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Honoring Our Bodies

From an early age we are bombarded with words and images that tell us that we are not pretty enough or handsome enough or smart enough or good enough. Yet our Scripture passages for this morning speak words of God's love to us, affirming that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" by God's own hands. In 1 Corinthians, Paul reminds us that the body is a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit, given to us by God – we are no longer our own, but we belong to God. May we glorify God in our bodies, as well as in Christ's body, the Church.

WORSHIP

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| PRELUDE | | Michelle Unruh |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | Leann Toews |
| RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP | | |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP | <i>from Psalm 139 and 1 Corinthians 6</i> | |
| *GATHERING HYMN | <i>"For the Beauty of the Earth"</i> | No. 120 |
| *GATHERING PRAYER | | |
| *HYMN OF ASSURANCE | <i>"You're Not Alone"</i> | No. 779 |
| *PASSING THE PEACE | <i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i> | |
| OFFERING OUR GIFTS | | |
| WORSHIP MUSIC | | Sisters Forever |
| CHILDREN'S STORY | | Russell Adrian |
| SCRIPTURE READING | <i>Psalm 139:13-16</i> <i>1 Corinthians 6:19-20</i> | Venita Schroeder |
| | <i>The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!</i> | |
| SERMON | | Pastor Katherine Goerzen |
| *HYMN OF PRAYER | <i>"The Church's One Foundation"</i> | No. 397 |

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN *"Christ Has No Body Here but Ours"* No. 568

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, July 17

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

Questions for Reflection:

- *What is something that you appreciate about your body (such as a physical attribute or something your body is capable of)?*
- *What might you need to embrace or let go of in order to see yourself as "fearfully and wonderfully made"?*
- *What is something that you can do in this coming week to honor God with your body?*

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
<https://youtu.be/YWToT-fUhis>

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone. The summer curriculum follows our worship series. Pre-K through HS will meet in the basement.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due Thursday mornings.

Sun, July 17 - Tues, July 19 - Tabor Serves at New Hope Shelter.

Mon, July 18 - 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.

Tues, July 19, 9:30 am - Staff meeting.

7 pm - Deacon Meeting.

Wed, July 20, 7 pm - Christian Ed meeting.

- Men's Bible Study. *note change of date*

Thurs, July 21 - Newsletter items are due.

Thurs, July 22 - Thurs, July 28 - Pastor Katherine will be on vacation.

Fri, July 29 - Sun, July 31 - Pastor Katherine will be attending WDC Annual Assembly at Camp Copass in Denton, TX.

For pastoral concerns, please contact a deacon.

Next Sunday, July 24

9:30 am: Next Sunday the sermon will be "The Kingdom of God has come near." Scripture for reflection is Luke 10:1-11 and Corey Miller, (Tabor pastor 1998-2011), will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone. The summer curriculum follows our worship series. Pre-K through HS will meet in the basement.

11:45 am: There will be a **potluck** so that everyone will have a chance to visit with Corey and Nancy. Thank you for bringing a generous amount of food to share. You are also encouraged to bring your own table service.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, July 10.

- ★ Sheri Schmidt shared on behalf of the Pastoral Search Committee: A candidate will be presented to Church Council, and the name of this person will be presented to the congregation once Church Council and the candidate give their blessing for us to do so. Thank you for your prayers, support, and enthusiasm! And thanks be to God for God's guidance and presence throughout this process!
- ★ Sara Hiebert requested prayers on behalf of Bethesda Home. Bethesda has been dealing with a COVID outbreak since June 22nd. While they are grateful that no one has been very sick, this has taken a toll on the staff and the residents. Lord, hear our prayers for healing and strength, as well as for much needed staff so that Bethesda can continue to offer the same level of excellent care for their residents.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ children attending camps this summer. Lord, hear our prayers for meaningful experiences and much fun!
- ★ Rachel, Joseph, Elijah and Micaiah Givens as they anticipate their move to Calais, France where they will be serving with Mennonite Mission Network. Appointments to receive visas are set for next week. Please pray that the visa process goes quickly and smoothly. Lord, hear our prayers for safe travels and for a good transition to an unfamiliar life.
- ★ The caring quilts are home.
- ★ those throughout the world who are displaced due to recent weather related disasters or violence seen world-wide. Lord, hear our prayers.

Prayer requests continued

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the gifts shared by elected leaders in WDC as they conclude another year of service on the WDC Executive Board, Commissions and Gifts Discernment Committee at the end of July.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Youth Venture program is leading a nine day immigration and borderlands learning tour in Tucson, Arizona. Pray for the 15 participants as they come face-to-face with injustice and racism in many forms.
- ★ Mennonite World Conference: We pray for the planting and cultivating of friendships that make space to learn, encourage each other and be mutually transformed. May we help each other in our task of witnessing to God's grace by serving others, caring for creation, resisting conformation to the powers of evil, and inviting all people to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ our Pastor Search Team as they anticipate announcing a candidate for Tabor's new Co-Pastor. Thanks be to God for the Spirit's leading!

Congregational Announcements

Men's Bible Study will begin meeting on Wednesday evenings (instead of Monday) at 7pm until the fall, when Wednesday evening activities will resume.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Again! Put July 31, 5:30 pm on your calendar for the second Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event of the year! The first event like this in March was a success, so the Deacons are planning it AGAIN to promote small group gatherings!

