6.5% in Marion County, permitting in-person services. However, we would encourage members to use extra caution in making their decision regarding attending due to a new cluster of cases in the Goessel community.

Safe Sanctuary Training: All Adults who make an annual commitment to Tabor's Safe Sanctuary Policy – **Teachers, Helpers, Youth Leaders, Mentors, Transporters** – please attend a special Zoom training with Anna Groff, Executive Director of Dove's Nest this **Sunday, October 25 at 10:45 a.m.** Anna will be presenting for about 35-40 minutes and then allow 20 minutes for discussion. See the attached handout for her talking points which include an emphasis on safety and abuse prevention during COVID. This session will be recorded if you are unable to attend but we look forward to this opportunity to gather together to share as a community that cares for our children and youth, even in a year where we miss seeing their smiling faces in-person.

This Sunday, October 25 is the Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk! You can still sign up to walk (or run) and you can still make a donation to help MCC's COVID-19 relief efforts, as well as the expenses of our local Tabor Food Pantry. Contact area coordinator Kevin Nickel (at 620-747-0029) to participate in this event or donate online at <https://runsignup.com/harvestgivingwalk>. Walkers, please be at the Alexanderwohl Church shelter house by 1:15 p.m. to sign in and remember to bring an item for the Food Pantry as well as your donation envelope.

Fall Workday: The Trustees would like to put together a work morning on October 31 beginning at 9 am 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. Hope to see you!

Bethesda Home's Annual Pillar's Banquet - Drive Thru Style:

Sunday, November 1 from 5:30 – 6:30pm at Tabor Mennonite Church, drive under the portico to pick up your meal. This is Bethesda's one and only fundraiser each year and just because COVID came, it is not going to stop us from enjoying wonderful food and supporting the ministry of Bethesda Home. Donations for the meal: Adults - \$150/plate, Children under 12 - \$25/plate, Special Offer for First Time Attendees to a Pillars Banquet - \$75/plate. The meal is catered by the best chefs around: Elaine Unruh, Lynette Duerksen and Laura Unrau, so you won't want to miss this!!!! Please **RSVP by October 28** to Bethesda Home at 620.367.2291 or email Sara at shiebert@bethesdahome.org. You may send your checks to Bethesda, earmarked Pillars Banquet or pay at the window! See you all on Sunday, November 1

Tabor Mennonite Men's Chicken BBQ: Everyone is invited to the annual chicken barbeque on Nov. 5 from 5-7 pm or until the food runs out. This year it will be a to-go pick up meal. The menu is bbq chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner roll and ice cream and the food will taste great as usual. From the south end of the east parking lot please drive around the south side of the church under the overhang to place your donation and pick up your meal(s). The funds raised will go to Mennonite Central Committee and Bethesda Home in Goessel.

Goessel Community Drive-Through Thanksgiving Meal!

COVID can't stop our good work! The *meal will be catered this year by Keith Banman*. Drive-through will be from **5:00-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 15**. The meal is free; donations are welcome to help Goessel Ministerial Alliance (GMA) provide assistance for community families and the schools. Please help Keith to plan by sending an RSVP to alexmenno@mtelco.net

Core Community: Change the world with one dollar a day challenge. Marion County Core Community is looking for 140 brave and generous people who will pledge \$1 a day or \$30 a month for one year. \$1 a day can solve poverty by inviting families experiencing poverty to a safe place where their voices are heard, they are treated with honor and dignity as they unpack their lives, gain new relationships and build resources. Txt or Call Mark Rogers @ 620-877-0899. All gifts are tax deductible.

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!

Conference Announcements

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is conducting an Online Quilt Auction. The Quilt Auction will run through Monday, October. 26. The Quilt Auction is on the Auctria website at <https://charityauction.bid/KMRSQuilts>. Thanks for your interest and bids!

Western District Conference: Thumbnail Comparison of Candidates on Immigration policy, asylum, and deportation: The WDC Immigration Task Force invites you to review this brief comparison between the presidential candidates on immigration issues here:

<https://mennoniteswithoutborders.org/blog/candidates-immigration-policies/>.

We voters are the voice for the voiceless. "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom that is prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you gave me clothing; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25.34-35).

Camp Mennoscah

--A recording of Camp Mennoscah's annual meeting is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/gWLZ8tXyBcM> and soon on Camp Mennoscah's Facebook page.

--Another Work and Play Day at Camp Mennoscah has been completed! Thank you to all the volunteers for the work done and your great company. Your support is valued more than you might imagine. (And think BIG x 100.) You are the greatest!

Mennonite Church USA: A new video series from MC USA showcases the stories of Mennonites who are advocating for immigration justice and demonstrating radical hospitality. Visit the Learn, Pray, Join web page for these and other resources: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/immigration/>.

Mennonite Central Committee 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:

- Use at least 2 layers of good quality cotton fabric (solid colors preferred)
- Adult sized
- 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.

