

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### Reconciliation With Creation

#### *Mother's Day*

Our theme this morning focuses on Reconciliation with Creation. We are grateful for the beautiful and wondrous world that God has made. And yet, we also realize that creation is groaning as it longs and hopes for God's redemption and healing. Today, we are also grateful for the opportunity to celebrate Child Dedication with two families from our congregation. Thanks be to God!

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE Mark Schmidt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Eunice Nickel

GATHERING PRAYER

WORSHIP MUSIC Isaac Swartzendruber

CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt

SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 8:18-25* Carrie Unruh  
*The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!*

SERMON Pastor Luke Unruh

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"At the Dawn of Your Creation"* No. 179 VT  
Accompanied by Michelle Unruh

### CHILD AND FAMILY DEDICATION

Copeland Robert Booth Son of Josh and Mattison Booth  
Heath Ortiz Unruh Son of Michael and Lina Unruh

### CONGREGATIONAL SHARING and PRAYER

Pastor Katherine Goerzen

SENDING HYMN *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* -vs. 1,2,4,&5 No. 120 VT

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Sunday, May 9

Welcome to worship at Tabor Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Jim and Ruby Graber. 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=Ty9JK0Vyb1ZOLzFnWxdEwyVXRzd09>

-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.

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

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

Link: <https://youtu.be/2wvImUwThhl>

**Fellowship Time** following worship.

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

## This Week

**Beginning this week, the east foyer doors will be unlocked 8am-9pm daily.**

**Mon. May 10, 7 pm** - Men's Bible Study, Tabor Hospitality Hall.

**Tues. May 11, 9 am** - Staff meeting.  
**7 pm** - Christian Education meeting.

**Wed. May 12, 7:30 pm** - VBS Orientation.

**Thurs. May 13, 8 am** - Bulletin items are due.

**Fri. May 14, 7pm** - Bel Canto Concert: Lift Every Voice. Visit [www.hesston.edu/everyvoice](http://www.hesston.edu/everyvoice) for more information and virtual or livestream play options.

**Sat. May 15** - Graduation ceremonies.

10 am: Olivia Duerksen - Tabor College

2 pm: Reece Hiebert: Washburn University School of Law

4 pm: Joshua Schmidt - Kansas State University

4 pm: Dawson Duerksen - Goessel High School

## Next Sunday, May 16

**9:00 am:** Faith Formation via Zoom.

**10:45 am:** Next Sunday we continue our worship series, "Reconciliation." The theme will be Reconciliation with Others. The Scripture passage for reflection will be Ephesians 2:11-22 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

**Fellowship Time** following worship.

## Prayer Requests

*The following prayer requests were shared on May 2:*

- ★ Pastor Luke shared that the deacons had a meeting to affirm Ruby Graber as a deacon to fill Marcene Entz's unexpired term. Thanks be to God for Ruby and her acceptance of the call!!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for God's guidance for WDC congregations, pastors and leaders as they determine priorities and focus vision in the midst of the ongoing challenges and changes of the pandemic.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: On this Mother's Day, MMN requests prayer for all the world's families. May they find the resources to provide for their children, so they will have the joy of seeing their children blossom physically, mentally, socially and spiritually into their full God-created potential.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ our Tabor Students who are graduating. Thanks be to God for this milestone and the opportunities that are before them.
- ★ The Deacons have discerned Ruby Graber to join the Deacon Board; Ruby will complete Marcene Entz's term. We are thankful for the gifts and compassion that Ruby brings to this position! We are also grateful for Marcene and for all of the time and care that she offered as she served in this role. Thanks be to God!
- ★ God's gift of families. We are especially grateful for the dedication of Copeland and Heath this morning and the support of the Tabor congregation to these families. Thanks be to God!

### **A note from former Pastors Ray and Brenda Martin Hurst:**

We wanted to let you and the congregation know that we joined your Livestream worship this past Sunday. (We had an evening worship service at our church on Sunday, so this allowed us to join your service in the morning.) We enjoyed worshipping with you from afar and seeing many familiar faces. We appreciated Katherine's sermon and Luke's leadership in the service. We celebrate the good leadership God has called to Tabor through the years. Seeing that worship space brought back so many wonderful memories of our years there from 1986-1997! We are always filled with much gratitude for this wonderful congregation in which to start our ministry. May God continue to bless Tabor Mennonite Church and your ministries in your communities. ~Brenda and Ray

