

Tabor Mennonite Church

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“Stories that Stick” Ministry Storytelling

Though this past year has been much different than usual, we know that God’s Spirit has continued to move in and work through our congregation. This Sunday we have the opportunity to share about and give thanks for some of the ways that we have experienced God’s presence in the life of our congregation.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Russell Adrian

WELCOME AND PRAYER Pastor Phil Schmidt

GATHERING HYMN *“Brightest and Best”* Bel Canto Singers

CHILDREN’S STORY Sheri Schmidt

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 17:11-19* Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*The Word of God for the people of God ~ **Thanks be to God!***

MINISTRY STORYTELLING

Church Chair	Gayle Funk
Deacon Board	Carol Duerksen
Trustees	Kenton Nickel
Christian Education	Pam Abrahams
Outreach Commission	Kim Funk
Worship and Fellowship Commission	Russell Adrian
Pastors	Pastor Katherine Goerzen Pastor Phil Schmidt

HYMN *“There’s no one in this world like Jesus”*

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

SENDING BLESSING

Words for hymns in bulletin

Sunday, January 10

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.

Worship Service: We invite everyone to watch the worship playlist via YouTube.

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWJe_BGI_mKqnSWQrskuFfy2pn2prhqB

Faith Formation

9:00 am: Sharing and breakout rooms via Zoom.

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.

Children’s Faith Formation: SHINE Winter curriculum.

See announcements for details and find in attachment to email.

This Week

Mon. Jan. 11, 7 pm - Men’s Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. Jan. 12, 10 am - Staff meeting.

Next Sunday, January 17

9:00 am: Faith Formation via Zoom.

Worship: We continue our “Stories that Stick” worship series by focusing on the theme of “Reconciliation/Restoration.” The scripture focus will be Luke 15:11-32 and Pastor Phil will be preaching. The service may be viewed via YouTube playlist.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ all in our congregation and community who are sick with COVID-19, all who are recovering from surgery, all who are dealing with other illness, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ all who live and work at Bethesda Home as they have begun to receive vaccines while at the same time facing an influx of COVID cases. All who live and work at Schowalter Villa and Kidron Bethel and area nursing homes. Lord, hear our prayers for strength, healing, and peace.
- ★ school administrators, teachers, and students as they continue to deal with staff and students out due to Covid and quarantine. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ healing for the unrest and deep divisions in our country. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray that WDC will receive generous contributions to help meet goals for the fiscal year ending in January, and give thanks for the many ways congregations and donors support the ministry of the conference.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN praises God for DOOR's (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) creative adaptation of leadership training programs in the COVID-19 era. Pray for all the young people who have engaged with the Teaching Collective series, which offer a virtual space for discussions centered around race, gender, trauma and healing. DOOR organizes opportunities to experience God in urban settings.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Thanks be to God for the ministries which Tabor was able to provide during this past year. Thanks be to God for the creativity and energy on the part of everyone to continue to seek and find ways to be the church during this coming year.

Thanks

We are thankful for our Tabor Church Family, for the prayers, phone calls, visiting and reminiscing and also cards and notes sent. Bonnie is home now, so thank you for all the cards and calls as she was in the hospital and in recovery.

~Lowell and Bonnie Heinrichs

Thank you from the Tabor Food Pantry! The strong support that we have seen throughout this past year from the Goessel community and churches has been amazing! While we have had fewer donations of food items due to COVID restrictions, the monetary support we have received has made it possible to keep our shelves very well stocked and we are able to be generous with giving groceries and grocery gift cards to clients. We are exploring ways to share this generosity with the community by supporting additional food ministries. The food pantry is here to help anyone in the Goessel community who is struggling at this time. If you need a little help, please reach out to us. If you know of someone in need of assistance, please let them know that the food pantry is available to help with their grocery needs. The Food Pantry is here to help . . . *because no one should go hungry*. Thank you again for your continued support.

~ Kim Funk, on behalf of the Tabor Food Pantry

Congregational Announcements

Children's Faith Formation: Parents, children's faith formation for January and February will be provided as a weekly page of suggestions from the SHINE winter quarter curriculum. The "All of Us" book and student booklets handed out before Christmas will be used. Please contact Pam Abrahams with any questions.

