



Meeting God in the Unexpected: Pentecost

Today, as we celebrate Pentecost, we reflect on the gift of the Holy Spirit and the amazing ability that the church had to adapt and strengthen amidst constantly changing realities. As we seek to live lives empowered by the Spirit today, may we embrace the opportunities we have to adapt and grow stronger even amidst this pandemic.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Michelle Unruh
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Reece Hiebert
GATHERING HYMN	<i>"Joys are flowing like a river" -vs. 1-3</i>	No. 301
CHILDREN'S STORY		Kara Swartzendruber
WORSHIP MUSIC	Luke, Michelle and Kristin Unruh <i>"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing/ If you Could Hie to Kolob Medley" -arr. Young</i>	
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Acts 2:1-4</i>	Dora Goerzen: Greek Doris Unruh, German Jose Suastegui: Spanish Mary Schmidt: American Sign Language Gayle Funk: English
SERMON	<i>"Stronger Together"</i>	Pastor Phil Schmidt
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Holy Spirit, come with power"</i>	No. 26
FAITH SHARING		Iiona Abrahams
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER and BLESSING		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
SENDING HYMN	<i>"Move in our midst"</i>	No. 418

Words for hymns: in bulletin

See attached document for worship transcript

Sunday, May 31

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, June 7

Next Sunday we continue our worship series "Unexpected." We will look at the story of Joanna found in Luke 8 and Pastor Rosie will be preaching.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Our children who would have been participating in Vacation Bible School this week. Pray for our Christian Education committee as they make plans to bring Faith Formation to our children in new and exciting ways this summer. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for collaborative efforts among WDC congregations as they have responded to the impact of coronavirus through sharing resources, planning joint initiatives and supporting each other.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Meserete Kristos College which trains leaders for the Anabaptist churches in Ethiopia. Pray that the faculty, staff and students will shine with God's light in their communities as the college has had to send students home due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Lezha Academic Center, Albania. As with the rest of the world, our teaching at Lezha Academic Center in Albania has switched online, and our students are facing a lot of challenges. Some do not have computers or internet. Pray that our students and teachers will get better with this new way of teaching and that God will provide the support that we need. A couple of our students have lost their loved ones because of COVID-19 and this adds to their stress. Please pray for them too.

THANKS to ALL you Tabor folks who made the High Quality Items for the KS MCC Sale this year; THANKS to ALL of you folks who bid on these items. We had Excellent success in selling 9 of the 15 items offered for over \$2100.

~Jerry Toews

For a detailed update on the Kansas MCC Relief Sale, please see the June newsletter.

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/7022907372?pwd=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnWxwdEwyVXRzd09>

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

Meeting ID: 702 290 7372 , Password: 2020

-Or, call in by dialing the following number: +1 346 248 7799, then dialing the Meeting ID (702 290 7372) 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!

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.

Meetings this Week via Zoom:

--Church Council: June 1, 7 pm. --Christian Education: June 3, 7pm.

Men's Bible Study Update: Thank you to everyone who attended the Bible Study on Wednesday evening, it was great to see everyone! We elected to do a 12 week bible study on Romans. The Study is Max Lucado's *Life Lessons from Romans*. We have a few books left and we can order more if necessary. We will re-start the Romans book study on **Wednesday June 3rd @ 7:00pm** in the church park. If the weather is bad we will meet in John Unruh's machine shed. Thanks

– Nate Ashley & John Unruh

Faith Formation options for your children this summer: Parents, please complete this short survey to let us know what would be useful and fun for your family. <https://forms.gle/3F XuHUZuYgCeKQ7p6>

If you have any questions, please email Pam at brentnpam@hotmail.com.

-Christian Education Co.

Rejoice! The summer issue of the Rejoice! devotional is available. Please let Kim know if you would like to have one mailed to you. Call 367-2318. If no answer, please leave a message.

Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum: We have missed our guests here at the museum and will reopen our doors on Tues. June 2, all the while being aware of and following the Kansas state guidelines. During this pandemic, your safety is as important as preserving our heritage. Plenty of space allows distancing within the eight buildings on the museum campus. Visitors are welcome to wear face masks. Museum hours are 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Tues.- Sat. Feel free to call before visiting. Phone: 620-367-8200. For other information visit the museum website www.goesselmuseum.com

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

2020 Annual Assembly Invitation Video: Here is a link to a YouTube video inviting your delegates and friends to WDC's virtual Annual Assembly August 1-2 - <https://youtu.be/jn1zOf3jVGA>. Our hope is to encourage people with a diversity of voices, ages, and viewpoints to be part of this year's Assembly.

Mennonite Church USA

--MC USA has joined the recently expanded Mennonite Archival Information Database (MAID), which features thousands of historic photos, one-of-a-kind letters, diaries, meeting minutes, travel documents, biographies, audio and video recordings and more – all accessible to the public. Read more: <http://mennoniteusa.org/archives-maid>

--Reflecting on Faith and Fear: "A Time Enduring" is a second FREE edition of the Rejoice devotional in the midst of a pandemic. These are wonderful, thoughtful reflections by some gifted Anabaptist writers. Find a copy of this at: <https://mennowdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2020-Rejoice-Time-Enduring.pdf>

Camp Mennoscah announcements:

--Camp Mennoscah is committed to sharing the camp community and God's love with you through videos, a **Camp in a Box**, and/or activities posted online. We hope you will connect with Camp Mennoscah in these ways! The videos and activities posted online will be free. A Camp in a Box will contain a camp tee shirt, crafts, activities, devotions, and nature fun. A box will cost \$40; a tee shirt alone will be the usual prices of \$11/\$16. Boxes and tee shirts are available to anyone of any age! To order a Camp in a Box or a tee shirt, go to www.campmennoscah.org and click on Register Online at the top of the page or contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290. Orders accepted until June 3. After June 3, please contact Camp Mennoscah.

Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride: The planning committee is going ahead with plans for the 2020 Flatlander ride to be held on September 19. More information about this event can be found at: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride>. We are currently looking for additional people to help on the planning committee, and also for individuals or groups to help us with the SAGs (refreshment stops) on the various bike routes. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please call Donna at 316-727-6346 or email her at beckerdonna2@gmail.com. Hope to see you there.

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!

New Hope Shelter: The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of our new Executive Director, Mr. Brian Bisbee. Mr. Bisbee brings a wealth of experience in business, law, and the non-profit sector. We look forward to what the future holds for the shelter under his leadership. He and his wife are relocating from Indiana and his start date is June 8, 2020. We would especially like to express our gratitude to Mrs. Ashli Teel who has risen to the challenge of Interim Executive Director, and done so with competence and grace. She will return to her previous position as Shelter Coordinator. Finally, we are grateful for the ongoing support of our staff, volunteers and donors during this transition.

Covid-19 Resources:

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

Opportunities to Give

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.

NEW OPPORTUNITY: Mission Network is striving to be God's hands and feet in the world during these tough times. If you feel called to help, please visit MennoniteMission.net/Donate. Thank you.

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

Camp Mennoscah: <https://www.campmennoscah.org/>

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

Gaza Needs Food!! According to the United Nations 2018 Socio-Economic Food Security survey 68%, about 1.3 million people in Gaza are "food insecure". Please consider making a donation to the Hand to Hand project through the Middle Eastern Children's Alliance (MECA) at <https://secure.everyaction.com/JkiApGXBskq8WNeolrDQ7w2>.

Cloth Masks: 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.

Carol Duerksen	Marcene Entz	Erica Stoltzfus
Duane Duerksen	Emil Schmidt	John Unruh