

Tabor Mennonite Church

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THE HEALING POWER OF JESUS

Today we are reflecting on the story of Jesus healing the man by the Pool of Bethesda. We are grateful to Nathan Ashley for bringing a message about the amazing ways that God is at work bringing healing into our lives!

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Worship Team
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Joshua Schmidt
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from John 4:46-53</i>	
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*GATHERING HYMNS	<i>"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"</i>	No. 536
	<i>"My Jesus, I Love Thee"</i>	No. 133
*PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	<i>"Fill My Cup, Lord"</i>	-Blanchard
CHILDREN'S STORY		Diane Unruh
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>John 5:1-15</i>	Dale Alderfer
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	
SERMON		Nathan Ashley
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Healer of Our Every Ill"</i>	No. 644
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER		Ruby Graber and Kristi Unruh
*SENDING HYMN	<i>"Jesus, be the Center"</i>	No. 584
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>

Sunday, May 29

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

10:00 am: Worship
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
<https://youtu.be/PLfoGCgwQ6M>

Faith Formation hour will not take place.

11:45 am: Memorial Service at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Cemetery.

This Week

Bulletin announcement are due Thursday mornings.

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.

Mon, May 30, 10 am - Memorial Service at the Tabor Church Cemetery.
7 pm - Men's Bible Study.

Tues, May 31, 9 am - Staff meeting.

Wed, June 1, 6 pm - Tabor Mennonite Women and Girls Salad Supper.

Next Sunday, June 5

9:30 am: Next Sunday is Pentecost. Michelle Armster, Executive Director of Mennonite Central Committee Central States will be preaching. Scripture for reflection will be Acts 2:1-21.

In addition to our offering for Tabor's unified budget, we will receive a special offering for the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

10:45 am: Faith Formation will be finger food fellowship. People are welcome to bring snacks to share.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, May 22.

- ★ Eunice Nickel shared an update on behalf of the Pastoral Search Committee. The committee has completed a round of interviews and is excited and hopeful with the important decisions that lie ahead. Lord, hear our prayers for the candidates, for Tabor, and for wisdom in what lies ahead.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Vacation Bible School. Pray for leaders and teachers as they plan and prepare.
- ★ Pastor Katherine and Jerry and Leann Toews, who are serving as delegates at the MC USA Special Session this weekend. Pray for clarity and also pray for safe travels. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ all who are struggling with illness, depression, despair, loneliness, both here and around the world. Lord, hear our prayers for your healing presence to be made known in the midst of struggles.
- ★ *-Shared by MC USA - Adapted from a prayer by Michael Martin, director of RAWtools, Inc.*

We pray for the lives lost in Uvalde, Texas, that join the climbing number of those lost to gun violence in America.

Comfort the mourning, the grieving, the broken-hearted.

Compel our prayers to turn into actions.

May the triggers of our streets be beaten into plowshares.

May the triggers of our hearts be met with the open arms of our neighbors.

May we trust in the transformative power of your refining fire.

Forge us to be instruments of your peace.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

May our posture be of a readiness to steady a plowshare.

May we take hold of your olive branch that plots for peace.

May the plowshare break the earth of senseless violence.

May the furrows bring us a harvest of solace, a never-ending rest from violence.

May we sit under the vine and fig, on earth as it is in heaven.

May it be so. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

- ★ Western District Conference: Church Planting Prayer Request - Pray for Casa del Alfarero Church, so that God opens new paths, new ideas to reach the community in which the seed of the Gospel is sown, and so that together we can be in harmony and peace and above all connected with the vision and desire of God.
~Pastor Alberto Parchmont.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN praises God for the growth of Mennonite Bible School (formerly Bethany Bible School) in South Africa. Pray for the school's coordinator, Reuben Mgodeli, as he teaches and provides administrative support in five locations in South Africa's Eastern Cape Province. Pray also that the participants will be strengthened in their faith and in their leadership ministries.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Jr High youth and leaders who are at Camp 412 this weekend. Thanks be to God for the opportunity for Junior Highers to grow in their relationship with God.
- ★ the refreshing and replenishing rain! Thanks be to God!!

Thanks

Thank you for the support, encouragement, and prayers that I have received both before and following my knee replacement surgery. Healing has gone well and I plan to return to work this week. ~Jim Schmidt

Final Total for the 2022 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is an AMAZING \$796,737.49. We wrote the check for \$700,000 and presented it to MCC at our Annual Meeting and Banquet, Thurs., May 19. The Kansas MCC Sale is Alive and Thriving with Excitement. Think of ways YOU can get MORE involved at Next Year's Sale; April 13 and 14, 2023. We THANK GOD for a Bountiful Harvest with MANY Cheerful Givers!! ~ Jerry Toews

Congregational Announcements

VBS: Snacks are part of the fun at Bible School! If you would like to make a donation to cover the expense for snacks, please leave your donation with Keri Unruh, DeVon Hiebert or in the church office mailbox.

