



Sunday Worship Themes

August 1 - Joy Unites: Philippians

Philippians 4:1-9

Pastor Katherine Preaching

August 8 - Joy Rides On: Philippians

Philippians 4:9-23

Pastor Luke Preaching

August 15 - On Tabor's Heights:

Returning from Exile

Ezra 1:1-10; Isaiah 40:1-5, 28-31

Pastor Katherine Preaching

August 22 - On Tabor's Heights:

Joy and Sorrow

Ezra 3:8-13; Isaiah 43:1-2, 15-21

Pastor Katherine Preaching

August 29 - On Tabor's Heights:

Christ Our Foundation

Colossians 1:15-23; Isaiah 65:17-25

Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg,
preaching



Tabor Church News

August, 2021

On Tabor's Heights

Many people have used imagery and language of "exile" in thinking about the pandemic, drawing on the biblical stories of exile and lament. Our new worship series (which begins August 15) will focus on passages which highlight the period of return and rebuilding following the exile, with stories from Ezra, Nehemiah, and the latter part of Isaiah. As with the biblical return from exile, there are still a lot of unknowns and things that feel uncertain as we move forward. Even with a return to some semblance of normalcy following the "exile" of the pandemic, there are many things that have changed, there are losses to lament, and there are things that are still unclear. How do we seek to rebuild what was lost because of the pandemic in the midst of so much uncertainty?

Our worship series title, "On Tabor's Heights," comes from the story of our congregation's name, which was influenced by the church's first pastor, P. H. Richert. "One of Richert's favorite expressions was 'on Tabor's Heights' and he is credited with having suggested the name."¹ During this worship series, we will have the opportunity to hear additional stories from people who have been a part of Tabor for much of their lives. Our congregation has a rich and meaningful history that we can build upon. How have we journeyed through adversity and challenging times in the past? What common values and practices hold us together? What is important to us and what is it that makes us who we are as a congregation? It is our hope that these stories can continue to shape us, even as we prayerfully discern together where Christ may be leading our congregation in the future.

We recognize how important and meaningful it has been to share stories and reflections with one another around tables this summer. We look forward to further conversations later this month which will help us prayerfully discern where God may be leading us. As a part of this series, the CAFE class will provide an opportunity to continue to reflect and share with one another, focusing on similar questions to the ones asked by the deacons. We are also looking forward to hosting Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg of Hesston College, who will preach and lead adult faith formation on August 29. Her sermon is entitled "Inviting Community = Words + Actions."

Friends, even when things feel uncertain, we know who it is who holds us together. May we continue to build upon the firm foundation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

~Pastor Katherine



¹Peace, Progress, Promise: A 75th Anniversary History of Tabor Mennonite Church, p. 7



**Mennonite Disaster Service
Kansas Unit**

**Kansas MDS Unit
sponsoring two
Learning and Service Trips
to McAllen Texas**

Dates of two trips:
October 16 - 23
February 19 - 26

Participants will leave Kansas on Saturday morning traveling to San Antonio, TX, staying overnight. Visiting San Antonio Mennonite Church on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon traveling to McAllen, TX for the MDS project.

Costs: Lodging and meals on the two traveling weekends. MDS will cover the remainder of the expenses.

To make your reservations
or for more information contact
Cleo Koop at
cleohkoop@gmail.com
or call 316-282-0797.

If you are interested in volunteering at McAllen, TX on different weeks, please call the volunteer coordinator at 800-241-8111.

We're Human

On Tuesday, July 27, the United States Women's Gymnastics Team competed in the team competition in Tokyo. The women finished with the silver medal, which is an amazing accomplishment on an international stage. However, the headline of the event was the withdrawal of Simone Biles from the competition. It was stated that she left the event for medical reasons, but was later further clarified to be for mental health concerns. Biles stated, "Physically, I feel good. Emotionally it varies on the time and moment. Coming to the Olympics and being head star isn't an easy feat." She has since removed herself from other events as well.

Going into the games, she was credited as being the best gymnast--or even athlete--in the world. This, in turn, causes a lot of pressure. She said that she feels the weight of the world on her shoulders to go out and perform with excellence and nothing less. This took a lot of strength on her part to withdraw from competition on the biggest stage on earth. Many were surprised with this announcement. However, she has received an overwhelming amount of support from people. She stated on Twitter, "the outpouring love & support I've received has made me realize I'm more than my accomplishments and gymnastics which I never truly believed before." We are all human.

