

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### Jonah: Furious

Today we continue reflecting on Jonah's story in chapter 4. In this chapter, we see a sharp contrast between Jonah's quick anger and God, who is slow to anger and abounding in love. (Jonah 4:2)

#### WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Mark Schmidt
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Luke Unruh
GATHERING HYMN	<i>"There's a wideness in God's mercy"</i>	No. 145 Russell Adrian
CHILDREN'S STORY		Janna Duerksen
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Jonah 4:1-11</i>	Kara Swartzendruber
SERMON	<i>"Slow to Anger"</i>	Pastor Phil Schmidt
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Here I am, Lord"</i>	No. 395
FAITH SHARING		Russell Adrian
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER and BLESSING		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
SENDING HYMN	<i>"The love of God"</i>	No. 44 SJ

*Words for hymns attached*

*See attached document for worship transcript*

## Sunday, August 30

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.

**10:30 am Zoom Faith Formation:** We invite everyone to a Zoom video to connect with one another and share prayer requests. After about 15 minutes we will send people to breakout rooms. Zoom connection information is below. Feel free to contact Pastor Phil if you have any questions. We look forward to connecting in this way!

-Click 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.

**7:30 pm:** MennoParkingLot (see announcement).

#### This Week

**Tues. Sept 1, 10 am:** Staff meeting.

**Wed. Sept. 2, 7 pm:** Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

*Kim will be out of the office on September 4. **All bulletin announcements, transcripts and links are due no later than 8am September 3.***

#### Next Sunday, September 6

**8:30 am:** Next week at our drive-in worship service, we will focus on children and how Jesus welcomes them. Scripture for reflection is Mark 9:33-37 & 10:13-16 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching. We will celebrate the dedication of Jordan Timothy Nickel and Marshall Wayne Smith and Faith Formation dedication will take place.

If you plan to stay in your car, please park in a perimeter in the East parking lot. You may tune your radio to FM 107.1. If you would like to sit on a blanket or lawn chairs, please park on the West side of the church and walk to your spot in the East parking lot. Thanks again to everyone for following our safety precautions (social distancing and wearing masks) for the health and well-being of our church family. Following the service, we again invite people to bring offerings forward and stay for a time of visiting and fellowship.

**10:30 am:** Zoom Sharing and Faith Formation

**7:30 pm:** Book Study via Zoom. Drew G.I. Hart's book, *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*.

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ those affected by the recent hurricanes and wildfires. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ the unrest present in our country related to recent shootings. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ students, parents and caregivers, teachers and staff, school and college boards and administrations, as the new school year begins. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ All who are dealing with health concerns, both physical and mental, COVID and non-COVID related. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Russ, who has requested that his membership from Tabor Church be withdrawn. Lord, hear our prayer of thanks for Russ as he continues to follow God's call.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for WDC as we seek to understand more deeply the structural racism of our own church life and history, and to be faithful to God's vision for justice in today's world.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for how the youth of the Barcelona Mennonite community in Catalonia are flourishing in their spiritual growth despite pandemic restrictions. Pray for Alisha and Joshua Garber, serving with MMN, as they explore best practices to mentor and teach online.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: SeBAH (Seminario Bíblico Anabaptista Hispano): Pray for the staff and faculty, for health and good spirits as the pandemic crisis continues. In God's immense mercy and love, pray that the needs of this program will be supplied so that biblical and theological education will continue for Anabaptist leaders of the USA and other Latin American countries.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ The opportunity to enjoy an evening of music and fellowship as we gather together at MennoParkingLot. Thanks be to God!

## Congregational Announcements

**MennoParkingLot:** With the reality of the pandemic, we will not be having MennoGrass like usual, but we invite the Tabor Church Family to a new experiment: "MennoParkingLot 2020" featuring the Flannelbacks! On Sunday evening, August 30, come to the Tabor East Parking lot at 7:30pm for some great music. The parking lot is shaded at that time, so should provide a comfortable setting. If you'd like to stay in your cars and tune in through your car radio, simply park in a semi-circle around the perimeter of the parking lot (people will be present to help with this). If you would like to sit on a blanket or in a lawn chair, park your car on the West side of the church and walk to your place on the East side. We thank everyone for practicing 6 foot social distancing and wearing masks when outside of vehicles. We are not publicizing this event beyond Tabor, but you are welcome to invite close family and friends. If you do invite others, please communicate our precautions (social distancing and wearing masks) that are in place to keep everyone safe. We look forward to a unique and fun event!

**How About A Porch Visit?** I miss you! We all miss you! It's been great seeing many of you at our drive-in services and during the fellowship time that follows. However, we'd like to offer additional opportunities for personal visits. They can be short chats or longer times of prayer and sharing. It can be a porch visit at your place, or if you prefer, we can meet at Tabor church where there's plenty of outside space (in the church park or on the front courtyard area). Of course, we would follow Tabor's social distancing and mask guidelines on church property. Please contact us directly to schedule a visit. We'd love to hear from you!

