

Tabor Mennonite Church

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PENTECOST

On this Pentecost Sunday, we welcome Michelle Armster, Executive Director of MCC Central States, as we celebrate the birth of the church! May God's Spirit continue to empower the church to proclaim and embody God's Good News!

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Diane Unruh
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Myron Voth
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- CALL TO WORSHIP *from John 14*
- *GATHERING HYMN "Come, Gracious Spirit" No. 371
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAYER "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 737
- *PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- WORSHIP MUSIC "Beautiful Things" Corynn Nickel, Piano
- CHILDREN'S STORY Eunice Nickel
- SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 2:1-21* Peter Goerzen
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Michelle Armster
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE "Holy Spirit, Come With Power" No. 57
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Please note: in addition to our usual Sunday Morning offering, a Special Offering will be taken for the work of Mennonite Central Committee.*
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DEDICATION Keri Unruh
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

No. 740

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, June 5

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtu.be/sgMsTx7y1gY>

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

This Week

Bulletin announcement are due Thursday mornings.

Monday, June 6 - Friday, June 10, 8:30 - 11:30 am - VBS
End time 11:45 on Friday.

Mon, June 6, 1 - 6 pm - Blood Drive at Goessel Church.
5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.
7 pm - Men's Bible Study.

Wed, June 8, 7 pm - MDS Service Trip Orientation

Next Sunday, June 12

10:00 am: Next Sunday is Bible School Celebration Sunday: "Passport to Peace". Join our children and leaders for a morning of sharing and music, and come to see what the children learned and did during the week!

Following the celebration there will be a potluck meal in the Tabor Church Park. Please bring your contribution of food for the meal, along with your own table service and lawn chairs or blankets. Drinks will be provided.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, May 29.

- ★ Peter Goerzen thanked Nate Ashley for bringing a timely and meaningful message on healing. He also requested prayer for healing of minds, body and spirit, in the community of Uvalde, Texas, as well as healing for us as a people, to find a will to be healed and strength to lay down our idols (the dollar, the game, the screen, the gun) in order to embrace the healing God offers to us. Lord, hear our prayers

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Vacation Bible School which will take place at Tabor this week! Lord, hear our prayers as leaders bring the word of God to the children, and thanks be to God for the anticipation of a joyful time of learning and playing together!
- ★ 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.
- ★ The caring quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations hosting Vacation Bible School this summer, as they share God's love and good news with children in the church and the surrounding neighborhoods.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Martine Audéoud, serving with MMN, vacated her office apartment in France to make space for people fleeing the Russian invasion of Ukraine, but God sent her a Nigerian family with three children instead. Pray that this family will find support and be able to start a new life. Pray also for Martine as she prepares lectures and counsels doctoral students from her kitchen table.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the work of Mennonite Central Committee and the global impact that seemingly small donations can make when people come together to bring *relief, development and peace in the name of Christ*.

Congregational Announcements

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, an email with a sign-up will be sent out soon.

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!

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.

--Mini Service Projects at Assembly: 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.

Upcoming:

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.

--**Register for the WDC Annual Assembly!** - Whether you are an adult (delegate or non-delegate), youth, or child, you are invited to Camp Copass! Please register now at: <https://mennowdc.org/2022-annual-assembly-registration/>. For more information, go to the Assembly website: <https://mennowdc.org/2022-wdc-annual-assembly/>.

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) Assembly: 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 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.

--**Mennonites Against Militarism** – a collaboration of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Central Committee, U.S. – is seeking to launch an initiative to counter military recruitment of U.S. youth, called Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN). AMEN invites interested volunteers to complete a brief survey that identifies areas in which they may engage with AMEN, including administration, web and graphic design, publicity, budgeting, fundraising and guidance/career counseling. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonites-against-militarism-seeks-volunteers/> Take the survey here: <https://rb.gy/gbehlm>

--Bryan Miller from Beth-El Mennonite Church, Colorado Springs, Col., and RAWtools, Inc. are **auctioning Miller's sculpture, "Never Forget Peace,"** to benefit Mennonite Church USA's Justice Fund. The sculpture is made from gun parts and is being auctioned from June 1-30, 2022, during Gun Violence Prevention Month. Learn more at rawtools.org/rawshop

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.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Take a seminary course this fall! AMBS's distance-friendly options include Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture; Christian Attitudes Toward War, Peace and Revolution; Faith Formation and Spirituality: Children; Isaiah; Spiritual Practices: Prayer and Scripture; Thinking Ethically; Understanding Trauma in Ministry and Peacebuilding; and more! In-person courses are also available. Non-admitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours. Classes begin in August or September; check out our offerings! ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
May 29, 2022			
Offering	= \$ 2,575.00	Attendance	= 102
	Worship Link Views	=	50

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

Vacation Bible School will take place this coming week. \$1,400 of the Christian Education budget is designated for Bible school. Donations to help cover the cost of snacks have also been received. Thanks to everyone involved with providing leadership and helping in so many ways to make this week fun and meaningful for the children that attend!



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