

Tabor Mennonite Church

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On this Pentecost Sunday we remember and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. We trust that God's Spirit continues to rush into our congregation, our lives, and our world like a mighty wind, breathing new life into places of fear, frustration, and grief.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Russell Adrian

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dale Alderfer

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

*CALL TO WORSHIP *John 7:37-39a*

*GATHERING HYMN *"All Who Are Thirsty"* No. 49

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAYER *"Holy Spirit, Come with Power"* No. 57

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Eunice Nickel

SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 2:1-21* Jim and Diana Schmidt
1Corinthians 12:4-13
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Spirit of the Living God"* No. 740

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

*SENDING HYMN *"New Earth, Heavens New"* No. 377

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, May 28

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/x1njfKty1g?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation will not meet.

11:45 am: Memorial Service at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Cemetery.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Pastor Katherine will be out of the office this week. Please contact Pastor Todd or a deacon with pastoral concerns.

Fri, May 26 - Mon, May 29 - Jr. High Camp 412. Pastor Katherine will be leading input.

Mon, May 29 - 10:00 am - Memorial Service, Tabor Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Tues, May 30 - 6:00 pm - Tabor Mennonite Women Salad Supper. Come to be entertained interactively as Ilona Abrahams and Kim Funk present a program which will include artifacts, facts, and factious fun. Please bring a generous salad to share. Please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer by May 28 if you plan to attend.

Weds, May 31 - 7:00 pm - Bethesda Home Annual Meeting. The meeting will take place in Bethesda's Chapel. The meeting will include an update of Bethesda, election of board members, financial report, AND a piece of pie to enjoy. It's a time to celebrate the ministry of Bethesda. We hope you can join us!

Next Sunday, June 4

9:30 am: Next Sunday we continue our worship series, Seeking Peace Together. The theme will be, "Your Kingdom Come". Scripture for reflection will be Matthew 6:5-13 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching. Roger Neufeld Smith, Western District Conference Review Advisor will be sharing from Pastor Katherine's Review Process.

10:45 am: Finger Food Fellowship. Please bring finger food snacks to share.

1:00 pm: Tabor leads Chapel at Bethesda

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ the Junior Highers, Staff, and Leaders of Camp 412. May this be a time where they can grow in their relationship with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for this ministry!
- ★ all who are remembering loved ones this Memorial Day weekend. We remember those who passed away this year: Bonnie Heinrichs, Esley Schmidt, Larry Schmidt and Evie Schmidt.
- ★ Pastor Katherine and Peter as they travel to Goshen, IN this week (Mon - Thurs).
- ★ Vacation Bible School: the leaders as they prepare and the children as they anticipate the excitement that VBS brings!
- ★ Western District Conference: Please pray for those who participated at our "Being the Church: Meeting Our Neighbors Where They Are" conference in Dallas on April 21-22. May their time together encourage them to prayerfully try new things, plant new churches, and take new steps of faith as we invite our neighbors to follow Jesus alongside us. -WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Odesa Theological Seminary in Ukraine. Pray that courses on trauma healing will equip church leaders to respond with compassion and skill to the millions of people who have lost loved ones and homes due to Russia's invasion.

Congregational Announcements

Service Booklet: Two copies of the document: "Offering Hospitality, Healing, and Hope Through Service," are now available in the library for check out. Stories of over 100 present and past members of Tabor are shared in this document. A big thank you to all of you who submitted stories of service. *Thanks to Ilona Abrahams for compiling and creating this important and informative document!*

Delegate for MC USA and WDC: If you are interested in serving as a delegate for the MC USA Convention in Kansas City (July 7-8) or for the WDC Annual Assembly at Tabor (Aug. 11-13), please speak to a pastor or deacon. Thank you for prayerfully considering whether or not you would like to serve in this way!

Childcare for WDC Assembly: Do you enjoy working with young children (3 years and younger)? If so, we invite you to consider being one of a few who help provide childcare during the WDC Annual Assembly (Aug. 11-13). Because this will be at Tabor this year, it would be helpful to have at least a couple of people from our congregation help provide this service, as we know our facilities best. If you have questions or are interested, please let Pastor Katherine know. Thanks!

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.

Vacation Bible School: Can't volunteer with VBS this year but still want to help? We are still needing donations of 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. Want to help with staff or supplies that have to be ordered? Put monetary donations into the church office mailbox or Keri Unruh's mailbox. Contact Keri Unruh, DeVon Hiebert or Eunice Nickel with questions.

Goessel's Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum is busy making plans for 2024 to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the 1874 immigration of the Mennonites to the Goessel area. The committee is kicking off the celebration this Memorial Day by honoring and thanking our ancestors for their Faith, Courage and Action by placing a flag on each of the immigrant's graves. There will be over 400 flags in the Alexanderwohl cemetery alone and many in the Goessel and Tabor cemeteries. We will be reusing the flags next year for Memorial Day and again in September or October so look forward to visiting the cemeteries to see them all aflutter.