Book Study Opportunity: This past fall, a number of us read and discussed Drew Hart's book *Trouble I've Seen*. As a follow up, Pastor Katherine is planning to lead a book study on his new book: *Who Will Be a Witness?* If you are interested in joining in this book study, please let Pastor Katherine know. We hope to start this book study some time towards the beginning of February.

Tabor Wellness Champions: Congratulations to everyone who participated in our 2020 Body Building wellness challenge! Our top point earners were Carol Duerksen, Barb Abrahams, Denise Nickel and Carrie Unruh who logged copious amounts of cardio and strength training minutes as well as engaged in numerous "check-ins" with fellow Tabor members. All participants earned Newton Chamber Check rewards that can be redeemed at a variety of local businesses. Thank you for your participation and wellness efforts!

Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum 46th Annual Meeting. We will be conducting our annual meeting on Sunday, January 17, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. from Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church through Zoom, due to COVID-19 concerns. To join the Zoom meeting please use the following: Meeting ID: 850 5291 3461 Passcode: 964749 (Next week, be looking for an email with a direct link.) This will be a business meeting only with no special speaker. We have a slate of three new board member nominees to be voted on: Sandy Duerksen, Pat Penner, and Bruce Funk. Fern Bartel will be presenting a slide show from the past year's activities. And no faspa will be served following the program but, in honor of this tradition, you may partake in this from your home!

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale: Please put July 2 and 3, 2021 on your church calendar for this year's MCC Sale. *Note change of date!* We are hoping and praying that COVID-19 will be under control by July so we can hold the MCC Sale this year.

Directory Updates: Please submit any updates for the 2021 Tabor Church Directory to kfunk@tabormennonite.org or call 367-2318. If no answer, please leave a message. Thank you.

Worship in January: Tabor Church Staff and COVID Task Force are recommending that we shift to YouTube Playlist Worship Services in January. We have enjoyed the outdoor worship and fellowship opportunities, but winter weather necessitates a change, and high COVID case numbers do not permit us to gather large groups in the church building at this time. Zoom Faith Formation sessions will continue on Sundays at 9am. We will reassess in mid-January. Please continue to find creative ways to stay connected in healthy ways!

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!

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

--WDC Annual Assembly Resolutions - The Assembly will be held July 30-Aug 1, in a hybrid model with the possibility of both virtual and in-person activities. WDC encourages the development of resolutions that facilitate discernment, educate, build unity, and provide an area conference understanding while acknowledging dissenting voices. Any proposed church statement should be discerned through congregations or WDC commissions and task forces and submitted for consideration to the WDC Resolutions Committee a minimum of 120 days prior to annual conference sessions (April 2, 2021).

--Common Read: Join others across WDC to discuss *I Am Not Your Enemy: Stories to Transform a Divided World* by Michael T. McRay. This Common Read is a partnership between Herald Press, MC Canada, and MC USA. WDC-based Zoom discussions will take place on Jan. 11, 11:30am-12:30pm and Jan. 28, 7-8pm. Join for one or both discussions. To borrow a copy of the book (limited number) or to register for the discussion, email crlib@mennowd.org.

Camp Mennoscah

--The Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Olivia Bartel has accepted the position of Executive Director. She has been with Camp Mennoscah since 2008 and will continue to be responsible for camp programming while taking on additional supervisory and executive responsibilities. Please join us in congratulating Olivia on her promotion and welcoming her to the role of Executive Director.

--Applications for Camp Mennoscah Summer Staff positions are now being accepted! Although there is a chance positions will change to meet the needs of pandemic-impacted summer youth camps, the current summer staff leadership positions are naturalist, crafts leader, lifeguard, grounds/maintenance, music leader, office, and all-round/media. For those 21 years old or older, there is also a Director of Support opening. Find the application and information online at www.campmennoscah.org under Summer Youth Camps!

