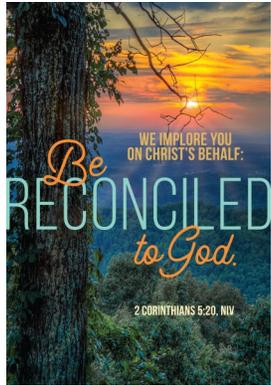


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Reconciliation With God

Reconciliation starts in God's great love for creation and for every person who is created in God's image. Being mindful of this great love, today we worship God, "who has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

~ 2 Corinthians 5:18

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Michelle Unruh
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Luke Unruh
GATHERING PRAYER		
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"Mercy, Mercy, Lord"</i>	No. 169 VT
CHILDREN'S STORY		Janna Duerksen
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2</i>	Carrie Friesen
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"The Love of God"</i>	No. 162 VT
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER		
	<i>Prayer Response: "God, you so love this world"</i>	Pastor Katherine Goerzen
SENDING HYMN	<i>"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"</i>	No. 170 VT
BENEDICTION		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
POSTLUDE		

Sunday, April 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.

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/o9skzq3YSwo>

Fellowship Time: Formal fellowship groups will no longer meet due to lack of interest. We encourage parking lot fellowship at this time! Watch for new fellowship groups that the deacons and Christian Education committee will be offering at a later date.

Children's Faith Formation: SHINE Spring curriculum.

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

5:30 pm: Mentor Program - Kick-off for all of 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. 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.

This Week

Mon. April 26, 7 pm - Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. April 27, 9 am - Staff meeting.

Wed. April 28, 6:30 pm - Jr High Fellowship **7:30 pm** - Deacon mtg.

Thurs. April 29: Bulletin items are due by 8am.

Next Sunday, May 2

9:00 am: Faith Formation via Zoom.

10:45 am: Next Sunday we continue our worship series, "Reconciliation." The theme will be Reconciliation with Ourselves. The Scripture passage for reflection will be Psalm 139:1-14 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

Fellowship Time following worship.

Covid19 Protocol for May:

We still want to maintain a measure of safety for all Tabor Church attendees. We are relaxing the protocol somewhat but want to continue to be smart and alert to the Covid19 Virus. Some statistics that play into the decisions are: According to the Marion Co. Health Dept, as of April 22 only 26% of eligible people have been vaccinated. 12 new Covid cases were reported April 20. (We have not studied Harvey Co. statistics yet.)

--Mask Wearing Indoors is still encouraged but not mandated. Masks are not required outdoors, although will be respected if you feel most comfortable wearing them.

--During worship service the people speaking from the front microphones (behind the pulpit or on the floor) are encouraged to remove your mask to accommodate those who have had difficulty understanding the speakers. Vocalists on the stage are encouraged to continue to wear a mask to not spread airborne droplets. The congregation is invited to sing on the last hymn of the service.

--Contact Trace Recording will be discontinued. If you test positive after attending a church event, PLEASE call one of the Covid Task Team or the church office.

--Sanitizing stations will remain available and encouraged to be used.

--Social Distance seating arrangement in the sanctuary will continue to be used through May. If there are more than 120 people in attendance feel free to sit in a roped off area.

--Mailboxes will again be used.

--Gatherings that include serving of food are still discouraged. Groups of less than 50 may meet with food if individual plates are prepared and served (versus potluck style).

--Later May or June, Faith Formation classes will resume in classrooms and in the Hospitality Hall. Announcements will be made for class locations. Christian Ed is making plans for most of Bible School to be held outside unless inclement weather.

Thank You, Covid Task Team – Gayle Funk, Duane Duerksen, Erica Stolfus

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on April 18:

- ★ Maynard Knepp shared about how the miracle of the Feeding of the 5000 is still happening today. Through events both locally and across the globe, many are coming together to feed thousands of people in need. Thanks be to God for the continued working of God's miracles throughout the world!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for pastors, parents, teachers, and mentors in WDC congregations, as they guide faith formation for children and youth in the midst of challenging times.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the three-year ministry of Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado at La Casa Grande, a children's home in Benin. Pray for Diana and Felipe as they transition back to living in and doing God's work in Colombia, their sending country.

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers for Joel during his recent hospitalization. When he was informed that Tabor Church was praying for him (after he was no longer heavily sedated and intubated), a huge smile crossed his face. He was transferred back to Bethesda on the 15th, is continuing with therapy, is almost back to baseline, and is in good spirits. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for your prayers, and for Joel's continued resiliency.

~ Dorothy for the Goertz sisters (Emily, Esther, Naomi)

A BIG Thank You to all of you who participated in TMYF's venenike casserole fundraiser through preparing, serving, and eating the meal! With your generous donations, we raised over \$2,500 for our trip to Convention this summer! Thank you so much for your support!

~Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship

Congregational Announcements

The Deacons are delighted that Luke Unruh has accepted the position of Supply Pastor. With this position filled, the deacons are ready to move on and would like to keep the congregation informed as to what the next steps at Tabor might look like. We are planning to have intentional conversations this summer during some of the Faith Formation times to discuss questions such as “what is important to our congregation” and what are our “core values”. We will likely include a third party to help us with these conversations, with plans to form a pastoral search committee in fall.

