

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Philippians: Joy Empties

As we gather together in worship today, we come to hear sharing from the Mennonite Relief Sale, to learn more about Paul's words to the Philippians, and to praise and give our hearts to the One whose name is above every name – and yet who came to us as a servant.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Russell Adrian
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Peter Goerzen
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from Psalm 30:4-5, 11-12</i>	
GATHERING HYMN	<i>"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"</i>	No. 365
GATHERING PRAYER		No. 866
HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>"Here I Am to Worship"</i>	No. 227
PASSING THE PEACE	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
CHILDREN'S STORY		Sheri Schmidt
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Philippians 2:1-11</i>	Tristan Francis
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"</i>	No. 364
MCC SHARING		Jerry Toews
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER		Pastor Luke Unruh
SENDING HYMN	<i>"You Shall Go Out With Joy"</i>	No. 847
BENEDICTION	<i>based on Philippians 2:2-5</i>	
POSTLUDE		

Sunday, July 4

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

9:30 am: Worship Service in the Sanctuary.
YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).
Link: <https://youtu.be/oQyHMm34ACQ>

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 - Hospitality Hall
--WOW: Book, "God Calling" - South room in basement

Room assignments may be subject to change.

This Week

Tues. 6 - Saturday, July 10 - MC USA Convention in Cincinnati, OH.
Pastors Katherine and Luke will be attending. For pastoral care, please contact a deacon.

Next Sunday, July 11

9:30 am: Next Sunday is the Sunday after MC USA Convention and the theme will be Living our Faith. The scripture focus is Micah 6:6-8 and Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp will be preaching.

Fellowship Time following worship.

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

Service Adventure Fundraiser Meal for Dawson: Please join us for a fundraiser meal on July 11 to support Dawson Duerksen for his up-coming Service Adventure assignment in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This will be a drive-through meal following the church service and extended until after Faith Formation. The meal will consist of a pulled pork sandwich, chips, carrots, and a cookie. Please make donations through the following link: app.mobilecause.com/vf/SAAlbuquerque/DawsonDuerksen or Text SAAlbuquerque1 to 71777 to access the link through your mobile device. Cash or checks can be given/made out to Dawson anytime. Mennonite Mission Network expects each participant to contribute \$4,000 to support the unit during this term. Thank you so much for your monetary support as well as your prayers for Dawson during this adventure!

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Please remember to pray for people from across MCUSA who will be attending Convention this week, both virtually as well as in person in Cincinnati, OH. Lord, hear our prayer that through this experience, people may grow in their relationship with you and with one another, and that the church may be strengthened in its calling to faithfully join in your mission.
- ★ Tabor Children attending Camp Mennoscah. Lord hear our prayer for a meaningful and fun filled experience.
- ★ Tabor Mission Partners Joseph and Rachel Givens and their children Elijah and Micaiah as they continue to prepare for their term of service in France at the end of this year.
- ★ The caring quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for delegates, youth groups and others from WDC attending MennoCon21 (Mennonite Church USA convention and delegate assembly) both virtually and in-person this week.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Arloa Bontrager of MMN has been the servant project coordinator for Mennonite Church USA conventions since 2003! Thank God for her faithful ministry and for the 23,533 volunteers who have contributed to the ministry of 420 local agencies during the past 18 years. Pray that Jesus' love will be shown through this year's Service in a Box projects.

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. If you would prefer to fill out a paper copy, these can be found on the table in the foyer.

Link to survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFCvrj0pbEQJB6Fh0gHc98Px7VImCQwKNMnR2vE63nskJ5Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Wednesday Evening Programming: As we anticipate this year's Wednesday Evening programming, we (Education Commission) would like to hear from you! At this point we are planning to meet again in the fall, but in order to do this well, we would appreciate your feedback and help. Please complete the survey by August 1st. There are also paper copies on the table in the foyer. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can be involved with this important part of our congregation's life and ministry! <https://forms.gle/qQTmB2sF27eKcJqb9>

Summer Faith Formation for Children: Please sign up to help with children's faith formation this summer on the following link. Faith Formation will consist of a Bible Story and playing together in the park. Thanks for your help! Please talk to Pam Abrahams if you have questions. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4AADA92BA3F58-summer>

Volunteer to Help with Tabor's New Hope Shelter Ministry: Thanks to Ruth Peters for coordinating the meals for New Hope Shelter during the weeks that Tabor volunteers to work at the shelter. Ruth has decided to step down from this position. If you would be interested in coordinating the meals to help with this important ministry, please contact Shelley Buller or Kim Funk, Outreach Team members.

