

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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Our worship this morning focuses on the story of Nicodemus and his nighttime conversation with Jesus. We celebrate the example of Nicodemus who comes in peace to ask questions and learn more about Jesus, coming away from his faith adventure with answers reminding him of the Spirit's movement in our world and God's great love for God's people.

### WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Cynthia Goerzen and Children
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Peter Goerzen
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP
- \*GATHERING HYMN "Summoned By the God Who Made Us" No. 1
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN OF PRAISE "How Great Thou Art" No. 436
- \*PASSING THE PEACE  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS Sophia Abrahams and Cynthia Goerzen
- CHILDREN'S STORY Tammy Wintermote
- SPECIAL MUSIC Isaac Swartzendruber
- READER'S THEATER of John 3 Boyd and Sawyer Unruh  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" No. 737
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*SENDING HYMN "To God Be the Glory" No. 84
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE Sophia Goerzen

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, June 18

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

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/JhnQUCGQVG8?feature=share>

**10:45 am:** Summer Strummin' begins meeting.

Faith Formation for some adult classes.

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.*

**Mon, June 19— 9:00 am-12:00 noon—Tabor Mennonite Women** will volunteer at the MCC Resource Center. Bring snack to share for a morning break.

**5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness**

**No Men's Bible Study this week.**

**Tues, June 20—9:00 am—Staff Meeting**

**7:00 pm—Deacon Meeting**

### Next Sunday, June 25

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday we continue our worship series, Seeking Peace Together. The theme will be "Vine and Branches". Scripture for reflection will be John 15:1-17 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ The farmers and all who are involved with harvest. Pray for safety and good harvest conditions.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for pastoral candidates, and for pastoral search committees in WDC congregations, as they discern the guidance of the Holy Spirit for future ministerial leadership.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Robin Gingerich, who has served in administrative and academic capacities at LCC International University in Lithuania since 2001. Pray for her as she builds relationships with students,

faculty and staff from around the world.

## Congregational Announcements

**Watermelon & Crullers Fellowship Event:** You are invited to join us on Sunday, July 2 at 6:30 pm for an evening of fellowship, games, watermelon & crullers in the park. Bring your lawn chairs, and lawn games if you like. Let Pam Abrahams or Eunice Nickel know if you would be willing to make some crullers. We hope to see you there!

**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!

**The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group** will meet on Monday, June 26, 2023, 7:00 p.m., in the Goessel City Building Community Room, 101 So. Cedar St., Goessel, Kansas. Join Kris Schmucker as she shares about her recent trip to trace her ancestors' journey through the Netherlands and Poland with her daughter Kara. The meeting is free and open to the public.

### Upcoming:

Sun, July 2—6:30 pm-Watermelon & Crullers Fellowship Event  
Mon, July 3-Thurs, July 6 - MennoCon23 in Kansas City  
Fri, July 7-Sat, July 8 - MC USA Delegate Assembly in Kansas City  
July 9-August 27—Pictorial photos taken  
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:** Western District Conference seeks a quarter-time **Fund Development Coordinator** beginning July 2023 to cultivate donor relationships and congregational giving, promote planned giving, and generate creative fundraising initiatives. Qualifications include communication, fund-raising and development skills. Position description and application form can be found here: <https://mennowdc.org/employment/>. Please submit application and letter of interest to [heidirk@mennowdc.org](mailto:heidirk@mennowdc.org).

### Mennonite Church USA:

—Mennonite Church USA strives to live into its Accessibility Resolution at MennoCon23 by removing barriers to make people of all abilities and needs feel welcome. MennoCon23, the denomination's leading faith formation event, will take place in Kansas City, Missouri, July 3-6. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-accessible](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-accessible)

—"Whether you call them actions, traditions or rituals, congregations, much like nuclear families, have ways of celebrating, mourning or remembering together that act as treasured ways of being family," reflects Leslie James of Hope Mennonite Church. Read more about how Hope Mennonite Church honored their late pastor in her blog: [mennoniteusa.org/beyond-words](https://mennoniteusa.org/beyond-words)

