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Reconciliation is the Center of our Work:

Today, as we recall the Ministry of Reconciliation that was taught in 2 Corinthians 5, we will enter into a time of communal discernment and reconciliation in order to work toward being a safer community. As we practice relating, discussing, and pondering together, may God send the Holy Spirit to guide our conversation in a productive way and lead us forward into the future with hope.

RECONCILIATION THROUGH CONVERSATION

PRELUDE Pastor Katherine Goerzen

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL & LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

WELCOME AND SCRIPTURE READING
2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
Pastor Phil Schmidt

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

*GATHERING HYMN "Put peace into each others hands" Insert

*GATHERING PRAYER

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONVERSATION Pastor Phil Schmidt and Javce Yoder

RECONCILIATION THROUGH CONVERSATION WITH ONE ANOTHER

WORSHIP MUSIC "To God be the Glory" Mark Schmidt

- F. Cosby & W.H. Doane, arr. B. Johnson

CELEBRATING COMMUNION TOGETHER Pastor Rosie Jantz

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Jayce Yoder

*SENDING SONG "Together" Insert

*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

Baskets are on the tables to receive the Sunday morning offering

Today

We are so glad you are here with us to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Eric and Jill Litwiller and family and Kenton and Eunice Nickel and family. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

10:30 a.m.— Faith Formation for everyone. Youth and adults are invited and encouraged to remain in the Fellowship Hall for continued dialogue, or they may meet in their regular classroom setting. The Anabaptist Essentials elective will not meet. Children will meet as usual.

This Week

Wednesday, July 19-Tuesday, July 25
Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter

Tuesday, July 25

10:00 a.m.—Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m.—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch at Bethesda

Wednesday, July 26

5:30 p.m.—Faithful Fitness

Thursday, July 27

7:30 p.m.—Fellowship Planning Team

Next Sunday, July 30

9:30 a.m.—Next Sunday we will continue with our summer worship series "Anabaptist Essentials: Reconciliation is the Center of our Work." Our focus will be God & Creation and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

10:45 a.m.— Faith Formation for everyone. *Anabaptist Essentials* class: please read chapters 5 & 6.

Dates to Remember:

August 4-6: Western District Conference Annual Assembly

August 20: All Teachers In-service

August 27: Mennograss

Tabor Trading Post open

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

October 1: Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk

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.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, July 16.

- ★ Esley requested prayers for family and fiends of his brother-in-law, Vernon Jarboe, who recently passed away. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Ilona invited us to praise God for all the money we have raised thus far for the building project. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Kyle invited us to recognize tension as an opportunity to listen more faithfully to God.
- ★ Pastor Phil praised God for all who were able to attend Mennonite Church USA Convention at the beginning of July. Thanks be to God!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Cleo and Faye Koop, who are serving as Co Project Directors at a Mennonite Disaster Service rebuilding project on the Pacific Island of Saipan until August 5.
- ★ Pastor Phil Schmidt, Pastor Katherine Goerzen, Peter Goerzen, Eric Litwiller, Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp, who will be serving as delegates for Tabor at the upcoming Western District Conference Assembly in Arlington, TX August 4-6. Also attending: Jayce Yoder, Phyllis Regier, and Nancy Funk. Lord, hear our prayer.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE July 16, 2017 Offering = \$ 4,135.59 Attendance = 163 Adult F.F. = \$ 25.90 Attendance = 42 Jr. F.F. = \$ 9.79 Attendance = 25



Reconciliation Through Conversation

1. As followers of Jesus, in what ways can we foster a community of safety that encourages reconciliation?

2. What are ways we have recognized the Holy Spirit to be fostering reconciliation in our lives? Share an example.

3. In what ways has God called us to practice reconciliation with those who are seen as outsiders? (e.g. Muslims, LGBTQ+ community, indigenous people, African Americans, those in poverty, immigrants, refugees, Israelis, Palestinians, etc.)



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

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