

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### VINE, GARDENER, AND BRANCHES

Our worship this morning focuses on Jesus' metaphor of the vine and the branches. Just as branches can only bear fruit when connected to the vine, so Jesus' disciples can only live truly faithful lives when they remain connected to him. It is a beautiful image that prioritizes our relationship with Jesus over our own efforts to do good things. Our task is to abide in Jesus, and that connection with Jesus is what will ultimately produce good fruit.

### WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Mark Schmidt
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Venita Schroeder
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP
- \*GATHERING HYMN *"When We Walk with the Lord"* No. 570  
accompanied by Russell Adrian
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN OF PRAYER *"May You Be Rooted and Grounded"* No. 396
- \*PASSING THE PEACE  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Krista Graber
- SCRIPTURE READING *John 15:1-17* Steve Janzen  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Heart with Loving Heart United"* No. 813
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER
- \*SENDING HYMN *"The Lord Lift You Up"* No. 832
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

### Sunday, June 25

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

#### 9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/9opRjiwylhA?feature=share>

#### 10:45 am: Summer Strummin' meets.

Faith Formation for some adult classes.

**7:00 pm:** Youth and Parent Meeting-Meet at the church to go over details for the MCUSA Convention.

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.*

**Mon, June 26— 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness

**7:00 pm** - Men's Bible Study

**Tues, June 27—9:00 am**—Staff Meeting

**7:00 pm**—Church Council Meeting

### Next Sunday, July 2

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday we continue our worship series, Seeking Peace Together. The theme will be "Letting Go of Worry". Scripture for reflection will be Matthew 6:25-34 and Pastor Todd will be preaching.

**6:30 pm: Watermelon & Crullers Fellowship Event:** You are invited to join us 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!

#### Upcoming:

July 2-4 - Tabor volunteers at New Hope Shelter

July 3-6 - MennoCon23 in Kansas City

July 7-8 - MC USA Delegate Assembly in Kansas City

July 9-August 27 - Pictorial photos taken

August 11-13 - WDC Annual Assembly at Tabor

August 14-October 15 - Pastor Katherine on Sabbatical

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ The farmers and all who are involved with harvest. Pray for safety and good harvest conditions.
- ★ Western District Conference: Please pray for churches grappling with changes in these post-pandemic times. May we find ways forward that are creative, that meet people and families where they are, and which leave behind anything holding us back. May we remember that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever – even as our world changes. -WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher, and their four children, as they minister in South Korea. Pray for Jae, as he serves as the executive director of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) and Korea Peacebuilding Institute, and pray for Karen as she works as NARPI's communications coordinator.

### Congregational Announcements

**A new Tabor Church pictorial directory** is being launched as an Outreach project! Photos will be taken in our Hospitality Hall over the span of eight Sunday mornings -- July 9 through August 27 -- by Tabor's very own talented volunteer photographers. The good news is that you won't be pressured to purchase an expensive package [like Olan Mills], but the bad news is there is no free 8 x 10! You may, however, request the digital file at some point. We also invite donations for the printing costs. Place your contribution in the box on the table in the foyer. [Click on this link to schedule your appointment.](#) Or call Shelley Buller at 620-386-6058 to schedule your appointment. If you are unable to come to Tabor Church for the photoshoot, you can email a photo to Shelley at [shelleyb@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:shelleyb@mennoniteusa.org) or other arrangements can be made.

**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.

### Conference and Community Announcements

#### Western District Conference:

**--Join us for the WDC Annual Assembly!** It's not just for church leaders! It's for everybody! **August 11-13, 2023 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS,** we'll worship, work, eat great, local food, enjoy local music, connect with new and old friends, experience faith formation for all ages, and have many choices of great workshops. We hope you'll agree Annual Assembly is a great place to learn about and grow in faith in Christ, care for the broader church, and worship our God of love and justice with God's people in Western District Conference!

**--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:

—"We live in a fragmented society. Most of us have grown accustomed to spending the vast majority of our time alone and apart, even if we are in the vicinity of other people," writes Dianne Garcia, future MennoCon23 speaker. Read her reflections here: [mennoniteusa.org/creating-kingdom-community](https://mennoniteusa.org/creating-kingdom-community)

—Follow along with the day-to-day excitement of MennoCon23, the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit and the Delegate Assembly by subscribing to MC USA's daily email convention newsletter, the KC Sauce, here: [mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce](https://mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce)

#### Camp Mennoscah:

**—Thank you for the outpouring of toilet paper rolls for summer youth camp crafts!** We have enough for the rest of the summer. (If rolls are already on the way, no problem. We have other uses for them.) **The toilet paper roll drive was so successful, we're starting another one.** Drop off your loose bills and spare change when you come to camp or send them in check form. They'll be added to the Camp Life fund, which helps fund things for activities (sports equipment, replacing worn out items, etc.) and renovations. Let us do you the favor of keeping your pockets clutter-free!

—Registration for the **Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats**, Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 10-12, is open. All retreat activities will happen at the Main Camp facilities with cropping and crafts in the dining hall and lodging in the bunkhouses. 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 permitting). 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 June edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: volunteer work in Red Lake, Minnesota is empowering Native American homeowners; a new video features a unique program at Lancaster Mennonite School; and with open arms, there are new accommodations for volunteers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. To read more: <https://conta.cc/3PnlVBu>

**--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:**

—**Tell the young adults in your life!** MCC is organizing two Peace Camps this year for those ages 18-30 who are hungry to connect, root themselves in intentional, theological reflection and apply that to the real-world work of peace and justice in their communities. The registration cost is \$200 and all other expenses are covered, including travel, lodging and food! **July 23-28:** Peacebuilders Training in Colorado Springs, CO. **Oct. 15-20:** Descolonizando la construcción de paz | Decolonizing Peace training in Puerto Rico in Spanish. Information and registration can be found at <https://mcc.org/peace-camps>.

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

—**Take a seminary course this fall!** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly options include Faith Formation and Spirituality: Children; The Hebrew Bible and Its Contexts; History of Christianity in Africa; Luke-Acts: Gospeling Peace Amid Empire; Reading Cultural Contexts; Somatic Spiritual Practices; and more. Campus courses are also available. Some courses may be audited. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours. Classes begin Aug. 29; sign up by Aug. 21. [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

—**Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program.** Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level AMBS program! Journey 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](https://ambs.edu/journey)

—**Church matching grants for seminary.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers grants of up to \$2,000 per academic year to match contributions that congregations, conferences and regional churches make toward a full-time graduate student's tuition costs. We're committed to making theological education affordable and accessible for students across the church — tap a shoulder! [ambs.edu/church-matching-grants](https://ambs.edu/church-matching-grants)

**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](#).

#### SERMON NOTES

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**  
**June 18, 2023**

Offering	= \$ 9,255.00	Attendance	=	133
Adult FF	= \$ 14.00	Attendance	=	21
Summer Strummin'		Attendance	=	15
Worship Link Views				= 56



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 hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.*

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