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC):

--MCC Webinars on Service Opportunities: Are you ready to step out and into service? To spend a year serving abroad or the summer serving your church or a local community organization? Check out the webinars happening this winter that will introduce these MCC service opportunities to you! Learn more at mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities.

--Canner Operator. MCC is looking for new canner operators! This two-year service term is unique and offers the opportunity to travel around the U.S. and Canada, working as a team while meeting new people! Check out mcc.org/canning for details!

--Area Director for Central Southern Asia. MCC is seeking applicants for the position of [Area Director for Central Southern Asia](#). The Area Director will be responsible to coordinate MCC's resources in impactful and mutually transformative programming. For more information and/or to apply, please visit serve.mcc.org.

--MCC Representative for Haiti. Are you looking for opportunities to use your leadership skills? The [MCC Representative for Haiti](#) provides programmatic direction to the work of MCC in Haiti within the MCC Latin America/Caribbean region. This position provides team leadership and support for all MCC workers in Haiti. For more information and/or to apply, please visit service.mcc.org.

Seeking the Beloved Community: From Racism to Reconciliation

As part of God's reconciling work, we are called to dismantle racism and build relationships across racial divides. On Saturday, January 23, 2021 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. EST, Mennonite Men will be hosting a meeting, open to all genders, with members of Seeking the Beloved Community, a group of Black and White men in Elkhart, Indiana, who have been engaged in this work for seven years. A number of these are pastors and members of Mennonite congregations. To learn more about the event, [click here](#). To register for the event, [click here](#).

Hesston College announces an online event for February 20, 2021: What if They Don't Come Back? Pastoring Through the Pandemic Pastors and church leaders have had unprecedented challenges during COVID-19. How do we care for each other when we can't be together? How do we move toward each other in a time of historical division if we can't be in proximity? How do we reach out when we really should stay home?

Tensions, divisions and frustrations abound and the Pastor is at the center of it all. But what if in the midst of challenge comes the opportunity for transformative change? More information/registration at:

<https://www.hesston.edu/academics/departments/call-program/weekend-college/what-if-they-dont-come-back/>

If you plan to attend, please contact the church office. Tabor already qualifies for group registration discount.

Bethel College:

--Sun., Jan. 10, 3 p.m. – Florence Schloneger, N. Newton, and Pauline Sharp, Wichita, will give a virtual presentation, sharing their family stories related to land ownership, economics, education and identity. This is in connection with the Kauffman Museum special exhibit “Crossroads: Change in Rural America.” Schloneger’s ancestors immigrated to Kansas in the 1800s while Sharp’s relatives, members of the Kanza tribe, lived in central Kansas for centuries before the arrival of Europeans.

Schloneger is a retired Mennonite minister. Sharp is a Kaw tribal member and board member of the Kanza Heritage Society. Sign up for the Zoom link at <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/event/sunday-afternoon-at-the-museum-with-florence-schloneger-and-pauline-sharp/> The event will also be on Facebook Live.

--Mon., Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m. – Bethel College’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration will feature spoken word artist M’Yvonne Payne and former pro athlete and motivational speaker Chris Singleton. The event will be held in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center, with COVID protocols in place, and will also be live-streamed via YouTube at bit.ly/bethelks-mlk2021 Sponsors are the Bethel College Diversity Council, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Student Life Office, with support from the Bethel College Women’s Association.

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College is partnering with Humanities Kansas to host the Smithsonian traveling exhibit “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” through Jan. 17. Accompanying it is a local companion exhibit, “Of Land and People: Our Community at the Crossroads,” created from the museum’s permanent exhibit “Of Land and People.” The museum is open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tues.-Fri; 1:30-4:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun; and closed Mondays. Admission to the “Crossroads” exhibit is free on Saturdays.

Everence will host its popular workshop, Make Medicare an easy step, as a webinar on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com. *Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

Hymn for Worship

There’s No One In This World Like Jesus

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There's no one in this world like Jesus,
There's no one in this world like him;
There's no one in this world like Jesus,
There's no one, there's no one like him;

I'm running, running, searching, searching,
I'm turning, turning, searching, searching,
I'm searching, searching, everywhere,
There's no one, there's no one like him.

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