



Mennoglass 2021

Tabor Church News

October, 2021

Wednesday Evening and the 10 Commandments

Hello Tabor Church Family,

We are looking forward to our Wednesday Evening Ministries beginning again this October! It's been over a year since the children as well as the mixed-gender Wednesday Evening Bible Study have met on Wednesday nights – that being said, I'm so grateful I had the opportunity to meet with both Junior High and High School youth on Wednesday nights last year!

As with everything these days, things will be a little different from past years. Choirs will not be meeting for the time being, and the fellowship meal will be pre-packed brown bag meals outside (due to renovations in the Hospitality Hall as well as precautions to help slow the spread of COVID – so please remember to bring your lawn chairs).

As the table talk conversations and church-wide surveys revealed, faith formation (and Wednesday evening ministries in particular) continues to be a high priority for our congregation. Therefore, even though things look a little different, we are excited to once again offer children's programming on Wednesday evenings as well as the Wednesday evening Bible Study!



The theme for this fall will focus on the 10 commandments (Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5). Children, youth, and adults will take a deeper look at these verses and how they impact our relationship with God and with one another. Everyone who participates will be encouraged to memorize the 10 commandments, and everyone who does so will receive a t-shirt!

Thank you to everyone who is contributing to our Wednesday evening ministries! Thank you to everyone who is attending! Thank you to everyone who is teaching and helping to nurture the faith of our children and youth! Thank you to everyone who is providing meals and coordinating this programming so that we can meet again this year! And thank you to everyone who will be praying for this important ministry of our congregation!

~Grace and peace, Pastor Katherine

Sunday Worship Themes

Oct. 3 - World Communion Sunday

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Pastor Katherine Preaching

Oct. 10 - Peace Sunday

Matthew 14:22-23; Mark 4:35-41

Pastor Luke Preaching

Oct. 17 - A Service of Centering Prayer

This service will have a different format from most and will focus on praying together: for ourselves, for our congregation and communities, and for the world.

Oct. 24 - Mental Health Sunday

How do we support ourselves?

Scripture: TBD

Dr. Elizabeth Guhman from

Prairie View Preaching

Oct. 31 - All Saints Day

How do we support each other?

Scripture: TBD

If you feel led to share about ways that you have felt supported by others, or ways that you have sought to help others feel supported, please let a pastor know. Thanks!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at TABOR

Kindergarten through 2nd grade,
6:30 – 7:15pm:

Teacher: Elizabeth Alderfer
Helpers: Keri Unruh & Eunice Nickel

3rd through 5th grade, 6:30 – 7:15pm:

Teacher: Dale Alderfer
Helpers: Kristi Unruh & Yvette Nickel

Junior High (6:30 – 7:15pm):

Leader: Pastor Katherine Goerzen
Sponsors: Michelle Unruh & Russell Adrian

High School, 7 – 7:45pm:

Leader: Pastor Luke Unruh
Sponsors: Sarahanne & Phil Unruh

Adult Bible Study, 7:30 – 8:15pm:

Leader: Pastor Katherine Goerzen

Fellowship Meal, 5:45 – 6:30pm:

Coordinator: Keith Banman

Curriculum/Theme: Dale Alderfer

Coordinators:

The Christian Education Commission – with a HUGE THANK YOU to Pam Abrahams for finding teachers for Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings!

Preschool Class: Christian Education Commission has not found anyone to lead this class at this time. Please let us know if you feel led to teach this age group, otherwise this class will not be offered at this time. Thanks!

COVID PROTOCOL FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

- 1) Masks are to be worn by adults, youth, and children during the entire evening of activities whether you are inside or outside the church building and if you go on outings.
- 2) The only time masks can be removed is while eating the evening sack lunch meal. During the meal, please sit with your family and social distance 6 ft away from other groups. If your family is not attending, sit with your class group that you will be with the majority of the evening. As long as weather permits, please eat outside.
- 3) Sanitizer stations will be made available and please use these frequently.
- 4) PARENTS: If your children test positive with Covid OR there are Covid cases in your children's classroom at school you are to call, text or email one or all of the Covid Task Team by Tuesday evening. This will be our gauge of whether we ask a class not to meet the current Wed evening or whether we "call off" all Wed evening activities for the current week.

Giving to the Givens

Hello!

