

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Living Our Faith

“The church is not a group of people who believe the same things: the church is a group of people caught up in the same story, with Jesus at the center.”

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Diane Unruh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Katherine Goerzen

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN “*When We Walk with the Lord*” No. 570

GATHERING PRAYER No. 863

WORSHIP MUSIC “*Sonata No. 84 in D Major*” -Padre Antonio Soler
Michelle Unruh

PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

CHILDREN’S VIDEO

SCRIPTURE READING *Micah 6:8, Matthew 7:24-27, Galatians 5:22-26*
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God! Lewis Unruh

SERMON “*All in the Family*” Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp
with Zach Duerksen

HYMN OF RESPONSE “*Be Thou My Vision*” No. 549

CONVENTION SHARING Dawson Duerksen, Dylan Riley,
Sarahanne and Phil Unruh, Pastor Luke Unruh, Pastor Katherine Goerzen

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Luke Unruh

SENDING HYMN “*Renew Your Church*” No. 717

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sunday, July 11

Welcome to worship at Tabor Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Kenton and Eunice Nickel and family. 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/z2uhEjzsBOg>

Fellowship Time following worship.

10:45 am: Faith Formation

Jr. High - Adults: Tabor Table Talks in the Hospitality Hall. This Sunday - sharing about our faith.

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

Service Adventure Fundraiser Meal for Dawson: Drive-through meal (pulled pork sandwich, chips, carrots, and a cookie) follows the church service and extends until after Faith Formation. Please make donations through the following link: app.mobilecause.com/vf/SAAlbuquerque/DawsonDuerksen or Text SAAlbuquerque1 to 71777 to access the link through your mobile device. Cash or checks can be given/made out to Dawson anytime. Mennonite Mission Network expects each participant to contribute \$4,000 to support the unit during this term. Thank you so much for your monetary support as well as your prayers for Dawson for his up-coming Service Adventure assignment in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This Week

Mon. July 12, 7pm - Men’s Bible Study in the Hospitality Hall.

Tues. July 13, 9am - Staff meeting.

Thurs. July 15 8pm - Worship Council meeting.
Newsletter items are due.

Next Sunday, July 18

9:30 am: Next Sunday we resume our worship series on “Joy!” The series focuses on the book of Philippians, Paul’s epistle of joy. The theme will be Joy Shines and scripture for reflection will be Philippians 2:12-30 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching. We will also receive new members joining Tabor during the service.

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 4.

- ★ Jim Schmidt recognized Jerry Toews and the many years that Jerry and Leann have worked to keep Tabor involved in and excited about the MCC Relief Sale. Thanks be to God for Jerry's dedication to the ministry of MCC and serving in this way.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ the conversations which will take place this morning during our Faith Formation time. May we gain understanding and awareness of who we are as a congregation as we continue to grow according to God's will. Lord, hear our prayers as we begin laying the foundation for our pastor search process. And thanks be to God for conversation and listening hearts.
- ★ Tabor Children attending Camp Mennoscah. Lord hear our prayer for a meaningful and fun filled experience.
- ★ Cayla and Melody, who will be received into membership at Tabor next Sunday. Thanks be to God for the lives of these individuals and the gifts they bring to our congregation.
- ★ The caring quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission as they meet this week, and offer support and accountability for ministerial leadership in the conference.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: In Bangladesh, India and Nepal, Community Health Evangelists (CHEs) have received special permission from their governments to work, despite COVID-19 travel restrictions. MMN requests prayer for the CHEs, who care for the sick and share the good news of God's love throughout Asia.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ MennoCon21 and the fellowship and work that took place this past week as people from across the United States gathered. Thanks be to God as the church was strengthened in its calling to faithfully join in God's mission.

Thanks

Thanks to everyone who participated in the MCC Relief Sale last weekend. Thank you to all who restored or made items and food to donate, gave time to work at the sale, ran and walked in the 5-K, donated money for presale expenses, and spent money at the sale. Donations currently stand at \$500,000 with more coming in. *Light & Love ... in the name of Christ.*

Dear Tabor Congregation:

We are so grateful for the generous donation you made (through the Vacation Bible School project) to Bethesda Home! Because of you, we're able to cover the cost of the Friendship Meals program for a month, and we're able to buy new dishes for 1 1/2 of our resident neighborhoods. Thank you so much for all you do for Bethesda!

~In gratitude, Katrina Koehn, Director of Dining and dining staff.

