

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Philippians: Joy Rides

This Sunday we begin a worship series on the book of Philippians. Even though Paul was imprisoned as he wrote this letter to the church in Philippi, this is sometimes referred to as the “epistle of joy” as the word “joy” is referred to at least 15 times in its 4 chapters. May we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, continue to receive and spread the joy that Jesus brings.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Cynthia Goerzen and Children

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Russell Adrian

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 96:1-4, 10-13*

GATHERING SONG “I Will Sing for Joy” No. 28 CS

GATHERING PRAYER No. 866

HYMN OF PRAISE “Joys are Flowing like a River” - vs. 1 & 3 No. 375

PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*

CHILDREN’S STORY Kara Swartzendruber

SCRIPTURE READING *Philippians 1:1-26* Viola Schmidt
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen

HYMN OF RESPONSE “In the Morning When I Rise” - vs. 1, 2, & 4 No. 499

HISTORICAL SHARING Ilona Abrahams

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

SENDING HYMN “You Shall Go Out With Joy” No. 847

BENEDICTION *based on Philippians 1:9-11*

POSTLUDE

Sunday, June 20

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

Thank you to Cynthia Goerzen and her piano students for sharing their gift of music with us this morning. Children: Miriam Nickel, Simeon Abrahams, Bosten Unruh, Lydia Nickel, Weston Sommerfeld, Vatiken Unruh, Hoxie Hiebert, Sophia Abrahams, Jayley Schmidt and Isabelle Alderfer. Accompanist for hymns: Michelle Unruh and Cynthia Goerzen.

9:30 am: Worship Service in the Sanctuary.
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
Link: <https://youtu.be/nbh2NRyZ4J4>

Fellowship Time following worship.

10:45 am: Faith Formation. **Everyone is welcome to join a class.**

Children's Faith Formation will begin at the front of the sanctuary before going out to the park.

Adult Faith Formation:

--Adult class: Adult Quarterly - Conference Room
--Adult class: Sermon Response - Library
--BASIC: Characters in the Bible - Hospitality Hall
--CAFÉ & Young Adults: Discussion & Fellowship - Pastor Katherine's office
--WOW: Book, “God Calling” - South room in basement

Room assignments may be subject to change.

Pastor Luke is away on a personal weekend. He will return to the office on Wednesday, June 23. If you have pastoral needs, please direct them to either a deacon or Pastor Katherine.

This Week

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

Mon. June 21, 7pm - Men's Bible Study in the Hospitality Hall.

Tues. June 22, 9 am - Staff meeting.

Thurs. June 24, 8 am - Bulletin announcements are due.
6 pm - Cleaning of parsonage. *see announcements*

Next Sunday, June 27

9:30 am: Next Sunday we continue our worship series on “Joy!” The series focuses on the book of Philippians, Paul's epistle of joy. The theme will be Joy Rebels and scripture for reflection will be Philippians 1:27-30. Pastor Luke is preaching.

Fellowship Time following worship.

10:45 am: Faith Formation. **Everyone is welcome to join a class.**

Prayer Requests

The following prayer request was shared on Sunday, June 13.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Camp 412 (Goessel Community Junior High Camp) which will be held at Goessel Church this Saturday, June 26. Lord, hear our prayers for leaders and students alike as they meet together. Thanks be to God for this opportunity for students to deepen their faith in God.
- ★ Tabor Children attending camp. Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp and Camp Mennoscah. Lord hear our prayer for a meaningful and fun filled experience.
- ★ The caring quilt is with the Mike and Jodi Unruh family following the death of Mike's Dad, Harold Unruh.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for health and strength for pastors in WDC, as they work with congregational leaders to provide leadership, care and direction for church communities.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: On this Father's Day, pray with MMN that God, who makes all the people of world into one family, will bless the fathers in our world with the resources to help provide for their children, so they will have the joy of seeing their children blossom physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the season of wheat harvest. Lord, hear our prayer for safety for all those involved in harvest. Thanks be to God for the favorable weather and abundant crops!
- ★ our fathers and father figures who influence our lives in positive ways and our Heavenly Father, who guides us all. Thanks be to God!

Congregational Announcements

Tabor Table Talks are scheduled for July 11, July 25, and August 15. These will take place during faith formation hour for adults, and will involve sharing about our faith, looking back at what has been important for our congregation, and looking forward with our hopes and dreams. These round table discussions in the Hospitality Hall and a survey that was sent out will help us know each other and our core values, and will also inform the pastor search committee process.

Thank you to all who helped clean the parsonage this past week!

Round 2 of parsonage cleaning will be Thursday, June 24. Come anytime after 6 pm and please let Camille Adrian know if you can make it. 316-217-5359 or russellandcamille@gmail.com

Delegate Opportunity: If you are interested in being a delegate for the MCUSA Convention (which has an online option and will be held during the afternoon of July 10) or Western District Assembly (a virtual session on the morning of July 31), please let a pastor know and we can discuss details as well as any questions you may have. Thanks!

Save the Date! July 11 will be a fundraiser noon meal to support Dawson Duerksen's upcoming Service Adventure trip. Stay tuned for more information soon!

Camp Mennoscah: 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.

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.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

WDC Annual Assembly, July 30-Aug 1 is by donation this year!

We'll tell you what the cost of this hybrid event is, and you give as you can. If you plan to be on-site, you're welcome to order a box lunch on Saturday or bring your own. Food trucks will offer a variety of supper options on Saturday to purchase for on-site participants. For more Assembly info, go to: <https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>

Staff position opening: WDC seeks a full time Administrative Assistant to work out of its North Newton, KS office, beginning August 25. For more information, position description and application materials, contact Heidi Regier Kreider, Conference Minister, at heidirk@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300.

