

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Youth Sunday

Our worship this morning focuses on the story of Jesus multiplying the loaves and fish and is led by the youth of our congregation. We are grateful for the gifts that they share with us, knowing that God multiplies all of our gifts and uses them to work wonders.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Phil Unruh
CALL TO WORSHIP		No. 854 VT
GATHERING PRAYER		
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>“Andante et Allegro”</i> -Guy-Ropartz	Dawson Duerksen accompanied by Russell Adrian
CHILDREN’S STORY		Sarahanne Unruh
SCRIPTURE SKETCH	<i>Mark 6:30-44</i>	JJ Cashon, Dylan Riley, Dawson Duerksen
SERMON		Dawson Duerksen
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>“Waterfall”</i>	No. 763 VT
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER		Pastor Luke Unruh
SENDING HYMN	<i>“10,000 Reasons”</i>	No. 111 VT
BENEDICTION		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
POSTLUDE		

For a worship visual to meditate on in this service, you are invited to turn to No. 291 in *Voices Together*

Words for hymns in bulletin

Sunday, April 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.

9:00 am: Faith Formation

Sharing and breakout rooms via Zoom.

Zoom connection information:

-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.

10:45 am: Worship Service in the Sanctuary

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

Link: https://youtu.be/6luU7S_3pA4

Fellowship Time: Following worship there will be 30 minutes for social groups to meet. Details will be announced.

Youth Fundraiser: TMYF will be providing a drive-thru meal to raise funds for their trip to the MCUSA Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio this summer. The menu will consist of Verenike Casserole, Green Beans, Zwieback, and a Cherry Dessert. (NOTE: There will also be a gluten free verenike casserole option.) These can be picked up following worship. All are invited! Thank you for your support!

Children’s Faith Formation: SHINE Spring curriculum.

2:00 pm: Christian Education meeting.

This Week

Mon. April 19, 7 pm - Men’s Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. April 20, 9 am - Staff meeting. **7:30 pm** - Deacon meeting.

Wed. April 21, 6:30 pm - Junior High Fellowship **7:15 pm** - TMYF

Thurs. April 22: Bulletin and Newsletter items are due.

Next Sunday, April 25

9:00 am: Faith Formation via Zoom.

10:45 am: Next Sunday we begin a new worship series, “Reconciliation.” The theme will be Reconciliation with God. The Scripture passage for reflection will be 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching. Worship will take place in the sanctuary following the protocol set by our Covid Task Force, or you may livestream the service or watch later at the link that will be provided.

Fellowship Time following worship.

All children ages 2 - 8th grade and their families: You are invited for an outdoor event in the Tabor park on April 25 at 2:30 pm. We hope to see many of you there for human foosball, s'mores, and storytelling by Pastor Luke! Hosted by the Tabor Education Committee.

Mentor Program - On April 25, we are planning on having a kick-off for all of our mentor/ mentee pairs in the Tabor Church park. We will have a wiener roast for supper, have a short time of discussion and some games and fellowship afterwards. We will meet at 5:30 pm in the park. Mentors, please be in contact with your youth and plan on attending if possible. Thanks for your support of our youth and the mentor program.

7:00 pm: Book Study, *Who Will Be a Witness?* via Zoom.

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were on April 11:

- ★ Elizabeth shared that she will be serving as a counselor at the Echo Ranch Bible Camp in Juneau, Alaska this summer. She is excited to meet new people, spend time in the beauty of creation, and share the Gospel with others. Thanks be to God for this opportunity! Lord, hear our prayers as Elizabeth finishes her semester at Bethel and prepares to serve in this role.
- ★ Brent expressed gratitude for the Trustees, Dale, and for all who have given generously of their time and talents as they work on the basement remodel. Thanks be to God!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Pastor Phil, who moved to Goshen, IN this past week and began his pastorate at Belmont Mennonite Church on April 15. Mary, Ethan and Noah remain here in Kansas until the close of the school year. Lord, hear our prayers for Phil as he transitions with this new congregation and for the family during their time apart.
- ★ all who are experiencing illness, recovering from surgery, continuing with medical treatments, and all who are grieving losses or experiencing emotional trauma. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ all who have been impacted by violence and the threat of terror. Remember those affected by the violence that continues to be seen in our country. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for farmers and gardeners, and pray for all those in WDC congregations working to be faithful stewards of God's creation.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for the two-day Sent Network conference that begins on Thursday, April 22. Pray that all who participate in this virtual church-planting summit will be inspired, energized, and given the tools necessary for encouraging the growth of Jesus' church.

