

Tabor Mennonite Church

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COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

We are grateful for the ways that God has gifted the young adults in our congregation, and for the ways that God is working through their lives. As they lead us in worship, may we open our hearts to receive the Good News of God's grace.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE	Deloris Schmidt
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Joshua Schmidt Graduate student at Kansas State University
LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from John 1</i>
*GATHERING HYMN	" <i>Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem</i> " No. 275
*GATHERING PRAYER	
*HYMN OF PRAISE	" <i>Blessed Assurance</i> " No. 435
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	<i>with a Special Offering for the College Scholarship Fund</i> <i>Checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church, memo Scholarship Fund, place in gift bags.</i>
CHILDREN'S STORY	Pastor Luke Unruh Graduate student at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
HYMN	" <i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i> " No. 160
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Ephesians 2:1-10</i> Porclein Unruh <i>Romans 8:24-30</i> Student at Hesston College <i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>
SERMON	Elizabeth Alderfer, Student at Bethel College
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	" <i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> " No. 419
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER	Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*SENDING HYMN	" <i>Wonderful Grace of Jesus</i> " No. 170
*BENEDICTION	
*POSTLUDE	<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>

Sunday, January 9

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

Link: <https://youtu.be/wepAJxuzwRE>

10:45 am: Faith Formation

This Week

Mon, Jan. 10, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness. **7 pm** - Men's Bible Study.

Tues, Jan. 11, 9 am - Staff meeting.

Wed, Jan. 12, 5:45 pm - Wednesday Evening supper and programs.

Thurs, Jan. 13, 6:30 pm - Pastor Search Committee.

Next Sunday, January 16

9:30 am: Next Sunday is Ministry Storytelling Sunday and we will hear from Commission Reps.

10:45 am: Faith Formation.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Kent Jantz, who is receiving care through Good Shepherd Hospice. Pray for peace, comfort and courage as Kent, Rosie and family make this journey together. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ Bethesda Home, that they may find good quality, loving, caring nursing staff to help relieve dedicated staff who continue to work long hours to care for our loved ones. C.N.A's and nurses for the evening and night shifts are most needed at this time. Lord, hear our prayers. And thanks be to God for the gift of Bethesda Home in our community.
- ★ hospitals that are experiencing overcrowding due to the rise in COVID admissions. Pray that beds will become available for all who have need for hospital and medical care. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ those who are grieving and remembering the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ those throughout the world who are displaced due to recent weather related disasters or the prevalent violence seen world-wide. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the generous financial contributions, prayers and volunteer service of all the congregations and individuals who support WDC ministries.

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Kate Widmer, serving with MMN, has extended her assignment with *Eglise la Prairie Montbéliard* (The Prairie Church in Montbéliard) in France. Pray for her as she is currently on North American assignment, sharing updates with supporting congregations, before returning to France for a second term to continue her ministries with children and other community outreach programs.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the excellent schools we have in our communities for all levels of education. Thanks be to God for our schools, the teachers, professors and staff, and the many people who show support to our students in so many ways.

Congregational Announcements

In Your Mailboxes you will find bookmarks that you may use to serve as a reminder to pray for our Pastor Search Committee as they serve the congregation in securing a new pastor for Tabor Church.

Tabor Wellness: Thank you to all who participated in our 2021 wellness challenge Fit, Fruit & Faith. Please turn in your tracking sheets to the wellness church mailbox, or email to Kevin at nickel.kevinj@gmail.com, by January 9 to be eligible for your rewards!

Wednesday Evenings: On Jan. 12 & 19 the Wed. evening programming focus for all students will be on our annual Circle of Grace education. Our Circle of Grace is the immediate space around ourselves where the Holy Spirit dwells. In the lessons we are equipped to respect ourselves and everyone else as persons created by God. Lessons include: respecting boundaries, naming trusted adults/mentors, understanding influence of the media & the internet, anti-bullying resources, coping with stress and pressure, developing a proactive awareness to abuse & grooming, and more. MCUSA encourages all congregations to use and resource the Circle of Grace Curriculum. Did you know that Circle of Grace and Safe Sanctuaries education is a part of Creating a Safe Environment on Tabor's campus and efforts such as these affect our insurance rates? A safe environment also communicates a caring and welcoming message to new visitors to Tabor.

