

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### GOD'S UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

For many, Jesus' way of teaching and living seemed upside down and backward to the way the world operated. Jesus calls us into that same way of life – a life that returns hatred with love, where the last are first and first are last, and flips the expectations of the world on their head.

### WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Cynthia Goerzen and Children
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Peter Goerzen
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 13
- \*GATHERING HYMN “We Are People of God’s Peace” No. 797
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN OF PRAISE “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” No. 411
- \*PASSING THE PEACE *The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS Hoxie Hiebert, piano
- CHILDREN’S STORY Nathan Graber
- SCRIPTURE READING *Selected passages from Luke, Matthew, and John*  
Jim and Diana Schmidt and Carrie Smith
- SERMON Michael Unruh
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Seek Ye First” No. 417
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Peter Goerzen
- \*SENDING HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story” No. 761
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE Sophia Abrahams, piano

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, June 19

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Duane and Sharon Adrian. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

Thank you to Cynthia Goerzen and children Miriam Nickel, Bosten Unruh, Simeon Abrahams, Vatiken Unruh, Boyd Unruh, Nathan Goerzen, Lydia Nickel, Sophia Goerzen, Sophia Abrahams, and Hoxie Hiebert for sharing the prelude, offertory, and postlude this morning.

### 9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtu.be/VaXzkTtRIMk>

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation: Hymn Sing led by Russell Adrian.  
All ages are welcome to join in singing!

### This Week

*Bulletin announcement are due Thursday mornings.*

**Mon, June 20, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness.  
**7 pm** - Men’s Bible Study.

**Fri, June 17 - Sat, June 25** - TMYF/MDS Service Trip to Jennings, LA.  
*Pastor Katherine will be accompanying our youth on this service trip.*  
*Please contact a deacon with pastoral needs.*

### Next Sunday, June 26

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday we will begin a new worship series: “Seeking God Together.” The theme will be *Making Time for God* and individuals from the congregation will be sharing about how they make time for God, including those who participated in the MDS service trip. Scripture for reflection is Daniel 6:1-23.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation for everyone. The summer curriculum will follow our worship series. Pre-K through HS will meet in the basement.

## Prayer Requests

*The following requests were shared on Sunday, June 12.*

- ★ Keith Banman shared an update on Barb, who came home from the hospital last Monday. She is feeling much better and she very much appreciates the prayers and support that she has received during and following her hospitalization. Thanks be to God for the healing that Barb has experienced!
- ★ Pastor Katherine shared an update on Bruce Schmidt, who returned home this past Saturday following his surgery. Lord, hear our prayers for continued healing and strength.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ farmers who are in the midst of wheat harvest. Pray for safety and good harvest conditions. Thanks be to God for the bounty given.
- ★ children attending camps this summer. At Camp Mennoscah this week: Pre Junior I Camp - Stephan Nickel, Sophia Goerzen, Peter Graber and Hannah Adrian; First Camp - Bosten Unruh, Nathan Goerzen, Daniel Graber, Micah Adrian, and Boyd Unruh. Lord, hear our prayers for meaningful experiences and much fun!
- ★ all who are struggling with illness, depression, despair, loneliness, and grieving the loss of loved ones, both here and around the world. Lord, hear our prayers for your healing presence to be made known in the midst of struggles.
- ★ The caring quilt is with Ron and Nancy Schroeder. This children's quilt is home.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC's Gifts Discernment Committee, and pray for the Holy Spirit to guide their decisions as they prepare nominations for elected leadership positions to bring for delegate action at WDC's annual assembly.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for the members of Mennonite churches in Venezuela, as they extend the love of Jesus to their neighbors during a time when more than 90% of the population is living in poverty, and more than 75% are experiencing extreme poverty. Pray for the churches as they address both food insecurity and spiritual hunger.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the work of Mennonite Disaster Service and the opportunity our youth, as well as others from our congregation have to serve in Jennings, LA. Youth who are attending are Adriana Duerksen, Braxton Unruh, and Sam Abrahams. Others going from Tabor are JoAnn Schmidt, Brent Abrahams, Dawson Duerksen, Pastor Katherine Goerzen, sponsor, and Cleo Koop, MDS.
- ★ fathers and father figures who have reflected God's goodness through their love and nurture. Thanks be to God!

## Thanks

Thank you so much for bringing Vacation Bible School to Bethesda. The residents loved getting to know the children and staying connected to the community!

~Bethesda Home Life Enrichment Team

## Congregational Announcements

**Fellowship Event:** You are invited to join us on Sunday, June 26 at 6:30 pm for an evening of fellowship, games, watermelon, and crullers in the Tabor Church park. Bring your lawn chairs and lawn games if you like. Let Eunice or Kenton Nickel know if you would be willing to make some crullers. We hope to see you there!!