Blood Drive: Start your summer with plans to donate blood on June 12, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. June is a busy month, so extra effort will be needed for a successful drive. Make a single unit donation or a Power Red donation to help meet the needs. Sign up online at redcrossblood.org for an appointment. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081 or Rosie Reimer 620-367-2418

Upcoming:

Mon, June 5 - Fri, June 9 - Vacation Bible School
Mon, July 3-Thurs, July 6 - MennoCon23 in Kansas City
Fri, July 7-Sat, July 8 - MC USA Convention in Kansas City
Fri, Aug. 11-Sun, Aug. 13 - WDC Annual Assembly at Tabor

Conference and Community Announcements

Western District Conference:

--WDC Summer Story Hour: Instead of a traditional Summer Story Hour, the WDC Conference Resource Library will be hosting Story Days with a self-guided, come-and-go approach with activities for ages 3-8 and their caregiver(s) on June 15, July 20 & August 3 from 9:00am-7:30pm. Read alouds by library staff/volunteers on the hour from 9am-7pm. The WDC Resource Library is located at 2517 N Main in North Newton.

--Staff position opening: WDC seeks a half-time Business Manager beginning July 10, at WDC's North Newton office (some remote work possible). Responsibilities include financial management, bookkeeping, reporting and payroll. Qualifications include organizational, computer and communication skills, bookkeeping or accounting experience, and willingness to support WDC's mission and priorities. For position description and application form visit: <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-staff-position-opening/>. Interested applicants please submit application form and letter of interest to the Conference Minister at heidirk@mennowdc.org.

--2023 WDC Annual Assembly Workshops include MCC Peaceful Practices, WDC Appreciative Inquiry and a careful listening process, shared skills and values for church planting and church revitalization, church board skill-building, Hopes and Fears in Gaza, multigenerational faith formation resources, and more! Watch for more information about WDC Annual Assembly coming soon!

Mennonite Church USA: MennoCon23's overall theme is "#BeTransformed," which is inspired by Isaiah 43:19-21 and 2 Corinthians 5:17. There's still time to register for MennoCon23 taking place at the Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center, July 3-6, 2023. Registration is also open for the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit, July 7, and the Delegate Assembly, July 7-8.

Camp Mennoscah:

--Summer staffers will arrive on May 28 for a week of orientation and campers will arrive on June 4 for the first week of summer youth camps. This is also the start of a busy summer filled with church groups, families and other guests. Your prayers for a safe and joyous summer are needed and appreciated. Send support through daily prayers, a note of encouragement to the summer staff, or in whatever way you choose. Many prayers and blessings for whatever your summer holds. We hope to see you at Camp Mennoscah!

--Registration for the **Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats**, Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 10-12, is open. We'll see you in the fall!

Mennonite Disaster Service:

--The Kansas MDS Unit is sponsoring a Learning and Service trip to Red Lake, MN, August 18-26. Participants will leave on Friday traveling to Minneapolis MN, staying two nights, learning about Native American culture, eating at Owamni Native American restaurant and learning about long term recovery from disasters. Your cost will be three nights lodging and meals on the days we travel. MDS is covering the transportation, meals, and lodging while on the MDS project in Red Lake, MN. We will be replacing siding, windows and doors with MDS from Monday through Friday. To make your reservations or for more information contact Wayne Stucky at wstucky@cox.net 785-554-8756 or Cleo Koop at cleohkoop@gmail.com or call 316-282-0797.

--The May edition of *On the Level* is now available from MDS. In our current issue: a West Virginia family finds a safe haven in an MDS-built home; a disaster survivor shares the terror of riding out Hurricane Fiona; and cooks share the joys and challenges of feeding an MDS crew. To read more: <https://conta.cc/3o6Lls1>

Mennonite Central Committee: Register now for the Restorative Kansas conference happening June 8-9 at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS. The conference theme is Growing Restorative Communities: Cultivating Change by Tending our Roots. Hear Keynote Speaker Chief Justice Emeritus Robert Yazzie of Navajo Nation and participate in breakout sessions on indigenous peacemaking; RJ in schools; youth-led efforts; community-based efforts; law enforcement and judicial efforts; and circle process. Enjoy a commissioned street opera entitled "The Return" and lots more. MCC Central States is a sponsor for the 2023 conference. Please join us, find more information and register at www.restorativekansas.org.

You're invited to Selah's Song! Written by Johnny Wideman, with original music by beloved Mennonite musician Bryan Moyer Suderman, Selah's Song tells the story of a young girl whose courage inspired a village and whose song became an anthem for peace. Inundated with catchy pro-war propaganda songs, Selah is inspired to share her own music with the village, creating some competition for the King. Selah's Song is a heartwarming musical that is fun for all ages! The show will be at 6pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church on Friday, June 2. Admission by donation will support Camp Mennoscah.

Everence will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, May 30, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language, plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. There will also be time for your questions.

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

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Do you want to explore a call to ministry? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly undergraduate-level Journey Missional Leadership Development Program supports learners as they explore spiritual leadership in their local churches and communities and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with a dedicated mentor. The Fall 2023 cohort begins Sept. 8; those who apply by July 11 can save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

SERMON NOTES

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

May 21, 2023

Offering	= \$ 3,671.00	Attendance	= 127
Adult FF	= \$ 36.00	Attendance	= 52
Jr. FF	= \$ 10.00	Attendance	= 40

Worship Link Views = 29



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