

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS GRACE IN TIMES OF DISAGREEMENT

In a world that feels increasingly divided, we pray that the Spirit of God may root us and ground us all in the over-flowing love of God. As God has shown such amazing grace to each of us, may we also extend grace to our sisters and brothers in Christ, even in moments when we disagree. Lord, hear our prayer.

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Sophie Rebitzer
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Maynard Knepp
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from Psalm 103</i>	
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>"10,000 Reasons"</i>	No. 111 accompanied by Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF PRAYER	<i>"May You Be Rooted and Grounded"</i>	No. 396
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	<i>"Siciliana and Giga"</i>	-Handel
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"Unity"</i>	Sharleen Francis
CHILDREN'S STORY		Pam Abrahams
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>John 8:1-11</i>	Lewis Unruh <i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Healing River of the Spirit"</i>	No. 642
EXCHANGE STUDENT SHARING		Sophie Rebitzer
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER		Pastor Katherine Goerzen

\*SENDING HYMN

*"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"*

No. 170

\*BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, May 15

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtu.be/gszIF0jb5cg>

The Tabor Church Council is bringing a recommendation to announce and affirm an additional delegate to the MCUSA assembly. Delegates are obligated to study the four MCUSA resolutions and attend the scheduled Table Talk Discussions to discern how best to represent Tabor Church when voting on the resolutions at the Assembly.

**A brief congregational meeting** will be held after the worship service to entertain a motion, discussion, and vote on the following recommendation:

***The Tabor Church Council recommends that the congregation affirms Jerry Toews as a delegate to the MCUSA Assembly.***

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation.

Adults: meet for Table Talk Discussions in the Hospitality Hall.

**Teacher Appreciation Sunday:** The Christian Ed Co. says a HUGE Thank You to All of you who helped with Faith Formation and Wed Evening activities this last year. If you have been a teacher (of any age group), helper, driver, cook, dishwasher, or helped any other capacity to further Tabor's education – please take a package of monster cookies and a plant from the table in the Hospitality Hall this Sunday. Thank you for saying Yes, when we asked!

### This Week

**Mon, May 16, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness.

**7 pm** - Men's Bible Study: 1 Corinthians.

**Tues, May 17, 9 am** - Staff meeting.

**Wed, May 18, 6:45 pm** - Pastor Search Committee meeting.

**7:30 pm** - Deacon meeting.

**Thurs, May 19** - Newsletter items are due

## Next Sunday, May 22

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday we continue with our theme of God's Grace and we will focus on "Grace to and from Others". Scripture for reflection will be Acts 9:1-19 and Peter Goerzen will be preaching.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation.

**5-7 pm:** Bethesda Home Fundraiser at White Owl Barn.  
See *announcements*.

## Prayer Requests

*The following requests were shared on Sunday, May 8.*

- ★ Leann acknowledged the many women who were not birth mothers who have contributed to our life journeys. Lord, hear our prayers for all for whom Mother's Day is a painful day. Thanks be to God for all of the women who have loved us and encouraged us
- ★ Eunice Nickel shared an update from the Pastoral Search Team (which is included in the May Newsletter). Thank you to everyone who continues to pray for this process. May we rejoice in the hope that God's Spirit is at work as we search, may we be granted patience in this process, and may we persevere in prayer that God's will be done. Lord, hear our prayers.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ students and teachers as they finish another school year. Pray for families as they transition to summer schedules.
- ★ Vacation Bible School and Jr. High Camp. Pray for leaders and teachers as they plan and prepare.
- ★ all who are struggling with illness, depression, despair, loneliness, both here and around the world. Lord, hear our prayer for your healing presence to be made known in the midst of struggles.
- ★ The caring quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team, as they prepare for our conference gathering July 29-31 at Camp Copass in Texas.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN's Service Adventure participants are in the final months of living in their unit houses and working in their volunteer placements. Pray for them as they bring closure to the relationships they built in their hosting community and find ways to implement what they learned as they move into their future.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ all students who are graduating or making transitions in their lives. We recognize our junior high graduates and our exchange student who has been with us this past school year. Praise God for the gifts of learning and the schools and teachers in our communities!

