

Tabor Mennonite Church

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*The Kingdom of God
has come near.*



Welcome to worship! We are grateful for the opportunity to hear from Corey Miller (former pastor at Tabor) as he offers reflections on Luke 10! In this passage, Jesus sent his disciples on a mission trip in the midst of his public ministry. He gave them specific tasks to do and ministries to offer. Jesus also gave them a singular message that we continue to ponder today: *“The Kingdom of God has come near.”*

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Nathan Ashley

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Luke 4:16-21, 42-43*

*GATHERING HYMN *“Longing for Light”* No. 715

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAYER *“We Dream of a Turning”* No. 209

*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”* No. 126

WORSHIP MUSIC *“In This Hour”* -Sorenson Michelle Unruh

CHILDREN’S STORY Leann Toews

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 10:1-11* Barb Abrahams
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ **Thanks be to God!***

SERMON *“The Kingdom of God has come near”* Corey Miller

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *“Beyond a Dying Sun”* No. 416

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER

Kristi Unruh and Denise Nickel

*SENDING HYMN

“Praise Him, Praise Him”

No. 100

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, July 24

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Brandon and Kristi Unruh and family. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

https://youtu.be/_gjbpnHCQKA

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: Potluck meal in the Hospitality Hall.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due Thursday mornings.

Mon, July 25 - 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.

Wed, July 27, 7 pm - Men’s Bible Study. *note change of date*

Fri, July 29 - Sun, July 31 - WDC Annual Assembly
Church offices will be closed.

Fri, 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 31

9:30 am: Next Sunday we continue our worship series, Seeking God Together. The theme will be “Marveling” and we will have the opportunity to hear from members of our congregation as they marvel at some of the ways they have noticed God’s presence in their lives. Scripture for reflection is Psalm 104.

In keeping with an earlier Church Council decision, we will receive a 5th Sunday offering for our Mission Partners, Joseph and Rachel Givens, on July 31. This will be in addition to our regular budget offering. *Please make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with Mission Partners on the memo line.*

Next Sunday continued

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

5:30 pm: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Again! *See announcements.*

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, July 17.

- ★ Denise shared that this past Sunday was the 3 year anniversary of their mother's death. We are grateful for the many ways Alice life touched the life of our congregation and community. Thanks be to God! We also pray for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayers.

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. Lord, hear our prayers for safe travels and for a good transition to an unfamiliar life.
- ★ those throughout the world who are displaced due to recent weather related disasters or violence seen world-wide. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly next weekend at Camp Copass near Denton, TX, that in this gathering God will encourage and strengthen WDC congregations through the assembly theme, "United in Purpose, Together in Love."
- ★ Delegates for Tabor Church are Cleo Koop, Pastor Katherine and Peter Goerzen. Please pray for safe travel and an enriching experience at Assembly.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Alisha and Josh Garber, serving with MMN, are currently based in Phoenix, Arizona, where they are engaged in North American ministry. Pray for a time of spiritual and physical renewal, as the Garbers visit family, friends and supporting congregations. Pray for them, also, as they discern what God is calling them to next.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ God's provision of wonderful pastors and good leadership at Tabor for over 100 years! We celebrate the continued relationships we have with former pastors, are blessed with a pastor at this time who leads us very well, and anticipate the addition of a new pastor in the coming months. God is good. Thanks be to God!

Thanks

A heartfelt thanks to you for your support of Dawson Duerksen in the Service Adventure program during the past ten-and-one-half months. Another year of this program is now complete, and I am grateful and excited to know that many lives were impacted. Our hope is that Service Adventure will help participants find a clearer sense of God's presence and calling in their lives and strengthen a commitment to a life of loving service to others. . . . Dawson and the whole unit appreciated your support during this term of Service Adventure. . . . May your continued ministry with Dawson be enriched through the experience in Service Adventure. Blessings to you and again, thank you for your support of Dawson in the past months.

~ Naomi Leary, Mennonite Mission Network

See bulletin board for the complete letter from MMN.

Congregational Announcements

Men's Bible Study is now 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! July 31, 5:30 pm is 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! (This will not put you in a "small group" but we **would** like to know if you would like to be part of an organized small group).

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.

Tabor Mennonite Women will volunteer at the MCC workroom on August 4 from 1:00-5:00 pm. Come for all or part of the afternoon. Please bring a snack to share for coffee time.

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? **Still needed are zwieback bakers, cashiers, and food service workers in the Preparatory School (both shifts) and for the Low German meal (second shift) at the Goessel Elementary School 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!

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.

Goessel Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum: Brian Stucky was on a nationwide podcast that was released July 18, featuring the museum. *Preservation Oaks* highlights Museums, Cultural and Heritage Institutions, Historical and Genealogical Societies across the United States. Recently the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum located in Goessel, Kansas was highlighted. Brian Stucky was interviewed by Sean Radcliff, creator of *Preservation Oaks*. The podcast can be found at this link: preservationoaks.podbean.com *Brian is introduced at 10:15 and he begins speaking at 11:15.*

Upcoming:

July 29-31 - Western District Conference Annual Assembly.
July 31 - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Again!
August 1 - Blood Drive at Goessel Church.
August 4 - Tabor Mennonite Women at MCC Workroom.
August 5-6 - Goessel Country Threshing Days.
August 14 - Second graders receive Bibles.
August 20-21 - Pastor Candidating weekend.
August 28 - Mennograss.
September 18 - Service Sunday at Tabor.
Harvest Giving Walk.

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!

Camp Mennoscah:

--Camp Sing on Saturday, August 6, at 2:30pm at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita! Camp Mennoscah will be celebrating a wonderful summer through song! Everyone is invited to come and sing camp songs (both "traditional" ones from across the years and newer Praise & Worship ones). The final details are yet to be determined, but there will be soda pop--generic or otherwise! Put it on your calendar and come be part of the fun!

--Save the date: Camp Mennoscah Work & Play Day on August 20!

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 pm CDT 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>.

--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!

You may place your donations for school kits in the basket next to the church office and they will be delivered to the MCC Center in N. Newton.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The July edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue:

Executive Director Kevin King invites you to take a short quiz to see how much you know about MDS and you can read more about the latest work by volunteers in Paradise, California. Click on this link to read more:

<https://conta.cc/3oiFRqp>

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

July 17, 2022

Offering	= \$10,734.00	Attendance	=	104
Adult FF	= \$ 12.00	Attendance	=	34
Jr. FF	= \$ 10.60	Attendance	=	20
Worship Link Views				= 30

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

the Worship Commission is able to designate a portion of their budget for honorariums. We are able to invite guest pastors and speakers to help with preaching during this time of waiting for a new Co-Pastor. This has been helpful in lightening the load for Pastor Katherine, who is currently filling the role of two pastors!



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