

Tabor Mennonite Church

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On Tabor's Heights: Christ Our Foundation



This morning we welcome Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg, the Director of the Center for Anabaptist Leadership and Learning at Hesston College. We also welcome members of Bel Canto as they share their gifts of music! Through our worship, our faith formation, and our life together, may we continue to build upon the firm foundation of Christ Jesus our Lord.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Russell Adrian

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Denise Nickel

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Isaiah 65:17-25*

*GATHERING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMNS *"Let's Walk Together"* No. 6
"In Christ Alone" No. 332

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

*OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Keri Unruh

GIVING BIBLES to SECOND GRADERS Pamela Abrahams
Simeon Abrahams Nathan Goerzen Bosten Unruh
Micah Adrian Daniel Graber Boyd Unruh

WORSHIP MUSIC **Bel Canto

SCRIPTURE READING *Colossians 1:15-23* Gayle Funk
The Word of God for the people of God ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON *"Inviting Community"* Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Build My Life"* No. 92

FAITH SHARING Phyllis Goertzen

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
A Blessing for Teachers and Learners Pastor Luke Unruh

*SENDING HYMN

"My Hope Is Built"

No. 621

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

**BelCanto: Anna Banman, Sam Groff, Luke Huyard, Alyssa Nolt, Addy Powers, Aidan Swartzendruber, under the direction of Dr. Russell Adrian.

Sunday, August 29

Welcome to worship at Tabor Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Sharleen Francis and family. 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/AmihSFkai2A>

Fellowship Time following worship.

10:45 am: Faith Formation.

Jr High - Adults: meet with Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg in the Hospitality Hall.

Children: Meet at the front of the sanctuary and continue in church park.

Noon: Church Council will meet with Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg at the home of Gayle Funk.

6:30 pm - Mennograss, an evening of music and fellowship, at the church park. Kilometer 81 and The Flannelbacks will play music. Bring lawn chairs and your own drinks if you'd like. Water will be available, but no food will be provided due to covid. Rain or inclement weather cancels.

This Week

Mon. Aug. 30, 7 pm - Men's Bible Study in the Hospitality Hall.

Tues. Aug 31, 9 am - Staff meeting. **8 pm** - Worship Council.

Wed. Sept. 1, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness. **7 pm** - Deacon meeting.

Next Sunday, September 5

9:30 am: Next Sunday we will continue with the worship series, "On Tabor's Heights." The theme for the morning will be "Offering Our Gifts." Scripture for reflection will be Nehemiah 2:17-19, 3:1-12 and Isaiah 41:6-10 and Pastor Luke will be preaching.

Fellowship Time following worship.

10:45 am: Faith Formation. Elizabeth Alderfer will share about her summer at Echo Ranch Bible Camp in Alaska. Children through adults are invited to join this time of sharing from Liz. There will be activities for younger children.

Prayer Requests

The following prayer request were shared on Sunday, August 22

- ★ Janna Duerksen shared that Dawson is settled in and enjoying the time he has spent in Albuquerque. Thanks be to God for the speed in which Dawson became established!
- ★ Janna Duerksen asked for prayers for our schools and communities as we begin this new year in the classroom. School boards are being tasked with very big decisions. Lord, hear our prayer for clarity and peace, as well as safety for teachers, students, staff, and parents.
- ★ Jim Graber praised God for the service. Thanks be to God for the people who were a part of the service and the words they used!

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ all who are struggling with illness, depression, despair, loneliness, both here and around the world. Lord, hear our prayer for your healing presence to be made known in the midst of struggles.
- ★ all who are impacted by weather related disasters in our world, as well as all who are impacted by violence and the threat of terror. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ The caring quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for God's wisdom and joy for WDC staff members as they seek to encourage congregations and leaders in ministry.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Joseph and Rachel Givens, and their two sons, are preparing to serve in Calais, France, with MMN. Pray that God will provide the necessary resources for them to join the team that offers shelter to African and Middle Eastern people who are seeking temporary refuge before entering the United Kingdom.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ Nancy Funk and the years she spent as Administrative Assistant at Western District Conference offices in North Newton. Nancy will retire on August 31. Thanks be to God for her dedication as she served congregations and the people throughout WDC with care and efficiency.

Congregational Announcements

Fall Faith Formation: We are looking forward to starting the fall with some children's faith formation opportunities. Please contact Pam Abrahams if you would be willing to teach a children's class either on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings. brentnpam@hotmail.com or 386-4483. Thanks!

Rejoice! The fall issue of Rejoice! Devotional is available for you to pick up from the table in the foyer. If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, please notify the church office.