Sign up as a Host or Guest by Sunday, July 24. Each group will include 3-4 individuals, couples and/or family units. Hosts will provide the main course and guests will be asked to bring a salad or dessert. Guests are to arrive at the church at 5:30 pm with salad or dessert (as assigned) and then will be informed where to go. If you have questions, contact Denise Nickel, Carol Duerksen, or Ruby Graber.

Country Threshing Days is the Goessel community's celebration! Would you please help the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum host and feed our family, friends, and guests coming for the event? Bakers, servers, and cashiers are needed for the Low German meal at the Goessel Elementary School and food service in the Preparatory School on the museum grounds on Saturday, August 6. Please see the volunteer sheet in your mailbox and [respond by July 24](#). For further questions, contact Aileen Esau (367-2358 or daesau@gmail.com).

Blood Drive: In your busy summer make time to donate blood on August 1, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. Make a single unit donation or a Power Red donation to help meet the needs. The need continues! Sign up for your appointment time online at redcrossblood.org. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081 or Rosie Reimer 620-367-2418. Thanks for helping save someone's life!

Mini Service Projects at Western District Annual 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.

Support Habitat for Humanity: For those of you that collect aluminum cans there is a bin on the west side of the church that you can place them in. The money raised funds the Habitat for Humanity house in Newton.

Because No One Should Go Hungry, there is the Tabor Food Pantry. If you find yourself facing financial difficulties when unforeseen circumstances arise, remember that the Tabor Food Pantry is here to provide help. Please call Tabor Mennonite Church (367-2318) to set up an appointment to come and receive food. If no answer, please leave a message with your name and phone number and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Voices Together Worship Leader books available: When the "Voices Together" hymn books were purchased, our church received multiple copies of "Voices Together Worship Leader Editions." These books delve into the many aspects of worship, and include chapters on roles of a worship leader, music, art and Scripture, Biblical storytelling, children's time, praying, giving, and so many more areas that encompass the worship experience. If you would like to have a copy, they are available in the library.

Upcoming:

July 29-31 - Western District Conference Annual Assembly
July 31 - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Again!
August 20-21 - Pastor Candidating weekend
August 28 - Mennograss
September 18 - Service Sunday at Tabor

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference Annual Assembly: Easy way to give! Do you want an easy way to donate to help cover WDC Annual Assembly expenses? Simply text ASSEMBLY with the amount you want to give (e.g. "ASSEMBLY 25" - to give \$25) to 316-320-0787. We are grateful for any gifts toward this important annual gathering. Thank you for your support!

Mennonite Church USA: Now that the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly is over, and the resolutions have passed, you may have questions about what it all means. Join Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff members for the "Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What now?" webinar, July 18 at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT, to explore these questions. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar-whats-next

Mennonite Central Committee:

--Colorado peaches are back! Place your order for fresh Colorado peaches today - just \$27 for 10 lb. box and \$38 for 18 lb. box - by calling MCC at 316.283.2720 or emailing patsydirksen@mcc.org.

Peaches must be ordered and paid for by July 25. The peaches are offered as a fundraiser for the Colorado MCC Relief Sale, please make payment by check to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "peaches" in the memo line. Generous volunteers Jerry & Leann Toews will bring the peaches from Colorado to MCC in North Newton for you to pick-up around August 22.

--July 26 MCC webinar: Creative housing solutions for refugees and asylum seekers - When refugees and asylum seekers arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted families' ability to lay down roots. Join MCC on Tuesday, July 26 at 1:00 p.m. CDT/12:00 p.m. MDT to learn about different ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers and organizations that serve them to offer creative housing solutions. Learn more and register at <https://mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions>.

--Please join MCC Central States in welcoming 3 new people to our staff! Brocia Mueller, volunteer coordinator in the MCC Workroom in North Newton; Wesley Wilder, human resources coordinator and Mahlet Mamo, young adult program coordinator.

--Excuse our mess! The work of making necessary repairs and reconfiguring spaces at the MCC building in North Newton continues to move forward. Donors and volunteers continue to graciously adapt to the mess. We ask for your prayers and patience during this construction process so the important work of MCC can continue without undue interruption.

--MCC School Kit season is right around the corner!

MCC is working to fulfil requests for school kits from partner organizations in Jordan, Ukraine, Malawi, Syria, Iraq, and Haiti.

Here are some things to keep in mind when making school kits this year:

-Sewn school kit bags may be requested from the MCC Material Resources Center if needed.

-MCC in North Newton has a large supply of pink erasers, so feel free to skip erasers and they'll be added when the kit is checked by volunteers at MCC

-The pencil sharpeners need to be metal, not plastic.

-You can find the directions for school kits at mcc.org, or reach out to Kate at katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720 with any questions.

Thank you so much for your continued work with these important kits!

Bethel College: 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 soon.

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
June 10, 2022**

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| Offering | = \$ 6,691.60 | Attendance | = | 96 |
| Adult FF | = \$ 21.00 | Attendance | = | 29 |
| Jr. FF | = \$ 6.50 | Attendance | = | 16 |
| Worship Link Views | | | = | 38 |

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

a portion of the \$6,400 budgeted for Mennonite Church USA goes to Mennonite Mission Network. In addition to the budget donations, we have had special offerings for our Mission Partners, Joseph and Rachel Givens and their boys, who serve through Mennonite Mission Network, and will be leaving for their assignment in Calais, France once they receive their visas.



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