



PENTECOST

Graduation Recognition Sunday

Though we recognize that this past year has been difficult, we trust that God's Spirit continues to rush into our congregation, our lives, and our world like a mighty wind, breathing new life into places of fear, frustration, and grief. On this Pentecost Sunday, as we remember and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, we are grateful to be led in worship by a number of our graduates. Thanks be to God for the ways that God's Spirit is working in and through their lives!

WORSHIP

PRELUDE	Pastor Katherine Goerzen
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Michael Unruh
GATHERING PRAYER	
PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peach of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>
WORSHIP MUSIC	Russell Adrian
CHILDREN'S STORY	Joshua Schmidt
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Proverbs 3:5-10; Acts 2:1-4</i> Dawson Duerksen <i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>
SERMON	Reece Hiebert
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Holy Spirit, Come with Power"</i> No. 57
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER	Pastor Luke Unruh Graduate Recognition Dawson Duerksen ~ Goessel High School Olivia Duerksen ~ Tabor College Reece Hiebert ~ Washburn University School of Law Joshua Schmidt ~ Kansas State University Michael Unruh ~ Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
HYMN	<i>"Spirit of the Living God"</i> No. 740
SENDING HYMN	<i>"How Can We Be Silent"</i> No. 790
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	

Sunday, May 23

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

Note time changes

9:30 am: Worship Service in the Sanctuary

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

Link: <https://youtu.be/-HCfZasiEGw>

There will be a short congregational meeting following the worship service 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

Children's Faith Formation: SHINE Spring curriculum.

This Week

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

May 19 - 25 - Tabor Serves at New Hope Shelter.

Mon. May 24, 7 pm - Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

Tues. May 25, 9 am - Staff meeting.

Thurs. May 27, 8 am - Bulletin announcements are due.

7-9pm - Visitation with Dora Unruh family, Hospitality Hall.

Fri. May 28, 6pm - Memorial Service for Dora Unruh, Tabor Church.

Sat. May 29, 3-9 pm - Camp 412 (Junior High) at Tabor.

Next Sunday, May 30

9:30 am: Next Sunday is Memorial Sunday. During the service we will remember the lives of those in our Tabor Church family lost in the last year. The Scripture passages for reflection will be 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 and Hebrews 12:1-2. This service will include sharing from congregation members and excerpts from life sketches. There will also be a candle lighting service in memory of those who have died.

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Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on May 16:

- ★ Steve Janzen recognized that this would be the last Sunday that Elizabeth Alderfer would be at Tabor for a while. Liz traveled to Juneau, Alaska on Monday where she will be on staff at Echo Ranch Bible Camp for the summer. Thanks be to God that she accepted this call to serve! For Dale, Mary, and Isabelle as they adjust for the summer, and for Elizabeth as she shares God's love, Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ Jim Graber gave thanks to everyone who took part in the service, as it was very meaningful to him! Thanks be to God!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Camp 412 which will be held at Tabor on Saturday. Lord, hear our prayers for leaders as plans are finalized and camp takes place. Thanks be to God for the students and the opportunity that they have to grow in their relationship with God!
- ★ VBS leaders as they make preparations for a week of bringing the Word of God to our children. Lord, hear our prayers for a fruitful week. Thanks be to God for the children who will attend!!
- ★ Phil, Mary, Ethan and Noah as they prepare for and make their move to Indiana this coming weekend. Lord, hear our prayer for safe travels and a good transition to their new home. Thanks be to God for the years with Phil as Pastor at Tabor and our years shared with the family.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the WDC Resource Library, as congregations and individuals use its materials for spiritual growth, sermon preparation, leadership development, Bible study, children's stories, and many other forms of learning and faith formation.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for the board members of the Paris (France) Mennonite Center as they meet on Friday, May 28. May they discern God's leading as they evaluate priorities and explore new global relationships.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ All of our graduates! Thanks be to God for the educational opportunities which all of our children and youth benefit from.
- ★ Ruby Graber and Lewis Unruh who have responded to the call to serve as Tabor Deacons. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Gail Graber, who will retire as Chaplain at Bethesda Home & Retirement Center on May 27. Thanks be to God for Gail and the compassion and care she has shown to Bethesda residents and all who come in contact with her! And Lord, hear our prayers as Bethesda Home searches for a new Chaplain.

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. Goessel Mennonite Church will remember family members and those from the congregation who have died in 2020 until the present during morning worship and everyone is invited to visit the cemetery at their leisure.

Upcoming: A memorial service for Rose Voth will take place at Tabor Church on Saturday, June 5 at 11 a.m.

