

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### Reconciliation With Others

On this final day of this series, we focus on our calling to pursue reconciliation with others. This ministry is grounded in God's reconciling work through the cross. Christ has already broken down the dividing walls between us, and yet this work can be so difficult in an increasingly polarized world. May God's Spirit open our hearts to join in God's ministry of reconciliation, which the world so desperately needs.

### WORSHIP

|                                   |   |                          |
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| PRELUDE                           |   | Michelle Unruh           |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS         |   | Nathan Ashley            |
| GATHERING PRAYER                  |   |                          |
| WORSHIP MUSIC                     | <i>"Great is Thy Faithfulness"</i>  | Venita Schroeder         |
| CHILDREN'S STORY                  |   | Kim Funk                 |
| SCRIPTURE READING                 | <i>Ephesians 2:11-22</i><br><i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ <b>Thanks be to God!</b></i> | Cleo Koop                |
| SERMON                            |   | Pastor Katherine Goerzen |
| HYMN OF RESPONSE                  | <i>"Together"</i>   | No. 389 VT               |
| CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER |   | Pastor Luke Unruh        |
| SENDING HYMN                      | <i>"Your Grace is Enough"</i>   | No. 167 VT               |
| BENEDICTION                       | <i>Ephesians 3:16-19</i>  |                          |
| POSTLUDE                          |   |                          |

## Sunday, May 16

Welcome to worship at Tabor Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Russ and Barb Abrahams. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

### 9:00 am: Faith Formation

Sharing and breakout rooms via Zoom.

Zoom connection information:

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

### 10:45 am: Worship Service in the Sanctuary

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

Link: <https://youtu.be/9Y6yrwNtUKQ>

**Fellowship Time** following worship.

**Children's Faith Formation:** SHINE Spring curriculum.

### This Week

**The east foyer doors will be unlocked 8am-9pm daily.**

**Mon. May 17, 7 pm** - Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

**Tues. May 18, 9 am** - Staff meeting.

**Wed. May 19, 6 pm** - Tabor Mennonite Women Mystery Evening.

**Thurs. May 20, 8 am** - Bulletin and Newsletter items are due.  
**7:30 pm** - Deacon meeting.

### Next Sunday, May 23

#### Note time changes

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday is Pentecost. It is also graduation Sunday and we will recognize our graduates. The Scripture passage for reflection will be Acts 2:1-12 and Reece Hiebert will be preaching.

**There will be a short congregational meeting** following the worship service on May 23 for the congregation to vote to affirm both Lewis Unruh and Ruby Graber as Deacons

**Fellowship Time:** Through the month of May, Fellowship Time will continue following worship. Adult Faith Formation classes are welcome to meet. Everyone is welcome to join a class.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation for adults.

--Adult class led by Bonnie Janzen: Conference Room

--Adult class led by Les Goerzen: Library

--BASIC: North Balcony in Sanctuary

--Café: Hospitality Hall

--WOW: Pastor Katherine's office and ZOOM

--Young Adult class led by Peter Goerzen: Sanctuary

## Prayer Requests

*The following prayer requests were shared on May 9:*

- ★ Donavon Schmidt shared that his brother-in-law, Jim Wuertz, died this past week. He is grateful that his suffering from cancer is over, and yet he and others are grieving Jim's loss. He requests prayers for his sister Vera and her daughter Natalie. Lord, hear our prayers for peace and comfort to surround those who are grieving Jim's death.
- ★ Pastor Katherine shared a prayer request from MMN for Colombia, a country experiencing political unrest and a deadly third wave of the coronavirus pandemic. Lord, hear our prayers for all who are suffering due to illness, loss of loved ones, and injustice!!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ the family of Dora Unruh. Dora died peacefully on May 10. A memorial service will take place at Tabor on May 28 at 6 pm. There will be a visitation on May 27 from 7-9 pm in the Hospitality Hall. Lord, hear our prayers for Lewis and Carrie, Harlin and Doris, James and Karen and their families as they grieve the loss of Dora.
- ★ students, teachers and staff as the school year comes to a close. We are grateful that with the decline in Covid cases and vaccinations increasing, that the school year is ending well. Thanks be to God.
- ★ the people throughout the world who are still facing the height of pandemic with many lives lost. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Stewardship Commission, meeting this week to discern faithful use of resources, and give thanks for generous contributions that support conference ministry.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Join MMN in praising God for Robin Gingerich's 20 years of ministry at LCC International University in Lithuania. Pray for students from around the world, who persevere in learning despite the many difficulties caused by COVID-19 restrictions, which compound other trauma they may have experienced in their lives.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Thanks be to God for the child and family dedication service that took place this past Sunday!

| Offering and Worship<br>May 9, 2021             |               |
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| Offering  | = \$ 1,531.00 |
| Attendance                                      | = 108         |
| Worship Link Views                              | = 42          |
| Views to links may include more than one person |               |

## Congregational Announcements

**Memorial Day Services:** A memorial service will take place in the Tabor Church Cemetery on Monday, May 31 at 10 am. A service will be held at Alexanderwohl Church Cemetery on Sunday, May 30, at 11:45 following their worship service. (please note change of date from prior years). Goessel Mennonite Church memorial service will be passed on as information is forthcoming.