### Summer Faith Formation is almost here!

Christian Education Team and Worship Council have decided that we will use MennoMedia's *Current* curriculum, which includes both faith formation materials as well as worship materials, so that most from the congregation will be reflecting on the same Scripture passages. This series will begin on June 26.

Christian Ed Team is hoping to have 4 leaders each Sunday (both youth and adults are encouraged to sign up) -- 2 to lead a 10-15 minute input time for children, and 2 to facilitate an outdoor/recreational component. If you are interested in signing up for a Sunday or two, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A5A823A6F94-summer>

**Groceries Needed:** The Tabor Food Pantry welcomes donations of non-perishable food items as well as personal hygiene items and household cleaning/laundry products. Paper grocery bags are also needed. Donations of frozen meat in 1-2 lb. packages are also accepted. Groceries may be left by the door of the church office or on the table in the food pantry room in the basement. *For donations of frozen meat, please call the church (367-2381) to schedule a time for drop off.* Cash donations are also accepted. Thanks for your continued generosity and support of this community ministry.

**Stamps for Ministry:** Stamps are sold to stamp collectors by the pound and the funds are used to translate Sunday School materials to Spanish. Through this ministry, more than 50 lesson series have been published and used in Latin America, Spain, and the United States. There is a plastic box for used stamps on the table by the coat racks. Thank you for saving your stamps and donating to this cause.

### Western District Conference Annual Assembly:

July 29-31, at Camp Copass, Denton, TX.

--If you are interested in being a delegate for WDC's Annual Assembly, please let Pastor Katherine or a deacon know.

**--Mini Service Projects** at Assembly: adults, youth and kids will help with on-site service projects, including tying comforters for MCC to send to people who have fled their homes, and making MCC hygiene kits. Please help collect the following items:

- 1 adult-size toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 16 in x 26 in)
- 1 wide-toothed comb (6–8 in)

***Please leave items in the basket next to the mailboxes in the foyer.***

## Conference Announcements

**Western District Conference:** Start out the morning with God at WDC Assembly! - Tonya Ramer Wenger will be leading morning prayer Saturday and Sunday at 7 am as part of our Annual Assembly on July 29-31, at Camp Copass, Denton, TX. Camp Copass is on a lovely peninsula, so morning prayer will be by the lake. We hope you'll join us. Register at: <https://mennowdc.org/2022-annual-assembly-registration/>

### **Mennonite Church USA:**

**--Berlin Exodus Presentation** - Sun., June 26, 7pm: Come hear the story of how MCC worker, Peter Dyck, moved 1,200 Ukrainian Mennonite refugees located in Berlin to a waiting ship in West Germany to travel to Paraguay in 1947 (75 years ago). The Berlin Exodus (also known as the Great Escape) is the theme of an evening presentation at Trinity Mennonite Church (211 Elm Street, Hillsboro, KS) led by Calvin Buller.

**--Mennonites Against Militarism** - a collaboration of Mennonite Central Committee, U.S. and Mennonite Church USA – is seeking to launch an initiative to counter military recruitment of U.S. youth, called **Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN)**. AMEN invites interested volunteers to complete a brief survey that identifies areas in which they may engage with AMEN, including administration, web and graphic design, publicity, budgeting, fundraising and guidance/career counseling. Take the survey here: <https://rb.gy/gbehlm>

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** The June edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares the story of the first home dedications just 6 months after the tornado ripped through Mayfield, Kentucky; Mount Academy students have completed building a modular home and it is rolling down the highway to a very appreciative homeowner; and there are still opportunities for you to volunteer this fall. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3xuonf9>

**Life Enrichment** returns to Bethel College with the start of the fall 2022 semester – but it will be on a different day. Life Enrichment resumes Thursday, Aug. 25, and will be on Thursdays thereafter. Place and time remain the same: Krehbiel Auditorium, 9:30 a.m. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/life-enrichment> for more information, and look for a brochure coming later this summer.

**Bethel College's Prison Theater Project is currently in process**, with director John McCabe-Juhnke, Bethel students and several men from the Hutchinson Correctional Facility minimum-security East Unit. The public performance at HCF is Friday, July 1, and the project is looking for an audience. If you'd like to go, contact Offender-Victim Ministries in Newton at 316-283-2038 (Mon.-Thurs.) before June 24.

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**  
**June 12, 2022**

Offering = \$ 3,150.00 Attendance = 137

VBS Offering for MDS

Children Daily Offering = \$ 696.34

Sunday Offering = \$1,162.00

Worship Link Views = 34



BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

our youth, along with Pastor Katherine and several others from our congregation, are serving with Mennonite Disaster Service in Jennings, LA this week. \$1,000 of our budget goes to support our youth group, and through Tabor's MVS Travel Fund, we are able to help offset expenses for those attending from our wider congregation. Thanks for your contributions to our budget, TMYF fundraising events, and past contributions to the MVS Travel fund, which help make this trip possible.



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