Pastor Rosie's availability (316-772-8740 [rjantz@tabormennonite.org](mailto:rjantz@tabormennonite.org))  
Sundays: 4-7 pm, Tuesdays: 1-5 pm, Wednesdays: 9 am-3 pm

Pastor Katherine's availability (316-727-4986 [kgoerzen@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kgoerzen@tabormennonite.org))  
Tuesdays: 12-3 pm, Wednesdays: 9-3 pm  
Thursdays: 5-8 pm (9-3 pm when children not in remote/hybrid learning)

Pastor Phil's availability (620-386-0779 [pschmidt@tabormennonite.org](mailto:pschmidt@tabormennonite.org))  
Tuesdays: 2-4 pm, Wednesdays: 2-4 pm, Thursdays: 10-11:45 am, 7:30-9 pm

**The Men's Bible Study** will be starting a new study series on Wednesday, September 2. The series is titled *Holy Ambition - Turning God-shaped dreams into reality*. This is a video series by Pastor Chip Ingram and has a study guide and books to compliment the video lessons. We would like to invite all men to join us for this thought provoking series. We will meet at the church in the Hospitality Hall at 7 pm. Please bring a mask. Hope to see you there. For more information, please contact Dale Alderfer, Nate Ashley, or John Unruh.

**Fall Faith Formation for Children:** Parents of Kindergartners through 5th grade. On September 6 the new Faith Formation/Wednesday evening curriculum will begin! We will hand out activity/craft packets on Sunday, September 6 at the church service in the park. All packets not handed out on Sunday will be delivered. Check out the article in the upcoming September newsletter for more details. ~Doris Unruh

**The Deacon team met August 8 and would like to share two items from the agenda.**

1) We affirmed a sabbatical for Pastor Phil from Sept. 15-Oct 15. Pastor Phil was planning to take a 3-month sabbatical, and then the pandemic hit. With Pastor Rosie's upcoming retirement at the end of November, Pastor Phil requested a month-long sabbatical to refresh and renew as well as pick up some of the responsibilities for Ethan's schooling this fall.

2) We are processing Pastor Rosie's retirement and options for future pastoral staffing at Tabor. Congregational members are welcome to share ideas with the deacons on the roles they want to see fulfilled by our pastoral team.

**Small Group Gatherings:** If you would like to schedule an in-person or Zoom meeting for your small group, faith formation class, or another gathering, please let church staff know and we will get that set up!

**Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum:** The Marie and Martha Voth Wheat Marquetry Art Show display is ongoing until the end of September. Over 25 larger works (both paintings and wheat art) and many, many smaller items and greeting cards are included. Museum Hours are Tues. through Sat. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Reg. admission applies and free admission for museum members.

**Second Monday Family History & Genealogy Group** at the Goessel Mennonite Church Cemetery (located on Alamo Road, 1/2 mile north of Goessel's Main Street) on Monday, September 14, 6:45 p.m. Les Wedel, church trustee, will share history and stories relating to the cemetery. Several historical sketches of individuals who are buried in the cemetery will also be read. Suggested items to bring: An outdoor chair, mosquito spray, flashlight, and a camera if you wish to take pictures of any tombstone that interests you. The meeting will be canceled in case bad weather develops. The meeting is free and open to the public. For further information, please call either the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum (620-367-8200) or Anna Beth (620-367-8135). If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us, please feel free to invite them.

## Conference Announcements

### Western District Conference (WDC):

--Preschool Story Hour at the Conference Resource Library returns this fall with VIRTUAL LIVE story hours full of stories, rhymes, and craft ideas on Tuesdays at 10:00am and Thursdays at 3:30pm. Tuesday and Thursday sessions will be different, join us for one or both sessions each week. Story Hour will start Tuesday, September 8 and be geared toward ages 3-5. Story Hour will be led by Library Director Jennie Wintermote and will be shorter than our Summer Story Hour. Register at <https://forms.gle/vpk7DXRwwHAbSo5A7> and contact Jennie with any questions at [crib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crib@mennowdc.org).

--**Western District Women's Retreat 2020** WILL gather virtually on Saturday, September 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm via Zoom for a worship service. Our goal is to connect to and encourage each other through Christ and His love for us. For free registration or questions, send your email to Tammy Duvanel Unruh at [2020womensretreat.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:2020womensretreat.rsvp@gmail.com)

**Mennonite Church USA:** Curious about church planting or re-planting? Join the next Sent Network cohort and learn how to explore, equip, and be sent to spread the word of God! Visit [MennoniteMission.net/SentNetwork](http://MennoniteMission.net/SentNetwork) to learn more and save your spot!

### Camp Mennoscah:

--**Mental Health Spiritual Retreat** will be a one-day event on Monday, September 7. This retreat is for those affected by mental illness, including friends and family. Activities will be outside. We will follow social distancing and mask guidelines. Please bring a mask with you. Those interested in attending the retreat should contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290.

--**Camp Mennoscah's Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** will take place on Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8. Masks and physical distancing guidelines will be followed and the facility used has been changed. More spaces will be opened as determined safe and feasible, so put your name on the waitlist! Register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org)! Call 620-297-3290 for further information.

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp:** Labor Day Work and Play Retreat, September 4-7 2020 is a "go" all while following existing guidelines. The weekend is a time for individuals and families of all ages to enjoy a day of work along with a day of "play". Camp operations/projects continue to abound including food service, housekeeping, and maintenance projects. Only 9 more spaces remain, so please sign-up online at [rmmc.org](http://rmmc.org). Thank you for your ongoing support of RMMC!

**Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride** will be held on September 19. More information about this event can be found at: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride>.

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