Thank You

We've been through a lot since Bruce's sudden heart attack Oct. 25, 2020, but your many prayers, love, words of encouragement and other acts of kindness have carried us through this tough time in our lives. God definitely placed us where we needed to be that day and we continue to seek His guidance daily as we learn a new lifestyle. Bruce finished Cardiac Rehab last week and he is where he should be following his rehab. We are so very thankful!
~Bruce & Eileen Schmidt

Congregational Announcements

We will be maintaining the same protocol for in-person worship for April as we have in March: social distancing while entering and exiting the building and while sitting in the sanctuary, singing on the last hymn while wearing masks, mask wearing on Tabor property, contact trace recording. Gathering with food in the Hospitality Hall is discouraged but allowed for no more than 50 people while social distancing is observed. Again, if you have questions about a gathering or event don't hesitate to contact Gayle Funk, Duane Duerksen, Erica Stoltzfus. Thank You ~Covid Task Team

The Deacons are soliciting names to be discerned to fill Marcene Entz's unexpired term ending in 2022. Please let any of the Deacons know if you have an interest in serving or have a name to discern. The Deacons feel it is beneficial to keep the team gender-balanced; however, anyone who feels called to be discerned may contact the Deacon Board. ***Because of Marcene Entz's resignation, if you are on her deacon list and have need for a call or visit, please contact one of the deacons or Pastor Katherine.***

Tabor Church Directories for 2021 are available. Electronic copies were emailed this week. Paper copies are available in the church foyer if you would like one, or contact the church office to have one mailed to you.

From Austin Unruh: Hi, as some of you may know I recently joined the staff of Echo Ranch Bible Camp in Juneau, Alaska, as their mechanic. As a missionary I am tasked with raising my own financial and prayer support, and if you feel led to join me in this ministry, a link for tax deductible online giving can be found here: <https://avantministries.org/missionaries>, and my account number is 12338. If you prefer to give by check, tax deductible, instructions are here: <https://avantministries.org/give-by-check>. If you do not want a receipt for gifts, they can be sent to Austin Unruh, 888 N. Chisholm Trail, Newton, KS 67114. I also send out a monthly newsletter to anyone interested, so if you would like to receive that please email me at austin.unruh@avmi.org. Feel free to reach out with any questions, I would be glad to share more about what I am doing. My cell number is (620)386-4129. Thank you.

The trustees will be having a spring work day on May 8th from 8 am until noon. Jobs will include outside cleanup, landscaping, interior cleaning, basement remodel work, and more. Contact a trustee with questions.

We are excited to be planning VBS for June 7-11! Please note that we will be starting at 9 am this year instead of 8:30. We will meet together, even if it looks a little different than other years. To register for VBS, use the link below, or a printed registration form may be picked up at church. Questions may be directed to Eunice Nickel, Keri Unruh or Pam Abrahams. <https://forms.gle/gkjHPyiwQMyYbkyNA>

VBS Orientation will take place on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30 pm in the Hospitality Hall. Staff volunteers, please sign up to help with VBS by Friday, April 23, using this link: <https://forms.gle/hX5foNSwijJdbmTG7>

Tabor Mennonite Women! Save the date! Our annual mystery evening will be on Wednesday, May 19. More details to follow.

“Josie’s Closet – Medical Equipment Loan & Recycling” loans gently used equipment to those in need. Items often requested include shower chairs, commodes, walkers, and transport chairs, so donations of those and other items are appreciated. Call Nancy Stucky at (620)747-9359 or email josiesclosetmedequip@gmail.com for a loan or donation appointment.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference Hope Fund update: One year ago in April 2020, the WDC Executive Board established the Hope Fund to support WDC congregations and ministers in response to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Thanks be to God for the mutual support and generosity that has been shared through these funds! In anticipation of future needs beyond the pandemic, the Executive Board approved an expansion of the Hope Fund guidelines. *For more information, see WDC SPROUTS which was shared through email.* Gifts to the Hope Fund may be made online at <https://mennowdc.org/> or by sending a check to PO Box 306, N. Newton, KS 67117. Thank you!

Camp Mennoscah is seeking to fill a part-time custodian/housekeeper position. Hours average 10 per week and are flexible, dependent upon the camp schedule. For more information, contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC):

--**MCC dignity kit** informational webinar, April 20 at 7 p.m. Yes, MCC has a new kit that has been in development for years and now we're ready to teach you how to help us bring dignity to young women around the world! The dignity kit includes hygiene items and a reusable menstruation pad system. [Join Kate Mast for this webinar to learn about the kit and how to sew the base units for the reusable system.](#)
Email katemast@mcc.org for the Zoom link.

