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CELEBRATING!

Our spiritual practice this week focuses on hymns of praise. Our worship this morning is a time to join our voices in song as we express our gratitude and praise for God's love and faithfulness! Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord and come into God's presence with singing!

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Isaac Swartzendruber

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Katherine Goerzen

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

*GATHERING HYMN "My Life Flows On" No. 605

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" No. 365

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Ilona Abrahams

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 150 Lydia Nickel

The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

HYMN SING

What hymns have been important in your faith journey?

This is a time for everyone to request a song that we can sing together.

If you feel comfortable doing so, you are invited to share a few words about why you appreciate this song.

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN "Praise God from Whom" No. 70

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

Sunday, September 4

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

https://youtu.be/sbTNjXRTu-Q

10:45 am: Finger Food Fellowship for everyone. Please bring finger

foods to share.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due Thursday mornings.

Mon, Sept. 5 - Labor Day. Church offices will be closed.

Tues, Sept. 6 - 7:00 pm - Church Council.

Wed, Sept. 7, 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study.

Thurs. Sept. 8, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm - Staff outing. Church offices closed.

Next Sunday, September 11

9:30 am: Next Sunday we continue our worship series, "Seeking God Together." The theme will be *Serving*. Scripture for reflection is Acts 9:36-43. Peter Wintermote, Social Service Admission Coordinator at Bethesda will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

4:00 pm: Tabor leads Chapel at Bethesda.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC members studying through IBA, Instituto Bíblico Anabautista, (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) and SeBAH, Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary), and give thanks for those who are participating in the IBA/SeBAH graduation ceremony this weekend at Hesston College.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Kate Widmer, who is serving with MMN in France, continues to build relationships with children and people fleeing violence in their home countries. Pray that she will receive the documents she needs to live in France long term.

★ Mennonite Church USA: Please pray for those leading and participating in the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference Annual Fall Gathering on Sept. 9 and 10. May God bless their time together.

Remember to Praise God for:

★ Our new Pastor! The results of the vote from the congregational meeting to affirm Todd Schlosser as Co-Pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church was 104 yes; 8 no for a 93% affirmative vote. The Pastor Search Committee has offered Todd the position and Todd has accepted the invitation! Todd will begin as Pastor on November 27.

Congregational Announcements

Thank you to everyone that signed up to help with Faith Formation at Tabor, for both Sunday mornings and Wednesday Evenings! There are a few positions that remain open. Please see the sign up sheets on the table in the foyer and join in helping to nurture the faith of our children at Tabor.

All children ages 2-5th grade are invited to sing together during the service on September 25. Practice is taking place during the Sunday School opening each week. If you have any questions, please talk to Pam Abrahams.

Help Wanted: Tabor needs to provide 3 tractor drivers for the KS State Fair this year, Thursday, Sept 15 from 2-5pm. You will be provided a FREE ticket to the Fair that is valid for ANY day. If you can help on the 15th please contact Jerry Toews, 620-367-8257 or jtoews62@gmail.com The Kansas State Fair makes a \$2500 donation to the Kansas MCC sale for your help.

Tabor Service Sunday: Tabor Church is sponsoring a Community Service Sunday the morning of September 18. Information and sign up sheets for various projects will be posted next Sunday. A link to sign up will also be emailed next week.

Remember to fill out a **form if you or someone you know needs help** with a certain project. Forms for requests and suggestions are on the bulletin board. Place the form or a note in the secretary mailbox, or send your request by email to tabor@tabormennonite.org, or phone 620-367-2318 no later than September 4. The time allotment for any project will be 2-3 hours (9:00-noon). Final decisions on all requests will be made on Sept. 7. We continue to collect supplies for MCC School kits and children will have the opportunity to assemble the kits. You may place your donations for school kits in the basket next to the church office.

The 2022 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk will take place at Tabor Mennonite Church on Sunday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m. It is not too late to pick up a donation envelope on the table in the foyer or find someone who is participating and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry and MCC's Ukraine crisis response efforts. Tabor's current participants are Brent & Pam Abrahams, Russell & Camille Adrian & family, Duane & Janna Duerksen, Sharleen Francis, Lee & Phyllis Goertzen, Peter & Katherine Goerzen & family, Hoxie Hiebert, Reece & Cayla Hiebert, Elton & Denise Nickel, Kevin & Stephan Nickel, and Mark & Carrie Smith. Walkers are also invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry on the day of the event.

You're invited! Come-and-go to an evening of lively music, great fellowship and home-made ice cream! Sunday evening, Sept. 11, from 5:30-7:00 pm on the Alexanderwohl Church yard, three musical groups will play including Kevin Gaeddert, Eric Schrag and friends, and the Flannelbacks. Ice cream will be brought to you by Bill and Sherri Unruh and will be served beginning at 6:00 pm. Bring a lawn chair and/or a blanket, and your checkbook! Along with all the fun, this is a fund-raiser for the new MDS cabinet-making shop. Hope to see you there!

'Guide my feet ... while I run this race!' Former pastor Corey Miller (Freeman, SD) is going to attempt to run 100 miles next week in South Dakota (September 5-11) as a way of raising awareness and funds for Mennonite Central Committee and its ongoing faithful ministry. If you want to support this endeavor, you can donate directly to MCC and you can follow updates that Corey will post on Facebook during the week. A letter from Corey, detailing this run is posted on the bulletin board.