The annual Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk is less than a month away. This year's route (between 1 and 6 miles) will begin at Goessel Church on Sunday, September 26 at 1:30 p.m. Find a donation envelope from Kevin Nickel or on the literature table in the foyer and start your fundraising today! Donations this year will go towards MCC's efforts to provide emergency support and supplies to those affected by the Haiti earthquake earlier this month and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry.

The Tabor Mennonite Church campout is September 18-19 at Camp Mennoscah. We anticipate a hayrack ride, campfire, popcorn, and Sunday morning worship. We will follow covid protocol, including wearing masks inside buildings. Please be prepared to help set up, cook, or clean up after meals. Registration forms are in your church mailbox and are due **August 29**. This event is subject to change based on covid numbers.

MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride: We are raising money for clean water projects in Nicaragua. Registration is now open. You can register on line at www.Bikereg.com/mcc-flatlander-ride, or paper registrations are located under the mailboxes in the church foyer. We need a separate registration for each rider. There is also a poster with information on the bulletin board in the foyer. The ride is scheduled for Sept. 18, 2021. Registration is at 7 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. If you have questions please talk to Elton Nickel.

Tractor Drivers Needed: Tabor is asked to provide 5 tractor drivers for the Shuttle at the KS State Fair Thurs., Sept 16. 1-4pm shift; 4-7pm shift and 7-9:30 shift. **FREE GATE TICKET.** The State Fair discounts the rental of the Fairgrounds for our MCC Sale in April. Call or email Jerry 620-367-8257 or jtoews62@gmail.com

Invitation: This past year we have experienced losses of loved ones in greater numbers than we typically have in years past. We remember and celebrate those lives. Planning for memorials is not an easy task, nor is it one which we often take the time to think about before the need arises. That being said, those planning services - Pastors, families, church staff and funeral committee alike, have all been grateful for the Life Sketches we have on file here at Tabor. Some of you may have filled out a Life Sketch in the past. Others may not be aware that this is available. We are offering the opportunity for you to fill out a Life Sketch, which you will find attached to the Sunday Worship email, with paper copies available below the mailboxes in the foyer. If you have previously filled out a life sketch and would like to review it and/or update it, please let us know. Once completed, please return to Pastor Katherine (place in her church mailbox or email a copy to her kgoerzen@tabormennonite.org) and she will hold in a confidential file.

Request for Information: I am working on compiling information for individuals who served in CPS, 1-W, VS, PAX, Teachers Abroad, etc. I have sent out emails and letters to individuals who I know served with one of these entities. If you didn't receive a notification and served in some way please let me know. Thanks, Ilona Abrahams

Basement Remodel: Progress continues on the renovations that are being made in the basement fellowship hall. Youth have already been using one of the rooms this summer during Faith Formation! If you would like to donate to the remodel project, please make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church, clearly marked 'basement remodel.' If you would be willing to help out with the renovations, please contact Kenton Nickel or one of the Trustees. Thanks for your support of this project!

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.

Conference Announcements

Women's Retreat: All women 13 years and older are invited to the annual Women's Retreat being held Saturday, September 11 through Sunday, September 12 at Camp Mennoscah near Murdock, KS. Kathy Neufeld Dunn will be our main speaker on *Re/Connecting with God and Each Other*. Whether we need time to reconnect with God, with our sisters in Christ or both, Women's Retreat is a chance to do that. Join us for a special time of focus on spiritual and emotional connection with each other and the One who loves us and cares for us beyond imagining. [Click here for more information and registration forms](#). Covid rules and restrictions will be followed, and a few things will look different so please read the information carefully. We hope to see there!

Mennonite Central Committee: Join MCC in prayer and support for those suffering in our world. MCC has prepositioned relief materials in Haiti for immediate use. Earlier this month an additional shipment of supplies was sent to Haiti and is expected to arrive in September. MCC continues to respond to needs around the world in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Congo and other crisis areas. We greatly appreciate your [monetary donations](#) to keep current projects going and to help with extra expenses due to recent disasters; and we could use your help in replenishing our supplies of [relief kits and hygiene kits](#). Questions can be directed to 316.283.2720 or centralstates@mcc.org.

Camp Mennoscah: Hymn Sing-Dessert Auction and Annual Meeting all in one! September 26. There are still details to be determined, but plan on some hymn singing (masked & distanced), bidding on delectable desserts, and information about Camp Mennoscah's year. We'll keep the details coming your way!