### Camp Mennoscah:

**—M&M Project.** As of now, we are close to one-third of the way to our goal of \$100,000. We have 30 plus giving units committed to being **Fire Keepers** and the list grows weekly. Churches are invited to put together a **fundraising event** this year that would specifically benefit the M&M Project. And we'll advertise for you on our website and Facebook page. We know you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp. Now is the time to sign up - your family, your Sunday School class, your small group, yourself - to be a Fire Keeper! Or, get a plan together for an event at your church to "fan the flames." For more information, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website, or contact Tammy at the addresses below:

tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org  
Camp Mennoscah  
PO Box 65 Murdock, KS 67114  
620-297-3290

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

### Bethel College:

**—Kauffman Museum is offering an intergenerational Uncle Carl's Camp called "Pottery Possibilities," July 10-14 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** on the Bethel campus. Campers will start with hand-building before throwing on potter's wheels, and wrap up the week with glazing and an outdoor firing (weather per-

mitting). Completed artwork may be picked up at a later date. No previous experience is required. To sign up or to explore other Uncle Carl's Camp offerings, stop by Kauffman Museum (27th & North Main, North Newton) to pick up a brochure or visit <https://kauffmanmuseum.org/uncle-carls-camp/>

#### **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](mailto:wstucky@cox.net) 785-554-8756 or Cleo Koop at [cleohkoop@gmail.com](mailto:cleohkoop@gmail.com) or call 316-282-0797.

#### **Mennonite Central Committee:**

**—MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (3-12 month sizes); notebooks (70 sheets) and black or blue ballpoint pens. Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: shampoo (20 oz or more), men's deodorant (min 2.25 oz) and toothpaste (min. 5 oz). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

**—MCC School Kit Challenge:** Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan can't get the education they desperately need. Enter, the **School Kit Challenge**: 10,000 school kits to help 10,000 kids during the month of August. Plus, we've got a fun activity for Sunday School and VBS students! Download our free School Kit Challenge activity resource full of challenges for kids to learn how school supplies help children receive a tangible message of God's love. **To learn more about this challenge and to download this free guide, visit [mcc.org/school-kit-challenge](http://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge).**

#### **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:**

**—Registration is open: Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Sept. 28–30** at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Attend in person or online! This conference on "Pathways through Climate Doom: Resistance and Resilience"

will examine theological, biblical and pastoral care responses to climate doom. Keynote speakers: Kaitlin Curtice; Leah Thomas, PhD; and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD. [ambs.edu/rooted-and-grounded](http://ambs.edu/rooted-and-grounded)

**—Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible: Sept. 13 – Oct. 24.** Join Drew Strait, PhD, and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD, to study pertinent Scripture passages and reflect on how these texts form a robust and biblically based practice of peace and justice today. This online AMBS short course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Aug. 23 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](http://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

**50 Years since our ancestors came to the USA. 1874-2024.** Let's celebrate all year. Remembering the old days with agriculture – come see a Plowing with Horses event concluding with Vintage Tractor plowing demonstration [July 15, 2023](#). And then Planting Turkey Red Wheat in October. And maybe several other events in 2023. Then more in 2024 ending with the main celebration on [August 22-25, 2024](#) at Eden Mennonite Church in rural Moundridge Kansas. Glen Goering and his Ag Committee have invited horse and plow owners to show us how plowing was done, on [Saturday, July 15](#), at a 22-acre field west of the Moundridge Museum, 8:30-2:00. Concessions will be available from Lone Tree Mennonite and a tent for shade. You might bring a lawn chair. The Museum will also be open. Some of you will remember the annual Plowing Bee and the one at the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration. Some of you have never seen horses working the field. Come out and see it on [Saturday, July 15](#).

**USDA Commodities** are back in Goessel! The next distribution time is June 21, 2023, from 5 pm to 6 pm at The Citizens State Bank drive-up window on a first come, first serve basis.

## SERMON NOTES

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**  
**June 11, 2023**

Offering = \$ 1,649.00    Attendance = 179

VBS Offering for New Hope Shelter

Children Daily Offering = \$ 953.70

Sunday Offering = \$505.00

Worship Link Views = 37



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*As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer  
hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.*

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**Deacons:**

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