



Meeting God in the Unexpected: Paul's Conversion

This week we recognize our graduating seniors and exchange student. We recognize that much has been different and unexpected this year, in both challenging and life-giving ways. We are grateful for the gifts that they have shared with the congregation and for the ways that God continues to move in and through their lives. Thank you to Luke Unruh for sharing the sermon with us this week.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Russell Adrian
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Peter Goerzen
GATHERING HYMN	"Just as I am" -vs. 1-3	No. 92 SJ
CHILDREN'S STORY		Jill Litwiller
WORSHIP MUSIC	"Be Thou My Vision" -arr. Tom Fettke	Sisters Forever
SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 9:1-19	Philip Unruh
SERMON		Luke Unruh graduate of Bethel College
HYMN OF RESPONSE	"Use us, Lord"	bulletin
FAITH SHARING	Jaime Fabrellas, exchange student at Goessel High Elizabeth Alderfer, graduating Goessel High Senior Porclein Unruh, graduating Goessel High Senior	
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER and BLESSING		Pastor Phil Schmidt
SENDING HYMN	"Here I am, Lord" -vs. 1 & 3	No. 359
HYMN OF BENEDICTION	"Peace I Leave With You" -Tim Shue	Goessel High School Elbiata Singers

Words for hymns: attachment

See attached document for worship transcript

Sunday, May 17

Come together in spirit to worship God and experience God's love. As we unite our hearts, may we be mindful of God's saving grace, especially as we face difficult circumstances through uncertain times.

Next Sunday, May 24

Next Sunday we continue our worship series "Unexpected" and the theme will be Death of Lazarus. Scripture is John 11 and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Students, parents and teachers as many schools conclude the school year. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Esley Schmidt who was admitted to Newton Medical Center on Monday morning where he continues to receive care. Pray also for Hildred as the doctors discern the best treatment for Esley. Lord, hear our prayer for healing for Esley, and surround him and Hildred with your peace and comfort during this difficult time.
- ★ Our communities, our state, our nation, and our world as plans are made to safely move forward into new phases in response to the pandemic. Lord, hear our prayer for everyone to practice patience and continue to follow healthy guidelines for the benefit of neighbors near and far.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC pastors as they lead and care for congregations in the midst of uncertain and stressful times.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Join MMN in praising God for Noelia Fox's recovery from COVID-19 and protection for Brian and their three daughters in Spain. Pray that God will provide as the family reconfigures their English-language school due to closure during the pandemic.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Bethel College will hold a virtual commencement this afternoon, May 17, at 4pm. Join them at bethelks.edu/grad. Pray for God's strength and blessing in a time of disappointment and celebration, and a future that is both hopeful and uncertain. Luke Unruh, from Tabor Church is one of the graduates.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Porclein, Elizabeth, and Luke as they concluded their school year the celebrate graduation in many different ways. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Jamie, as he concludes his year as an exchange student. We wish him safety as he travels back to Spain and joy as he reconnects with family and friends. Thanks be to God for the opportunity we had to learn to know him.

Congregational Announcements

Zoom Faith Formation: We invite everyone to connect to a Zoom video call at 10:30am. After about 15 min. of connecting, sharing prayer requests, and a prayer, we will send people to breakout rooms. Zoom connection information is below (you can connect using a smartphone, tablet, computer, or you can even call in using a regular phone). Feel free to contact Pastor Phil if you have any questions. We look forward to connecting in this way!

-Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83937790085?pwd=Y0dTVWttVS9BQIE0QThvMWhiS0xRZz09>

-Or, open Zoom and type in the following information:

Meeting ID: 839 3779 0085, Password: 333977

-Or, call in by dialing the following number: +1 346 248 7799, then dialing the Meeting ID (839 3779 0085) followed by pressing the # key twice.

Zoom Gatherings: Tabor Church now has a Zoom pro account. If you would like to schedule a Zoom meeting for your small group, faith formation class, or another gathering, please let one of the pastors know and we will get that set up!

Tabor Deacons will meet on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m.

In light of concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19), all in-person meetings and events at Tabor are cancelled/postponed until further notice. **In addition, to help prevent the spread of germs, Tabor Church will remain locked at all times. If you have a need to enter the church building, please call the church at 367-2318. If the need is urgent, you may contact a Trustee as well.** Please care for yourself and reach out to a pastor or deacon if you have any concerns or needs for yourself or others.

Payroll Protection Program update:

This week the church council has diligently discerned details concerning the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funding opportunity. Tabor Mennonite Church has been approved from Small Business Administration (SBA) through Citizen's State Bank to receive a disbursement from the second round of funding for the PPP in the amount of \$31,900.00. The PPP loans are made available to small businesses and non-profits and will be forgiven when used for payroll and utilities in an 8-week time frame after received. Since it is unknown how Tabor's members and financial giving will be affected during this COVID-19 pandemic time, these funds will assist us in meeting budget. It is also our hope that with the continued giving and generosity of Tabor's members that we can also fund crisis needs in our congregation and community.

