

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Seeking God's Ways:

From Power Over to Power With

As we seek God's ways, we move from an understanding of power that grasps for control over others to an understanding that true power comes from working with and for others in love.¹ One of the ways our congregation does this well is through the many ways we serve and participate in the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Today we will hear stories about this weekend's Sale and the ways people from all over Kansas came together for the sake of serving others in the name of Christ.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Russell Adrian

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Janna Duerksen

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Philippians 2:5-11*

*GATHERING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMN "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" No. 365
Accompanist: Isaac Swartzendruber

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Carol Duerksen and Doris Unruh

WORSHIP MUSIC "Amethyst" Adriana Duerksen, trombone
-H A VanderCook Accompanist: Russell Adrian

CHILDREN'S PALM PROCESSIONAL

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 19:28-40* Kara Swartzendruber
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" No. 313

KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE SHARING Jerry Toews

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN "In Christ Alone" *alternate phrase vs.2 No. 332

*SENDING PRAYER and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, April 10

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtu.be/cufnzm67AeY>

10:45 am: Faith Formation. Adults: "The Bible and Sexuality" led by Peter Goerzen in the Sanctuary.

This Week

Mon, April 11, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.

5:30 pm - TMW Mystery supper.

7 pm - Men's Bible Study. Study of 1 Corinthians begins.

Tues, April 12, 9 am - Staff meeting.

Wed, April 13, 6:30 pm - Book Study. **7:30 pm** - Adult Choir.

Thurs, April 14, 6 pm - Maundy Thursday Meal and Service.

Fri, April 15, 10 am - Good Friday Service at Bethesda.

Sat, April 16, 10 am - Community Easter Egg Hunt, Bethesda Home. Toddlers - 5th grade.



Next Sunday, April 17

9:00am: Easter Breakfast. Share the joy of Easter by coming together for breakfast in the Hospitality Hall. Please bring sweet rolls, Easter breads, or muffins to share. Fruit and drinks will be provided.

10:00 am: Next Sunday is Easter Sunday. Come to celebrate the joy of the resurrection! The theme is Seeking God's Ways and the topic is "From Certainty to Openness". Scripture for reflection will be Luke 24:1-12, and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

¹Focus Statement for the 6th Sunday of Lent from the 2022 Lenten/Easter Worship Resources in the *Leader* magazine.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, April 3.

- ★ Keith shared his gratitude for everyone who brought food for the potluck, and for the opportunity to share food together in the new kitchen and Hospitality Hall. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Elizabeth shared that she will once again be serving on staff at the Echo Ranch Bible Camp in Alaska. She asks for prayers for staff, for campers, as well as for her and her family as she prepares to be away for the summer. Lord, hear our prayers for all who will attend and serve at camp this summer; may they hear your Good News and grow in their love for you and your people.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Faye and Cleo Koop and family. Faye Koop's father, Orlando Sprunger, age 100, died on March 31. A funeral service took place on April 9 in Berne, Indiana. Lord, hear our prayers for peace and comfort.
- ★ our Pastor Search Team as they continue their work. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ The caring quilt is with Lois and Lester as they grieve the death of Lois' sister Judy.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for all WDC congregations as we journey through this Holy Week, remembering Jesus' death and recognizing his presence in places of suffering and grief in our communities and world today.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and MMN, traveled to Benin and Chad in preparation for a new ministry among Muslim and Christian believers. Pray for them as they complete their assignment at Paris (France) Mennonite Center and discern God's leading into their next ministry location.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Please join Mennonite World Conference in offering a prayer for all Ukrainians, including our Mennonite siblings in Ukraine:
". . . we remember you and pray for the peace of your nation. We cry out to God for peacemakers and for wise leadership in Ukraine, Russia, the United States, and Europe. May God strengthen you in body and spirit, providing for every physical and spiritual need at a difficult time. With the Apostle Peter we say, 'After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To God be the power forever and ever. Amen.' (1 Peter 5:10, 11) 'Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. In the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace, amen.'"

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the work of Mennonite Central Committee and the Relief Sale that we were able to be a part of! Thanks be to God!

Congregational Announcements

Share an Easter Lily to honor loved ones at the Easter service on April 17. Names of those to be honored, along with names of those sharing the lilies, need to be turned in to the church office by Tuesday, April 12 to be listed in the bulletin. Please deliver lilies to the church, labeled with the names of donors, by noon on Saturday, April 16. Please note that lilies need to be taken home after Easter services or they will be used in church decorations and/or delivered to Bethesda for residents to enjoy.

Thank you to Rosie Jantz for donating an upright freezer to the Food Pantry.
~Trustees and Food Pantry

Since this opens up a new opportunity for the food pantry ministry, we will being by accepting donations of frozen meat. Until we learn how this will happen best, please call the church before making your donation.

Stories Needed: We have a few stories already for our newspaper, *The Horeb Hotline*, that will make its appearance on Holy Humor Sunday, but we need more. More stories, more fun! Please email or call Carol Duerksen with your story of something humorous that has happened, or COULD happen at Tabor. Deadline is this Tuesday April 12.

Passport to Peace: Vacation Bible School is coming! All children who will be 4 yrs old by Sept. 1, 2022 through current 6th grade are invited to VBS at Tabor, June 6-10, 8:30 - 11:30 am. If you would like your child/children to attend, please complete the online registration form found here: <https://forms.gle/PonsJVqZxeRnQP9E9> by April 30. If you have questions call or email: Keri Unruh, 785-822-8322 KeriSeidl@gmail.com or DeVon Hiebert, 620-345-8908 d.hiebert31@gmail.com

Preparing for MC USA Special Assembly:

--**Table talk discussions:** Faith Formation on April 24 to help delegates discern how to vote for the 4 MCUSA resolutions at the assembly in May.

