

Tabor Mennonite Church

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“Stories that Stick”

Healing

This week we reflect on the story of Jesus’ encounter with John’s disciples, who asked him, “Are you the One who is to come?” Jesus’ answer is a reminder that our lives, our words, and our deeds proclaim the Good News of God’s Kingdom.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE	Russell Adrian
WELCOME AND PRAYER	Peter Goerzen
GATHERING HYMN	<i>“Will You Come and Follow Me”</i> -vs.1, 3, & 5 No. 540 <i>Voices Together</i>
CHILDREN’S STORY	Janna Duerksen
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 7:18-23</i> Erica Stoltzfus <i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>
SERMON	Pastor Katherine Goerzen
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>“Healer Of Our Every Ill”</i> -vs. 1, 3, & 4 No. 377 <i>Hymnal: A Worship Book</i>
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER	
OFFERTORY PRAYER	Pastor Phil Schmidt
SENDING BLESSING	

Words for hymns in bulletin

Sunday, January 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.

Worship Service: We invite everyone to watch the worship playlist via YouTube.

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWJe_BGI_rnKwhg9Jvk7fDE0pTxnlwdtI

Faith Formation

9:00 am: Sharing and breakout rooms via Zoom.

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.

Children’s Faith Formation: SHINE Winter curriculum.

See announcements for details and find in attachment to email.

3:00 pm: Junior High Youth Fellowship meet in the Tabor Church Park.

This Week

We celebrate with Dora Unruh who will turn 90 on February 2. Tabor will gift her with a flower arrangement.



Mon. Feb. 1, 7 pm - Men’s Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. Feb. 2, 10 am - Staff meeting.
7 pm - Church Council Zoom meeting.

Next Sunday, February 7

9:00 am: Faith Formation via Zoom.

Worship: We continue our “Stories that Stick” worship series by focusing on the theme of “Hope.” The scripture focus will be Luke 6:32-36 and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

Drive-in worship services will be held on February 7 and 14 at 1:30 pm. This will allow us to gather during a warmer part of the day. Join us for Pastor Phil’s last two Sundays as we celebrate his ministry with us. Drive in to the church parking lot to listen via FM Radio 107.1, or view via YouTube Livestream (YouTube recoding will also be available following the service).

3:00 pm: Junior High Youth Fellowship meet in the Tabor Church Park.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ All who have been impacted by the extreme and unstable weather conditions. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for God's creation, and pray for WDC congregations as they seek ways to practice faithful stewardship of the natural environment.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN praises God for John Fumana of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Bruce Yoder of Canada, who have said "yes" to God's call to work as a team of executive coordinators for Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission. Pray for Bruce and John as they begin their new roles tomorrow.

Continue to Pray for:

- ★ the Tabor Deacon Board as they meet to discern interim leadership and for our congregation as we move into this time of transition. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Pastor Phil and his family as they are in their last weeks of serving at Tabor. Lord, hear our prayer for opportunities to find meaningful ways to say goodbye in spite of the challenging circumstances that the pandemic presents us with.
- ★ all in our congregation and community who are sick with COVID-19, all who are recovering from surgery, all who are dealing with other illness, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ all who live and work at Bethesda Home, Schowalter Villa, Kidron Bethel and area nursing homes as they continue caring for residents recovering from Covid. Lord, hear our prayers for strength, healing, and peace.
- ★ school administrators, teachers, and students as they continue to deal with staff and students out due to Covid and quarantine. Lord, hear our prayer.

Congregational Announcements

The deacon team is in the process of discerning our future interim leadership. We ask for your prayers as we move through this transitional time.
~Emil Schmidt, for the Deacons

Children's Faith Formation: In January and February a weekly page of suggestions from the SHINE winter quarter curriculum will be provided as via email. The "All of Us" book and student booklets handed out before Christmas will be used. Please contact Pam Abrahams with any questions.

Directory Updates: Please submit any updates for the 2021 Tabor Church Directory to kfunk@tabormennonite.org or call 367-2318. If no answer, please leave a message. Thank you.

Bloodmobile: The need for blood products is ongoing. Please consider donating on February 8 between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Mennonite Church. Many donation openings are still available. Single unit donations are greatly appreciated. In addition, Power Red donations, which are the equivalent of two red cell units, are encouraged if you have type O+, O-, A-, or B-. Darcy Buller has given Power Red donations, and says the donation time is only about 20 minutes longer. Sign up for your appointment time at redcrossblood.org. Testing for COVID antibodies is performed. For more information contact Rosie Reimer 620-367-2418 or Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

Hesston College online event for February 20, 2021: What if They Don't Come Back? More information: <https://www.hesston.edu/academics/departments/call-program/weekend-college/what-if-they-dont-come-back/>
If you plan to attend, please contact the church office. You will be registered with Tabor to qualify for a group registration discount.

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!

