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Community is the Center of our Life: Bind Us Together

With Jesus as the center of our faith, we can live as a new kind of community together, bound together in love. The relationships we form within our faith community can truly become the center of our collective life together. This morning, may we dare to dream about becoming the kind of community that God longs for us.

GATHERING AND PRAISING

PRELUDE Marcene Entz

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Reece Hiebert

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP Colossians 3: 12-17

*GATHERING HYMN "Come, let us all unite to sing" -vs. 1 & 3 No. 12

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Holy God, we praise thy name" No. 8 CS

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

PROCLAIMING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Pamela Abrahams and Krista Graber

WORSHIP MUSIC "Tell your heart to beat again" Nikki Kirtley

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2: 17-22 Katy Schmidt

The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Community = Together" Pastor Phil Schmidt

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Bless'd be the tie that binds" -vs. 1, 2, 3 No. 421

FAITH TESTIMONY Jim Schmidt

HYMN OF PRAYER "Help us to help each other" -vs. 3 No. 362

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Rosie Jantz

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN "Bless'd be the tie that binds" -vs. 4, 5, 6 No. 421

*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Kevin and Yvette Nickel and family and Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

At the back of the sanctuary there is a quiet room for infants and mothers, as well as a toddler nursery for those age three and under, staffed today by Pamela Abrahams.

In the pew pockets are **Welcome Cards** and **Prayer Request Cards**. If you are visiting Tabor, please fill out a **Welcome Card** and return it in the offering bag. If you have a prayer request or praise item, please fill out a **Prayer Request Card** and return to a Pastor's mailbox.

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation for everyone. The elective class, *Anabaptist Essentials* meets in rooms 112 & 113. Please read chapters 2-3. The adult Faith Formation class that usually meets in room 112 meets in room 114 (the room behind the organ).

6:30 p.m.—Fellowship Event in the Tabor Church Park. Bring your favorite dessert or ice cream topping to go along with ice cream that will be provided!! Don't come alone! Bring your four-footed, furry friends with you if you would like (leashed and people-friendly animals only please). We will have an evening of fun and ice cream for all!

This Week

Pastors Phil and Katherine will be attending MC USA Convention in Orlando. Pastor Phil and family will be gone July 3-11. Pastor Katherine will be gone July 2-8. Jayce Yoder will be on family vacation June 30-July 8. For pastoral concerns please contact Pastor Rosie or a deacon.

Tuesday, July 4 - Saturday, July 8

Mennonite Church USA Convention

Wednesday, July 5

5:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

Tuesday, July 4 Thursday, July 6

Church offices closed 12:00 p.m.—Newton Lunch Bunch

Next Sunday, July 9

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we will continue with our summer worship series: "Anabaptist Essentials: Community is the Center of our Life." Our focus will be Many Bodies in One Body, scripture is Ephesians 4:1-16, and Pastor Rosie will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.— Finger Food Fellowship for everyone. Please bring finger foods to share.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE June 25, 2017				
		Attendance	=	164
Adult F.F. =	\$ 28.00	Attendance	=	47
\Jr. F.F. =	\$ 0.00	Attendance	=	38

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, June 25.

- ★ Myron shared a prayer request on behalf of the Finance Task Force: there are big decisions that lie ahead and they covet the prayers of our congregation that they may experience the inspiration and leading of the Holy Spirit in moving forward. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ Myron also joyfully shared that he was glad to see Aurora and Alberto worshiping with us this past Sunday and for the many ways that they have embodied God's hospitality throughout their lives. Thanks be to God for the gifts of friendship and hospitality!
- ★ Carrie shared a prayer request for the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, who led a concert at Grace Cathedral in Topeka on June 25th. Thanks be to God for the faithful witness of this choral ministry

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Those attending Mennonite Church USA Convention. Lord, hear our prayer for an enriching and meaningful trip for all who attend this year's convention.
- ★ Children attending camp this summer. Lord, hear our prayer.

Dates to Remember:

July 19-25: Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter

August 4-6: Western District Conference Annual Assembly

August 27: Mennograss

September 8-10: Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah September 16-17: Tabor Church Campout at Mennoscah

Announcements and conference prayer requests are on the announcements page, which was either emailed to you or can be found in your church mailbox. Additional copies can be found in the literature rack.

Community = Together

Ephesians 2:11-22

Brought Together

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been *brought* near by the blood of Christ." (Ephesians 2:13, NIV)

Body Together

"...and in one *body* to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. (Ephesians 2:16, NIV)

Built Together

"And in [Christ Jesus] you too are being *built* together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." (Ephesians 2:22, NIV)



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Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am

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