## Congregational Announcements

**Vacation Bible School:** We can use some more help for VBS this year. The dates are June 6-10. Staff volunteers, please sign up to help with VBS by using this link: <https://forms.gle/2uhZuk9Q554hLXMcA>  
**VBS Orientation** will take place on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 pm in the Hospitality Hall.

**Bethesda Fundraiser:** Everyone is invited to the Bethesda Home Spring Fundraiser at the White Owl Barn, 2861 Comanche Rd, Canton on May 22 from 5-7 pm. There will be a hamburger fry with sides, homemade ice cream and fresh cookies, along with lawn games and socializing with friends and family. Bring your lawn chairs. Suggested donation: \$15/plate for adults, \$10/plate for children. There will also be a silent auction with donated baskets worth hundreds of dollars! We hope to see you there!!

**Singers and Musicians:** The Music Committee is looking for individuals or groups to provide Special Music during the worship services from July through October. Please let Carrie Unruh [lewunr@gmail.com](mailto:lewunr@gmail.com) know if you are willing to share your musical talents with the congregation.

**Are you interested in working with MDS?** This summer, our congregation has the wonderful opportunity to participate in a multi-generational service trip to Jennings, LA with Mennonite Disaster Service. This service trip will be June 17 through 25, and will also include a visit to New Orleans. If you are interested in serving with MDS alongside youth and adults from Tabor, please let either Cleo Koop or Pastor Katherine know. Thanks!

**Tabor Mennonite Women and Girls Salad Supper and Et Cetera Fashion Show** will take place on Wednesday, June 1 at 6 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for attending and for being a "Model", wearing clothes which have been purchased from the Et Cetera Shop. For the Fashion Show, you can model more than one outfit. Wear an outfit there, and then there will be time to change into another one for later in the program. Send a description and the approximate cost to Nancy Funk [nancyhiebertfunk@gmail.com](mailto:nancyhiebertfunk@gmail.com). Also, please bring a salad to share. If you have questions, contact Denise Nickel.

**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.

**Relief Sale Annual Meeting:** Anyone is invited to the KS Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Meeting and meal at Hesston Mennonite, Thurs., May 19 at 6pm. The cost is \$15 per plate and RSVP is required. Deadline for RSVP is Mon., May 16. We will Present the Big Check to MCC that evening and the complete report of our sale this year will be handed out. Come join us for a FUN evening and a Great Meal. RSVP to: [bj.reeves@live.com](mailto:bj.reeves@live.com) or 620-543-6863

**Rejoice!** The summer issue of the *Rejoice!* Devotional is here. Feel free to pick up a copy from the table in the foyer.

**Upcoming:**

May 29: Worship will begin at 10am. Faith Formation classes will not meet.  
May 27-30: Junior High Camp 412  
May 30: Memorial Service at the Tabor Cemetery  
June 1: TMW Salad Supper  
June 6-10: Vacation Bible School

## Conference Announcements

**2022 WDC Annual Assembly** at Camp Copass, Denton TX on July 29-31 will feature a youth event for junior high and high school youth across the conference. The youth programming will include times for faith formation, worshipping together, a service project and plenty of recreational activities. Bunk house lodging is available during the retreat. Some scholarships will also be available. Contact Nita Nikkel at [nitaknikkel@gmail.com](mailto:nitaknikkel@gmail.com) or 316-587-7765 with questions. More information coming soon!

