

Tabor Mennonite Church

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VBS Kickoff ~ Come to the Table!

We give thanks for all who will participate in Tabor's Vacation Bible School this coming week! The VBS theme is "Come to the Table!" which will center around stories of Jesus eating with others. In honor of Vacation Bible School, our morning's service will focus on the story from Luke 24 where Jesus eats with his disciples following his resurrection. May our eyes be opened to the ways that God's peace and presence are revealed whenever we eat together!

WORSHIP

PRELUDE	Diane and Michelle Unruh
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Janna Duerksen
GATHERING PRAYER	
PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>
WORSHIP MUSIC	Leann Toews
CHILDREN'S STORY	Kara Swartzendruber
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 24:28-35</i> Isabelle Alderfer <i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>
SERMON	Pastor Katherine Goerzen
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"As You Go Out from Here"</i> No. 841
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DEDICATION	
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER	Pastor Luke Unruh
SENDING HYMN	<i>"Come, Walk With US"</i> No. 23
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	

Sunday, May 30

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

The arrangement this morning is shared by the family of Rose Voth whose Celebration of Life service took place here at Tabor yesterday.



9:30 am: Worship Service in the Sanctuary

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

Link: *please see Tabor website*

Fellowship Time: 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

--CAFE: Hospitality Hall

--WOW: Pastor Katherine's office and ZOOM

--Young Adult class led by Peter Goerzen: Hospitality Hall

This Week

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

Mon. June 7 - Fri. June 11, 9 - 11:45 am - Vacation Bible School.

Mon. June 7, 1 - 6 pm - Blood Mobile at Goessel Church.

7pm - Men's Bible Study in the Hospitality Hall.

Thurs. June 10, 8 am - Bulletin announcements are due.

Next Sunday, June 13

10:00 am: Next Sunday is Bible School Celebration Sunday: "Come to the Table." Join our children and leaders for a morning of sharing and music, and see what the children learned and did during the week.

Following the Celebration there will be a catered picnic (hamburgers, baked beans, chips, carrots, and dessert) in the Tabor Church Park. Please bring your own table service and lawn chairs or blankets.

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on May 30.

- ★ Michelle Unruh shared that Camp 412 met for the first time and that it went very well. She expresses her gratitude for everyone who contributed and made this event possible. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Jerry Toews reflected on his and Leann's wedding anniversary and that 50 years is a long time, but he said that he didn't know how he would ever get along without Leann. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Pam Abrahams expressed her appreciation for Tabor's memorial service this past Sunday and for the opportunity to be together and remember those who have died and the ways they impacted our lives. Thanks be to God!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ All the students and staff who will participate in Tabor's week of Bible School focusing on the theme "Come to the Table." Lord, hear our prayer for a meaningful week of learning and fun!!
- ★ The caring quilt is with the Unruh family following the death of their Mother and Grandmother, Dora Unruh.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC children, youth and their leaders participating in vacation Bible School, and at Camp Mennoscah and other camps this summer.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God with Mennonite Mission Network for the dedication of Service Adventure leaders who are transitioning into other ministries this month. Pray for Cindy Headings (four years), Michelle and Rudy Moyer-Litwiller (three years), and the Eric and Julie Yoder family (three years).

Congregational Announcements

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!

The Deacons continue to work on a series of 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 plan to begin this series in late June. We are intending to include a third party to help us with these conversations, with plans to form a pastoral search committee in fall.

VBS: If you would like to contribute money for snacks for Bible School, please leave your donation in the box in the foyer.

Help Needed: Camille Adrian is organizing a crew to clean the parsonage during the week of June 14th. If you are interested in helping, please contact her at 316-217-5359 or russellandcamille@gmail.com

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.

Support Habitat for Humanity: For those of you that collect aluminum cans there is a bin on the west side of the church that you can place them in. The money raised funds the Habitat for Humanity house in Newton.

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.

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/q3VqxRpe00A>, 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 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!

Bloodmobile: The need for blood products is ongoing. Because of the busy farming season we are still short of our quota and have many mid-afternoon appointments available. Please consider donating single or Power Red units on June 7 between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. 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.

