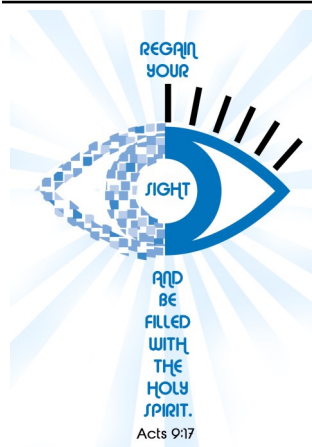


Tabor Mennonite Church

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WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS GRACE TO AND FROM OTHERS

This morning we are focusing on the story of Ananias following the conversion of Saul – Saul who had persecuted, imprisoned, and overseen the execution of believers in the early church. This is a powerful reminder of the ways God interrupts our ordinary lives, and transforms fear into hope, brokenness into beauty, and inspires grace between two people once counted as enemies.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Isaac Swartzendruber
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Eunice Nickel
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from 1 John 4</i>	
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>“Come, Thou Fount”</i>	No. 563
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>“For the Beauty of the Earth”</i>	No. 120
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>“Grand Concerto for Trombone” -Grafe</i> Alex Young, Peabody High School accompanied by Jerry Toews	
CHILDREN’S STORY		Kara Swartzendruber
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Acts 9:1-19</i> <i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	Barb Banman
SERMON		Peter Goerzen

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”* No. 170

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN *“The Lord Lift You Up”* No. 832

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, May 22

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite 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
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
<https://youtu.be/g4BnTs-UWJc>

10:45 am: Faith Formation.

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

This Week

Bulletin announcement are due Thursday mornings.

Mon, May 23, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.
7 pm - Men’s Bible Study.

Tues, May 24, 9 am - Staff meeting.
6 pm - Pastor Search Co. Meeting.
7 pm - Christian Ed. Meeting.

Fri, May 27 - Monday, May 30 - Jr. High Camp 412
MC USA Special Delegate Session in Kansas City.

Pastor Katherine will be serving as a Tabor delegate at the MC USA Delegate Session. Please contact a deacon for pastoral needs.

Next Sunday, May 29

10:00 am: Next Sunday the theme is Healing. Scripture for reflection will be John 5:1-15 and Nathan Ashley will be preaching.

Faith Formation hour will not take place.

11:45 am: Memorial Service at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Cemetery.
A Memorial Service will take place at the Tabor Church Cemetery on May 30 at 10 am.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, May 15.

- ★ On behalf of the Christian Ed Team, Gayle Funk expressed deep appreciation for everyone who has been involved with Faith Formation during this past year. Thanks be to God for all who have been willing to offer their time, talents, and treasures to help nurture the faith of people within our congregation!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Jr High youth and leaders who will experience Camp 412 over Memorial Day weekend. Lord, hear our prayer as these youth learn and grow in their faith. Thanks be to God that this camp can take place!!
- ★ Vacation Bible School. Pray for leaders and teachers as they plan and prepare.
- ★ our Pastor Search Team as they continue their work, and our congregation during this time of transition. Lord hear our prayers for wisdom and your continued presence.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Lord, hear our prayers for those who have suffered harm through violence this past weekend; we pray especially for the families who lost loved ones. Lord, hear our prayers for those wrestling with change and their place in the world. Lord, hear our prayers for leaders as they seek to respond to violence and hatred in their local communities. You are encouraged to read MCUSA Executive Director Glen Guyton's response to this recent wave of mass shootings here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/our-church-must-take-action-we-are-not-beyond-the-hate/?fbclid=IwAR01edO-foJ21q-rY1-TkhTdZin2MlztSmSFAGiRJEbJtsSbleIBXOxp-0>
- ★ Pastor Katherine and Jerry and Leann Toews, who will serve as delegates at the MC USA Special Session this weekend.
- ★ Everyone is invited to be in prayer for the MC USA Special Delegate Session this coming weekend. If you are interested, Rev. Dr. Leo Hartshorn has put together a prayer resource for each day of the Assembly (which you can access here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Delegate-Assembly-Prayer-Guide.pdf>). Lord, hear our prayers for "the discernment of your will for the church above our personal desires and to seek in every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace through Jesus Christ"
- ★ The caring quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the many ways that WDC's Resource Commission and Resource Library encourage spiritual growth, and pray for meaningful discussion at this week's "Final Thursday" book discussion sponsored by the Resource Library.

