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\*POSTLUDE \*Please stand if you are able

★ Ruby Graber shared that her brother, Bill Chupp, continues to battle COVID-19. Remember all of his family at this time.

### *Prayer Requests Continued*

#### Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Women's Retreat that is happening at Camp Mennoscah this morning. Pray for the Tabor women who are attending as they worship and fellowship together. Thanks be to God for this time of renewal.
- ★ for the threat of covid that continues worldwide and the extreme weather related conditions throughout the world. Lord, hear our prayers.
- ★ 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.
- ★ The caring quilts are home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for God's faithfulness with WDC congregation Buhler Mennonite Church, as they celebrate their centennial today and look forward to fruitful ministry in the future!
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: This week, Amanda and Tyler Yoder, and their two toddlers, began a year-long SOOP assignment, through Mennonite Mission Network at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado. Pray for them as they work alongside camp staff in hosting, maintenance and wherever else they are needed.

#### Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ God's unwavering love for us through joy and sadness, loss and gain, hope and despair, every hour of every day. Thanks be to God!

### **Congregational Announcements**

**A Personal Visit with our Mission Partners!** Plan to join us for worship on September 26 when Joseph and Rachel Givens will be with us to lead the service. We will also meet with them during the Faith Formation hour to learn more about their upcoming service with Mennonite Mission Network in Calais, France. We hope to extend the time for visiting by sharing lunch with them, however, this will be determined by the Covid protocol at that time. A special offering will be taken that Sunday to go towards our commitment of financial support for their ministry. We look forward to learning to know them and hear about their work.

**The annual Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk** is 2 weeks 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 on the literature table in the foyer and start your fundraising today! Or find a participant and generously sponsor them. Donations this year will go towards MCC's efforts to provide emergency support and supplies to those affected by the recent Haiti earthquake as well as the local Tabor Church Food Pantry.

**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](http://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. The ride is scheduled for Sept. 18, 2021. Registration, 7 am. Ride begins at 8 am. 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](mailto:jtoews62@gmail.com)

**Mennonite Disaster Service Learning and Service Trips:** The Kansas MDS Unit is sponsoring two Learning and Service trips to McAllen, TX. The dates are Oct. 16-23, 2021 and Feb. 19-26, 2022. Participants will leave on Saturday morning traveling to San Antonio TX, staying over night, visiting San Antonio Mennonite church on Sunday morning, then traveling to McAllen TX. for the MDS project. Cost will be two nights lodging and meals on the two weekends while traveling. MDS is covering the remainder of the expenses. To make your reservations or for more information contact Cleo Koop at [cleohkoop@gmail.com](mailto:cleohkoop@gmail.com) or call 316-282-0797.

**Request for Life Sketches:** 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 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](mailto:kgoerzen@tabormennonite.org)) and she will hold in a confidential file.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

- September 21: Proposed fiscal 2022 budget line requests are due. Narratives are due from Commissions. See communication from Gayle Funk, Church Chair, if a narrative is requested from your group.
- October 5: Budget setting workshop. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- October 19: Ministry appointments are due.
- November 14: Congregational Meeting.

## Conference Announcements

### Western District Conference:

--Check out the **Resource Library's** new Reading Challenges through the Beanstack platform. Find out more at [mennowdc.beanstack.org](http://mennowdc.beanstack.org) or find the Beanstack App in the Apple or Google Play Store. For the fall:

°Ages 12 and up can participate in the "10 to Try Challenge" (Try reading books from the Resource Library in 10 categories).

°Ages 0-12 can participate in the "Bullying Prevention Month Challenge" during September and October.

°Ages 0-5 can participate in the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge." We look forward to the new opportunities to engage with you through these challenges as we grow in faith together. Please contact the library with any questions.

--WDC updated office hours: 8 am – 4:30 pm. The office is normally open through the lunch hour.

--Hispanic Ministries – IBA Burrito Benefit Sale: Friday, October 15. Order to Go (Drive thru pick up.) First Mennonite Church, Newton. Watch for more details! For any inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at: [VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org) or call 316-281-4342.

### 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. 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](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org).

--Mennonite Central Committee has a variety of service opportunities all around the world and the following opportunities are especially important to fill at this time. Please contact Heidi Huber with questions at [heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720.

°Organizational development and Racial Equity Director.

°MCC Representative for Haiti.

°Seed Community Development Worker.

°Canner Operator.