Core Community Marion County: This program serves the community in many ways, including moving families out of poverty, as well as bringing jobs to Marion County, employing 3-4 people. Core Communities is currently looking for business owners and community members to join the Advisory Board. Volunteers to provide and serve meals for those taking the classes to move people out of poverty are also needed. Currently there are 15 participants from 11 different families taking this class. Help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Contact the church office for more information.

Delegate Opportunity: If you are interested in being a delegate for 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!

We are happy that so many of our children attended camp this year!

We do not have a complete list of every child from Tabor that attended camp, but would like to invite those children who attended to share about their time at camp during worship on July 25. Please let us know if your child attended camp so that we can recognize them. Also, if your child will be available to share about camp on July 25 (ex. a story, a highlight, something they appreciated/found meaningful), please let Kim or a pastor know.

Because we were not meeting in person when camp registrations were first available, it was not possible to sign up on the bulletin board indicating dates of camp attendance or for the \$50 scholarships made available for Tabor children attending Camp Mennoscah and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. If you missed the bulletin announcement indicating an email be sent to receive a scholarship, or if you forgot to do that, please email kfunk@tabormennonite.org and Kim will reimburse \$50 for each child directly to you.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

Join us in saying thanks to WDC Administrative Assistant Nancy Funk!

If you would like to share an expression of appreciation for Nancy in anticipation of her retirement at the end of August, you are invited to stop by to visit with Nancy at the WDC office (2517 North Main Street, N. Newton, KS) over the next several weeks, or to send a note to her at WDC, PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117, or wdc@mennowdc.org.

--Shaking up the WDC Assembly worship Saturday evening (July 31)!

Virtual participants, grab your supper at home, and onsite participants, get your supper from a food truck (at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton), then join us for a time of worship and communion around the supper table. We hope you'll join us for this and other creative worship times, seminars/webinars, and more July 30-August 1 as part of the WDC Annual Assembly. For more Assembly information, go to: <https://mennowdc.org/2021-wdc-annual-assembly/>.

--WDC Assembly Sunday Worship: How can we join August 1 Assembly worship? Join us in-person at 10:30 am at Faith Mennonite Church. Or worship via YouTube Live at 10:30 am wherever you are. Or watch the recording on our WDC YouTube channel at Western District Conference (MC USA) whenever it is convenient for you. Join us for Friday (July 30) worship at 7 pm in any of these ways, too!

--WDC delegates appointed by the WDC Executive Board to the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly on July 10 are Lois Barrett, Delon Martens, June Krehbiel, Karen Mascho, Lee Lever, Heidi Regier Kreider, Sandra Montes-Martinez, Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Lilly Garcia (youth delegate) and Andrea Hernandez (youth delegate). Pray for the Spirit's presence and guidance for these representatives, as well as WDC congregational delegates, youth groups and others who gather virtually or in person for MennoCon21, July 6-10.

--The WDC Sprouts weekly newsletter email has been discontinued.

WDC articles, announcements, and other information will be posted exclusively on the website <https://mennowdc.org>.

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!

--August 28 is the next **Work Day at Camp Mennoscah!** We'll remind you again, but save the date. You make camp great!

Mennonite Central Committee:

--The **MCC Central States office** in North Newton, KS **will be open** to the public starting Tuesday, July 6. Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm. Masks are respected but not required for fully vaccinated adults. We look forward to welcoming you back at MCC! Contact us at 316-283-2720 or centralstates@mcc.org.

--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.

Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting our office at 877-467-7294, 316-283-3800 or central.kansas@everence.com.

**Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.*

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE June 27, 2021

Offering	= \$10,299.95	Attendance	= 94
Adult FF	= \$ 21.00	Attendance	= 41
Jr. FF	= \$ 0.00	Attendance	= 22

Worship Link Views = 20

Views to links may include more than one person

July COVID19 Protocol

Notes

- 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. Be considerate to those wearing masks for they may have compromised immune systems even though they have been vaccinated, or for those who are taking extra precaution against a variant, or for those who have chosen not to be vaccinated.
- Social distance seating on dots during children's story time will continue.
- During worship service, people speaking from the front microphones are encouraged to remove masks 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 has resumed.
- Contact trace recording has been 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 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



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hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.*

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