Prayer requests continued

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Brian and Noelia Fox of MMN visit the Mennonite church in Barcelona, Spain, monthly. Pray that God will protect the Fox family on the roads, as they make the seven-hour drive from their home in Burgos. Pray also for the congregation in Barcelona as they discern their next avenues of ministry.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the opportunity to gather around tables and talk with one another about the 4 MCUSA Resolutions. We are grateful to everyone who prepared for and engaged so well in these conversations.

Congregational Announcements

You are invited to a Community Birthday party for Lois Janzen on Sunday, May 22nd at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Shelter House, 1304 KS-15 Hwy, Goessel, KS at 2:00 pm to 4:00pm. Lois will be 90 years old on May 26th. No gifts your presents will be her gift.

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 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. Also, please bring a salad to share. If you have questions, contact Denise Nickel.

Mini Service Projects at WDC Annual Assembly: July 29-31, at Camp Copass, Denton, TX, adults, youth and kids will help with on-site service projects, including tying comforters for MCC to send to people who have fled their homes, and making MCC hygiene kits. Please help collect the following items:

- 1 adult-size toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 16 in x 26 in)
- 1 wide-toothed comb (6–8 in)

Please leave items in the basket next to the mailboxes in the foyer.

Blood Drive: Start your summer with plans to donate blood on June 6, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. June is a busy month, so extra effort will be needed for a successful drive. Make a single unit donation or a Power Red donation 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 taking the time to make a difference!

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 30: Memorial Service at the Tabor Cemetery
- June 1: TMW Salad Supper
- June 6-10: Vacation Bible School

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

--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 or 316-587-7765 with questions. More information coming soon!

--Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania will host a service of ordination for Pastor Graciela Tijerina on Sunday, June 12 at 2:30 pm, in the sanctuary of First Mennonite Church, 429 East First Street, Newton. Members of the wider church community are welcome to this time of worship and celebration!

--Summer Story Hour--God Rocks! - All children ages 3-8 in the central Kansas area are invited to Summer Story Hour at the WDC Conference Resource Library in North Newton. Fun Stories and Activities with Leader, Marjie Warkentine and Resource Library Director, Jennie Wintermote. Mondays at 10:00am on June 27, July 11, 18, 25 & August 1 & 8

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

--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

--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/

Camp Mennoscah:

--New Camper Discount from May 18 to June 1! Camp Mennoscah is offering a \$22 discount to anyone who hasn't registered for summer youth camp yet. Already registered? Get someone else to register and we'll apply the discount to your account, too. Register here! See the attached letter for details! Summer Youth Camp scholarships are also available. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or fill out the request form. Camp is for everyone!

--Camp Mennoscah is looking for people to provide a "main course" for approx. 12 people during the week of June 5-10. Camp will provide the extras for the meal and staff do the meal prep as a team building exercise. During this week, summer staff do training for Youth Development, the Staff Handbook, Reducing the Risk of Abuse, and more. This week prepares the staff to create great camp experiences for a summer of campers. Contact 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for details.

--'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 --we'll get you scheduled!

Mennonite Central Committee:

--MCC is resuming shipments of material resources to Ukraine. Five containers of emergency supplies are being shipped to Ukraine in the next few months with more planned for later in the year. With this increase in demand for supplies for Ukraine and other countries around the world, MCC's inventory of material resources is getting low. *We need comforters, soap and towels as well as dignity, hygiene, infant care, relief, school and sewing kits.* Your donations will provide relief and a tangible sign of hope to people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. Go to mcc.org/kits for information on needed supplies and drop-off locations.

--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.

--Join the MCC Central States team! We currently have the following openings. Please contact krystalklaassen@mcc.org with any questions.
 -HR Recruiter & Central States HR Coordinator
 -Young Adult Program Coordinator
 -Material Resources Center (MRC) Volunteer Coordinator

Mennonite Disaster Service: The May edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares a story of angels among us, we celebrate the MDS career of Jerry Grosh, and an MDS volunteer is reframing the Psalms as Haiku. .
 Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3LulKia>

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.

--Sat., June 4 – The public is invited to Walk Sand Creek Trail Day, part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and leashed dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus, dawn to dusk (6 a.m.-8 p.m.), courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee, with members there to answer any questions about the trail.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
May 15, 2022			
Offering	= \$ 7,652.74	Attendance	= 109
Adult FF	= \$ 14.00	Attendance	= 28
Jr. FF	= \$ 15.15	Attendance	= 35
Worship Link Views		=	44

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