

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Reconciliation With Ourselves

Our worship centers on the gifts and challenges of reconciling with ourselves. We are all complex and contradictory beings, shaped by a mixture of experiences, forces, and possibilities beyond our control. Our outward appearances of confidence might cover the inner realities of sadness, shame, and pain. The focus of today's reconciling work begins with seeing ourselves as God sees us: beloved daughters and sons who are "fearfully and wonderfully made."

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Russell Adrian
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Elizabeth Alderfer
GATHERING PRAYER		
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"Come Away from Rush and Hurry"</i>	No. 9 VT
CHILDREN'S STORY		Carol Duerksen
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Psalm 139:1-14</i>	Erica Stoltzfus
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"God Calls You Good"</i>	No. 172 VT
RITUAL OF RESPONSE		
	Anointing Led by Tabor Deacons and Pastors	
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER		Pastor Luke Unruh
SENDING HYMN	<i>"The Lord Your God Is with You"</i>	No. 173 VT
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE		

Sunday, May 2

Welcome to worship at Tabor Church! This morning you were greeted by Denise and Elton Nickel. Come together to worship God and experience God's love. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

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/cgDS6zA6KyM>

Fellowship Time following worship.

Children's Faith Formation: SHINE Spring curriculum.

This Week

Mon. May 3, 7 pm - Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. May 4, 9 am - Staff meeting.

7 pm - Church Council

Thurs. May 6, 8 am - Bulletin items are due.

Sat. May 8, 8am - noon - **Trustee spring work day.** Jobs will include outside cleanup, landscaping, interior cleaning, basement remodel work, and more. Contact a trustee with questions.

Next Sunday, May 9

9:00 am: Faith Formation via Zoom.

10:45 am: Next Sunday we continue our worship series, "Reconciliation." The theme will be Reconciliation with Creation. The Scripture passage for reflection will be Romans 8:18-25 and Pastor Luke will be preaching. Parent and Child Dedication will also take place.

Fellowship Time following worship.

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on April 25:

- ★ Jeanette Harder from Dove's Nest put together a video for our congregation in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month (April). Thanks be to God for the work of Dove's Nest and other organizations that seek to provide safe spaces for children and adults! Lord, hear our prayers for all who are impacted by and hurting because of abuse.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Our students, teachers and staffs as they enter the last weeks of the school year. Remember our college students and graduates as they prepare for finals. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they seek the Spirit's leading in selecting nominees for positions on the Executive Board and Commissions.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program is offering three learning and service opportunities in the United States this summer. Pray for participants, ages 15-22, to be challenged by the Doctrine of Discovery tour, the civil rights tour, or the immersive peacebuilding experience, which will include cooperative interaction with Colombian Mennonite youth.

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.

VBS Orientation will take place on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30 pm in the Hospitality Hall.

Plans for VBS are underway! As we plan to spend most of our time outdoors this year, we are looking to borrow several E-Z UP or other pop-up canopy style tents (roughly 10' x 10'). If you have one we could borrow, please let Pam Abrahams, Eunice Nickel, or Keri Unruh know. Tents could be brought to church by Sunday June 6 and taken home on Sunday June 13.

To register for VBS, use the link <https://forms.gle/gkjHPyiwQMyYbkyNA>, or a printed registration form may be picked up at church. Please note that we will be starting at 9 am this year.

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 brochure for more information!

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

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

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Tabor Mennonite Women annual Mystery evening is Wednesday, May 19. Please meet at church at 6:30 pm. There will be no carpooling for this event; we will bring the mystery to you! Please sign up on the church bulletin board or call Barb Banman at 620-345-6822 (kbbanman@gmail.com) or Denise Nickel at 620-345-6873 (oreo@mtelco.net) by Monday, May 10. The cost is \$10.00 and there will be an option to bring an offering for TMW charities that we regularly donate to. There will not be a meal but dessert will be served. If you have a diet restriction, please note that on the sign-up sheet. We will be social distancing, masks preferred. Bring a lawn chair if you have one. It's a mysterious evening!

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.

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 financially to make ends meet, 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.

Covid19 Protocol for May

--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 the 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. 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.

--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).

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

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

--Church Replanting: Discerning God's Call to Change: Thank you to everyone who joined us for this discussion last week (April 21) on zoom! The WDC Church Planting Commission was greatly encouraged by your participation. For those who were unable to join us, here's a video of what we discussed about discerning and considering changes as church communities: [Video: Church Replanting: Discerning God's Call to Change](#)

--Seeking a Chaplain: Bethesda Home, in Goessel, KS, is looking for a part-time chaplain. Interested parties may apply on the Bethesda website: www.bethesdahome.org. Please contact Marci Heidebrecht in Human Resources for additional information at 620-367-2291 x 229 or mheidebrecht@bethesdahome.org.

