

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### PEACE OF HEART AND MIND

In today's passage, Paul offers the same teaching to the church in Philippi as Jesus offered to those gathered on the mountainside (from 2 Sundays ago): "Do not worry." Paul also invites us to rejoice. When he says this, he is not saying that people should simply put on a happy face or ignore the real struggles in the world. We are not to rejoice based on worldly circumstances, but to rejoice *in the Lord* who promises to be with us.

### WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Cynthia Goerzen and Hoxie Hiebert
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Unruh
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Philippians 4:4* Screens
- \*GATHERING HYMN "God Is Here Among Us" No. 62
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN OF PRAISE "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 114
- \*PASSING THE PEACE  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS Hoxie Hiebert
- CHILDREN'S STORY Michael Unruh
- READER'S THEATER *from Philippians 4:4-9*  
Marcene Entz, Kara Swartzendruber, Leann Toews  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE "When Peace Like a River" No. 617
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- \*SENDING HYMN "Joys Are Flowing Like a River" No. 375
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, July 16

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

### 9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/3n8I-X0wFMY?feature=share>

### 10:45 am: Summer Strummin'

Faith Formation for some adult classes

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.*

**Mon, July 17, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness

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

**Tues, July 18, 9:00 am** - Staff meeting

### Next Sunday, July 23

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday we continue our worship series, Seeking Peace Together. The theme will be, "Known and Loved". Scripture for reflection will be Psalm 139:1-18 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching. We will also celebrate Parent-Child Dedication.

### 10:45 am: Summer Strummin'

Faith Formation for some adult classes

### Upcoming:

July 16 - August 27 (Sunday mornings) - Pictorial photos taken

August 11 -13 - WDC Annual Assembly at Tabor (see announcement about opportunities to volunteer)

August 12 - Mennograss in conjunction with WDC Annual Assembly—5:30-meal begins; 6:00-musical entertainment

**\*\*Note: This is on Saturday evening** as part of the Annual Assembly. Everyone is invited to attend. Donations for the meal will be accepted.

August 14-October 15 - Pastor Katherine on Sabbatical

## Prayer Requests

The following requests were shared on Sunday, July 9.

- ★ We shared about the Mennonite Church USA (MCUSA) MennoCon and delegate assembly. We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this gathering of Mennonites from across the country and for the work and ministry done through MCUSA.

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations that are supporting refugees and asylum seekers, as they join God's work of justice and care for all people.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Youth Venture teams that are spending two weeks in Benin and Indonesia. Pray for the seven participants at each location, their group leaders and their hosts. Pray that this experience will help build the global body of Christ.

## Congregational Announcements

**A 5th Sunday special offering** will be taken on July 30, designated for Camp Mennoscah's M&M (Mission & Maintenance) Project. Camp Mennoscah has been offered a gift of up to \$100,000 dollars, but it comes as a matching gift. For more information about this project, see: [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org). Let's help Camp Mennoscah to continue their mission!

**TMC Volunteers during WDC Assembly...**As the hosting church for the Western District Conference Assembly (Friday August 11-Sunday August 13), we are needing some volunteers to help things go as smoothly as possible. If you are willing to be a host, work in the kitchen, help with regular clean up and set up, and/or help with whatever other random job may show up, throughout the entire week or a portion of the weekend, please let Pastor Todd know.

**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 six Sunday mornings -- July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 20, and 27 -- by Tabor's very own talented volunteer photographers. We 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.

**Sister Church Opportunity:** Tabor has been asked to consider being in a Sister Church relationship with Iglesia Menonita Casa del Alfarero, Pasadena, TX. If you would like to be on a team to coordinate and be a contact for this ministry, please contact Gayle Funk or one of the pastors and we can share the guideline info with you.

**Tabor Food Pantry:** The purpose of the Tabor Church Food Pantry is to provide food at no cost to families in need in the Goessel Area. This is a ministry supported by the Goessel area churches and community. With the retirement of Kim Funk, with the support of the Goessel Ministerial Alliance, a bit of restructuring has happened. A team has been formed to assist with the food pantry. Team members are Sara Hiebert, Lindsey Lightner, Elaine Unruh, Janice (Delton) Voth, and Pam Abrahams. General hours for pick-up will be: 1st Thursday of the month, 9am-11am and 4th Tuesday of the month, 5pm-7pm. Please call Tabor Church to set up a time to get your food. 620-367-2318.

