

Tabor Mennonite Church

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ABIGAIL AND DAVID

Today we begin our summer worship series – “Seeking peace together” – from MennoMedia’s Current worship resources. This morning we focus on the story of Abigail, who acted creatively to prevent violence. While we do not know much more about Abigail than what we learn here in 1 Samuel 25, we are grateful that this remarkable story of her wisdom and courage is preserved for us to learn from today.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Mark Schmidt
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *from Romans 12:14-21*
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *GATHERING HYMN “Let’s Walk Together” -vs. 1 & 2 No. 6
accompanied by Michelle Unruh
- *PASSING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- WORSHIP MUSIC “Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring” Corynn Nickel
- CHILDREN’S STORY Sheri Schmidt
- SCRIPTURE READING *I Samuel 25:1-35* Kevin and Yvette Nickel
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!
- SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE “With Mary Sing Magnificat” No. 208
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *SENDING HYMN “There Is a Line of Women” No. 546
- *BENEDICTION
- POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, May 14

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/gp7nAfqpu0w?feature=share>

10:30 am: Congregational Meeting to process the Sound and AV System proposal. Children are released to go to Faith Formation.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, May 15 - 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness.

7:00 pm - Men’s Bible Study. Book of Mark.

Tues, May 16 - 9:30 am - Staff meeting.

7:00 pm - Deacon meeting.

Thurs, May 18 - 5:30 pm - TMYF End of Year Party

8:00 pm - Worship Council meeting.

Newsletter items are due.

Next Sunday, May 21

9:30 am: Next Sunday we continue the worship theme: Seeking Peace Together. The focus this Sunday is Isaac and His Neighbors. Scripture for reflection is Genesis 26:12-33 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching. We will also recognize our exchange students and college graduate.

10:45 am: Faith Formation for everyone.

5:00 - 7:00 pm: 2nd Annual **Bethesda Fundraiser**. White Owl Barn, 2861 Comanche Rd. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy a fun evening including a meal, lawn games, and a silent auction. Meal: pulled pork, potato salad, beans, chips, ice cream and cookies. Suggested donation: adults, \$15 plate; children under 12, \$8 plate. See poster on bulletin board for more info.

Upcoming:

Fri, May 26 - Mon, May 29 - JR High Camp 412

Mon, May 29 - Memorial Service at Tabor Cemetery

Tues, May 30 - TMW Salad Supper

Mon, June 5 - Fri, June 9 - Vacation Bible School

Prayer Requests

The following prayer requests were shared on May 7.

- ★ Carol Duerksen offered words of thanksgiving for the music Alex Young and Jerry Toews provided during the worship service. We are grateful for this gifts they were willing to share with us.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ We invite our prayers of joy and well-wishes to all who graduate. We especially lift up in prayer and celebrate with Elizabeth Alderfer and her family as she graduates from Bethel College today.
- ★ Natalie Unruh, daughter of Jim and Karen Unruh, as she graduates from KU on May 13-14 with a masters degree in Urban Planning.
- ★ students, teachers and families as they complete these last weeks of school and anticipate summer plans.
- ★ Vacation Bible School and the planning and preparation that is taking place to make VBS a meaningful and fun experience as children share in the joy of learning stories from the Bible!
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations seeking creative ways to meet and serve their neighbors.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, Colleen and Pablo Fast plan to travel from Brazil to the United States for 3 ½ months of sharing with their supporting congregations and individuals about how God is working in Brazil. Join MMN in praying for their rest and renewal, as they also reconnect with family and friends.
- ★ Mennonite World Conference: The Global Anabaptist Peace Network is preparing for face-to-face meetings in conjunction with the Global Mennonite Peacebuilding Festival (GMP III) in Harrisonburg, Virginia, in June. Praise God for this opportunity to learn from peacebuilders from around the world. Pray for encouragement and renewed energy for the work. Pray for a fast and generous visa process and for safe travels.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ our mothers and all the women who have nurtured, cared for, and supported us throughout our lives.

Thank You

A big "Thank You" to Diane Unruh and Lindsey Buller for filling the important roles of Secretary and Treasurer of Tabor Mennonite Church. They will make a great team beginning June 1st.

