

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## *Philippians: Joy Unites*

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” ~Philippians 4:4-7

### WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Michelle Unruh
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Luke
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP
- \*GATHERING HYMN *“In the Rifted Rock I’m Resting”* -vs. 1-3 No. 619
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN OF PEACE *“Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”* No. 485
- \*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS *“Take My Life, and Let it Be”* No. 759
- CHILDREN’S STORY Janna Duerksen
- SCRIPTURE READING *Philippians 4:1-9* Sophia Goerzen  
*The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* No. 716
- CAMP 412 SHARING
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*SENDING HYMN *“You Shall Go Out With Joy”* No. 847
- \*BENEDICTION *based on Philippians 4:9*
- \*POSTLUDE *\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, August 1

Welcome to worship at Tabor Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Warren and Sheri Schmidt. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

**9:30 am:** Worship Service in the Sanctuary.  
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).  
Link: [https://youtu.be/e\\_Y4JDRSsj4](https://youtu.be/e_Y4JDRSsj4)

**Fellowship Time** following worship.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation

### Adult Faith Formation:

- Adult class: Adult Quarterly - Conference Room
- Adult class: Sermon Response - Library
- BASIC: Characters in the Bible - Hospitality Hall
- CAFÉ & Young Adults: Discussion & Fellowship - Hospitality Hall
- WOW: Book, “God Calling” - South room in basement

**Jr. High Faith Formation** will meet in the basement.

**Children’s Faith Formation** will begin at the front of the sanctuary before going out to the park.

### This Week

*Pastor Katherine will be on vacation August 2-8. For Pastoral concerns, please contact Pastor Luke or a Deacon.*

**Mon. Aug. 2, 7pm** - Men’s Bible Study in the Hospitality Hall.

**Tues. Aug 3, 9 am** - Staff meeting.

**7:30 pm** - Church Council in the Hospitality Hall.

**Wed. Aug. 4, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness

### Next Sunday, August 8

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday we will conclude our worship series on “Joy!” The series focuses on the book of Philippians, Paul’s epistle of joy. The theme will be Joy Rides On and scripture for reflection will be Philippians 4:9-23. Pastor Luke will be preaching.

**Fellowship Time** following worship.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation. **Everyone is welcome to join a class.**

## Prayer Requests

*The following prayer request were shared on Sunday, July 25.*

- ★ Pastor Katherine shared about the brief vacation she and Peter were able to take in the Flint Hills. Thanks be to God for the opportunity for rest and renewal.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ The caring quilt is with Nancy and Ron Schroeder following the death of Nancy's mother, Hettie Conrad, on July 21 at Schowalter Villa. Lord, hear our prayers for peace and comfort for the family.
- ★ Western District Conference: On this Annual Assembly Sunday, give thanks and pray for WDC in its mission of empowering congregations to **Witness** and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, **Dwell** in just and loving relationships, and **Connect** to God's mission in the world.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for the Service Adventure unit leaders, who completed their orientation last Friday, in Hutchinson, Kansas. Pray for them as they prepare to welcome participants in three locations, starting this month through October, in Albuquerque, NM; Anchorage, AK; and Jackson, MS.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The WDC Annual Assembly which took place this weekend, concluding this morning at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton. Thanks to Cleo Koop, Denise Nickel, Erica Stoltzful, Pastor Luke, and Pastor Katherine for serving as delegates. Thanks be to God for the ministry of the broader church.
- ★ Camp 412 which took place this summer for all Jr High students in our churches and community. Thanks be to God for opportunities that were presented for kids to come together to deepen their faith and their walk with Jesus.

