



Tabor Church News

June, 2022

Sunday Worship Themes

June 5 - Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Michelle Armster preaching

June 12 - VBS Celebration Service

Passport to Peace

Matthew 5:43-44

VBS Sharing

June 19 -

Scripture: TBD

Michael Unruh preaching

June 26 - Seeking God Together

Making Time for God

Daniel 6:1-23

Sharing from the congregation



Tabor Mennonite Church Vacation Bible School

June 6 - 10

8:30 am - 11:30 am

(11:45 on Friday)

*Children will participate in worship,
play games, make crafts, eat snacks,
and do other activities that invite them
to love God and follow Jesus!*

*VBS Celebration Service
Sunday, June 12, 10 am
followed by a potluck picnic
in the Tabor Church Park*

MC USA Convention Reflections

Dear Tabor Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers for the MC USA Special Session of the Delegate Assembly in Kansas City this past weekend. I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit as we met together around tables with fellow believers from across the denomination. I felt that I had a particularly good table, with people of varying ages and life experiences; and though we didn't agree on everything, we engaged with one another in a respectful and vulnerable manner as brothers and sisters in Christ. We recognized that God – who unites us together in one body – is stronger than that which might otherwise divide us. I was so glad to have an opportunity to gather around the table with these wonderful people, and to hear their stories and life experiences – both the joyful and the painful.

The conversations were grounded in worship and prayer, and delegates met together for worship at the beginning of each day. If you would like to get a taste of the worship we experienced, I would encourage you to listen to one of the sermons shared with the delegate body, entitled “The Way of Peace in our Polarized World” by Samuel K Sarpiya. It is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cI_Xw914xRs

Some of you are probably curious to hear about the delegate decisions on each of the 4 resolutions. First off, I want to thank you for the good and intentional work that you did to educate yourselves on the 4 resolutions so that you could better understand what the delegates came together to discuss and discern this past weekend.

Justice in the U.S. Criminal Legal System: There was no vote taken on this resolution. This resolution is a study resolution, urging congregations to commit to learning more about this topic and the ways that people are impacted by the criminal legal system in this country. If you have ideas for ways that we as a congregation can learn more about this topic (book studies, discussion topics, etc.), please let me or one of the deacons know.

Accessibility Resolution: This resolution passed unanimously. In moving forward, we hope to learn more about what we are already doing well as a congregation, as well as ways that we can make our space more inviting and accessible for all people.

Membership Guidelines: Approximately 83% of the delegates voted in favor to retire the Membership Guidelines. Nothing additional is required of congregations or denominational leadership.

Repentance and Transformation: There were 267 delegates who voted in favor of this resolution and 212 delegates who voted “no.” A simple majority was needed for this resolution to pass. In discussions around my own table and with other delegates, it seemed that most people thought that it was important for the denomination to repent of the harm that has been done to people who identify as LGBTQIA. However, people seemed less sure about what this might mean moving forward. It is clear that the denomination is still not of the same mind in terms of what LGBTQIA inclusion looks like.

To get a sense of the conversation on these four resolutions, I would encourage you to read the MCUSA article available here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-delegate-assembly-widens-the-circle-for-lgbtq-people-and-those-with-disabilities/>

As always, friends, I invite you to come and talk with me if you would like to discuss any of this. I'd be happy to speak more about my experiences as a delegate and I'm also available if you'd like to voice questions, concerns, or affirmations. It feels especially important in our increasingly divided world for us to continue to talk with one another, to gather around the table and discuss what feels important and what is on our hearts and minds, while recognizing that, though we won't always see eye to eye, we need one another. By remaining in relationship with one another, even when we sometimes disagree, we provide a much needed witness to the world around us. And may we remember that God – who binds us together in one body – is stronger than anything that might seek to divide us.

~Grace and Peace, Pastor Katherine



TABOR CHURCH CALENDAR

			1 6pm TMW Salad Supper and Et Cetera Fashion Show	2	3	4
5 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	6 5:30pm Faithful Fitness 7pm Men's Bible Study	7 9am Staff Mtg.	8 7pm MDS Service Trip Orientation  VBS 8:30-11:30	9	10	11
12 10:00am VBS Celebration Service Followed by: Potluck meal in church park	13 5:30pm Faithful Fitness 7pm Men's Bible Study	14 9am Staff Mtg.	15	16 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	17	18
19 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	20 5:30pm Faithful Fitness 7pm Men's Bible Study	21 9am Staff Mtg.	22 	23	24	25
			TMYF / MDS Service Trip to Jennings, LA			
26 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	27 5:30pm Faithful Fitness 7pm Men's Bible Study	28 9am Staff Mtg. 7pm Deacon Mtg.	29	30	<i>Bulletin announcements are due 8am Thursday mornings.</i>	



1 - Carol Abrahams	17 - Diane Unruh
2 - Patsy Dirksen	Carol Hiebert
3 - Sara Abrahams	Nancy Schroeder
4 - Katie Wedel	18 - Debbie Schrag
5 - Larry Schmidt	19 - Susan Duerksen
Jim Graber	21 - Bonnie Heinrichs
6 - Larry Buller	22 - Russ Abrahams
John Unruh	Thelma Goerzen
Sheri Schmidt	23 - Justin Sommerfeld
8 - Mike (Jodi) Unruh	24 - Kristin Kaufman
9 - Leann Toews	Alexis Schmidt
10 - Kenton Nickel	25 - Esley Schmidt
12 - Barb Banman	Ethan Hall
Pauline Dossett	27 - Deloris Schmidt
13 - Micah Adrian	28 - Lewis Unruh
14 - Nivea Funk	29 - Rusten Schroeder
15 - Marcia Hiebert	Heidi Goerzen
Porclein Unruh	30 - Samuel Goertzen
16 - Jeremy Unruh	
Zachary Swartzendruber	

Justin & Melisa Sommerfeld	June 1,	3 yrs.
Nathan & Brandy Ashley	June 2,	21 yrs.
Luke & Darla Pugh	June 2,	3 yrs.
Thurman & Marcene Entz	June 3,	35 yrs.
Duane & Janna Duerksen	June 3,	27 yrs.
Kenton & Eunice Nickel	June 3,	16 yrs.
Bruce & Nancy Funk	June 4,	44 yrs.
Andrew & Carolyn Regier	June 4,	17 yrs.
Hayden & Heidi Goerzen	June 4,	6 yrs.
Eric & Jill Litwiller	June 6,	7 yrs.
David & Cynde Wedel	June 10,	22 yrs.
Bernie & Marcia Zuercher	June 11,	34 yrs.
Kevin & Yvette Nickel	June 13,	19 yrs.
Dylan & Lindsey Buller	June 13,	13 yrs.
Peter & Katherine Goerzen	June 16,	15 yrs.
Fred & Diane Unruh	June 18,	34 yrs.
Elton & Denise Nickel	June 21,	48 yrs.
Dwayne & Fawn Schmidt	June 21,	36 yrs.
Aaron & Brittany Chiappetti	June 23,	10 yrs.
Duane & Shelby Unruh	June 23,	10 yrs.
Richard & Betty Sue Voth	June 25,	56 yrs.
Mark & Carrie Smith	June 27,	7 yrs.
Lloyd & Teresa Kennedy	June 28,	48 yrs.
Travis Buller & Jenna Schmidt	June 28,	8 yrs.
Frank & Joyce Ashley	June 30,	49 yrs.