Camp Mennoscah:

--Family Weekend at Camp Mennoscah on July 17-18! If you are looking for a weekend to escape, Family Weekend offers a smorgasbord of camp activities for you to choose from and plenty of time to roam the river and be with your family and friends. Register at campmennoscah.org and contact 620-297-3290 with questions!

--**Extra help and hands needed** for summer youth camps! Camp Mennoscah has paid and volunteer positions for grounds, maintenance and custodial positions. For those of college age, there is a weekly stipend position that could be a lifeguard, grounds, or custodial position. Contact Camp Mennoscah olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290 for details. You will make camp an amazing experience for everyone!

Mennonite Central Committee:

--**Virtual Borderlands Learning Tour**, June 28 - July 2 from 2-5 p.m. CDT each day via Zoom Engage with the reality of immigration from a different perspective. Through virtual conversations, participants will hear first-hand from folks on the ground about the complexities of the U.S. immigration system, U.S. immigration policies that have worked to dismantle the asylum-seeking process, and the human factor on various sides of the spectrum. For more information and to register: mcc.org/gl-virtual-borderlands.

--June 22 at 7 p.m. CDT join James Wheeler & Linda Herr, Area Directors for Europe & Middle East, to hear **The Gift of Love: Doing our part for healing and wholeness in the world**. Register for the webinar at mcc.org/mcc-webinar-series.

--The **MCC Alumni Gathering** is July 9-11 and all MCC alumni and their families are invited to join us at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. [Please sign up by June 25!](#)

--**Current openings at MCC** can be found at mcc.org. Current open positions include Canning & Trucking Manager, Multimedia Producer, Meat Canner and many international service opportunities.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The June edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS and the Brethren Church formalize a partnership of caring, the last houses in the Land of Hope are dedicated, bringing to completion a three year effort, and youth across the U.S. are packing their bags to embark on MDS Summer Youth programs. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3gsx0PZ>

Bethel College: A team from Bethel College will participate this week (June 22-25) in the 2021 Institute for Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT) Campus Centers. The American Association of Colleges & Universities sponsors the training institute, conducted virtually this year, which has as its goal to dismantle belief in a racial hierarchy based on skin color, physical characteristics and/or country of origin, as a way to eliminate racism. Bethel is one of 78 institutions (the only one from Kansas) that will be participating in the training in order to explore forming TRHT centers on their own campuses. Bethel's team is Christine Crouse-Dick, Peter Goerzen, Robert Milliman, Sheryl Wilson and Kirsten Zerger.

Covid19 Protocol for June

- Mask Wearing Indoors is still encouraged but not mandated. Unvaccinated persons and under the age of 12 are required to wear masks. Masks are not required outdoors. Due to ongoing active Covid cases, large groups in facilities shall still take precaution.
- Social Distance seating arrangement in the sanctuary will be discontinued.
- Social Distance seating on dots during children's story time will continue.
- During worship service the people speaking from the front microphones are encouraged to remove your mask to accommodate those who have difficulty understanding the speakers.
- Musicians are still encouraged to perform from the stage to minimize the transmission of respiratory droplets.
- Congregational singing will resume.
- 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.
- Mailboxes are in use.
- 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



Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 2021

July 2 & 3 | Kansas State Fairgrounds

--There is a Table set up in the Hospitality Hall for you to put your items for the MCC Sale. This can be things you have made such as wood working projects, embroidery, Sunday School projects and just anything that you would like to donate to the sale. Items wanted: anything of GOOD Quality; toys; cookbooks; most anything.

--We DESPERATELY need your help in signing up to help at the MCC Sale. Help make verenike, help serve Feeding the Multitude, help fry verenike, help selling quilts, help in t-shirt booth, help in KS Crafts booth. ALL THESE SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON LINE. Go to website and click on "Volunteer" in Blue at top of page.

--The table in foyer has sign up sheets for Zweibach and Pies that are needed. PLEASE fill the slots.

--If you are running/walking the 5K, PLEASE let Jerry know. Help support 5K runners from Tabor

--Help put up Sale Fliers where you work. You will find these on the table in foyer.

--Kansas Crafts needs items to sell including embroidered, crocheted, and quilted items, jewelry, wooden crafts, rugs, denim items, baby items, doll clothes and much more. Items are also needed for the Kiddie Corner and cookbooks for the Cookbook Nook. Please see the flyer included in the email along with this week's bulletin.

--Bring dark colored hand towels for hygiene kits, or money for relief kits to the MCC booth at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (July 2 & 3 in Hutchinson), to help replenish our supplies at the MCC Resource Center in Newton. Both of these kits have been used for COVID-19 relief efforts around the world and MCC needs more to fulfill requests from partners! You'll find us in Sunflower North, where the General Auction takes place. See you at the sale!

Help where you can, we DO think that we can offer a SAFE KS MCC SALE July 2 and 3.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE KS MCC SALE!!! It is MOST important!! There are MANY folks involved doing the Best they can with MANY unknowns. THANKS

Check out the website: kansas.mccsale.org

--Relief Sale Contact Persons:

Jerry and Leann Toews, Kristin Schmidt, Eric Litwiller

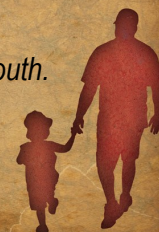
Fathers Day

Let your heart give you

JOY

in the days of your youth.

- Ecclesiastes 11-9 NIV



Offering and Worship June 13, 2021

Offering	=	\$ 3,751.95
VBS Offering Children	=	\$ 675.11
VBS Offering Adults	=	\$ 413.00
VBS Offering for Bethesda Home Friendship Meals		



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