## Thanks

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls at the time of my mother's death! She was a very special person to me and to many others, and will be missed! I appreciated all the kind words and support you all gave to me.  
~Nancy Schroeder

## Congregational Announcements

**The Tabor Mennonite Church campout** at Camp Mennoscah will be September 18-19! Registration forms and more details will be coming soon. Please also consider how you can help; we will need people/groups to prepare meals, clean up after meals, etc. Talk to or email Kara Swartzendruber ([karaswartzendruber@yahoo.com](mailto:karaswartzendruber@yahoo.com)) or Krista Graber ([klgrabr@yahoo.com](mailto:klgrabr@yahoo.com)).

**Save the date: Mennograss** will be Sunday, August 29! It will be an evening of music and fellowship.

**Dawson's Service Adventure update:** Thank you for all of the generous donations for my service adventure year in Albuquerque! If you would still like to donate, please use this link: <http://app.mobilecause.com/vf/SAAlbuquerque/DawsonDuerksen>, or give cash or checks to me, or write a check to Tabor Church and memo it for my service adventure. Thanks again for your support!  
~Dawson Duerksen

**Tabor Table Talks:** The last of the talks is scheduled for August 15. It will take place during faith formation hour for Jr. High - Adults, and we will be sharing about our hopes and dreams for Tabor's future.

**Basement Remodel:** Progress continues on the renovations that are being made in the basement fellowship hall. Youth have already been using one of the rooms this summer during Faith Formation! If you would like to donate to the remodel project, please make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church, clearly marked 'basement remodel.' If you would be willing to help out with the renovations, please contact Kenton Nickel or one of the Trustees. Thanks for your support of this project!

**Faithful Fitness is back!** All are welcome to join this class occurring Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00pm in the church basement. Kevin Nickel provides strength, flexibility and fitness training for people of all ages and abilities.

**Volunteer to Help with Tabor's New Hope Shelter Ministry:** Thanks to Ruth Peters for coordinating the meals for New Hope Shelter during the weeks that Tabor volunteers to work at the shelter. Ruth has decided to step down from this position. If you would be interested in coordinating the meals to help with this important ministry, please contact Shelley Buller or Kim Funk, Outreach Team members.

**Marion County Core Communities** exists to help people living without resources. This group of about 20 people (families and leaders) meets weekly at Trinity Mennonite Church in Hillsboro to offer information and relationships to help give people resources to build a future. Meals are served at these Thursday evening classes. If you would be willing to help provide a meal, please contact Kim Funk, Outreach, for more information. Core Communities of Marion County and Peace Connections/Circles (Harvey County) are both supported by the Tabor Church Budget.

**Bloodmobile:** There is a critical shortage of blood products this summer. Please sign up to donate on August 2, between 1-6 pm at the Goessel Church. As incentives, Red Crosses providing the following:

- All donors will receive a free Red Cross T-shirt.
- New donors will get a free 4-month subscription offer to Apple Music by email.
- Donors ages 18-24 will be automatically entered for a chance to win an exclusive Apple Tech Package which includes one 13-inch MacBook Pro, one set of Air Pods Pro, one \$200 Apple Gift Card and more. There will be five winners. Sign up for your appointment time online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). For more information contact Rosie Reimer 620-367-2418 or Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

**Kansas MDS Unit sponsoring two Learning and Service Trips to McAllen Texas:** Dates of two trips: October 16 - 23, February 19 - 26. Participants will leave Kansas on Saturday morning traveling to San Antonio, TX, staying overnight. Visiting San Antonio Mennonite Church on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon traveling to McAllen TX for the MDS project. Costs: Lodging and meals on the two traveling weekends. MDS will cover the remainder of the expenses. Reservations: To make your reservations or for more information contact Cleo Koop at [cleokoop@gmail.com](mailto:cleokoop@gmail.com) or call 316-282-0797. If you are interested in volunteering at McAllen, TX on different weeks than what is in this announcement please call the volunteer coordinator at 800-241-8111.