Community Junior High: It's time for another Goessel Community Junior High event! On Sunday, January 30 from 4:30-7:30 all 6th-8th graders are invited to Goessel Church for a pizza and game night. We'll be making individual pizzas and will have a variety of games ready to play! RSVP's are encouraged to Laura (lauraelaine25@gmail.com) or Michelle (michellerunruh@gmail.com).

Tabor Food Pantry: We are accepting grocery donations at the Food Pantry. Any donation is welcome. Items most needed at this time are: cereal, pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, applesauce, jelly, canned meats. Non food items: toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap. Monetary donations are welcome as well. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum Annual Meeting: Say "cheese" with Jason Schmidt and Miriam Goertzen-Regier of Glazing Plains Farm at the annual meeting of the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum, Jan. 23, at 2:30 pm at Tabor Mennonite Church. Jason and Miriam's presentation will follow the business portion of the meeting. The traditional fasma (refreshment time) will include cheese samples from Glazing Plains Farm. Fasma may be in-person or take-home depending on COVID conditions. This event is also the perfect opportunity to purchase or renew your annual museum membership.

Conference Announcements

Mennonite Disaster Service: The Kansas MDS Unit invites you to attend the annual meeting on Sunday, January 16, at 2 pm at Tabor Mennonite Church. No need to register. We will be sharing and celebrating about the work of MDS and we will be voting on some Unit Bylaw revisions. For a copy of Bylaw revisions contact Cleo Koop at cleokoop@gmail.com. This will be a hybrid event, in person as well as virtual on Zoom.

Volunteer with MDS: As a new year rolls in, MDS volunteers are getting back out to projects! We are thankful for the many volunteers who are able and willing to respond to recent disasters and continue to serve those have been waiting for a home for many years since disaster struck their community. See www.mds.org for volunteer opportunities.

Western District Conference: Everyone is invited to the WDC Final Thursday Book Discussion on Jan. 27 at 7pm via Zoom. We will discuss This is God's Table: Finding Church Beyond the Walls by Anna Woofender and explore what it means to explore "raw, honest, gritty way[s] of doing church." Contact the library at crlib@mennowdc.org to register or borrow a copy of the book.

Bethel College:

--Life Enrichment at Bethel College has been canceled for spring 2022, due to ongoing health and safety concerns.

--Bethel College hosts two activities for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday that are free and open to the public. Memorial Hall: Jan. 17, 7 p.m., program with Jasmyn Elise Story as the featured speaker; Jan. 18, 2 p.m., screening of the Kellogg Foundation's 2022 National Day of Racial Healing event.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: *What Happened at Benham West: African American Stories of Community, Displacement and Hopes in the City of Elkhart:* This forthcoming documentary and book will be the focus of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day program. The pieces explore life in the predominantly Black Benham West neighborhood, including experiences of segregation in Elkhart, the city's clearing of Benham West, and some of the remaining elders' hopes for the future. The public is invited to attend the online event, which will be livestreamed on Monday, Jan. 17, 2-3:30 p.m. EST. ambs.edu/mlkday

NOTES

Everence will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 pm. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Healing & Hope: A confidential group of women supporting each other in seeking healing and hope after experiencing betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). The group is hosted by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div, and Gail Unruh-Revel, LSCSW, CST, CSAT. Meetings will be via zoom, and occur every other Tuesday beginning after the first of the year. Please contact the facilitator, Audrey Ratzlaff (aaratzlaff@yahoo.com), or Pastor Laura Goerzen of FMC Newton (laurag@firstmennonitenewton.org) for more information.

Prairie View Seeks Your Help: Of the 2,276 children under the age of six in Harvey County, more than half live in homes where all parents in the family are in the labor force. In an effort to provide for the needs of these families, Prairie View is renovating a building on the Newton campus and accepting donations for a new licensed childcare center. This center will be open to the public (non-Harvey County residents are welcome) and serve up to 48 children and their families. Trusted, licensed childcare provides relief and decreased stress and anxiety to families wondering how to care for their little ones. Join Prairie View in providing a safe environment for children. Donations are tax deductible and may be made on their secure website, www.prairieview.org/giving, or mailed to Prairie View Advancement, PO Box 467, Newton, KS 67114.

COVID Protocol: Please see the posted COVID guidelines that are currently in place and follow as suggested. Hand sanitizer and masks are available for use.

**January 2 Worship Service
Cancelled due to extreme winter weather conditions.**



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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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