



*Progress on Tabor Church Carport.*

# Tabor Church News

October, 2020

## *Katherine's Candor*

Friends, we find ourselves in an election year with one month left to go. We are reminded how polarized our world truly is as it demands that we choose a side: Democrat or Republican; conservative or progressive; Trump or Biden.

## Sunday Worship Themes

### **October 4 - Jesus' Parables:**

#### **The Wedding Banquet**

*World Communion Sunday*

Luke 14:12-24

Pastor Katherine Preaching

### **October 11 - Jesus' Parables:**

#### **The Unjust Judge**

Luke 18:1-8

Peter Goerzen Preaching

### **October 18 - Jesus for President:**

#### **Salt and Light**

*The Sermon on the Mount*

Matthew 5:13-16

Pastor Katherine Preaching

### **October 25 - Jesus for President:**

#### **Love Your Enemies**

*The Sermon on the Mount*

Matthew 5:38-44

Pastor Phil Preaching

And yet, as brothers and sisters in God's family, we recognize that there is something much more foundational that we *all* hold in common: We all claim Jesus as Lord of our lives, hearts, minds, and souls. Ultimately, "our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20).

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In a time when so many fling vitriolic hate against people who think differently, we pledge our allegiance to the One who said, "Love your enemies; for if you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same?"

When we are urged to vote for someone who will protect our financial interests, or when so many choose to hoard resources, we pledge our allegiance to the One who said, "store up for yourselves treasures in heaven" and "you cannot serve God and wealth."

When so many scapegoat and place the blame for the world's problems on others while refusing to take responsibility for their own mistakes, we pledge our allegiance to the One who said, "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own?"

When the media or news sources only seem to stir up messages of fear and panic, we pledge our allegiance to the One who said, "Do not worry, for indeed your heavenly Father knows what you need."

As candidates spread lies by saying only what their constituents want to hear in order to garner votes, we pledge our allegiance to the One who said, "Do not swear falsely; let your yes be yes and your no, no." (And who is himself the Truth (John 14:6).)



*Outdoor Worship ~ all ages welcome!!!*

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**Pillars Banquet  
Drive-thru Event  
Save the Date:**

I am sure many of you have been questioning how you are going to spend the first Sunday of November this year because normally you would be at the Pillars Banquet, supporting Bethesda. Well never fear, the Bethesda Home Board of Trustees is still sponsoring the event!!! Bethesda Home's Annual Fundraiser, "Pillar's Banquet" will be held this year as a drive thru event! Sunday, November 1 you are invited to drive through Tabor Church's parking lot to pick up a delicious homemade meal catered by Elaine Unruh, Lynette Duerksen and Laura Unrau. Details will be coming for this event so stay posted!

~ Sara Hiebert, CEO Bethesda Home



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*Rosie's Reflections*

I've been thinking about stories and all they bring to our lives. I've been telling the weekly Bible stories for children, and I'm finding that as I retell them, I begin to hear and see new perspectives and insights. Take the story of Abraham and Sarah – I've heard it a "jillion" times, but retelling it reminds me just how frustrated and miserable they must have been not being able to have children so as to fulfill God's promise to them. They must have cried a million tears, enough to fill a bottle and then some, wondering if God was keeping track on his scroll. But then I imagine they both drew on their deep faith as they remembered God's faithfulness to them in more than one way. Just like the Psalmist in Psalm 56:8-11a laments, and then expresses a vow of trust. The story of Abraham and Sarah teaches us to dig deep into our well of faith and trust that God will make a way for us, even when it seems impossible.

I could tell you about the rest of the stories in the upcoming lessons, but I will let you read and view the accompanying videos that Kim sends out each week for our Faith Formation lesson, "God's Treasures in Difficult Times." The adult lesson is there with the same scriptures and Bible stories that the children are getting each week. What a great way for us all to learn together!

I encourage you to join a Faith Formation class on Sunday morning and to let the conversations and study with your brothers and sisters in Christ draw you into deeper relationship with God and each other. I wonder who you identify with in the story. How have you trusted in God and seen his promises fulfilled in your life. What treasures are you finding in these Bible stories?

~ Grace and Peace, Pastor Rosie

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In a time when so many people act in ways that only benefit themselves and those who think as they do – while dehumanizing anyone who disagrees – we pledge our allegiance to the One who said, "Blessed are the merciful," "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God," and "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets."

Our worship series for October and November will focus on Jesus' platform as he proclaimed in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) to remind us of the One to whom we have truly pledged our heart and our allegiance (regardless of our political inclinations). May we live in such a way that proclaims that Jesus is the true Ruler of the world (not any king or president that the world has to offer).

When the world continues to point out what it assumes to be irreconcilable differences between us, may we strive to remember what we have in common with *all* of our brothers and sisters in Christ, for ultimately we are all one in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:28). And when the world demands that we pick a side, may we boldly proclaim that we have already chosen: our heart and allegiance belongs to the One who broke down the dividing walls between us and who has made us all "citizens with the saints and members of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19).

~Grace and Peace, Pastor Katherine

Dear Tabor Mennonite Family,

A year ago, we ran to the hospital to have our baby daughter Emerson. It did not go as planned and after a month in the NICU in Denver we came back home to hearing aids, nasal cannulas, oxygen, pulse oximeters, hand sanitizer, quarantine, special RSV vaccines, OT/PT/Audiology specialists, weekly weigh-ins, bi-weekly trips to Denver - all with a baby struggling to thrive. Six months later to the day, the Roaring Fork Valley locked down and the world joined us in quarantine, right as we were supposed to be getting out of it.