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, Pastor Katherine, or Pastor Luke.***

Mission Partners: Tabor Church has begun a new mission partner relationship with Joseph and Rachel Givens who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network in France. To aid with communication and to offer support, it would be helpful to have a group of individuals who could serve as contacts with them. This could be a Faith Formation class, a small group, or anyone interested in this ministry. Please contact the church office if this is something that you would like to pursue.

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

Jr. High Camp: As with many things this last year, camp for our 7th and 8th graders will look different as well. After cancelling camp last year, we are excited to be able to gather in a new way this year! Here is our plan: three “day camps” from 3:00 PM-9:00 PM on May 29, June 26, and July 31. Each month, we will be hosted by a different Goessel area church: May 29 (Tabor Mennonite), June 26 (Goessel Mennonite), and July 31 (Alexanderwohl Mennonite). Be looking for more details via email the week leading up to the event! Our goal is to provide a camp experience for our junior high youth. And even though we aren’t going to camp this year, we are excited to be able to bring camp to our community! See the attached brochure for more information!

The link to register is <https://forms.gle/589UmVHBp14T3MNRA>

If you have any questions, please contact one of us!

Laura Unrau 620-386-4331 lauraelaine25@gmail.com

Michelle Unruh 620-747-0991 michellerunruh@gmail.com

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.

Because No One Should Go Hungry: The purpose of the Tabor Church Food Pantry is to provide food at no cost for families in need in the Goessel area. If you are struggling during this time of pandemic, know that you are not alone. We are here to help! Please call to set up a time to get your food. 367-2318 - Tabor Church; 747-0408 - Kim Funk; 367-2747 - Janna Duerksen; 367-2437 - Laura Unrau. This is a ministry supported by the Goessel area churches and community.

Conference Announcements

Camp Mennoscah

--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

--Camp Mennoscah is seeking a full-time Director of Development, Marketing & Communications to lead our ongoing operational and advancement needs. More information at www.campmennoscah.org. Applications accepted until the position is filled.

Rocky Mountain Summer Youth Camps: Another year of coronavirus impacts and we are hoping for a successful summer camping season. While guidance from the state is yet to come, we are working toward offering our resident camp programs at 50% capacity and our wilderness camp programs at 100%. Currently, four out of our eleven youth camps (2 resident camps and 2 wilderness camps) have reached capacity with waitlists. Camp is excited again for the group of summer staff who are looking forward to serving the campers and guests anticipating their time here at Rocky Mountain this summer. Special thanks to our donors and churches and conference who have ensured the opportunity to offer a summer camp experience in 2021.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC): 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.](#)

Mennonite Disaster Service: The April edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS is celebrating National Volunteer Week, the Homes of Hope facility in Ephrata, Penn. is almost completed and a royal thank you to MDS volunteers. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3eY7dd>

Bethel College:

--Kauffman Museum’s spring fundraiser is FaspBox – faspa in a box. Faspa is a light evening meal traditional among Low German-heritage Mennonites. 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.

--April 29-May 1 (including Saturday matinee): Bethel College spring play, *I and You* by Lauren Gunderson, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Thursday, 7:30 pm; Friday, 7:30 pm; Saturday, 2 pm and 7:30 pm – and there is a livestream option! Call or stop by Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Mon.-Fri., 8 am-5 pm, 316-284-5205, for tickets for either in-person or livestream. Please note: This play has adult content and is not suitable for children. Face coverings must be worn and physical distancing will be enforced for in-person performances.

--Sunday, May 2, 4 p.m. – Spring choral concert, featuring the Bethel College Concert Choir, Woven and Open Road on the steps of the Administration Building on campus. Bring your own chairs/blankets. Please note that face coverings must be worn and physical distancing observed on the Bethel campus.

Hesston College:

--Bel Canto Singers – An outdoor worship service at Alexanderwhohl Mennonite Church in Goessel, KS - *April 25, 10:00 am*

--Bel Canto Singers Concert – Presented at the Mullet Drive parking lot at Hesston College - *April 30, 7:00 pm* - [Fine Arts Livestream](#)

--Commencement – *May 1* - www.hesston.edu/commencement

2021 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

July 2 and 3, Fairgrounds in Hutchinson

Offering and Worship April 18, 2021

Offering	=	\$ 2,086.25
Attendance	=	110
Worship Link Views	=	41

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.



Mennonite World Conference Prayers of gratitude and intercession

Blessed are the meek, Jesus said, for they will inherit the earth. Lord, may we live out your kingdom in humility and patience.

Blessed are the merciful, Jesus said, for they will receive mercy. Lord, may we have compassion on each other, especially on those with whom we don't agree.

Blessed are the peacemakers, Jesus said, for they will be called children of God.

Lord, we desire to be known as your people by our love for all and our ability to walk calmly into conflict seeking to understand and transform.

Lord, teach us to be your salt amid divisions, especially those within churches and families, and to be your illuminating justice, especially where there is systemic discrimination against those who are poor or people of colour.

<https://mwc-cmm.org/prayers>



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