--For more **information on the resolutions**, and to access the webinars: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/>.

--**One more delegate position needs to be filled for Tabor.** If you are interested in being a delegate, contact Pastor Katherine or a deacon.

Tabor 2022 Church Directories: Digital copies of the directory were emailed to you. If you would like a paper copy, you will find them below the mailboxes in the foyer.

Calling all dishwashers: A list of those who are trained to use the dishwasher is being compiled. Please contact the church office to have your name on the list.

Bloodmobile: The need for blood products continues. Please sign up to donate on April 11, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. Make a single unit donation or a Power Red donation (double units for those with type O+, O-, A-, or B-) 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. Thanks for making a difference!

Speakers from Ukraine: Come for the rare opportunity to hear from a couple who recently returned to the United States from Ukraine. Joe and Denise Goossen are Avant missionaries engaged in publishing Christian materials for churches in Ukraine. They were able to leave the country shortly before the Russian military invasion began. The meeting will be held in the Goessel City Building Community Room on Tuesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Fern Bartel at the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum (620-367-8200), Ladene Herrick (479-855-4734), or Anna Beth Birky (620-386-0381).

Upcoming:

April 21, 8pm: Men's Choir
April 24, 11:30am: Camp 412 fundraiser meal at Goessel High
May 1: TMYF Fundraiser Meal
May 7: Spring Work Day
May 27-30: Junior High Camp 412
June 6-10: Vacation Bible School

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference: How Can We Help? On April 21, 7 pm the WDC Immigration Task Force invites you to learn the latest on how to support new migrants and refugees near you and learn about how to join the mission of two organizations who have been working at refugee resettlement and immigration justice for many years. We will be glad to network briefly with each other about our congregation's work in this area. Guest speakers will be Charity Stowell (MCC Newcomer Connections Coordinator) and Jen Rafter (International Rescue Committee Development Coordinator). To receive the Zoom link, please register by emailing wdc@mennowdc.org by April 20.

Western District Women in Mission invites all women to a virtual "Meet-up" on Tuesday, April 26, 7– 8:30 pm. Please join us as we hear about the Knit4Peace project. Then, Sarah Augustine will discuss her personal life journey and book *The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*. To register for this event, please email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com by Monday, April 25 and you will be sent the Zoom link. *Tabor Mennonite Women: for complete details, please see the email which you received this past week.*

Join Mennonite Central Committee and Church World Service from 1:00-2:00 p.m. CT on Tuesday, April 12 to learn more about the refugee resettlement process in the U.S., challenges and opportunities refugees encounter when they settle into their new community, and the ways in which churches can get involved. Register here for this virtual learning event <https://bit.ly/3tPpTXh>

Camp Mennoscah:

--April 23 is a **Work and Play Day** at Camp Mennoscah! Details are forthcoming for projects. We'd like to complete the amphitheater project. A crew with trucks and dirt haulers/diggers is needed! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 to register or for more information.

--**Verenike Casserole Fundraiser** on April 30! If you enjoyed the meal last year, this will be very similar--more details will be coming soon! Meal: verenike casserole, seasoned green beans, zweiback, and fruit crisp. Summer youth camps and retreats are a vital and living part of faith formation for youth and young adults. Your meal donation will support Camp Mennoscah's mission to love one another, build relationships and follow Jesus Christ.

--**Nurses needed for Summer Youth Camps!** Your time and skill give campers a week of growing in Christian fellowship and experiencing God's great creation. Nurses need RN certification or equivalent. Nurses are needed for June 12-18, June 19-23, June 23-25, July 3-9, and July 24-29. Contact 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

NOTES

Dr. John and Clara Schmidt – former members of Alexanderwohl and First Mennonite – were Mennonite medical pioneers in Paraguay, S.A (1941-2001). Their 60-years service and adventure is now documented in a new book, CALLED. The authors, Marlena Fiol and Ed O'Connor, will share a behind-the-scenes look at what motivated them to write the book, where the seven years of research took them, and some of the reactions they've received to the book from a wide range of readers --- including family members and leaders of the Mennonite Central Committee. Register for the Zoom link at: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3RIXxVnSQ6e1pS17yiyvRg

Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/events/726332378727712/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%7D%7D

Hesston College invites families to the college's Community Day, on April 23, noon to 3 p.m. The day will feature Lark softball and baseball games, kids' activities, games and food vendors. Admission is free, as are the activities and games. For more information, please visit hesston.edu/communityday.

Bethel College:

--Mon., April 11, 7 pm.-- Bethel College presents *Suffering Church: How Theatre Can Help Us Learn from Those Who Leave*, an original play by Karen Robu, D.Min., director of theater at Bethel and associate minister at Plymouth Congregational Church, Wichita. Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. The play contains mature subject matter and is not intended for young audiences. This performance is supported by the Greer Endowment at Bethel College.

--Tues., April 19 – Bethel College Orchestra concert under the direction of Kristopher Hilding, 7:30 pm., Memorial Hall.

Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income webinar on Tuesday, April 12, starting at 6:30 p.m. Specifics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE April 3, 2022

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| Offering | = \$ 2,942.00 | Attendance | = 135 |
| Adult FF | = \$ 22.00 | Attendance | = 49 |
| Jr. FF | = \$ 10.56 | Attendance | = 39 |
| Worship Link Views | | = | 21 |

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEREOSITY . . .

Tabor children were once again able to have the fun of participating in the annual Pine Car Derby at the conclusion of our Wednesday Evening programs this past week! \$2,000 of our annual budget is designated for Wednesday Evening Ministries. Thanks to all the leaders who help to make these ministries possible!



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