**The Deacons** are planning to have intentional conversations this summer during some of the Faith Formation times to discuss questions such as "what is important to our congregation" and "what are our core values". We will likely include a third party to help us with these conversations, with plans to form a pastoral search committee in fall.

**Safe Sanctuaries:** Tabor is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth and adults who participate in ministries. For 2021 the participation covenant includes watching this 40 min training video, reading the 12 points of abuse prevention along with reading and signing the commitment which is in your mailbox. **Please place your signed covenant in Gayle Funk's mailbox.** Contact Gayle ([gayle@livingroomsbygayle.com](mailto:gayle@livingroomsbygayle.com) or 316/772-1186) if you will not be in church and would like the forms e-mailed to you. Whether you are a teacher, helper, parent, grandparent, transporter, mentor, church leader, or just like to visit with youth – this is a very educational video for all of us!

**Membership Meal:** Pastor Katherine is planning to host a membership meal early this summer for everyone who is interested in becoming a member of Tabor Mennonite Church. If you are interested in joining Tabor as a Member or an Associate Member, please let Pastor Katherine know.

**Tabor Mennonite Women Annual Mystery Evening** is Wednesday, May 19. Please meet at church at 6:30 pm. There will be no carpooling for this event; we will bring the mystery to you! Sign up was required. If you missed that, please call Denise Nickel at 620-345-6873 ([oreo@mtelco.net](mailto:oreo@mtelco.net)) or Barb Banman at 620-345-6822 ([kbbanman@gmail.com](mailto:kbbanman@gmail.com)). The cost is \$10.00 and there will be an option to bring an offering for TMW charities that we regularly donate to. There will not be a meal but dessert will be served. We will be social distancing, masks preferred. Bring a lawn chair if you have one. It's a mysterious evening!

**Tabor Church's week at New Hope Shelter** is coming up May 19 through May 25. We are responsible to fill the evening shifts each of those days and the night shifts on May 21 and 22. If you can help, please let me know. If you have never served before but are interested, please let me know and I can get you scheduled for an orientation.

~Barb Abrahams

**Bethesda Home Annual Meeting** will be held Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. There will be 2 means of attending this event: 1) Attendees may meet on the front drive of Bethesda (with masks) or 2) Join the Live Stream on Facebook – Bethesda Home. If there is inclement weather the event will only be on Facebook. The meeting will include an update of Bethesda (COVID practices), election of board members, financial report, AND a piece of pie to take with you. It's a time to celebrate the ministry of Bethesda. We hope you can join us!

**Attention Readers!** Check in the church library for new Box of Books selections from the Western District Conference Resource Library! There's something for everyone - fiction, non-fiction, children and adults. If this whets your appetite for more books, the WDC Resource Library is again open to the public after over a year of being closed due to Covid-19. It's a great library - I highly recommend that you check it out sometime!  
~Nancy Funk

**VBS at Tabor!** As we plan to spend most of our time outdoors this year, we are looking to borrow several E-Z UP or other pop-up canopy style tents (roughly 10' x 10'). If you have one we could borrow, please let Pam Abrahams, Eunice Nickel, or Keri Unruh know. Tents could be brought to church by Sunday June 6 and taken home on Sunday June 13.

**Mission Partners:** Tabor Church has begun a new mission partner relationship with Joseph and Rachel Givens who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network in France. To aid with communication and to offer support, it would be helpful to have a group of individuals who could serve as contacts with them. This could be a Faith Formation class, a small group, or anyone interested in this ministry. Please contact the church office if this is something that you would like to pursue.

**The Outreach Team** would welcome new members. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry at Tabor, contact Shelley Buller, Kim Funk, or one of the Pastors.

**Rejoice!** The summer issue of Rejoice! Devotional is available for you to pick up from the table in the foyer. If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, please notify the church office.

**Because No One Should Go Hungry:** The purpose of the Tabor Church Food Pantry is to provide food at no cost for families in need in the Goessel area. If you are struggling financially to make ends meet, know that you are not alone. We are here to help! Please call to set up a time to get your food. 367-2318 - Tabor Church; 747-0408 - Kim Funk; 367-2747 - Janna Duerksen; 367-2437 - Laura Unrau. This is a ministry supported by the Goessel area churches and community.

## Covid19 Protocol for May

--Mask Wearing Indoors is still encouraged but not mandated. Masks are not required outdoors, although will be respected if you feel most comfortable wearing them.

--During the worship service the people speaking from the front microphones (behind the pulpit or on the floor) are encouraged to remove your mask to accommodate those who have had difficulty understanding the speakers. Vocalists on the stage are encouraged to continue to wear a mask. The congregation is invited to sing on the last hymn of the service.

--Contact Trace Recording will be discontinued. If you test positive after attending a church event, PLEASE call one of the Covid Task Team or the church office.