## Congregational Announcements

**Worship Update** – Beginning May 23 Worship will begin at 9:30 am. Through the month of May, Fellowship Time will continue following worship. Adult Faith Formation classes are welcome to meet at 10:45 in the following locations if they choose to do so. Everyone is welcome to join a class. Adult class led by Bonnie Janzen: Conference Room  
Adult class led by Les Goerzen: Library  
BASIC: North Balcony in Sanctuary  
Café: Hospitality Hall  
Young Adult class led by Peter Goerzen: Sanctuary  
WOW: TBD

**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 (NOTE: The worship service will begin at 9:30 on May 23).

**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 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

**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

**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! Please sign up on the church bulletin board or call Barb Banman at 620-345-6822 ([kbbanman@gmail.com](mailto:kbbanman@gmail.com)) or Denise Nickel at 620-345-6873 ([oreo@mtelco.net](mailto:oreo@mtelco.net)) by Monday, May 10. 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. If you have a diet restriction, please note that on the sign-up sheet. We will be social distancing, masks preferred. Bring a lawn chair if you have one. It's a mysterious evening!

**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.

To register for VBS, use the link <https://forms.gle/gkHPyiwQMyYbkyNA>, or a printed registration form may be picked up at church. Please note that we will be starting at 9 am this year.

**Jr. High Camp:** We are still accepting registrations for Camp 412 for 7th and 8th graders this summer! We will be having input provided by an area pastor, worship, campfire, games, crafts, supper, swimming, and The Annual Talent Show. Your child won't want to miss this unique way of bringing camp to our community! Sign up soon to guarantee a free T-shirt! The link to register is <https://forms.gle/589UmVHBp14T3MNRA>. If you have any questions, please contact one of us! Laura Unrau 620-386-4331 [lauraelaine25@gmail.com](mailto:lauraelaine25@gmail.com) Michelle Unruh 620-747-0991 [michellerunruh@gmail.com](mailto:michellerunruh@gmail.com)

**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 shelf beneath the church mailboxes. 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

-- Camp Mennoscah needs nurses for June 17-19 (First Camp), June 20-26 (Junior I) and July 25-30 (Senior High). Nurses receive a stipend or a discount up to full camp fees for their camper (camper does not have to attend the same camp week).

--Volunteers are needed to help set up the HUGE tents used for this summer's youth camps at Camp Mennoscah. Setup will happen May 28 and 29. Sign up by May 15 using contact info below.

--Congratulations! Deborah, Camp Mennoscah's dedicated and generous office assistant of over 7 years, is retiring! She has reduced her hours and has graciously agreed to stay on for a time while the next assistant is found. Camp Mennoscah is seeking someone to share in office/support operations and guest services in a position with potential growth.

--For all of the above, contact us at [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290 for more information.

## Bethel College:

--Sunday, May 9, 2 p.m. -- Concert by Bethel College's small a cappella ensembles Open Road (men) and Woven (women), on the steps of the Administration Building on campus. *Bring your own chairs/blankets for outdoor events. Please note that face coverings must be worn and physical distancing observed on the Bethel campus.*

--Sunday, May 16 -- Bethel College commencement (4 p.m.) Baccalaureate worship service (10 a.m.), both in Thresher Stadium, with Memorial Hall as a rain back-up. Because of COVID-19 protocols, admission is by ticket only, with graduates receiving a certain number each. 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.

--*Making your wishes known* - Tuesday, May 11

--*Navigating education savings: 529 plans* - Tuesday, May 18

--*Social Security and retirement income planning* - Tuesday, May 25  
To register, or learn more about each webinar event, please visit our webpage at [everence.com/kansas](https://everence.com/kansas).

### Offering and Worship May 2, 2021

Offering	=	\$ 4,721.85
Attendance	=	95
Worship Link Views	=	31
<i>Views to links may include more than one person</i>		



*Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale*  
**2021**

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

--Your donations for Pre-Sale Expenses for the KS MCC Sale are needed. By email or postal mailings, you have received a list of items that we like to have paid for BEFORE the Sale. PLEASE put your donations in Jerry and Leann Toews mail box at Tabor Church. Make checks out to: KS Mennonite Relief Sale (KMRS). That way ALL money raised at the Sale goes to help the needs of the world. This is one of MANY ways that YOU can get involved in the KS Mennonite Relief Sale. Help make it a FUN event by participating. We joining Mennonites from all over the State of KS in helping collect \$80,000. It seems like a big amount BUT when everyone gives a little it is an EASY task. Join in the FUN!!

~Jerry Toews

--Get your MCC Relief Sale gear (caps, shirts, totes, tea towels) online at <https://wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/> The proceeds from the sale of these products go to support MCC.



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