

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Vacation Bible School Celebration Sunday

Welcome to our VBS Celebration Sunday! During this past week, we have been learning about different stories from the Bible that help equip us to follow Jesus' way of peace. We are excited for this opportunity to share stories from this past week's Vacation Bible School as well as from Camp 412!

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		VBS Songs
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Keri Unruh
CALL TO WORSHIP and PRAYER		DeVon Hiebert
*CONGREGATIONAL SONGS	<i>"Jesus Is a Friend"</i> <i>"God Is a Good God"</i>	screens
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"Passport to Peace"</i> <i>"Love the Lord Your God"</i> <i>"The Way of Peace"</i>	VBS Children
VBS DRAMA	<i>based on I Samuel 25:1-35</i>	VBS Leader & Students
VBS SHARING		
Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st Grade		Bible Memory Verse
2nd & 3rd Grade		"Peace Is . . ."
4th Grade		VBS Memory Verse
5th Grade		Trouble in the Neighborhood
6th Grade		Service Project Sharing

VBS DRAMA	<i>based on Genesis 26:12-33</i>	VBS Leader & Students
OFFERING PROJECT SHARING	<i>MDS Cabinet Shop</i>	Cleo Koop
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	<i>"A Better Place"</i>	VBS Children
	<i>Red bags: Tabor Church Budget; Gift Bags: VBS Project, MDS Cabinet Shop.</i>	
	<i>Make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with MDS on the memo line.</i>	
VBS SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION		
CAMP 412 SHARING AND PHOTO SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION		
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*SENDING CONGREGATIONAL SONG	<i>"This Little Light of Mine"</i>	
SENDING SONG OF BLESSING	<i>"May the God of Hope"</i>	VBS Children
SENDING	<i>"May God's Peace"</i>	VBS Children
POSTLUDE		<i>*Please stand if you are able</i>

Sunday, June 12

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by those who participated in Camp 412. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

A special thank you to VBS Coordinators Keri Unruh and DeVon Hiebert for the leadership they provided to make VBS successful and joyful this year. Thanks to everyone who offered leadership and volunteered in so many ways. A special thanks to the children for their eagerness to learn and play, and to the parents for sharing their children with us!

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

Following the celebration there will be a potluck meal in the Tabor Church Park. All are welcome to stay to enjoy the meal and fellowship together.

This Week

Bulletin announcement are due Thursday mornings.

Mon, June 13, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness. **7 pm** - Men's Bible Study.

Tues, June 14, 7 pm - Service Trip Orientation.

Wed, June 15, 7pm - Pastor Search Committee meeting.

Fri, June 17 - Sat, June 25 - MDS Service Trip to Jennings, LA.
Pastor Katherine will be accompanying our youth on this service trip.
Please contact a deacon with pastoral needs.

Next Sunday, June 19

9:30 am: Next Sunday Michael Unruh will be preaching about Jesus' upside down way of teaching and living, reflecting on Scriptures from the books of Matthew, Luke, and John.

10:45 am: Faith Formation - Hymn Sing lead by Russell Adrian. Everyone is welcome!

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, June 5.

- ★ Pastor Katherine thanked the congregation for praying for the MC USA Special delegate session. Lord, hear our prayers for our denomination -- May your will be done, may our lives together continue to reflect your love and your grace, and may we follow the leading of your Holy Spirit.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ 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.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, that they would experience God's faithfulness, love and guidance during times of change and uncertainty.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Voluntary Service participants, serving through MMN, are in their final months at their unit houses and volunteer placements. Pray for them as they bring closure to relationships in their hosting communities and find ways to implement what they have learned, as they move into their futures.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Vacation Bible School and the joy that was a part of the learning every day! Thanks be to God!!
- ★ The work of Mennonite Disaster Service and the opportunity the Goessel Community has to help with rebuilding the lives of people who experience great loss. Thanks be to God!!

Congregational Announcements

Fellowship Event: You are invited to join us on Sunday, June 26 at 6:30 pm for an evening of fellowship, games, watermelon, and crullers in the Tabor Church park. Bring your lawn chairs and lawn games if you like. Let Eunice or Kenton Nickel know if you would be willing to make some crullers. We hope to see you there!!

Summer Faith Formation is almost here!

Christian Education Team and Worship Council have decided that we will use MennoMedia's current curriculum, which includes both faith formation materials as well as worship materials, so that most from the congregation will be reflecting on the same Scripture passages. This series will begin on June 26.

Christian Ed Team is hoping to have 4 leaders each Sunday (both youth and adults are encouraged to sign up) -- 2 to lead a 10-15 minute input time for children, and 2 to facilitate an outdoor/recreational component. If you are interested in signing up for a Sunday or two, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A5A823A6F94-summer>

Stamps for Ministry: Stamps are sold to stamp collectors by the pound and the funds are used to translate Sunday School materials to Spanish. Through this ministry, more than 50 lesson series have been published and used in Latin America, Spain, and the United States. There is plastic box for used stamps on the table by the coat racks. Thank you for saving your stamps and donating to this cause.

Western District Conference Annual Assembly: July 29-31, at Camp Copass, Denton, TX. **If you are interested in being a delegate** for WDC's Annual Assembly, please let Pastor Katherine or a deacon know.

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 has named Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz as **denominational minister for Peace and Justice**. In this role, she will resource conference ministers, conferences and pastors with opportunities to strengthen capacity and engagement in Christ-centered peace and justice, as well as serve as a liaison and coordinator for peace and justice initiatives throughout MC USA. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/peace-justice>

Mennonite Central Committee 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.

Mennonite Disaster Service: 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.

Life Enrichment returns to Bethel College with the start of the fall 2022 semester – but it will be on a different day. Life Enrichment resumes Thursday, Aug. 25, and will be on Thursdays thereafter. Place and time remain the same: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 a.m. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/life-enrichment> for more information, and look for a brochure coming later this summer.

Bethel College's Prison Theater Project is currently in process, with director John McCabe-Juhnke, Bethel students and several men from the Hutchinson Correctional Facility minimum-security East Unit. The public performance at HCF is Friday, July 1, and the project is looking for an audience. If you'd like to go, contact Offender-Victim Ministries in Newton at 316-283-2038 (Mon.-Thurs.) before June 24.

VBS Offering Project



Our Peace Mission includes our offering project to financially support an organization doing peace work. We have chosen to support the MDS Cabinet Shop in Goessel this year. This project fits nicely with our theme, Passport to Peace.

The Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Unit has embarked on a very exciting new adventure. The Unit has purchased Rod Abrahams' cabinet shop in Goessel. Volunteers will be building kitchen cabinets for Binational MDS rebuilding projects. Most of the cabinets will be installed in new homes across the United States. MDS builds approximately 75 new homes each year. Your donation will support the purchase of equipment for use in the cabinet shop. Thanks for your generosity.

Please make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with 'MDS' on the memo line.

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
June 5, 2022**

Offering = \$ 3,834.79 Attendance = 100

Special Offering for MCC = \$ 3,188.10

Worship Link Views = 44

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

the lights were on, the water fountain was used, the grass was mowed, the air conditioning was a welcome relief, and children sang songs using the screens in the sanctuary! These are just a few examples of your generous giving which helped make the week of Bible School enjoyable for children and leaders. Part of Tabor's budget is used for maintenance so that our building and grounds may be a place of welcome. Thanks to the Trustees and many volunteers who help with the sound system, mowing, repair work and many other maintenance jobs.



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