~Gayle Funk, Council Chair

MCC Items for Sale: Here is an opportunity to help with the KS MCC Sale that didn't happen this past April. Tabor folks have made some WONDERFUL items for the KS MCC Sale. Since we did not have the sale this year we are offering these items to Tabor folks first. **Please see the attached flyer.** All items will be offered for silent bid. Opening bid is listed and bidding will begin on Monday, May 18. Items under \$100 bids should be raised by at least \$10, and bids on anything over \$100 would be raised by at least \$25. Email tabor@tabormennonite.org or call 367-8257 (Jerry Toews) with your bid. Bids will be updated before 10am each morning. Bidding will close at 9pm on Tuesday, May 26. ALL proceeds will go to the KS MCC Sale. Call Jerry Toews with any questions.

Wellness Challenge 2020: Our Tabor Wellness Challenge for the year will be BODY BUILDING and is kicking off this coming Monday, May 18. You can find details in the attached PDF. Earn points for individual and household prizes by logging cardio, strength and church friend check-in activities. Contact Kevin with any questions, nickel.kevinj@gmail.com. Good luck!

Junior High Camp: We need to share a difficult decision with you: Camp Tawakoni 2020 is cancelled. As we thought about the risks and challenges of being at camp in the midst of a pandemic, we decided we could not run our camp in a safe and responsible manner. This decision was not an easy one for us to make. For the first time in almost sixty years, the Goessel Community Junior High won't be heading to camp during the Memorial Day weekend. We mourn the loss of strengthened relationships with God, youth, friends, and nature. We realize how important this weekend is for our junior highers and nurturing their faith. We would still like to connect with the junior highers in other ways, even though we are apart. We are also hoping for another event with the entire junior high this summer.
~Michelle Unruh & Laura Unrau

Blood Drive Coming in June: Much has changed in the last months, but one thing that is not different is the need for blood. You are urged to sign up to donate at Goessel Church on June 8 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Go to redcrossblood.org to reserve a donation time. If you know someone who has never donated before, encourage them to make an appointment. Now that participation in sports doesn't limit donations by students you are also eligible (age 16 & 17 need parental consent). There are no upper age limits. The Red Cross takes many precautions to make sure the process for donating is safe, and we hope you will use this opportunity to save lives.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference

Good news from the Resource Library!

--We now have a subscription to the Paraclete Video Streaming service. While not explicitly Anabaptist, many of these videos are great faith-building options (preview before you view as a group). Email Jennie at crib@mennowdc.org for login information. (You can see what's available with the subscription at <http://paracletevideostreaming.com/>.)

--We also have a subscription (through August 31, 2020) to Tumble Books (animated, talking picture books, read-along chapter books, National Geographic videos, non-fiction books, playlists, as well as books in Spanish and French) for children. Check it out here (or on the WDC Resource Library website).

WDC Annual Assembly 2020 update: Has Covid-19 got you feeling like you're "Living In Exile?" For some of us, this is a new awakening. For others, it's all too familiar. Join us for the socially distanced Western District Conference Annual Assembly online on August 1. (Note: This will replace previous plans for an in-person gathering). Webinars, worship, Danny Carroll, our keynote speaker, and some time to talk together will all be part of this grand experiment. What can the times we're living in help us to discover about mission? About God's love for the exile? We hope it will be possible for small groups to host Assembly watch parties together. If not, we'll be together in Spirit and over digital media. Save the date! See you there!

Hope Fund: We give thanks for generous contributions to the WDC Hope Fund and the opportunity to assist WDC congregations facing financial needs due to Covid-19. Congregations seeking help to meet needs such as rent, utilities, groceries, or pastoral support during this time are encouraged to apply for a grant from the Hope Fund. The Hope Fund team determined that grants will be up to \$2,500 per congregation. To submit an application or make a contribution, see <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-hope-fund-response-to-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>. Members of the Hope Fund team are: Lesther Caceros and Wayne Albrecht (Executive Board) Matt Lehman Wiens (Stewardship Commission), Peter Goerzen (Ministerial Leadership Commission), and Heidi Regier Kreider, Conference Minister.

The WDC/SCC Women's and Girl's Retreat is scheduled! We plan to gather together at Camp Mennoscah Fri, Sept. 11 through Sun, Sept. 13 (mark your calendars). The Retreat Committee is working to make this a special time of reflection, fellowship and fun. Please keep this in prayer as we hope to be able to gather and worship together in the usual way, but will reevaluate as needed when the time gets closer.