--Sanitizing stations will remain available and encouraged to be used.

--Social Distance seating arrangement in the sanctuary will continue to be used through May.

--Mailboxes will again be used.

--Gatherings that include serving of food are still discouraged. Groups of less than 50 may meet with food if individual plates are prepared and served (versus potluck style).

Thank You, Covid Task Team – Gayle Funk, Duane Duerksen, Erica Stoltzfus

## Conference Announcements

**Western District Conference:** The WDC Resource Library is now open to the public - Library capacity will be limited to one household in the library at a time. The self-checkout station & library catalog computer will remain off during this phase of reopening. Please see library staff or WDC staff for assistance in looking up items (or browse the catalog on your smartphone). Please plan to make your visit to the library quick and not linger (couches/chairs will be turned around for the time being). Please stop at the WDC front lobby to check whether there is anyone in the library. Questions? Contact the library at [crlib@mennowdc.org](mailto:crlib@mennowdc.org) As in the rest of the WDC offices, masks are required while you are in the library. The library continues to offer service to any individual or congregation in WDC via the United States Postal Service--check out the online catalog [here](#).

**Camp Mennoscah** has volunteer opportunities available both now and throughout the summer!

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| --Amphitheater renovations (May 14-15) | --Work Day (May 22)            |
| --Tent assembly (May 28-29)            | --Trail bridge (concrete work) |
| --Mowing (weekly)                      | --Cleaning/custodial (weekly)  |

...and so much more! [Check out this list of great ways to be involved!](#)

Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290

or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) to make arrangements.

### Mennonite Central Committee:

**--MCC Central States COVID-19 update:** We look forward to re-opening the MCC office in N Newton on July 6. Please keep us in your prayers as we consider our protocols, processes and capacity. Material resources donations continue to be accepted in the 24-hour donation room. Financial donations can be made at [mcc.org](http://mcc.org), mailed to the office (MCC Central States, PO BOX 235, N Newton, KS 67117) or dropped off by appointment. Please call the MCC office at 316-283-2720 with any questions. Thank you for continuing to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

**--SWAP summer staff needed!** MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is in need of Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators to support home repair projects in Kimball, West Virginia or Harlan, Kentucky. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but these paid roles are not limited to young adults. For more information and to apply, visit [mcc.org/swap-summer-staff](http://mcc.org/swap-summer-staff) or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or [AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org](mailto:AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org).

**--HR Generalist:** MCC is looking for someone with excellent relational skills, intercultural competency and HR experience in recruitment/selection, benefits administration, onboarding or policy work to join our team as a full time HR Generalist. This position is open for someone to be based in the U.S. headquarters in Akron, PA or any regional office including North Newton, KS. The deadline to express interest is May 31. For more information and to apply click here: [HR Generalist application](#).

**MennoCon21 newsletter is here!** Read about morning and evening worship, equipping seminars for youth and adults, COVID-19 protocols and more! For the newsletter, registration, and more go to <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp:** The Rocky Mountain [May newsletter](#) is here! Have a look at the latest/greatest happenings at RMMC. Please visit the camp website and click on the ["News"](#) tab under "About Us".

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** As we at MDS plan for the summer months, we also look ahead to fall season! Please let us know your availability if you are interested in serving in the time frame of August - December. You can do so by joining the waitlist for [weekly volunteers](#) or [leadership & RV volunteers](#). You can also contact your volunteer coordinator by calling 800-241-8111.

**Bethel College:** Sunday, May 16 – Bethel College commencement, admission is by ticket only. Please keep the Class of 2021 and their families in your prayers.

**Everence** will host the following free, online webinars during the month of May; all starting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18: *Navigating education savings: 529 plans*. Tuesday, May 25: *Social Security and retirement income planning*. To register, or learn more about each webinar event, please visit our webpage at [everence.com/kansas](http://everence.com/kansas).



*Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale*  
*2021*

**July 2 & 3 | Kansas State Fairgrounds**

The KS MCC Sale Board is excited that we will be able to host the KS MCC Sale again this summer. We think that we can host a safe event for everyone by moving the event to July. There will be some modifications and precautions taken due to July warmer weather as well as Covid concerns. Most of those changes will effect ethnic food options.

**MOST IMPORTANT:** We host this annual event to generate money so MCC can help those around the world who are starving due to war and famine. This event is the best way for you and your family to help with this need. NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL. MCC has always operated by many people doing something which translates to a miracle for those in need.

There are MANY ways to get involved. Make something to be sold at the sale; donate new or like new items that can be sold at the sale; put pre-sale expense money in Jerry & Leann Toews church mail box (as of last night Mennonites around Kansas have met \$72,000 of the \$84,000 budget); volunteer on sale days; run the 5K and raise money; make baked goods such as zwiebach and pies; come up with your own way of raising money for the event. We encourage faith formation classes to think of ways to help. Be a part of one of the most fun events of the year!

Check out the website: [kansas.mccsale.org](http://kansas.mccsale.org)

~Relief Sale Contact Persons  
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