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

--WDC announces that Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui will join the WDC staff team as part-time Interim Administrative Assistant on February 1. She will assist in supporting pastors and congregations in Texas, Hispanic ministries, and in church planting. She brings a wide range of church and ministry-related experience. She currently serves as Associate Director for Hispanic Ministries for Pastoral & Leadership Education, a program of Mennonite Education Agency (MEA), where she assists in providing leadership to the work of the Hispanic Ministries office and programs, especially the Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA). Through her work, she enjoys working with and meeting people from different nationalities. Violeta is a graduate of Bethel College and Hesston College. In her free

time, Violeta serves on the Et Cetera Shop Board (Newton, KS). Violeta has served with WDC for many years (Executive Board, Home Missions Committee, Church Planting Commission, conference minister search committees, WDC 125th year anniversary taskforce). Her love of serving the people of God and her experience will be a great contribution to WDC's core tasks and denominational networking. We are excited to welcome Violeta to this new role!

--**We want to express our appreciation** to everyone who has given to WDC over the past year to help our congregations Witness & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just & loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world. Your generous gifts are appreciated as we have all navigated ministry in these uncertain times! We continue to invite your contributions as we are looking toward our fiscal year end on January 31! You may make an online contribution [HERE](#) or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

Mennonite Church USA:

--**MC USA's annual Lent at Home** guide is now available for download at: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/lent-at-home/>.

--**Mennonite Men**, a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA, has launched JoinTrees, an initiative to plant a million trees and protect 5,000 acres over the next decade. Learn how to get involved at mennonitemen.org/jointrees

--**Menno Snapshots**: Read how the new Voices Together hymnal connects to our Anabaptist roots in the blog, "Sixteenth-century Anabaptist material in Voices Together." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/16century>

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Comforter Blitz: At Home.

The annual MCC Comforter Blitz is happening virtually this year from now through March! The Kansas Friends of MCC committee is challenging congregations and individuals to complete 300 comforters for MCC by the end of March! Read all the details and information on getting comforter making supplies from MCC at mcc.org/blitz-at-home. Share pictures of your work on the MCC Comforter Blitz Facebook page. Contact katemast@mcc.org or 316.804.8432 with questions.

Camp Mennoscah

--**There are volunteer opportunities for you!** Camp Mennoscah continually has year-round work to support the maintenance and upkeep of the campus and facilities. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Check out these ways to Get Involved! Email office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

--Registration is open for the **Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** at Camp Mennoscah on March 5-7 and March 19-21! Once the retreats are full, sign up on the waitlist. Register at www.campmennoscah.org!

--Nothing's better than a summer at camp! [Watch this video](#) created by Mennonite Camping Association about why you should work at camp. [Applications for Camp Mennoscah Summer Staff](#) positions are now being accepted!

--Camp Mennoscah is an amazing space for families and groups to connect! Facilities for differently sized groups are available with a variety of gathering areas. Trails and fields are waiting to be hiked and used for fun activities, too! Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org to reserve.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp:

--**VISION 2020 Capital Campaign Celebration, Jan. 31 @ 6:00 p.m.** - We want to celebrate and show gratitude to the many Spirit led volunteers and donors for the accomplishments made with our VISION 2020 Campaign over the past decade. Please join us as we recognize what we have successfully completed since 2012 with so many critical Campaign Projects such as our exciting new Pleiades multipurpose facility, critically needed new spring water system, the renovation of the Boys Bathhouse and much more. Hundreds of camp volunteers and donors have invested in our VISION 2020 Campaign. Celebrating our progress to date is a joy we can relish as we begin a new year for and share future VISION goals. Any photos or videos to share are welcomed (info@rmmc.org). Please let us know if you can join us and a Zoom link will be sent 2 hours prior to the Sunday gathering. We hope to see you with us on January 31st.

--**Young Adult Snow Camp, Feb. 5-7** - Join young adults in the Rockies for a great time of fellowship and fun even with masks and appropriate distancing. The retreat is filled with activities that can be done safely indoors and out like ping pong, broom ball, tubing and snow shoeing, while also allowing for free time to rest if you want.

The KIPCOR Film Series at Bethel College is serving up a second helping of Cooked: Survival by Zip Code, which focuses on the deadly 1995 Chicago heat wave to illustrate how Black, Indigenous and People of Color and low-income citizens suffer the most negative impact from natural disasters. The film is an indictment of U.S. disaster preparedness, and connects extreme weather, extreme disparity (income and other) and extreme racism. Go to kipcor.org, "Film Series," for a link to watch Cooked for free and a link to register for the Feb. 7 virtual discussion; advance registration is required to participate in the discussion, which will be held in break-out rooms, with leaders who include Chicagoans who experienced the 1995 heat disaster.

!Explore helps youth test ministry gifts. Through AMBS's !Explore program, students in grades 10–12 explore ministry, theology and spiritual practices and listen for God's call through a summer congregational internship and a Group Experience (at AMBS in 2021 and Mennonite World Conference in 2022). Students can participate in both summers and receive a \$1,000 stipend each year. Applications are due March 15 — tap a shoulder! ambs.edu/explore

Hymns for Worship

Will You Come and Follow Me

Voices Together No. 540

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Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Healer Of Our Every Ill

Hymnal: A Worship Book No. 377

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Refrain:

Healer of our ev'ry ill, Light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

Refrain

Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

Refrain

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Refrain

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