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 if you wish. If you are modeling, please send a description and approximate cost to Nancy Funk nancyhiebertfunk@gmail.com. Also, please bring a salad to share. **Please sign up for the supper, and if you are modeling, send your description to Nancy, by Sunday, May 29.** If you have questions, contact Denise Nickel.

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.

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!

Upcoming:

June 6-10: Vacation Bible School
June 8, 7pm: Orientation for MDS Service Trip
June 17-25: TMYF/MDS Service Trip
July 29-31: WDC Assembly

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

--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

--Summer Reading Challenge - Everyone across WDC is invited to join the Summer 2022 God Rocks! Reading Challenge. Sign up on the Resource Library's Beanstack page at <https://mennowdc.beanstack.com/reader365>. This challenge is for readers of all ages to explore just how amazing God is! Read to earn tickets for prize drawings (gift certificates for coffee and books) as well as free books and other fun prizes. Registration is open now and the challenge runs June 1 through July 31.

Mennonite Church USA:

--Berlin Exodus Presentation - Sun., June 26, 7pm: Come hear the story of how MCC worker, Peter Dyck, moved 1,200 Ukrainian Mennonite refugees located in Berlin to a waiting ship in West Germany to travel to Paraguay in 1947 (75 years ago). The Berlin Exodus (also known as the Great Escape) is the theme of an evening presentation at Trinity Mennonite Church (211 Elm Street, Hillsboro, KS) led by Calvin Buller.

--Mennonite Church USA (MC USA), in partnership with Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN), has launched "**Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY,**" an initiative that celebrates the many gifts that people with disabilities bring to our church communities. During May and June, MC USA will seek to engage people in this initiative by offering resources, prayers and ways to care for one another and to address issues of accessibility in the church.

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) Assembly: As Western District Conference participates in the MC USA delegate assembly May 27-30, and prepares for our own annual assembly July 29-31, we remember that we are also part of a global Anabaptist fellowship! MWC will take place July 5-10 with an in-person gathering in Indonesia, as well as an online program.

Here are some ways you can participate and support the MWC Assembly:

--Register for the online program and connect from home. Or travel to the in-person program in Indonesia. For registration information, see www.indonesia2022.mwc-cmm.org

-- Inform the Western District Conference if you plan to attend the MWC Assembly online or in-person, so we can network and consider ways to share with others in WDC about the MWC Assembly experience.

--Consider making a financial gift to help underwrite this global gathering of Anabaptists. To donate, go to <https://mwc-cmm.org/donate-now> or send a check to Mennonite World Conference, PO Box 5364, Lancaster, PA 17606-5364, and designate "Global Assembly: Indonesia 2022,"

MWC represents the majority of the global family of Christian churches rooted in the 16th century Radical Reformation in Europe. MWC includes 109 Mennonite and Brethren in Christ national churches from 58 countries, with around 1.47 million baptized believers in close to 10,000 congregations. More than 80% of baptized believers in MWC member churches are African, Asian or Latin American. MWC is a place for mutual sharing and learning among member churches and their members, and a way to strengthen our witness as a faith community in the world.

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.

Mennonite Disaster Service:

--The May edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. 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>

--The MDS Yearlong Volunteer Program provides a one-year service opportunity for volunteers to enhance their leadership skills and to help bring people home after disasters. Volunteers serve in a group from August to July at various MDS projects, experience multiple cultures and communities across the U.S. & Canada, and build meaningful relationships with disaster survivors and other volunteers as they serve! Contact the MDS office, Josh Carson at 800-241-8111 or email jcarson@mds.org, for more information or to apply by June 15.

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!](#) [More details about the discount here.](#)

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

Bethel College: 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.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Strengthen your leadership skills at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Join our vibrant learning community — on campus or at a distance, full time or part time — and focus on areas such as pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, theology, peace studies, global Anabaptism or environmental sustainability leadership. We offer generous need-based financial aid and scholarships. Apply now! ambs.edu

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

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Offering	= \$ 3,085.00	Attendance	= 116
Adult FF	= \$ 61.00	Attendance	= 32
Jr. FF	= \$ 35.87	Attendance	= 29

Worship Link Views = 31

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

we have been able to prepare our delegates and help to finance their registration fees for the MC USA Special Delegate Sessions in Kansas City this weekend.



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