--**Responding to disaster:** MCC's response to hurricanes Eta & Iota webinar April 21 & 22 at 7pm. MCC is pleased to bring you, via Zoom, the people and stories directly impacted by this disaster response that you generously supported. [Register here](#) for this two night webinar to hear directly from MCC partner organizations and church partners in Honduras and Nicaragua. They will share about MCC's disaster response as well as how climate change impacts migration and poverty in Central America.

--**From the MCC U.S. Washington Office**, an invitation to take action: Prevent future war—repeal the Iraq AUMF (Authorization for Use of Military Force) The 2002 Iraq AUMF authorized war against the Saddam Hussein regime and has been used to justify military action for 19 years without additional congressional approval. Two bills repealing the AUMF in the House of Representative and the Senate have growing bipartisan support. Repealing past AUMFs will return authority to engage in militarized force to Congress, creating greater accountability for military actions. [Send a message to your members of Congress calling on them to support the repeal of the 1991 and 2002 Iraq AUMFs.](#)

Bethel College:

--Sunday, April 25, 2 pm – Award-winning syndicated columnist Leonard Pitts Jr., makes a return engagement, live online, speaking on “Is America Possible?” This is part of the Peace Lecture Series from the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR). Register for the Zoom link at kipcor.org

--Kauffman Museum's spring fundraiser is FaspBox – *faspa* in a box. Each box serves one and costs \$50. Reservations must be made by Monday, April 26 (for pickup or delivery on May 2), at www.kauffmanmuseum.org/faspbox or by contacting the museum with credit card information at kauffman@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

Everence: Make Medicare an easy step - Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 pm. Join us for this informative and interactive Medicare webinar. Topics will include: Signing up for Medicare: how, when and where. What Medicare covers (and does not cover). Prescription drug coverage. Plans that supplement Medicare. **Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.* Register soon for these free, online events by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Hymns for Worship

Waterfall

Voices Together No. 763
CCLI # 1187500 #CSPL087170

*O my Savior, I give you glory, my Redeemer, my God and Friend.
There is no one, oh so holy, and this love will never end.*

1) I can't think of anywhere, anywhere I would want to be more than with you.
I can't think of anything, anything I would rather do than give you glory.
Come, my Savior, on the clouds; Holy Spirit, speed the hour.
I will shout out loud the message:
"Freedom is coming and the moment is now."

2) See the pow'r of evil injustice: captive people, fam'lies, and dreams.
See the city in the dessert, vacant now without a stream.
God will come in a whisper; love and hope the water God brings.
Watch the stream become a river bringing life where death has been.

3) I am here to speak a message, tell the truth that will set you free.
I proclaim, "Freedom to the captives, freedom to you in Jesus' name!"
By the power of the Spirit, comfort comes to the people who mourn.
In the Jubilee that's rising, good news comes to the suffering poor.

*Let your rain come down all around.
Let the thunder sound, shake the ground.
Let the waterfall pound, breaking down all the lies you found under me.
Let the sightless see, let them see.
Set the bound ones free, set them free.
Water fall on me, water fall, I have sought your heart, hear me call.
Reveal who you are; set things right in this world.
Reveal who you are; teach us how to rebuild.*

10,000 Reasons

Voices Together No. 111
CCLI # 1187500 #CSPL087170

*Bless the Lord, O my soul. Oh, my soul worships your holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

- 1) The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever my pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.
- 2) You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
- 3) And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come,
still, my soul will sing your praise unending
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Offering and Worship April 11, 2021

Offering	=	\$ 3,785.00
Attendance	=	112
Worship Link Views	=	55

Views to links may include more than one person

Giving at Tabor

You are welcome to bring your offerings and place them in the containers that are available as you enter the sanctuary.

You may also continue your faithful giving to the ministries of the church in the following ways:

- 1) Mail your offering to:
Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, Kansas 67114
- 2) Start an automatic deposit from your bank account. Contact the church for more information. 367-2318; kfunk@tabormennonite.org
- 3) Use the online bill pay option that your bank has in place. Contact your financial institution if you are not familiar with this process.

*Donations will also be accepted for the basement remodel project.
Please write a separate check to Tabor Mennonite Church with
'basement project' clearly indicated on the memo line.*



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As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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