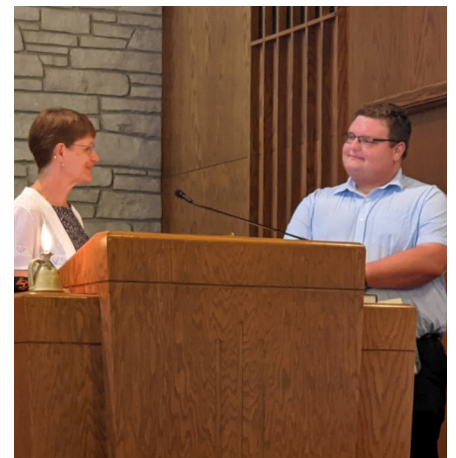
Mental health and the topics surrounding it are making their way into more and more conversations. It is an important issue to talk about. It's important to remember that we do not have to tackle these issues on our own. Reach out to others when you're struggling, and be a listening ear when others reach out to you. God wants us to be fully ourselves and have conversations with others. We can fully love each other by being a support to others and listening in times of distress or joy. Chances are we could use a check in.

It's okay to not be okay sometimes.

Blessings, Pastor Luke



Welcoming New Members
July 18, 2021



Licensing Luke Unruh
for Supply Pastor
July 25, 2021



Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale 2021

Tabor In Action at the Auction



THANK YOU! Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your commitment and thank you for your belief in the purpose of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

The theme of the sale was “let your light shine”, ...a prayer to God to guide us as we prepared for the 2021 sale. But it also was a symbol of coming out of the darkness of the pandemic and trusting that God would light the sale with hope and thankfulness.

Please make plans to attend the Annual Meeting of the KMRS at First Mennonite Church of McPherson on August 26. It will be a time of celebration, a time of thanksgiving and a time of worship.

God Bless You All, for your contributions and help making the 2021 KMRS a SUCCESS.

With Gratitude in My Heart, Jim Robb, Chairman, KMRS Board of Directors¹

¹ Portions of Jim Robb's letter, <https://kansas.mccsale.org/>

Recognizing Our Summer Campers



Campers

Sam Abrahams
Adriana Duerksen
Tristan Francis
Delaney Gibson
Derek Goerzen
Viola Schmidt
Trevor Schmidt
Braxton Unruh

Staff from Tabor

Michelle Unruh
Porclein Unruh
Josh Schmidt
Pastor Luke
Pastor Katherine



Campers

Sophia Abrahams
Hannah Adrian
Adriana Duerksen
Dawson Duerksen
Sophia Goerzen
Elaina Graber
Peter Graber
Mia Hiebert
Corynn Nickel
Lydia Nickel
Quinli Unruh
Vatiken Unruh

Staff

Karina Brandt
Jill Litwiller
Denise Nickel
Elton Nickel
Mark Schmidt
Michelle Unruh



Camper

Dawson Duerksen



TABOR CHURCH CALENDAR

1 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	2 7pm Men's Bible Study	3 9am Staff Mtg 7:30pm Church Council	4 5:30-6pm Faithful Fitness	5	6	7
← Serve @ New Hope Shelter →			Pastor Katherine on vacation			
8 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF → 2pm Elma Goertz Memorial	9 7pm Men's Bible Study	10 9am Staff Mtg	11 5:30-6pm Faithful Fitness	12	13	14 2pm Archie Schmidt Memorial
15 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF Jr High -Adults: Table Talks	16 7pm Men's Bible Study	17 9am Staff Mtg	18 5:30-6pm Faithful Fitness	19	20	21
←			Pastor Luke at AMBS →			
22 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	23 7pm Men's Bible Study	24 9am Staff Mtg 7:30pm Deacon Meeting	25 5:30-6pm Faithful Fitness	26 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	27	28
29 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF Mennoglass Time to be announced	30 7pm Men's Bible Study	31 9am Staff Mtg 8pm Worship Council				

Bulletin announcements are due 8am Thursday mornings.



3 - Lillian Newhouse	18 - Rosie Jantz
4 - Duane Unruh	19 - Brian Voth
5 - Joshua Schmidt	20 - Wilma Schmidt
9 - Ruby Graber	22 - Londell Duerksen
10 - Kacey Buller	Diane Loewen
11 - Dave Schrag	23 - Sara Rohr
12 - Leona Brandt	24 - Kathy Schroeder
Jennifer Flaming	25 - Ann Thiesen
Nathan Ashley	Miriam Nickel
13 - Hildred Schmidt	27 - Krista Graber
14 - Braxton Unruh	Jacob Unruh
16 - Jim Schmidt	28 - Philip Unruh
John Peters	
Samuel Abrahams	
Heath Unruh	

Michael and Angelina Unruh	August 1,	6 yrs.
Ron & Nancy Schroeder	August 4,	20 yrs.
Harlin & Doris Unruh	August 8,	40 yrs.
Pete & Sharon Unruh	August 15,	51 yrs.
Emil & Vickie Schmidt	August 15,	34 yrs.
Brian Voth & Gayle Funk	August 16,	41 yrs.
Jason & Anna Unruh	August 16,	7 yrs.
Dave & Debbie Schrag	August 21,	45 yrs.
Myron Voth & Phyllis Regier	August 25,	42 yrs.
Jim & Ruby Graber	August 31,	46 yrs.
Jared & Laura Unruh	August 31,	8 yrs.