Update for Braxton Church: Braxton, 4-year-old son of Kelcey and Amanda Church, will travel to Boston Children's Hospital from June 5-14 for multiple, highly-specialized surgeries that will take place on June 9th. These surgeries are for Braxton's ongoing GI and airway medical conditions. Braxton, Amanda, & Amanda's cousin will be driving to Boston due to Covid concerns. Please be in prayer for Braxton, his family, and his team of medical providers and surgeons as they continue to care for him, as well as for Kelcey & Natalie who will remain at home. If you would like to follow Braxton's medical journey, check out his Facebook page at fb.me/BraxtonMChurch.

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 Administrative Assistant Nancy Funk has announced her plans to retire August 31, 2021. She writes, *"I am so grateful for the opportunity that I've had to work at WDC for the last 17+ years. My decision to retire at this time comes with mixed feelings of excitement for what's ahead and sadness for what will be left behind. I have enjoyed my work very much and felt valued in my role. Working with the various staff members over the years and learning to know many pastors and others has indeed been a blessing to me. I also look forward to a new chapter of life and the possibilities that it brings."* We are grateful for Nancy's faithful service to WDC, and will be making plans to recognize Nancy and prepare for this transition on the WDC staff. More information will be announced later.

--Laura Goerzen, Pastor at First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge, KS, has resigned effective July 15. She will become the Pastor at First Menonite Church in Newton, KS on August 23.

Mennonite Central Committee:

--Responding to conflict in Gaza: You can provide emergency relief today. The recent violence has made poor humanitarian conditions in Gaza worse, at a time when hospitals were already overwhelmed with COVID-19. Hundreds of homes have been destroyed and damaged with thousands displaced. Your gifts will help MCC partners provide emergency relief, like emergency food, hygiene supplies, household items, housing reconstruction and trauma healing. Thank you for supporting vulnerable families, your compassion and care will be felt across borders and walls. mcc.org/gaza-relief Mennonite Central Committee, P O Box 500, Akron, PA 67501

--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 Mission Network has openings for a Director of Finance and Director of Human Resources, two new positions for the agency. You can find details on our website at www.MennoniteMission.net/employment. To begin the application process, send a resume to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

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. Go to kipcor.org for more information and online registration.

Everence to hold *Basics of investing* webinar: Everence will host a free, online webinar, *Basics of investing*, on Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 pm. Register for this webinar to learn about: The fundamentals of investing, different types of investments available, and how faith values can play a role in your investment decisions. To register, or learn more about this webinar event, please visit our webpage at everence.com/kansas.

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

Offering and Worship May 30, 2021

Offering	=	\$ 3,232.27
Attendance	=	100
Worship Link Views	=	65

Views to links may include more than one person

Quarterly Giving Update through May

Targeted giving: \$ 146,432.00
Actual Giving: \$ 110,839.64



Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
2021

July 2 & 3 | Kansas State Fairgrounds

--Fellowship Meals this year will not be possible due to Covid. To give to MCC while fellowshiping with others and celebrating the work of MCC, here are some options to raise money for MCC:
Invite family or friends over for a meal, plan a block barbecue, Faith Formation class get together, coffee groups gather for meal, prepare meal for your congregation as we start to meet in person again or for curbside pickup or delivery, brainstorm your own way to raise money for MCC through a Fellowship Meal! Suggest a donation amount, any donation amount is fine as no gift is too small for the need is great! The date of meal is flexible and can be held any time between today and July 1, 2021. After your event, please send the completed form (found on sale website or get one from your contact persons) along with donations collected to the address on the form.

--2021 Run/Walk for Relief 5k, July 3 at 8:00am, Rice Park, Hutchinson. Runners and walkers are encouraged to "Go The Extra Mile" by fundraising \$400+ to earn additional swag (long sleeve shirt). Register before June 18 for a guaranteed T-shirt. Packet pick-up will be from 5-8pm Friday, July 2, at the Meadowlark Building in the KS State Fairgrounds or on race day at the Rice Park Shelter House.

--Check out the website: kansas.mccsale.org

--Relief Sale Contact Persons:

Jerry and Leann Toews, Kristin Schmidt, Eric Litwiller



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