During the final weekend in September, we hosted Joseph and Rachel Givens before they depart for their time in Calais, France. I picked them up from the airport around noon on Saturday. After lunch, I drove them back to Goessel where they settled into the Menno Haus (guesthouse of Jerry and Leann Toews). They then received a personalized tour of the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum from Donovan Schmidt. After some amazing storytelling, Joseph and Rachel were graced with the distinguished cooking and company of Kim and Darwin Funk, alongside a few others. After many laughs, they retired back to their quarters for a restful slumber before a busy day on Sunday.



On Sunday morning, Rachel and Joseph gave the message in worship and led a faith formation about what they will be doing in Calais. After a light lunch and some mingling, Pastor Katherine drove them back to Wichita so they could fly home before supper and greet their sons, Elijah and Micaiah.

The Givens will be managing the everyday tasks of the Maria Skobtsova house, which provides refuge for exiles who are fleeing their countries of origin to find a better life and in hopes of eventually making their way to the United Kingdom. These exiles have nothing but the clothes on their backs and a determined spirit. Thousands of exiles are currently residing in Calais, the closest city to England, just 20 miles from the island. These people have nowhere to go, making the need for stable living conditions even more crucial. The Maria Skobtsova house is just a small way others can make that a reality.

Joseph and Rachel's visit proved to me that there are still people in this world who are called and have a passion for serving others. It also showed me that there is still a large need for people who are called to serve in the name of Jesus. There are plenty of opportunities to serve, locally and as far away as you are willing to travel.

If you would like to donate towards Joseph and Rachel's work, you can sign up to give financially at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/donate>. Click on the "Intention to Give" link and choose their names from



the list. There is also a box in the foyer for donations or you may turn your donation in at the church office. (When you give through Tabor, your donation will go toward our yearly financial commitment to our Mission Partners. Please put Mission Partners on the memo line of your check.)

Blessings to you all this month!

~Pastor Luke

The Life of Tabor Church



Second Graders Receive Bibles



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Tabor Church "Retreat"



"Inviting Community"
Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg



Faith Formation with the Givens



TABOR CHURCH CALENDAR

3 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	4 5:30pm Faithful Fitness 7pm Men's Bible Study	5 9am Staff Mtg 7:00pm Church Council Budget Workshop	6 5:45pm Wednesday Evening Kickoff	7	8	9
10 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	11 5:30pm Faithful Fitness 7pm Men's Bible Study	12 9am Staff Mtg 7pm Christian Ed Mtg	13 5:45pm Wednesday Evening Supper and Programs	14	15	16
17 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	18 5:30pm Faithful Fitness 7pm Men's Bible Study	19 9am Staff Mtg	20 5:45pm Wednesday Evening Supper and Programs	21 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	22	23
24 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	25 5:30pm Faithful Fitness 7pm Men's Bible Study	26 9am Staff Mtg	27 5:45pm Wednesday Evening Supper and Programs	28 7pm Deacon Mtg	29	30
31 9:30am Worship 10:45am FF	<p><i>Bulletin announcements are due 8am Thursday mornings.</i></p>					



Save the Date!

Tabor Mennonite
Men's Chicken
BBQ

Thurs, November 4

The meal will again
be drive by pick up.
Watch for more
announcements.

Mennonite Men Chicken BBQ



BIRTHDAYS

1 - JJ Voth	13 - Rodney Abrahams
3 - Jordan Nickel	Marshall Smith
4 - Tristan Wulf	14 - Shelley Buller
5 - Bruce Schmidt	18 - Kara Swartzendruber
Elizabeth Alderfer	19 - Michelle Unruh
Camille Adrian	Melisa Sommerfeld
6 - Emil Schmidt	21 - Kyle Funk
Ron Hatchett	Nancy Franzen
Joshua Booth	Megan Voth
Chris Gaddis	24 - Janice Voth
7 - Loren Brandt	25 - Reece Hiebert
8 - Sara Hiebert	27 - Bryan Goerzen
9 - Myron Voth	Mia Hiebert
Trevor Schmidt	28 - Marnette Hatchett
10 - Aidan Wulf	31 - DeVon Hiebert
12 - Kristi Unruh	



Ron & Patsy Dirksen	October 3,	40 yrs.
Phil & Kristi Diller	October 3,	23 yrs.
Adam & Jessica Wulf	October 6,	14 yrs.
Dale & Mary Alderfer	October 8,	27 yrs.
Jacob & Stephanie Unruh	October 9,	11 yrs.
Royce & Jennifer Flaming	October 18,	51 yrs.
Darwin & Kimberly Funk	October 19,	47 yrs.
Steven & Bonnie Janzen	October 22,	44 yrs.
Jerol & DeLome Schmidt	October 27,	58 yrs.
Jerry & Janice Voth	October 28,	15 yrs.