Camp Mennoscah

--There are openings for youth at Camp Mennoscah's summer youth camps! Several of the camp weeks still have space for more campers. Register at www.campmennoscah.org and find further information in the camp blog!

-- Help set up camp! Volunteers are needed to help set up the HUGE tents used for this summer's youth camps at Camp Mennoscah. Setup will happen May 28 and 29. Sign up by May 15.

--Nurses needed for summer youth camps! Camp Mennoscah needs nurses for June 17-19 (First Camp), June 20-26 (Jr I) and July 25-30 (Sr High). Nurses receive a stipend or a discount up to full camp fees for their camper (camper does not have to attend the same camp week).

--For all of the above, contact us at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for more information.

Mennonite Church USA:

--The Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA approved a \$1.4 million budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, announced a special delegate session for May 27-30, 2022 in Kansas City, Missouri, and reviewed several proposed resolutions during its April meeting. Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/board-approves-21-22-budget/>

--MennoCon21: Registration is now open for MennoCon21! Learn more about online and in-person registration options for the first-ever hybrid convention here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/in-person-mennocon21>

--Mennonite World Conference's COURIER, a magazine published twice a year by Mennonite World Conference is available online. Find the latest issue at: <https://mwc-cmm.org/resources/courier-2021-1-april>

Bethel College:

--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.

--Tues., May 4, 7 p.m. – Bethel College Steel Drum Band concert on the plaza in front of Luyken Fine Arts Center.

--Weds., May 5, 7 p.m. – Jazz on the Green, featuring Bethel College Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo.

--Sunday, May 9, 2 p.m. – Concert by Bethel College's small a cappella ensembles Open Road (men) and Woven (women), on the steps of the Administration Building on campus.

--*Bring your own chairs/blankets for outdoor events. Please note that face coverings must be worn and physical distancing observed on the Bethel campus.*

Hesston College:

Bel Canto Singers May Tour: Lift Every Voice. Visit www.hesston.edu/everyvoice for more information and virtual or livestream play options. The concert will be held at Tabor on Friday, May 14, 7 p.m.

Everence will host the following free, online webinars during the month of May; all starting at 6:30 p.m.

--*Making your wishes known* - Tuesday, May 11

--*Navigating education savings: 529 plans* - Tuesday, May 18

--*Social Security and retirement income planning* - Tuesday, May 25
To register, or learn more about each webinar event, please visit our webpage at everence.com/kansas.



Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 2021

July 2 & 3 | Kansas State Fairgrounds

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale has been rescheduled to take place on July 2 and 3 of 2021. When we gather at the State Fair Grounds in July, it is important for us to remember our purpose is to shine the light of God's love to a needy world. For the next 9 weeks our goal is to finish getting ready for the sale and to prepare prayerfully and purposefully as we show God's love and the light of that love to a world that is coming out of the darkness of disease and despair. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale needs your prayers, your participation, your donations, your attendance and commitment. This year's sale will be different. But remember, the goal of the sale is still the same. The opportunity to participate is still the same. As you participate remember, no gift is too small and the needs are so great. We hope to see you this summer at The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Together we will make an impact and show God's light and God's love and prepare to be the workers that Jesus asks us to be when He tells us to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and care for the sick. We may not be able to travel to the countries impacted by MCC, but we can help to support the efforts of the Mennonite Central Committee.

~ From letter by Jim Robb, Chair, Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
For full letter, please see Tabor's May newsletter

--Your donations for Pre-Sale Expenses for the KS MCC Sale are needed. By email or postal mailings, you have received a list of items that we like to have paid for BEFORE the Sale. PLEASE put your donations in Jerry and Leann Toews mail box at Tabor Church. Make checks out to: KS Mennonite Relief Sale (KMRS). That way ALL money raised at the Sale goes to help the needs of the world. This is one of MANY ways that YOU can get involved in the KS Mennonite Relief Sale. Help make it a FUN event by participating. We joining Mennonites from all over the State of KS in helping collect \$80,000. It seems like a big amount BUT when everyone gives a little it is an EASY task. Join in the FUN!!

~Jerry Toews

--California Roasted Almonds are to arrive in Buhler, May 3. As soon as they are received, we will deliver to Etcetera stores in Hutchinson, Newton and Hillsboro and the MCC Center in North Newton. Selling price will be \$10/bag with donations welcomed. The money will all go to MCC. Richard Ediger will also have some available in Buhler. Call 620-543-2787

--Get your MCC Relief Sale gear (caps, shirts, totes, tea towels) online at <https://wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/> The proceeds from the sale of these products go to support MCC.

Offering and Worship April 25, 2021

Offering	=	\$ 4,895.00
Attendance	=	95
Worship Link Views	=	32
<i>Views to links may include more than one person</i>		

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.

Pastor: Katherine Goerzen Cell: 316-727-4986 email: kgoerzen@tabormennonite.org	Supply Pastor: Luke Unruh Cell: 620-386-4596 email: lunruh@tabormennonite.org
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