It has been a rough year for us, but now we have a very happy, thriving little one year old! You have all been a big part of helping us get here. We cannot say enough thank-you's for the prayers, financial support, phone calls, text messages, and emails. This support was not only at the beginning but has continued over the past months and into the present.

The donation fund to support Emerson's medical needs raised over \$15,000 and we have secured that for her present and future needs.

Thank you all so much! We are truly grateful for each member of the community and your connection to Emerson. This is a silver lining amidst the pandemic and what connects us to the Gospels and our belief in God.

Thank you all so much!!! We are truly grateful for each of you. Hopefully, this pandemic will be over soon and we can bring Emerson to meet you. She's a joyful little sweetheart!

With gratitude,

Katrina, Aaron, Corinna and Emerson



## Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ

The Annual Mennonite Men's Chicken BBQ will take place Nov. 5, serving from 5-7 p.m., or until the food runs out. The menu will stay the same: bbq chicken - white or dark meat, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner roll and ice cream. Due to the corona virus restrictions, the meal will be placed in a styrofoam container and served to you as you drive under the carport on the south side of the church.

The cost of the meal is by donation and there will be opportunity to give that as well. The projects this year are Mennonite Central Committee, which is celebrating its centennial, and a local need yet to be determined.



## MCC Centennial Celebration

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in the U.S. is inviting its supporters and the public to join a livestreamed celebration of its 100 years of ministry on Saturday, October 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT).

'Celebration 2020: MCC at 100' will include videos, storytelling, music, and a message of inspiration from longtime MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia.

You can join the celebration at [mcc.org/celebration-2020](https://mcc.org/celebration-2020). Video recordings (English and Spanish) will be posted at the same link a few days after the event.

As the keynote speaker, Dow will reflect on the challenges MCC has experienced over the past 100 years and the strengths God developed in the organization as a result. With inspiration from Scripture, he will encourage MCC to use its best self to step boldly into the next century of ministry.

"MCC at its best," Dow says, "has a prophetic imagination. We are patiently persistent, and we have a willingness to get into 'necessary trouble' as we respond to basic human needs and work for peace and justice."

MCC began in 1920 when groups of Mennonites and Mennonite Brethren formed a committee to provide food and other assistance to people affected by war and famine in southern Russia (present-day Ukraine).

Today MCC provides humanitarian relief, encourages sustainable development and strengthens peacebuilding initiatives in more than 50 countries.

MCC is grateful to Everence Financial for sponsorship support of its centennial celebration.

Learn more and sign up for a calendar reminder at [mcc.org/celebration-2020](https://mcc.org/celebration-2020).

Mennonite Central Committee:  
*Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ.*

-from news release by Linda Espenshade



# TABOR CHURCH CALENDAR

				1	2	3
4 8:30 am Sharing & Prayer Faith Formation via Zoom 10:30 am Drive-in Worship Communion	5 7pm Men's Bible Study	6 10am Staff Mtg 7pm Church Council Zoom Mtg	7 6:45pm Jr Hi Fellowship 7pm TMYF	8	9	10
11 Worship & Faith Formation	12 7pm Men's Bible Study	13 10am Staff Mtg	14 6:45pm Jr Hi Fellowship 7pm TMYF	15 Pastor Phil returns from Sabbatical	16	17
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25 Worship & Faith Formation Safe Sanctuary Training 1:30pm - Harvest Giving Walk	26 7pm Men's Bible Study	27 8am Worship Planning Team Mtg 10am Staff Mtg	28 6:45pm Jr Hi Fellowship 7pm TMYF	29	30	31

*Bulletin announcements are due 8am Thursday mornings.*



1 - JJ Voth	10 - Carson Voth	24 - Janice Voth
2 - Layci Froese	Aidan Wulf	25 - Tim Wedel
3 - Monica Voth	11 - Joyce Ashley	Reece Hiebert
Archie Schmidt	12 - Kristi Unruh	Alice Rohr
Jordan Nickel	13 - Rodney Abrahams	26 - Anita Bailey
4 - Tristan Wulf	Marshall Smith	27 - Rolland Lytle
5 - Bruce Schmidt	14 - Shelley Buller	Bryan Goerzen
Elizabeth Alderfer	Geneva Reimer	Mia Hiebert
Camille Adrian	18 - Kara	28 - Marnette Hatchett
6 - Emil Schmidt	Swartzendruber	Jeffery Franzen
Ron Hatchett	Abby Regier	Leah Kalinoff
Joshua Booth	19 - Michelle Unruh	31 - DeVon Hiebert
Chris Gaddis	Melisa	Melissa Unruh
7 - Loren Brandt	Sommerfeld	
8 - Sara Hiebert	21 - Kyle Funk	
9 - Myron Voth	Nancy Franzen	
Trevor Schmidt	Megan Voth	

Ron & Patsy Dirksen	October 3,	39 yrs.
Phil & Kristie Diller	October 3,	22 yrs.
Adam & Jessica Wulf	October 6,	13 yrs.
Dale & Mary Alderfer	October 8,	26 yrs.
Jacob & Stephanie Unruh	October 9,	10 yrs.
Royce & Jennifer Flaming	October 18,	50 yrs.
Darwin & Kimberly Funk	October 19,	46 yrs.
Steven & Bonnie Janzen	October 22,	43 yrs.
Bill & Kami Froese	October 23,	27 yrs.
Jerol & DeLome Schmidt	October 27,	57 yrs.
Jerry & Janice Voth	October 28,	14 yrs.