

Jesus' Parables



The Parable of the Sower

This morning we warmly welcome Michelle Armster, Executive Director of MCC Central States. Michelle will be preaching on the Parable of the Sower. May God continue to give us eyes to see and ears to hear the ways that God's Kingdom is taking root around us.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE	Michelle Unruh and Venita Schroeder	
WELCOME AND PRAYER	Leann Toews	
GATHERING HYMN	<i>"As rain from the clouds"</i>	No. 40 SJ
CHILDREN'S STORY	Pastor Rosie Jantz	
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Mark 4:1-20</i>	Jill Litwiller
SERMON	<i>"What Do You Hear?"</i>	Michelle Armster
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"You are salt for the earth"</i> vs. 1-3	No. 226
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER	Pastor Katherine Goerzen	
SENDING BLESSING		
POSTLUDE		

Words for hymns in bulletin

Sunday, September 27

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.

Faith Formation:

BASIC class meets in Hospitality Hall following drive-in worship.

10:30 am: 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.

-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.

Commitment Forms are due today. See announcements for details.

This Week

Pastor Phil is on sabbatical through Oct. 15.

Mon. Sept. 28, 7 pm: Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.
Please note change of date.

Tues. Sept 29, 10 am: Staff meeting.

Wed. Sept. 30, 6:45 pm: Jr. High Youth meet in west parking lot.

Next Sunday, October 4

Please note time change. Faith Formation will take place at 8:30 am and drive-in worship will begin at 10:30 am.

8:30 am: Zoom Sharing and Faith Formation. BASIC FF class will meet in the Hospitality Hall.

10:30 am: Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. At our drive-in worship service we will continue our worship series 'Jesus' Parables', focusing on The Wedding Banquet. Scripture for reflection is Luke 14:12-24 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching. We will also share communion.

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.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Erlene Unruh and family. Bob Unruh passed away peacefully at Bethesda Home on Monday after an extended illness and a recent hospitalization for a fall. We believe that Bob is now resting safely in God's loving presence, free of pain and suffering. Thanks be to God for Bob's life and witness to God's love. Lord, hear our prayer for your peace and comfort to surround all who mourn his passing. Memorial services are pending.
- ★ Pastor Phil as he takes a month of sabbatical rest. Lord, hear our prayer for rest and restoration for Pastor Phil during this time.
- ★ those in our church family who are recuperating from surgery or have testing or surgery in their future. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ loved ones in our nursing homes and also the staff at those facilities as they begin to move toward reopening with scheduled outdoor visits. Lord, hear our prayer for continued safety for all involved.
- ★ all students, parents, teachers and staff in our schools, homes and colleges, as they continue with school during difficult times. Lord, hear our prayer, and thanks be to God for learning opportunities.
- ★ our yearly commitment and budgeting process, which is currently taking place. Pray for God's guidance as we commit to commissions and ministries at Tabor and as we discern a new budget. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission and church planters as they listen for the Holy Spirit's leading for church development in the midst of the ongoing pandemic.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Matthew and Toni Krabill, serving with MMN at the Paris Mennonite Center in France, help resource Anabaptist Christians to engage with issues of injustice and conflict. Pray that they would continue to draw on God's words to guide their ministry and that they will help others to be faithful to Jesus' way.

Congregational Announcements

The Deacons recently approved an abbreviated sabbatical for Pastor Phil.

As you may remember, Pastor Phil had a sabbatical scheduled for this past summer. He had an array of activities planned that would refresh and energize his spirit, encourage connection with family, and challenge his mind and his body. Unfortunately, this was cancelled due to covid-19. During this month of sabbatical, while not all the same activities are possible, Phil is using this time to energize and refresh his spirit, connect with family, challenge his mind and his body. As Phil is not traveling, you may see him from time to time. We ask that the spirit and intent of a usual sabbatical, of being able to disconnect from the church, be observed. Any pastoral needs or concerns should be addressed to Pastors Rosie or Katherine, or a deacon. Thank you, Emil Schmidt, on behalf of the deacons

The deacon team will be discerning a new deacon and welcomes anyone who is open to considering this, or has a suggestion of someone, to contact one of the deacons by the end of September. Erica Stoltzfus' term is up, and our policy is to maintain a gender balance on the team, so we will be interested in finding out which women might be feeling the tap on the shoulder from the Holy Spirit to consider serving Tabor in this role.

Commitment Sheets: Forms have been emailed/mailed to you and are due today, September 27. Please prayerfully consider the ways you are able to help carry out the ministries we share here at Tabor. Log in to <https://forms.gle/gjRWVtANBK4vi9mF8> to complete your form or return a paper copy to the church office.

Service: Due to the circumstances that have caused us to change so many plans this year, the Service Sunday that typically would take place in September did not happen this year. Instead, we encourage you to look for ways to be of service in the community and to your neighbors near and far. A few suggestions: make freezer meals for the Food Pantry, tie comforters for MCC, help with painting projects at the Mennonite Heritage and Ag Museum in Goessel (contact Kim at kfunk@tabormennonite.org or call 367-2318 or 747-0408 for details on freezer meals or to get tops and supplies for comforters; contact Steve Banman at the museum, 367-8200, for painting).