For more information or to apply for these listings, visit:

<https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings>

**Mennonite Church USA:** During September and October, Mennonite Church USA invites you to learn about poverty considering the pandemic, by engaging its new "**Learn, Pray, Join**" initiative – **The Cost of Poverty**. We will include a special focus on housing insecurity and mutual aid. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/peacebuilding/learn-pray-join/cost-of-poverty/>

### Camp Mennoscah:

--Hymn Sing-Dessert Auction and Annual Meeting 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!

--We need help mowing! The grass that is usually cut short is doing its best to compete with the tallgrass prairie in height. Volunteer to mow (with a riding lawn mower) for whatever length of time you can offer or grab a string trimmer to chase back those wily weeds. Contact Camp Mennoscah at [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290.

--There are volunteer opportunities for you! Camp Mennoscah has year-round work to support the maintenance and upkeep of the campus and facilities. We can accommodate every group size, skill set and length of project you would like to tackle. Check out these ways to [Get Involved!](#) Email [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290 to volunteer.

--Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat, November 5-7, at Camp Mennoscah! Register at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org)! There is only one Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat. Lodging will be in the Retreat Center and cropping/crafting will be in the Main Camp dining hall. Space heaters will be available for both areas since the repairs for the furnaces will not be complete by the beginning of November. Fees for the Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat have increased to \$150 to meet higher costs and the use of multiple facilities. For those who find the increase prohibitive, there is an option to receive up to \$25 in scholarship funds per person as part of the registration process.

--Camp Mennoscah has openings for a part-time custodial/housekeeping position (10 hours) and a part-time office/administrative position (30 hours). Some of the office/administrative tasks can be done from home. Contact Olivia at [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) for more information.

**Mennonite Men:** On Oct. 26, Nov. 6, and Nov. 16, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Mennonite Men are co-sponsoring *Knowing Your Narrative: Unpacking Our Stories of Masculinity and Equity*. This three-part series of events, facilitated by Ben Tapper with the Kindred Collective, seeks to unpack narratives around masculinity, faith, and equity. After completing the series, participants will be able to coherently articulate their own personal narratives, identify the ways they've been shaped by masculine messaging, and reframe their own masculine identity so it is more inclusive and holistic. For more info and to register visit [ambs.edu/narrative](http://ambs.edu/narrative).

### Bethel College:

--Sunday, Sept. 12 – KIPCOR Film Series resumes *live*, with *The Prison Within*, a film by Katherin Hervey, 2 p.m., *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College*. Individuals incarcerated in San Quentin Prison, charged with murder, take a journey of redemption through participation in a restorative justice program. Audience discussion with Hervey, film director, producer and writer, and Leonard Rubio, executive director of Insight Prison Project, live via Zoom.

**--Bakers and Crafters Needed!** Help support Bethel College Women's Association by donating pies for BCWA's Pie-By-The-Slice booth or any baked item or craft item for the Market in the Round at Fall Fest 2021. Peppernuts, zwieback, cinnamon rolls, and coffee cakes are popular items! Bring your pies (no refrigerated or custard pies please) to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center 4:00-6:30pm Friday, October 1 or 8-11 am on Saturday, October 2. Baked goods and craft items can be dropped off at the Luyken Fine Arts Center Rm 140 on Friday 1:30-4:30pm or Saturday 7-8 am. All proceed go so support Bethel College.

**--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.

**Everence** will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning* webinar, on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

## 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).

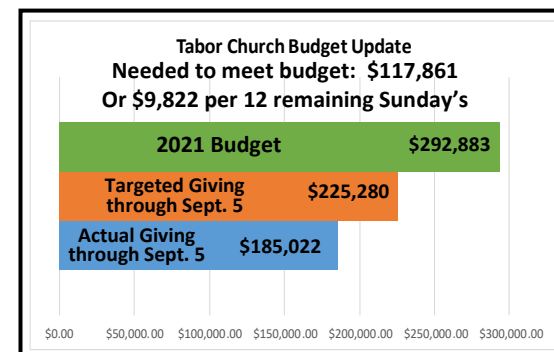
Thank You, Covid Task Team – Gayle Funk, Duane Duerksen, Erica Stoltzfus

## OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE September 5, 2021

Offering	= \$14,602.20	Attendance	= 97
Adult FF	= \$ 37.00	Attendance	= 75
Jr. FF	= \$ —	Attendance	= —

Worship Link Views = 39

*Views to links may include more than one person*



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