Thank you to everyone who showed up to help at church work day! Many tasks were completed and the church grounds are looking great. Thanks for all your work!
~The Trustees

Thank you for being a part of Pastor Katherine's review last week, either in a focus group or by returning the questionnaire form. I want to give a heart-felt THANK YOU to those who served as leaders and recorders for these focus groups. The primary focus was to identify "**what is life-giving**" and "**what is working**" so we can maximize Pastor Katherine's ministry at Tabor. It will also help us as a congregation learn what we can focus on and how we can support our pastors. Our WDC review advisor, Roger Neufeld Smith, will tabulate the comments and present his findings to the congregation on Sunday morning, June 4.

~Denise Nickel, for the Deacon Team

Congregational Announcements

Mentors: We will be needing four mentors this year here at Tabor. If you would prayerfully consider being a part of this program, we would like to hear from you. Our youth are our future and this is a good opportunity to invest in our youth. Please let Sarahanne Unruh or Dale Alderfer know if you have interest or questions.

Special Music is a meaningful part of the Sunday church service here at Tabor. Summer is a busy time, but volunteers are still needed to share their singing or playing talents. The Music Committee is now scheduling for the July – October season. The adult choir will not be on the schedule until the fall. If you are willing to help with this ministry, contact Carrie Unruh (620-983-2294 or lewunr@gmail.com).

Tabor Mennonite Women: All women and girls of the church are invited to a Spring Salad Supper on Tuesday, May 30 at 6 p.m. in the Hospitality Hall. Please bring a generous salad to share. Come to be entertained interactively as Ilona Abrahams and Kim Funk present a program which will include *artifacts*, *facts*, and *factious* fun. Please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Vacation Bible School: We still need more volunteers to make VBS a success! There are many tasks to do before, during, and after VBS. Prayerfully consider how you can support the children of this congregation and the local community. Contact Keri Unruh, DeVon Hiebert or Eunice Nickel with questions. Volunteer at <https://forms.gle/iUyBqLA3xhibHp286> Can't volunteer this year? Another way to help is by donating items to the STEAM projects that each child gets to do daily. We are needing donations of newspapers, objects to dip in paint with different textures (like bubble wrap or plastic bottles), wide mouth jars, cereal boxes, cups, plastic bottles (20 oz would work great, 2 liters might be too big) and pebbles and or rocks. Drop off in the supply room downstairs. Also there is still time to register your child for VBS. It would be helpful to have a count by the end of the month so we can start planning. Thank you.
Sign your child up here: <https://forms.gle/EZU8EznZoefizJSy6>

MennoCon23 (July 3-6) and **2023 Biennial Delegate Assembly** (July 7-8) in Kansas City, Missouri. These two events represent a unique opportunity for us to come together as Mennonites, connect, and make important decisions that will shape the future of our church. Make plans now to attend! Early bird registration ends May 14. convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration
If you would like to be a delegate for Tabor Church, please contact Pastor Todd or Pastor Katherine.

Tabor Food Pantry Volunteers Needed: The Food Pantry is sponsored by Goessel Ministerial Alliance and is already generously supported through donations by the Goessel community. Help make a difference for families who may need help in difficult times by joining the team of volunteers who oversee the general needs of the Food Pantry. Tasks include shelving donated items and organizing the Food Pantry, purchasing gift cards from Goessel Grocery and Deli, and meeting with people who come to fill their grocery needs. Contact Kim Funk or one of the Tabor Pastors (367-2318) to volunteer, to understand the process of working with a client, or if you have questions.

Children's Story Bible: Christian Education Council will be placing an order for the New Children's Story Bible, The Peace Table, which includes stories that will correspond with the Shine Curriculum for the next 3 years. These Bibles will be 25% off until June 1. If you would like to order a copy for your family, please let Kim or Pastor Katherine know by May 14. The discounted cost is \$25 per book.

Summer Camps: Registration for children/youth summer camps are open for Camp Mennoscah and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Tabor Christian Education Co. is offering \$75 scholarships for all Tabor children attending summer camps. Please sign up on the bulletin board to receive your reimbursement.

Tabor's Summer Plans:

--Children's, Jr. High and Youth Faith Formation will take a break for the summer months, which means that there will be no Faith Formation from May 28 to August 13. On August 20 and 27, children and youth will meet together for stories and games. Regular Faith Formation will begin again on September 10.

--Each Adult class may discern whether or not they would like to continue meeting during the summer months.

--Worship will still begin at 9:30, and each Sunday will be followed by an optional time for coffee and fellowship, with Finger Food Fellowship potlucks on the first Sundays of June, July, and August.