Save the Date: This year's **Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk** will be held on Sunday, October 25 at 1:30pm beginning at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church shelter house. This annual walk of 1-6 miles benefits MCC and the Tabor Food Pantry. Donation envelopes will be available from your church recruiter in the coming weeks and this year we are offering an online fundraising option as well. Just go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/99515/BecomeFundraiser> to set up your personal fundraising page. Mark your calendars, start fundraising, and plan to attend this year's event!

Porch Visits: Please contact pastors directly to schedule a visit. We miss seeing you and we'd love to hear from you!

Pastor Rosie's availability (316-772-8740 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)
Tuesdays: 12-3 pm, Wednesdays: 9-3 pm
Thursdays: 9 am-3 pm, 5-8 pm, Saturday: 9 am-4 pm
NOTE: Subject to change when our children are in hybrid or remote learning for school.

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 will end on September 30. Museum Hours are Tues-Sat. 10am-5pm. Regular admission applies with free admission for museum members. Beginning in October, museum hours will be Tues-Sat. noon-4pm.

Conference Announcements

Mennonite Church USA:

--We have service opportunities available for your whole family, even during the pandemic! Visit MennoniteMission.net/SOOP for details and to apply!

--How has 2020 strengthened, challenged or reshaped your Anabaptist faith and the way you live your life? Share your stories, photos, videos and artwork at Anabaptist History Today, a collaborative, online, Anabaptist storytelling platform. <https://aht.libraryhost.com/s/archive/page/Welcome>

--Salt & Light Bible study video series: Jump start online or in-person Bible study conversations this fall with new, short introductory teaching videos that enrich MennoMedia's new Salt & Light Curriculum series. These teaching videos can be used either for teacher prep or to introduce each weekly session. [Check out the videos here](#). (Salt & Light replaces the Adult Bible Study/Quarterly with sessions written by Anabaptists for Anabaptists!)

--Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit fundraiser Fri., Oct. 16 at First Mennonite Church, Newton. A burrito order to go will take place instead of the usual dinner. Burritos will be cooked by chef Carlos Lujano. (Order Pork, Chicken or Meatless burritos. Sold by ½ dozen-6 burrito and a dozen-12 burritos). Pick up 4:30-6:30 pm, instructions will be sent later. Sale by donation. If you are not able to order you are invited to give a donation. Your generous gift will help ensure the future of this vital ministry. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. For inquiries or to order contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342. DEADLINE to order: Thursday Oct. 9.

Camp Mennoscah

--Camp Mennoscah's annual meeting is September 27 at 7pm. An online link will be shared soon! Get ready to hear about Camp Mennoscah's year!

--There are still five openings for Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats Oct. 30-Nov. 1. Nov. 6-8 is waitlist only. Register at campmennoscah.org!

--Work and Play Day! Camp Mennoscah invites volunteers to sign up for a day of service and fun on October 10. The day begins at 8:30am and ends approximately 2:30pm. Contact staff at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org for details. Please bring a mask!

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC):

--Celebrate with us! Mennonite Central Committee invites you join **Celebration 2020: MCC at 100**, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020

--**MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride!** Due to COVID-19, the ride is a "virtual" event this year and open to EVERYONE. Riders may register any time until September 29. Register online at Bikereg.com. Donations from non-riders are welcome! Mail checks for MCC Flatlander Bike Ride to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, N Newton, KS 67117.

Quilters Corner Fall Sale: Friday October 2, 9 am – 5 pm & Saturday October 3, 9 am – 3 pm. MCC Materials Resource Center, 121 East 30th, N Newton. Quilter's Corner items that would have been sold at the annual KMRS in April will be available for purchase. Come support the relief work of MCC and start or replenish a quilting stash. Health protocols for Harvey County will be observed during the sale. Questions?? Contact Rose Wiebe Haury at 316-288-0079 or haury@juno.com.

Bethel College:

--Fall Festival at Bethel College is not canceled but will look different this year. While there won't be a "Fall Festival fair" on campus Oct. 3, see www.bethelks.edu/alumni/events/fall-festival for a detailed schedule. The Bethel College Women's Association is taking orders for baked goods at www.bcwamarketonline.com/shop/preorderforfallfest/9 (ordering deadline: Sept. 30).

--Bethel College Women's Association has worked to raise money for Bethel for many years. In August we opened our first online store, www.bcwamarketonline.com. We invite you to help us support Bethel by checking this online market for crafts, jewelry, Bethel-themed items and much more. Our inventory will change over time so please check in to find that special gift or item for your home.

Everence Fall Webinar Wednesdays: *How to enjoy your time in nursing care.* September 23, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.ET. Learn what features and benefits are a part of long-term and how to craft a program that will work for your situation. Having long term care insurance will make your options more enjoyable. Presented by Dennis LeFevre, CFP® Everence® Financial Consultant

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