**Friends, family, and guests will be coming to Goessel for Country Threshing Days!** Would you help us (The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum) feed them on Saturday, August 5? Bakers, servers, and cashiers are needed. Please see the volunteer sheet in your mailbox and respond by July 23. The poster in the hallway also shares more ways to help. For further questions, contact Aileen Esau (367-2358 or [daesau@gmail.com](mailto:daesau@gmail.com)). Thank you!

**Join us at Alexanderwohl for Senior Coffee** on Friday, July 21, at 10am. Our guests will be Doug Neufeld and Loren Balzer. They will be sharing about the origins of the Harvest Brigade and the custom harvesting industry in the Inman/Buhler area. Plan to join us for a great morning!

**Stamps for Ministry:** Stamps are sold to stamp collectors by the pound and the funds are used to translate Sunday School materials to Spanish. Through this ministry, more than 50 lesson series have been published and used in Latin America, Spain, and the United States. There is a plastic box for used stamps on the table by the coat racks. Thank you for saving your stamps and donating to this cause.

**Support Habitat for Humanity:** For those of you that collect aluminum cans there is a bin on the west side of the church that you can place them in. The money raised funds the Habitat for Humanity house in Newton.

## 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!

**If you are willing to be a delegate, please let Pastor Katherine or Pastor Todd know. Deadline is July 31.**

—Save the Date!

The Womens & Girls Retreat will be September 9 & 10 at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. The theme this year is “Women Talking, Listening and Creating.” Come for a time of friendship, fellowship, and story-telling in a variety of forms with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Wendy Funk Schrag and others. Watch for registration information on the WDC website, your church bulletins, and more details in emails in the coming weeks! Follow us on Facebook: Western District Women in Mission.

**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.

#### **Camp Mennoscah:**

--Get ready for a celebration of a summer of faith formation and camp songs! The **Camp Sing** will be August 5 at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita. This is a time to gather for an evening of singing and friends. All ages, campers and others--everyone is invited! Details will be forthcoming. Put it on your calendar so you don't miss out.

--**Thank You!** Camp Mennoscah is happy to announce that money continues to come to Camp through the engagement of good people like yourselves with the **M&M Project**. Churches, small groups, families, and individuals are signing up to the “Fire Keepers” - \$1000 givers - and as of last week, we have almost half of what we need to reach our goal of \$100,000 in pledges. If you haven't signed up, or if you don't have the money right now - remember that the gift can be spread over several months or weeks - your choice. We know you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp. (And please let this be a reminder to those who have pledged to keep sending the checks to make sure you meet your commitment! We're counting on you and we know your belief in the mission and ministry of Camp!) Checks can be made to Camp with “M&M” in the memo, or you can give online.

For more information, check out the Camp Mennoscah Website, Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Development Director, Camp Mennoscah [tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org](mailto:tammy.d.unruh@campmennoscah.org) Ph: 316-207-3472 or Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111 Ph: 620-297-3290

#### **Mennonite Church USA:**

—“Conectados,” which translates to “Connected,” was the name given to the Iglesia Menonita Hispana (Hispanic Mennonite Church – IMH) Conference. The gathering took place on May 5-6, 2023, at Iglesia Sonido de Alabanza (Sound of Praise Church) in Cicero, Illinois. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/imh-conference](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/imh-conference)

—In recognition of National Gun Violence Awareness Day, June 3, Krista Dutt, Mennonite Central Committee Chicago (Illinois) program coordinator, discusses her work in the areas of gun violence prevention and mass incarceration. Read more about her work here: [mennoniteusa.org/creative-efforts-reduce-violence](https://mennoniteusa.org/creative-efforts-reduce-violence)

#### **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)

—**Spiritual Direction: Foundations.** Strengthen your skills in offering spiritual direction through the first level of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's supervised spiritual direction program. This course — which can be done either in person or online — will help you grow in confidence and competence as a spiritual director as you learn from Scripture, theology, Christian tradition, ethics, psychology, human development and, of course, practice! The seminar begins Aug. 29; apply by Aug. 1 to save \$200. [ambs.edu/seminars](https://ambs.edu/seminars)

#### SERMON NOTES



### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

July 9, 2023

Offering = \$ 2,711.00    Attendance = 108

Summer Strummin' Attendance = 8

Adult FF = \$8.00    Attendance = 43

Worship Link Views = 44

Faith Formation Link Views = 12



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