Still room at the inn! Camp Mennoscah still has a few openings at most camps. Register online at campmennoscah.org!
Reminder: If your child/children are going to camp (Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain Mennonite), please contact the church office with the dates of the camp they attend and the scholarship that Tabor Education provides will be reimbursed directly to you.

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 <https://youtu.be/q3VgxRpe0OA>, 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 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.

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!

Donate Blood: The need for blood products is ongoing. Please consider donating on June 7 between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Mennonite Church. Students are encouraged to give, and are eligible to donate if 17 years old (or 16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 lbs. 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-. Sign up for your appointment time online at redcrossblood.org. For more information contact Rosie Reimer 620-367-2418 or Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

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 Annual Assembly** will be held July 30-August 1, focusing on the theme of "Woven Into God's Story", based on Colossians 2:2-7. Some parts of it will be only virtual, and other parts will be only on-site at Faith Mennonite Church in Newton. Much of it will be hybrid with people on-site and virtual sharing together. Information is posted as it becomes available, and online registration will be available at the beginning of June at: <https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>

--**Special Annual Assembly Storytelling Opportunity!** WDC's Assembly theme July 30-August 1 is "Woven into God's Story." The folks at StoryCorps have invited WDC to partner with their storytelling project, One Small Step, to share and record our own stories within WDC. For more information see this week's WDC Sprouts. Registration deadline is June 25.

--**The WDC Resource Library** invites children ages 3-8 to join us for an outdoor Green Things **Summer Story Hour**. On Thursdays starting June 3 at 10:00am, we will meet in front of the North Newton City Building at 2601 N. Main. Register [here](#) or at mennowdc.org/library

--**BIG NEWS from the Western District Women in Mission!** The Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will happen in-person! Please circle the dates of Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12. Some things will look different, we'll send out more details and registration information later this summer; hope to see you there!

Camp Mennoscah:

--**Counselors, volunteers, and program staff!** Camp Mennoscah needs your information/application forms (parts 1 & 2) as soon as possible to prepare for a summer of grand fun and exceptional faith. Difficulties? Contact 620-297-3290!

--**Kitchen staff needed!** Camp Mennoscah is still looking for kitchen staff for June 6-12 and July 18-24. No professional cooking skills needed --just an ability to follow directions and some happiness to share! Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Mennonite Central Committee:

--**MCC** Webinars on Wednesday, May 26!

*May 26, 12-1:30 p.m. CDT The Color of Compromise series: Raymond Chang. By examining historical and present day examples, Chang will speak about how racism impacts Asian Americans in the church.

*May 26, 7 p.m. CDT The Right to Stay and the Right to Go: Migration for Human Dignity. Join Bonnie Klassen and Anna Vogt to learn how MCC understands the different faces and forms of migration in Latin America. Explore the role of advocacy and community organization for supporting human dignity and enabling people to stay rooted within their local communities.

Register for these webinars and find upcoming webinars on mcc.org.

--Choose Thrift First: Join MCC and take the Choose Thrift First pledge! Learn how you can care for our planet by making secondhand your first shopping choice. Find your nearest MCC thrift shop to shop, donate and volunteer to support the work of MCC.

--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, 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.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The May edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS celebrates the wrap up of its multi-year long Hurricane Harvey response, volunteers are working on two new homes damaged by tornadoes in Ohio and the 2021 Spirit of MDS Fund (MDS Canada) issues 43 grants, worth \$104,900. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3hA4mgR>

Bethel College:

--The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College is offering its core mediation training (Practical Skills for Managing Interpersonal Conflict) via Zoom June 14-18. There is a fee discount if you register before May 28. Go to kipcor.org for more information and online registration.

--Sat., June 5 – The public is invited to Walk Sand Creek Trail Day, part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus, dawn to dusk (6 a.m.-8 p.m.), courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee.

Everence will host the following free, online webinar Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 pm: *Social Security and retirement income planning*. To register, or learn more about each webinar event, please visit our webpage at everence.com/kansas.

Offering and Worship May 16, 2021	
Offering	= \$ 4,625.03
Attendance	= 108
Worship Link Views	= 36
Views to links may include more than one person	



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.

--There are 200+ quilts from the 2020 sale that will be auctioned in July. Additional quilt donations are due June 1. All quilts that were offered on the online sale last year were sold and delivered. If you have helped with the quilt auction in the past, you will be contacted. New recruits are welcome. There will be 2 hour sifts beginning at 9 am on the sale day. Contact Charlene Driggers if you are interested in helping (email: charlene.driggers@gmail.com; text: 16209471749)

--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; 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

--Relief Sale Contact Persons:

Jerry and Leann Toews, Kristin Schmidt, Eric Litwiller



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