Congregational Announcements

Country Threshing Days is happening in 2021! Would you please help the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum host and feed our family, friends, and guests coming for the event? Bakers, servers, and cashiers are needed for the Low German meal at the Goessel Elementary School and food service in the Preparatory School on the museum grounds on Saturday, August 7. Please see the volunteer sheet in your mailbox and respond by July 25. You may return the sheet to the church office by placing in the sec. mailbox. For further questions, contact Aileen Esau (367-2358 or daesau@gmail.com). Thank you!

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/qQTmB2sF27eKcJq9>

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>

We are happy that so many of our children attended camp this year! We would like invite those children to share about their time at camp during worship on July 25 (ex. a story, a highlight, something they appreciated/found meaningful). Please let us know if your child attended camp so that we can recognize them, and if your child will be willing and available to share about camp on July 25, please let Kim or a pastor know.

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.

Delegate Opportunity: If you are interested in being a delegate for Western District Assembly (a virtual session on the morning of July 31), please let a pastor know and we can discuss details as well as any questions you may have. Thanks!

Core Community Marion County: This program serves the community in many ways, including moving families out of poverty, as well as bringing jobs to Marion County, employing 3-4 people. Core Communities is currently looking for business owners and community members to join the Advisory Board. Volunteers to provide and serve meals for those taking the classes to move people out of poverty are also needed. Currently there are 15 participants from 11 different families taking this class. Help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Contact the church office for more information.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

Join us in saying thanks to WDC Administrative Assistant Nancy Funk!

If you would like to share an expression of appreciation for Nancy in anticipation of her retirement at the end of August, you are invited to stop by to visit with Nancy at the WDC office (2517 North Main Street, N. Newton, KS) over the next several weeks, or to send a note to her at WDC, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117, or wdc@mennowdc.org.

--**WDC Assembly:** So many seminars and webinars to choose from at this year's WDC Annual Assembly, July 30-Aug 1! Some will be hybrid (available to virtual and on-site participants), some will be virtual only webinars, and others will be on-site only seminars. We hope you'll join us for at least one webinar or seminar. For more information, go to: <https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>

--**The WDC Sprouts weekly newsletter email has been discontinued.** WDC articles, announcements, and other information will be posted exclusively on the website <https://mennowdc.org>.

Camp Mennoscah:

--**Family Weekend** at Camp Mennoscah on July 17-18! If you are looking for a weekend to escape, Family Weekend offers a smorgasbord of camp activities for you to choose from and plenty of time to roam the river and be with your family and friends. Register at campmennoscah.org and contact 620-297-3290 with questions!

--August 28 is the next **Work Day at Camp Mennoscah!** We'll remind you again, but save the date. You make camp great!

Mennonite Central Committee:

--**Current openings at MCC** can be found at mcc.org. Current open positions include Canning & Trucking Manager, Multimedia Producer, Meat Canner and many international service opportunities.

Mennonite Church USA:

--The Colombian Mennonite Church (IMCOL) is the most recent recipient of the Mennonite Church USA's Justice Fund grant, which is used to dismantle racism and build peace. Colombia has experienced continual political unrest for more than half a century, and the grant will be used to support Justpaz, an IMCOL ministry aimed at promoting nonviolence. Read more here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/colombian-church/>.

--Support Mennonite Church USA congregations that are working toward social justice by donating to the Justice Fund. Right now, Allegheny Mennonite Conference is offering a matching grant if we can raise \$15,000. Donate here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/justice-fund-matching-grant/>.

The 2021 issue of *Mennonite Life*, Bethel College's annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu, with articles and reviews by Brad Born, Rachel Epp Buller, Peter Goerzen, Raylene Hinz-Penner, Mark Jantzen, Jim Juhnke, Nate Kroeker, Alec Loganbill, Jacob Miller, Bethany Pows, Rich Preheim, Darrin Snyder-Belousek, Tara Schwartz, Anne Marie Stoner-Eby and Melanie Zuercher.

Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Tuesday, July 13 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](mailto:center.kansas@everence.com).

**Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.*

July COVID19 Protocol

- Mask wearing indoors is still encouraged but not mandated. Unvaccinated persons and under the age of 12 are required to wear masks. Masks are not required outdoors. Be considerate to those wearing masks for they may have compromised immune systems even though they have been vaccinated, or for those who are taking extra precaution against a variant, or for those who have chosen not to be vaccinated.
- Social distance seating on dots during children's story time will continue.
- During worship service, people speaking from the front microphones are encouraged to remove masks 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.
- Contact trace recording has been 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.
- Mailboxes are in use.
- Gatherings that include serving of food are 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

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
July 4, 2021			
Offering	= \$ 3,943.40	Attendance	= N/A
Adult FF	= \$ 67.00	Attendance	= 36
Jr. FF	= \$ 22.00	Attendance	= 23
Worship Link Views		=	35
<i>Views to links may include more than one person</i>			

Notes



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