

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Philippians: Joy Shines

On this Membership Sunday, as we joyfully welcome two new members into our church, we also renew our commitment to one another and to Christ, who binds us all together. We pray that our lives and our congregation will continue to reflect the light of Christ, so that we may “shine like stars in the world.”

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Worship Team
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Leann Toews
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>“Here in this Place”</i>	No. 10
*GATHERING PRAYER		
HYMNS OF PRAISE	<i>“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”</i> -vs 1 & 3 <i>“My Hope Is Built”</i> -vs 1, 2, & 4	No. 419 No. 621***
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
CHILDREN’S STORY		Pastor Luke Unruh
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>“Beautiful One”</i> -Tim Hughes	Worship Team
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Philippians 2:12-30</i>	Hoxie Hiebert
<i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>		
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>“This Little Light of Mine”</i>	No. 762
FAITH SHARING		Melody Hall and Cayla Lawless
WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS		
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*SENDING HYMN	<i>“Light Dawns on a Weary World”</i>	No. 205
*BENEDICTION	<i>based on Philippians 2:12-13, 15</i>	
*POSTLUDE		<i>*Stand if you are able</i>

~Chosen by Melody ***Chosen by Cayla

Sunday, July 18

Welcome to worship at Tabor Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Phil and Sarahanne Unruh 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/UaVu6JaAw_Y

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 out of the office July 22-24. For pastoral needs please contact Pastor Luke or one of the deacons.

Mon. July 19, 7pm - Men’s Bible Study in the Hospitality Hall.

Tues. July 20, 9am - Staff meeting.
Kim will be out of the office.

7:30pm - Deacon meeting.

Next Sunday, July 25

9:30 am: Next Sunday we continue our worship series on “Joy!” The series focuses on the book of Philippians, Paul’s epistle of joy. The theme will be Joy Subverts and scripture for reflection will be Philippians 3. Pastor Luke will be preaching. Children and Youth who attended camps this summer will share their experiences.

If your child will be willing and available to share about their camp experience, please let a pastor know before Friday, July 23.

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 11.

- ★ Phyllis shared a couple of joys: she thanked the congregation for the support Lee and she received for the Run for Relief 5K and for the wonderful time they had attending MennoCon21 online. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Jim thanked Carol and Maynard for their powerful message, which kept "God on the edge of the seat." Thanks be to God for the continuous moving of the Spirit through us all!
- ★ Evie requested prayers and support for Bethesda Home. Lord, hear our prayer.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Tabor Children attending Camp Mennoscah. Lord hear our prayer for a meaningful and fun filled experience.
- ★ the family of David Schmidt. David (parents Simon and Martha Schmidt) was a former member of Tabor Church and his memorial service took place here yesterday. Lord, hear or prayer.
- ★ for the threat of covid that continues worldwide and the extreme weather related conditions causing wildfires and flooding throughout the world Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ The caring quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Resource Commission as they meet this week and work to equip congregations in faith formation for all ages, peacemaking, justice, evangelism and other ministries.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador has planted a community garden to provide food for church members and work for those who are unemployed. Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network request prayers for a bountiful harvest.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Please pray for the congregations and leaders of South Central Mennonite Conference as they gather for their annual assembly on July 23-25.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Cayla Lawless and Melody Hall, as they are received into membership. Thanks be to God for the lives of these individuals and the gifts they bring to our congregation.

Thanks

Thank you for all of the generous donations given at my fundraiser meal last Sunday for my service adventure year in Albuquerque! If you missed this and 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

Congregational Announcements

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.

Tabor will be serving at New Hope Shelter August 1-3. If you are able to provide a meal, or part of a meal, please let Ruth Peters know. If you have not served before and want to help, please let Ruth know that as well. Thank you for your continued support of New Hope Shelter.

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.

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!

Conference Announcements

Bloodmobile: There is a critical shortage of blood products this summer. Please sign up to donate on August 2, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. Power Red donations (double units) for those with type O+, O-, A-, or B- are encouraged, to help meet the needs. Sign up for your appointment time online at redcrossblood.org. For more information contact Rosie Reimer 620-367-2418 or Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

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>

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!

Support Habitat for Humanity: For those of you that collect aluminum cans there is a bin on the west side of the church that you can place them in. The money raised funds the Habitat for Humanity house in Newton.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE July 11, 2021

Offering	= \$ 4,660.00	Attendance	= 119
Adult FF	= \$ 32.00	Attendance	= 32
Jr. FF	= \$ 0.00	Attendance	= 5

Worship Link Views = 29
Views to links may include more than one person

Giving Update through July 11

Targeted giving: \$ 180,224.00
Actual Giving: \$ 141,203.27

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: Join in for the WDC Assembly Storytelling Festival online or on-site at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton on July 31 at 7 pm. Some stories will be fun, some touching, some inspiring, and all wonderful! Check out what's happening at: www.mennowdc.org/2021/

--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>.

The Mennonite Church USA Women in Leadership's new Bible-based curriculum, "Laboring Toward Wholeness: A Training on Dismantling Patriarchy," is now available. This curriculum centers the experiences of women of color and challenges the church to live out faith by embracing the gifts that women have to offer. Read more about the curriculum here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/dismantling-patriarchy>

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) has an urgent need for up to 15 volunteers to serve in Jennings, LA for the week of July 18-24. Volunteers are working on repairs from the 2020 hurricanes that passed through the area. Work will primarily be roofing, soffit and fascia repair, ceiling drywall repair and finishing, flooring, installing cabinets, and occasional painting. If you or a group might be interested in joining that week, we would love to have them join! All skills and experience levels are welcome. Call 811-241-8111 ext. 1 or email dfrey@mds.org with any questions or interest.

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.

July COVID19 Protocol

Notes

- 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

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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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