



Jesus for President: Build Your House Upon the Rock

This week, we wrap up our "Jesus for President" worship series by focusing on the end of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 7:24-29, Jesus tells a parable about a wise and a foolish builder, emphasizing the importance of putting Jesus' words into practice, and thus building our lives upon the rock.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Worship Team

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Luke Unruh

GATHERING HYMN *"My hope is built on nothing less"* -vs. 1, 2, 4 No. 343

CHILDREN'S STORY

Pastor Rosie Jantz

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 7:24-29* Anthony Swartzendruber
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON *"Dig Deep"*

Pastor Phil Schmidt

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*We will end this time of prayer by praying the Lord's Prayer together.
 Feel free to join in wherever you are.*

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING SONG *"Benediction"* -Redman, Myrin, arr. Duren Michelle Unruh

Words for hymn in bulletin

Sunday, November 15

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.

9:00 am: Worship in a variety of ways. Options include driving in to the church parking lot to listen via FM Radio 107.1, or viewing via YouTube Livestream (YouTube recording is also available following the service).

Following Worship: Fellowship in the east parking lot. BASIC class will not meet this week.

10:15 am: Congregational Meeting. You may join in person on the east side of church or via Zoom. Zoom connection information is below.

-Click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7022907372?pwd=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnaWxwdEwyVXRzdz09>

-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.

GMA Community Thanksgiving Dinner—If you've made reservations please come to the Goessel Elementary School between 5 and 5:30 to drive through and pick up your meal(s) at the front entrance of the school. If you have not made a reservation please come after 5:30 and we will serve until the food is gone. Thank you for supporting the Goessel Ministerial Alliance. ~Goessel, Tabor and Alexanderwohl Mennonite Churches

This Week

Mon. Nov. 16, 7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. Nov. 17, 10:00 am: Staff meeting.
7:00 pm: Deacon meeting.

Wed. Nov. 18, 6:45 pm: Jr. High Youth meet in west parking lot.
7:00 pm: TMYF meet in church park.

Thurs. Nov 19, 8:00 am: Worship Planning Team meeting.

Next Sunday, November 22

9:00 am: Next Sunday we will focus on the theme of gratitude as we give thanks for Pastor Rosie and her many fruitful years of pastoral ministry at Tabor! Stay tuned for more details of what the celebration will look like!

Following Worship: Fellowship/Celebration for Pastor Rosie. Details to be determined.

Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, November 8.

- ★ Pastor Phil shared that on November 3, he received a call from another congregation inviting him to be their candidate of choice. Please pray for Phil and family as they plan to travel to Indiana November 25-29 to candidate at Belmont Mennonite Church in Elkhart.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ the family of John Gaeddert. John W. Gaeddert, age 96, passed away on November 12 with his family around him. The family deeply regrets that, due to the pandemic, they will not be able to celebrate John's life with the people of the congregations he so loved. (Tabor Pastor, 1968-1972) A private memorial and burial service is being planned. Lord, hear our prayer for peace and comfort.
- ★ All in our congregation who are recovering from or are facing health related concerns. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ our communities, schools and nursing homes as we continue to see new positive COVID cases. Pray for those who test positive, those who are in quarantine, teachers and staff who continue to teach our children and all those in the health care field, including those who care for our loved ones in nursing homes. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC staff in their daily work of sustaining transformational leaders, resourcing missional congregations, and encouraging church planting partnerships in our conference.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Colorado Springs Service Adventure unit helps extend the ministry of Beth-El Mennonite Church through building relationships in the community. Pray for Elyse Burton as she helps families who are homeless and for Makenzie Shelman as she works with people with disabilities. Pray also for unit leader Cindy Headings.

Thanks

Thank you to our church family for your prayers, phone calls, cards and other ways you expressed your concern for Elton after his heart attack.

~Elton and Denise Nickel

A BIG THANK YOU to all the men who helped with the Chicken BBQ. To say it was different would be an understatement. To assemble approximately 300 meals in the first 45 minutes was no small undertaking. Thank you for all your work. We would also like to thank our sponsors and all who came out and supported us by donating and picking up meals. Unofficial totals this year are Sponsors - \$1020.00 Donations - \$7893.00. Expenses are unknown at this time. ~Elton Nickel

Thank you to everyone who attended in person and on Zoom for Stories & Stuff this past Thursday. The presentation can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/mMskyGebZFA>. Thank you Pastor Phil for your technical expertise and all you did to help make this happen. Thank you Emil and Vickie for the beautiful pictures and stories that you shared with us. Stories & Stuff has been all I imagined it to be and more these past years. ~Pastor Rosie

Congregational Announcements

Would you be interested in being paired up with an 8th grader as part of our mentor/mentee program at Tabor Church. This is a great opportunity to get to know one of our youth in a special way. We are hoping to get this organized soon, so if you are interested, please contact Sarahanne Unruh or Dale Alderfer with any questions you may have. Thanks for your support.

Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning will be taking place at the MCC Center in North Newton during November. Volunteers from Tabor are needed November 19-21. Covid-19 safety measures will be in place. Masks will be required. A video showing the work of the canner can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/eAxo0moMz3M> Contact Kenton Nickel for work times and to sign up.

Rejoice! This winter issue of the Rejoice! devotional is available and will be on the table at the entry of the Hospitality Hall on Sunday mornings when we meet in person, or please let Kim know if you would like to have one mailed to you. Email kfunk@tabormennonite.org or call 367-2318. If no answer, please leave a message.

Tabor Mennonite Women: Since we have not been meeting in person, you are encouraged to send your offering to Denise Nickel, PO Box 173, Goessel, so we can continue to donate to the ministries that we support.

The Christmas Giving Tree: Jesus' love was the greatest gift that God has ever given to humanity. That love continues to inspire us to gift each other with God's grace and love. The Goessel Ministerial Alliance and the Citizens State Bank are sponsoring a "Christmas Giving Tree" to do just that. This tree endeavors to help with some of the expenses of Christmas for those families in need. We invite all parents who feel they could use a little help to fill out an application listing their children by name, age, and some gift suggestions with sizes, if clothing is listed. Besides parents, other people that are aware of needs for children should also fill out the application form.

Applications will be available at the Goessel Elementary and High School offices, the Goessel City Office, the Crossroads Credit Union and the Citizens State Bank. All applications will need to be turned in by **Friday, November 20** to the Elementary School office or in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Giving Tree" at the Citizens State Bank. Each child's

name turned in will get 2 tags on the tree with their age, sex and gift description. The names of the children will not be on the tag. The tags will be available on the tree at the Citizens State Bank on **Monday, November 23**. All the gifts will need to be brought back to the Bank by **Monday, December 14**. The gifts should be wrapped and the bank personnel will assist with the "checking in" process. The gifts will then be distributed by the Ministerial Alliance.

It is our goal that everyone has a blessed and happy Christmas, both the giver and the receiver. We hope that each of our congregations may enter into this ministry opportunity.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

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!

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

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

--Due to Covid-19 concerns, the WDC office and Resource Library are closed until further notice. All staff members are working from their homes. The best way to contact a staff member is by email, or messages can be left at 316-283-6300. Phone messages will be checked as possible.

--Associate Conference Minister transition: WDC announces that Sandra Montes Martinez has accepted a call to serve as WDC Associate Conference Minister based in Texas. She will begin in this role half-time on December 1, 2020 and move to full time on February 1, 2021.

Sandra's appointment follows consideration of multiple candidates by a Search Advisory Committee composed of representatives from the WDC Executive Board, Ministerial Leadership Commission, Church Planting Commission and Staff Relations Committee.

Mennonite Church USA

--MC USA invites parents and caregivers to join Talashia Keim Yoder, writer of this year's "Advent at Home" devotional, for a free webinar on "Advent with Children," Sunday, November 22 at 2 p.m. The author will share simple ways to celebrate Advent as a family, as well as various ways to use the devotional. Register by Thursday, November 19: <https://bit.ly/37Lttbo>

--Service Adventure is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 service term! Grow in leadership and faith as you spend a year serving and living in community with others your age and with unit leaders. Visit MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure to learn more!

Camp Mennoscah is a wonderful place for family gatherings of whatever size! A variety of facilities fit any number of family groupings. Or maybe you only need a space during the day for walking the trails or playing disc golf. There is plenty of outdoor space! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org to reserve! You are welcome here!

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC): A memorable, meaningful and unique MCC gift to give this Christmas! Grab a piece of MCC history to use in a modern day Mennonite feeding station - your home! Get one for yourself and order more for family and friends. Hang it on the wall in your kitchen or dining room, display it on a shelf or use it as a serving tray! Remember the kitchen at your church, too. Each tray was uniquely handcrafted by an artisan in Siberia using Siberian hardwood. The tray is 16" in diameter and 2" deep. Suggested donation per tray is \$150. Full details and pictures are available at <https://mcc.org/feeding-station-tray>.

Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Mon., Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Bethel College:

--Bethel College Women's Association (BCWA) is looking for Newton-area bakers to help support the college by supplying baked goods for this year's "5 Places of Christmas" on Dec. 5. Follow this link for sign-up options: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BABAF2EA4FDCF8-baked>