**Mennonite Church USA:**

--Mennonite Church USA has unveiled a new shareable video titled "We are better together." The video features different voices from across the denomination discussing what it means to do church together. Watch it here: [mennoniteusa.org/better-together](https://mennoniteusa.org/better-together)

--This month, Mennonite Church USA invites you to engage in its Learn, Pray, Join initiative "Welcoming EveryBODY," which focuses on how the church can be more welcoming and accessible to people with disabilities. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/welcoming-everybody](https://mennoniteusa.org/welcoming-everybody)

--Help equip pastors and church leaders across Mennonite Church USA by giving to "Inspiring Transformative Leadership," a denominational fundraiser aimed at providing resources and services for those leading our churches. All donations from now until May 25 will be split evenly between Mennonite Church USA Executive Board, MennoMedia and Mennonite Education Agency. [mennoniteusa.org/give/](https://mennoniteusa.org/give/)

**Camp Mennoscah:**

--Work & Play Day at Camp Mennoscah on May 21! Camp Mennoscah has projects to complete and plenty to prepare for the summer. You are invited to join in fellowship and service! Projects for all ages and weather are available. Let us know you're coming so we can be prepared for you! Bring your lunch and a water bottle. The day will start at 8:30 at the maintenance shed. End your day with a leisurely kayak ride or stroll to the sandbar. Want to volunteer either before or after May 21? Give us a call! This week we're working on mowing and the swimming pool! Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) to sign up.

--Camps is "What's in a Name?" Come to Camp Mennoscah and discover how God knows us beyond any name we are called. Be called to be a child of God! All weeks of camp still have openings. Sign up at <https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/>

--Summer Youth Camp scholarships are available. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or fill out the request form. Camp is for everyone!

--'Tis the Season for Mowers and String Trimmers! Camp Mennoscah is looking for people to help keep the campgrounds trimmed and looking neat. Let us know when you would be able to mow or string trim! Call 620-297-3290 or email [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) --we'll get you scheduled!

**Mennonite Central Committee:**

--Gardening for good: Creation care tips for your backyard and stories from Bolivia, May 26 at 7 pm CDT, 6 pm MDT. In this virtual visit, we'll explore what it looks like to care for the planet—from our own backyards to remote Bolivian communities. Join us to learn gardening and conservation tips in your own garden, then travel south to hear incredible stories from MCC's projects in Bolivia. Learn more and register at [mcc.org/virtual-visits](https://mcc.org/virtual-visits).

--Join the MCC Central States team! We currently have the following openings. Please contact [krystalklaassen@mcc.org](mailto:krystalklaassen@mcc.org) with any questions.

-HR Recruiter & Central States HR Coordinator

-Young Adult Program Coordinator

-Material Resources Center (MRC) Volunteer Coordinator

**Mennonite World Conference** - Assembly participation on-site has now nearly doubled to 1,250 on site participants accepted. The 2022 Mennonite World Conference Assembly will be held in Indonesia from July 5-10. Both in person and online participation options are available. Please let the WDC office know if you plan on attending in person or virtually.

**Bethel College:** Sun., May 22 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program, Dave Kreider, "Collecting for College and Community: Past, Present and Future," 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium.

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** Save the Date - Region 3 Annual Meeting September 16th and 17th. The meeting theme is "MDS - Beacon of Hope" and will be in a hybrid fashion (local and virtual) at Kalispell, Montana. You will have opportunities to meet/greet some of the MDS binational staff and learn about MDS activities. Online registration is at <https://tinyurl.com/2022preregistration>. The registration fee of \$25 to cover meal costs will be collected on-site when you register.

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE  
May 8, 2022**

Offering	= \$ 3,716.00	Attendance	= 122
Adult FF	= \$ 38.75	Attendance	= 37
Jr. FF	= \$ 10.75	Attendance	= 29
Worship Link Views		=	40

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEREOSITY . . .

Faith Formation curriculum can be purchased for our children. The Christian Education committee budgets \$4,000 for Sunday Faith Formation materials. Thanks to all of the teachers and leaders who nurture the growing faith in our children, and make the Bible stories in the curriculum come alive.



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