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

--Camp Mennoscah will open for a limited number of individuals and groups beginning May 18. Reservations must be made in advance at 620-297-3290. We continue to think of you and to work at making it possible for you to visit Camp Mennoscah!

--Camp in a Box! Camp Mennoscah is creating a box of activities, crafts, devotionals, nature fun and who knows what else. These boxes will soon be available for purchase. Summer staff and program staff will also create multitudes of camp videos to share with everyone. Stay tuned!

--The Work & Play Day at Camp Mennoscah on May 23 has been canceled. Don't worry, trusty and valued volunteers! We'll have you out at camp as soon as possible.

--MennoDash (a Camp Mennoscah-themed fun run) has been postponed to a date yet to be determined. The world premier of this event was to be held on May 30. Keep your eyes peeled for news!

Mennonite Central Committee:

Tuesday, May 19 at 2 p.m. EST: **"Asylum" free immigration webinar.** In the continuing six-part webinar series on immigration and border realities, MCC staff and partners from around the country will provide current information and educational tools to understand asylum. In recent years thousands of people have fled persecution and arrived to the U.S. to apply for asylum. Asylum seekers must navigate a difficult and complex process that can involve multiple government agencies. More information and registration, along with recordings of past webinars, at mcc.org/immigration-webinar-series

Wednesday, May 20 at noon EST: **"From hearts to hands: Material Resources"** free Facebook live webinar. Featuring stories from MCC staff around the world about how resources like comforters, kits and canned meat make a difference. Join us on MCC's Facebook page (facebook.com/MCCpeace) for a livestream where we'll hear directly from MCC workers in Ukraine, Jordan and Canada.

Newton Et Cetera Shop is beginning to reopen . . . and expand! We are preparing to receive your donated items and to welcome customers back in the shop again after our temporary COVID-19 closure. Thanks for your patience! We're also preparing to expand our place in the community by purchasing the building next door! For updates on all fronts, including our delayed Local Giving Grant application process, check out www.newtonetceterashop.com or our facebook feed, or give us a call at 316-283-9461. To donate toward our building purchase, please mail us a check or give online at <https://tinyurl.com/u3pgy9a>. Thank you for helping us share God's love with all creation!

Looking for a non-traditional pastoral role? Become a unit leader in Service Adventure, a gap-year program for ages 17–20 from Mennonite Mission Network. Unit leaders, at least 24 years of age, serve as mentors to the young adults in the household. An opening is available at the Service Adventure unit in Jackson, MS. This is a two-year term beginning in July 2020. Learn more by contacting SusanN@MennoniteMission.net.

<http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/resources-for-responding-to-covid-19/>
MCC resource link: <https://mcc.org/covid-19-updates>

Western District Conference Hope Fund: <https://mennowdc.org>

Community Relief Fund: centralkansascf.org/covid-19response.

Mennonite Central Committee. Send your check made payable to KMRS earmarked "centennial gift" to Tim Miller, Relief Sale Treasurer, 4805 S. Broadacres Rd, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501.

New Hope Shelter: <https://www.newhope-shelter.org/>

Friends of Faith and Life: Donations accepted online or by check--
Please make checks payable to Faith & Life, Inc. and mail to 606 N.
Main, Newton, KS 67114

MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates)
www.meda.org/covid-19

Cloth masks may help protect against the dangers of COVID-19.

If you sew, you can sew masks and donate them to various facilities that may need them. Please call the facility you would like to sew for to learn if there are certain specifications and if they are accepting masks at the time.

For details on the above giving opportunities, please see previous bulletins.

If you know of other opportunities to give, please let the church office know so that we can list those as well.

Please share what you are finding to be grateful for during this time of uncertainty and being apart. Email kfunk@tabormennonite.org or call 367-2318, if no answer, please leave a message.

- ~The Meadowlark that serenades me on my pasture walk.
- ~Bethesda and the way staff cares for residents in such amazing and special ways.
- ~Extra time that has been provided for us to spend with our families.

Giving at Tabor: While we are not meeting in person, please continue with your faithful giving to the ministries of the church in the following ways:

- 1) Mail your offering to: Tabor Mennonite Church
891 Chisholm Trail
Newton Kansas 67114
- 2) Start an automatic deposit from your bank account. Contact the church for more information. 367-2318; kfunk@tabormennonite.org
- 3) Use the online bill pay option that your bank has in place. Contact your financial institution if you are not familiar with this process.

May 10, 2020

Offering	=	\$ 1,676.00
Worship Link Views	=	89
Worship Mailings	=	26
Faith Formation Zoom	=	approx. 51



Prelude: 9:15am Worship: 9:30am
Fellowship Time: 10:30am Faith Formation: 10:45am
891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, KS 67114
Phone: 620-367-2318 email: tabor@tabormennonite.org
Website: www.tabormennonite.org

As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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