**Summer Faith Formation for Children:** Please sign up to help with children's faith formation this summer on the following link. Faith Formation will consist of a Bible Story and playing together in the park. Thanks for your help! Please talk to Pam Abrahams if you have questions. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4AADA92BA3F58-summer>

**Wednesday Evening Programming:** As we anticipate this year's Wednesday Evening programming, we (Education Commission) would like to hear from you! At this point we are planning to meet again in the fall, but in order to do this well, we would appreciate your feedback and help. **Please complete the survey by August 1st.** There are also paper copies on the table in the foyer. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can be involved with this important part of our congregation's life and ministry! <https://forms.gle/qQTmB2sF27eKcJqb9>

## Conference Announcements

### Camp Mennoscah:

--**The next Work Day is August 28** with all sorts of fun projects! Meet at the Maintenance shed at 8:30am and bring your lunch and a water bottle. Come for a partial day, if that's what works! Call us at 620-297-3290 or email [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org)! You are important to Camp Mennoscah's ministry!

--**The Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** held over Labor Day Weekend will take a hiatus to review and reflect upon mission. There will be no retreat in the fall of 2021.

**Colorado Peaches are coming to MCC in North Newton!** Get your Colorado Peaches this summer and support MCC at the same time. Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs is organizing a fundraiser to cover expenses related to the annual Rocky Mountain Relief Sale, which is being planned for October 15-16 in Rocky Ford, Colorado. Peaches are available in 10-pound boxes for \$25 and 18-pound boxes for \$35. **Deadline for orders/payment is Monday, August 2 (payment must be made before the end of day on August 2 or your order will be canceled).** Checks or cash are accepted, checks are made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo line. Please contact Patsy Dirksen at MCC Central States Office for orders/payments at [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. Pick-up date for peaches is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 23 at the MCC Central States in North Newton.

**Journey Forward:** You are invited to participate in the Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) churchwide Journey Forward study through Springtide Research Institute. The survey results will be used to help inform the direction of MC USA, as we Journey Forward together. It is important that the denomination hears from a variety of voices, so please take part in the survey today: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/MC-USA-Member-Survey>

**Mennonite Church USA (MC USA)** held its first online Delegates Assembly on July 10. During the assembly, delegates voted on changes to the MC USA bylaws, confirmed nominees for churchwide boards and heard reports from the Resolutions Committee and racial ethnic and constituency groups. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/virtual-delegate-assembly>.

**The July edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS volunteers celebrate creativity during the pandemic, how the Covid Relief Fund kept church doors open and what hope looks like in small town Texas. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3emcUFF>

**Everence** to hold *Gifts that give back* webinar Tuesday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m. Many make charitable gifts to support their favorite causes and organizations. Some choose to extend their charitable giving further by designating dollars for charity in their end-of-life plans. But did you know there is another type of gift plan that generates income for the donor and then sends a gift to charity at a later date? Come to this workshop to learn more about "Gifts that give back" and whether it is a strategy for you! This webinar will be hosted by Mitch Stutzman, Everence Stewardship Consultant. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

## AUGUST COVID19 PROTOCOL

--Due to the recent increases in Covid19 and the Delta variant, the CDC recommends that everyone (including vaccinated persons) **wear masks when indoors** in areas of high or substantial community transmission. We Strongly Encourage following this mask guidance at this time.

--Social Distance seating on dots during children's story time will continue.

--During worship service the people speaking from the front microphones are encouraged to remove your mask to accommodate those who have difficulty understanding the speakers.

--Musicians are still encouraged to perform from the stage to minimize the transmission of respiratory droplets.

--Congregational Singing has resumed.

--Passing Offering Bags will resume.

**--PLEASE KEEP HANDSHAKING TO A MINIMUM WITH GREETERS AND DURING 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. **This is important!**

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

--Mailboxes are in use.

--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 Stoltzfus

## Notes

### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE July 25, 2021

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| Offering | = \$ 2,825.00 | Attendance | = | 95 |
| Adult FF | = \$ 47.00    | Attendance | = | 52 |
| Jr. FF   | = \$ .30      | Attendance | = | 12 |

Worship Link Views = 35

*Views to links may include more than one person*



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