Mennonite Disaster Service:

MDS is now scheduling RV volunteers for the Fall 2021 season! For Weekly Volunteer scheduling, contact Deanna Frey at dfrey@mds.org. For Leadership and RV Volunteers, contact Josh Carson at jcarson@mds.org. You can also contact your volunteer coordinator by calling 800-241-8111 with any interest or questions.

On the Level: The August edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: A couple who served as RV volunteers reflect on their time with MDS, bridges are constructed in collaboration with Engineers in Action and MDS, and MDS actively monitors the wildfire situation in the western and central U.S. and British Columbia. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3D1sPDO>

Colorado Mennonite Disaster Service and Rocky Mountain Mountain Mennonite Camp continue their critical partnership in the ongoing effort to remove beetle infested Engelmann Spruce trees and forest thinning for fire mitigation project. Ten volunteers are needed each day to accomplish the variety of tasks at hand including chipping slash and moving timber. Volunteers for foodservice are also welcomed and encouraged to help in support of the weeks efforts. Please visit the volunteer page at www.mmmc.org and select "[Signup for Maintenance](#)" or "[Signup for Foodservice](#)" to register for the week or for the days you are able to come. For additional information, please contact Paul Unruh (phunruh@gmail.com, 316-772-6308) or Marc Yoder (marcyoder1@gmail.com, 719-942-3276).

Mennonite Health Fellowship (MHF) Registration Open - Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship Annual Gathering, Online: September 17-19, 2021 Mennonite Health Fellowship (MHF) is hosting its virtual Annual Gathering. All with an interest in healthcare from a faith perspective are welcome to attend, and all MHF members are encouraged to attend at least part of the weekend. Registration and information are on the MHF website at www.mennohealth.org. The theme for the weekend is Fostering Provider Resilience with a special 2-hour Introduction to Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) in partnership with Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute. MHF is open to those serving in all areas of healthcare, including mental health, public health, health administration, and more. Register today! We look forward to connecting with you!

Offender Victim Ministries: Greetings, fellow Justice seekers! OVM (Newton, KS) is preparing an evening of Just Desserts and we'd like to invite interested folks to join us on August 29, 6-8pm at the Carriage Factory Art Gallery Park, 126 E. 6th, Newton, KS. Additional information can be found on the poster on the community bulletin board or at www.offendervictimministries.org.

Bethel College:

--Sunday, Sept. 12 – KIPCOR Film Series resumes live, with The Prison Within, 2 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Individuals incarcerated in San Quentin Prison and charged with murder take a journey of redemption through participation in a restorative justice program. Talk-back to follow. Bethel's COVID-19 protocols require physical distancing and mask-wearing indoors regardless of vaccination status.

--Save the date: Mark McCormick, director of strategic communications for the ACLU of Kansas, will give the next KIPCOR Peace Lecture, Thursday, Sept. 30, on the Bethel campus as part of Bethel's Fall Festival.

SEPTEMBER COVID19 PROTOCOL

--Due to the recent increases in Covid19 and the Delta variant, the CDC recommends that everyone (including vaccinated persons) **wear masks when indoors** in areas of high or substantial community transmission. We Strongly Encourage following this mask guidance at this time.

--Every other pew in the sanctuary will be roped off for social distance seating.

--Social Distance seating on dots during children's story time will continue.

--During worship people speaking from the front microphones are encouraged to remove masks to accommodate those who have difficulty understanding the speakers.

--Musicians are encouraged to perform from the stage to minimize the transmission of respiratory droplets.

--Congregational Singing has resumed.

--Passing Offering Bags will resume.

--PLEASE KEEP HANDSHAKING TO A MINIMUM WITH GREETERS AND DURING THE SERVICE.

--If you test positive after attending a church event, **PLEASE** call one of the Covid Task Team or the church office. **This is important!**

--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

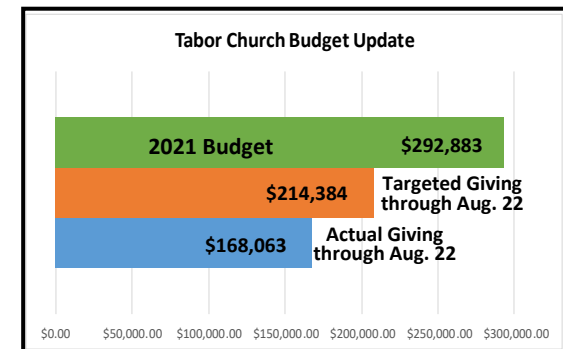
OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

August 22, 2021

Offering	= \$ 3,533.73	Attendance	= 105
Adult FF	= \$ 47.00	Attendance	= 38
Jr. FF	= \$.56	Attendance	= 23

Worship Link Views = 60

Views to links may include more than one person



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