The New Hope Shelter has reached its fundraising goal for their new building!! However, donations are now being accepted for the operation of the shelter including utilities, additional staff, etc. The shelter will still rely on volunteer help from churches.

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Dinner and Meeting will be Thursday, May 25, 6 pm at First Mennonite Church, McPherson. The cost of the meal is \$20.00. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves at bj.reeves@live.com or call/text 620-543-6863 by May 21. Come celebrate the success of the MCC Sale!

Rejoice! The summer issue of the *Rejoice!* devotional is available on the table in the foyer. The Christian Education Commission makes these available to anyone who would like one.

Missing Book: A new book written by Edna and George Dyck about their life together was left in the library, but before we could process the book into our library system, it ran away. If you have seen it, please place it in the church library book drop so the book can be made an official part of our library collection. Thank you!
~The Library Committee

Alexanderwohl's Senior Coffee: In 1821, the Santa Fe Trail became America's first great international commercial highway, and for nearly sixty years thereafter was one of the nation's great routes of adventure and western expansion. Retired teacher Janet Armstead, education chairman of the Santa Fe Trail Association, will share her knowledge of the trail at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church on Friday, May 19, 10 am. Plan to join us!

The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, May 22, 7 pm, in the Goessel City Building Community Room, 101 South Cedar St., Goessel. Special guest speaker will be Kathy Goering from Moundridge. Kathy says, "I wrote two family books and one history of First Mennonite Church McPherson in 2016, 2019, and 2020. All that had a significant influence on my life. Therefore, my title for May 22 is 'My People - Why I Am Who I Am.' " The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Goessel Museum, 620-367-8200.

Conference and Community Announcements

Western District Conference: 2023 WDC Annual Assembly, "Holy (Wholly) Listening," August 11-13 at Tabor Mennonite Church. Listening to God and many voices. Why go? It's a great chance to join others for creative resourcing, worship, great music and food, and participating in the work of the church. Watch for more information coming soon!

Camp Mennoscah: The next Work and Play Day is May 20! Bring a water bottle and meet at the maintenance shed at 8:30am. Camp will provide lunch. If you let us know you are coming, we can be better prepared for lunch. Contact: Website: www.campmennoscah.org Phone: 620-297-3290.

Mennonite Church USA is hosting a collaborative Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit, July 7, at the Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center. The event will bring together experts in climate change, spiritual activism and social justice to explore the ways that young people ages 14 to 25 can put their faith to work to address the spiritual and human crisis caused by climate change.

The Hispanic Ministries seminary program of the Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) was recently awarded a \$9,000 grant from The Schowalter Foundation. This grant will enable the Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) to offer an online continuing education course this September entitled, "The Journey of the Bible in the Spanish Language." The course is designed for Spanish-speaking Anabaptist Mennonites.

Marco Güete, director of MEA's Hispanic Ministries programs, is thrilled with this award. "It is a privilege to bring this course to Spanish speakers in the Anabaptist Mennonite Church," he said. "The course will offer a historical resource of great value that will enrich the students' knowledge of the scriptures. This project would not have been possible without the support of The Schowalter Foundation."

Newton Et Cetera Shop workdays on Saturday, May 20 from 9 am-noon or 1-4 pm each day to clear out excess clothing in carts. If you are able to climb the stairs to the second floor for this work, let Marcia Miller know as soon as possible marciamiller25@gmail.com. We could use your help! Bring a friend!

Bethel College commencement Sun., May 14. Baccalaureate, 10 am, and Commencement, 4 pm, both in Memorial Hall.

Hesston College Theatre Camp will run Sunday through Saturday, June 11 to 17, for students ages 11 to 18, with registration options for a commuter or full residential experience. The week-long immersive theatre program will culminate in a performance of "Freaky Friday" at 2 pm, Sat., June 17. Registration is open through June 4 at hesston.edu/theatrecamp

Kauffman Museum: Pop-up exhibit, "Mennonites in East Germany," Thurs.-Sat., May 18-20, hours are 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m. weekends. Sat., May 20 – Pastor Bernhard Thiessen from the University of Hamburg will speak on "Mennonite Peace Efforts Under Communist Observation," 4 p.m. in the museum auditorium.

SERMON NOTES



OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE May 7, 2023

Offering	= \$ 7,100.00	Attendance	= 120
Adult FF	= \$ 0.00	Attendance	= 68
Jr. FF	= \$ 5.50	Attendance	= 38
Worship Link Views		=	23



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