Rejoice! The fall issue of the *Rejoice!* devotional is available. Pick up your copy from the table in the foyer or the shelf below the mailboxes.

Upcoming:

September 10-11 - Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

September 11 - New Faith Formation year begins.

September 17 - Flatlander Bicycle Ride for MCC water project.

September 18 - Service Sunday at Tabor. Harvest Giving Walk.

Sept. 21 - 27 - Serve at New Hope Shelter.

September 28 - Wednesday Evening Kick Off.

Conference Announcements

Women and Girls Retreat is coming! Western District Women in Mission (WDWM) Retreat Committee has been busy planning the annual Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 10 & 11, and ALL women are invited to attend! The theme is: Women's Voices. Girls in Grade 5 and up are also invited to come, although there will not be separate programming for them. Deadline for registration is August 31. Contact Darlene Powers, dpowers11@cox.net for questions or more information. Come have a fun and relaxing weekend! Retreat Brochure and Registration Form are attached to Tabor's weekly email or can be found on the shelf below the mailboxes in the church foyer.

Western District Conference Delegate Session Minutes from the 2022 WDC Annual Assembly are posted on the WDC Assembly website under delegate information. They can also be found at the following link: https://mennowdc.org/2022-assembly-delegate-information/

Camp Mennoscah

- --Annual Meeting and Dedication of the Renovated Campfire Amphitheater on September 18! Join us for an evening of song, popcorn, and generic pop, as well as updates and information on the year at Camp Mennoscah. Time is yet to be determined. (It's like a mini-Camp Sing!)
- **--Camp Mennoscah is considering moving camps** to a Sunday to Friday schedule. We'd be interested in hearing your thoughts--parents, campers, weekend groups, everyone! Please call 620-297-3290 or reply to olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA): *Menno Snapshots--*This summer, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, a 49-year precedent that protected the freedom to have an abortion. Glen Guyton, the executive director of MC USA, answers the question, "How should we respond?" in his blog "Abortion and the third way" here: mennoniteusa.org/abortion-third-way

Mennonite Central Committee:

--Excuse our mess! The work of making necessary repairs and reconfiguring spaces at the MCC building in North Newton continues to move forward, but if you've seen the building lately you can see the mess is getting bigger! Parking space is limited, but we are thankful for the donors and volunteers who continue to graciously adapt to the current challenges. Soon the new sewing room will be added, and we cannot wait to host more volunteers at MCC! We ask for your prayers and patience during this construction process so the important work of MCC can continue without undue interruption.

--MCC Central States is hiring for two new positions, please consider applying today or passing these opportunities on to someone you know who has a passion for working in immigration!
*Immigration Program Coordinator *Borderlands Program Coordinator Questions about either position? Go to https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings, or please email claraswald@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The August edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: learn about the urgent need for volunteers to clean up after the Kentucky flooding, see a tasty display of gratitude in Princeton, B.C., and enjoy the smiles of volunteers in the Family Program at Camp Amigo. Click on this link to read more: https://conta.cc/3CekCOO

Newton Et Cetera Shop invites you to become a volunteer! Help us to share God's love with all creation by volunteering in clothing, clerking, recycling, linens, housewares or one of our other departments. If you'd like to join us, please stop by, call us at 316.283.9461, or attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations to tell us what interests you: Thursday 9/15/22 5-6 pm or Thursday 10/20/22 5-6 pm. We hope to hear from you soon!

Do Justice. Love Mercy. What's Required to Abolish the Death Penalty: When a murder happens, often someone will say "an eye for an eye". This event will explore another way of responding, a way that BREAKS the cycle of violence. Panelists (including our own Peter Goerzen, Professor of Bible and Religion, Bethel College) bring diverse personal perspectives to the question of how society should respond to homicide. They will reflect on justice and mercy even in the face of homicide and what you can do to stop the ongoing cycle of violence which is capital punishment.

This event sponsored by the Bethel College Bible & Religion Department, Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, & the Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty, will be held at Bethel College on Saturday, September 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is also a live "ZOOM" event. Register by email at info@ksabolition.org. The event is free and open to all interested.

Bethel College: Sun., Sept. 11, 2 p.m. – KIPCOR Film Series begins, with *Generation 9/11*, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Filmmaker Katherin Hervey tells the stories of an entire generation shaped by the events of 9/11 and the aftermath. Audience discussion follows the film screening.

Sunflower Performing Arts presents: Sunflower Soirée - Sept. 11, 3 pm, Hesston Mennonite Church. You are invited to our season opening event that is free of charge and will present local/regional artists: Carren Moham, soprano; Mei Li, piano; The Salina Symphony Brass Quintet, Brain Flowers and Outside the Bach(s). Light refreshments to follow. More info at sunflowerarts.org or view at hesston.edu/livestream

NOTES

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE August 28, 2022

148 Offering = \$ 3,945.00 Attendance = 34 Adult FF = \$22.00 Attendance 39 = \$ Jr. FF 15.21 Attendance Worship Link Views =

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY . . .

we can enjoy a hymn sing this morning with a piano and organ which are kept well tuned and in good repair. The music committee schedules routine upkeep for these instruments, and expenses are covered through the trustee budget.

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