

Tabor Mennonite Church

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KNOWN AND LOVED

Today we are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate Child Dedication. Our worship service focuses on Psalm 139, which assures us of God's intimate knowledge of us and God's constant presence with us, and that God has known us and loved us since we were fearfully and wonderfully made in our mothers' wombs.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Marcene Entz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Leann Toews

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

*CALL TO WORSHIP *with imagery from Psalm 139*

One: We gather now in awe

Many: Of the One who has searched us and known us

One: We come together in praise

**Many: Of the One whose right hand shall hold us fast,
even at the farthest limits of the sea**

One: We open ourselves to the presence

Many: Of the One who has formed our inmost being

One: So let us lift our hearts and our voices
to worship our God

Many: Who holds us and leads us

One: *Who is still with us –*

All: Now and always.

*GATHERING HYMN "We Sing to You, O God" No. 80

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE "Lord, You've Searched Me" No. 609

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Carrie Smith

READER'S THEATER *Psalm 139:1-18* Hoxie Hiebert
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "The Lord Your God Is With You" No. 173

CHILD AND FAMILY DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" No. 160

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, July 23

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/AEU1vbsDSEU?feature=share>

10:45 am: Summer Strummin'

Faith Formation for some adult classes

1:00 pm: Chapel at Bethesda Home

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, July 24, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Wed, July 26, 9:00 am - Staff meeting

Next Sunday, July 30

9:30 am: Next Sunday we continue our worship series, Seeking Peace Together. The theme will be, "Jacob and Esau". Scripture for reflection will be Genesis 25, 27, 32, & 33 and Pastor Todd will be preaching.

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. Let's help Camp Mennoscah to continue their mission!

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Upcoming:

July 23 - 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

September 16-17—Tabor Church Campout

Prayer Requests

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray that children and their care-givers may grow in faith and joy as they attend summer Story Day activities at the WDC Resource Library on August 3.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network rejoices with the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso for the peacebuilding ministries of Calixte Bananzaro and Siaka Traoré, who helped negotiate an agreement through which Mennonites will provide care for internally displaced people and provide trauma healing, instead of paying war taxes. Pray for an end to violence.

Congregational Announcements

Newton Et Cetera Shop: Are you a thrifter? Are you interested in sharing your talents to make the Newton community, local area, and the world a better place for all? Then join us **Thursday, July 27th from 6:30-7:30 pm** and find out how we can use you to make an impact on all those who donate, volunteer, and shop at the Newton Et Cetera Shop! All are welcome!!

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 several Sunday mornings -- July 23, 30, August 6, 20, and 27 -- by Tabor's very own talented volunteer photographers. We invite donations for the printing costs. Please make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with "pictorial directory" in the memo line. 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 or other arrangements can be made.

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? The bakers have been lined up, but **we still need volunteers for the food service times in the Elementary School and the Preparatory School.** Please see the volunteer sheet in your mailbox and respond by this Sunday, 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). Thank you!

Blood Drive: Between your summer activities and vacations, please make time to donate blood on August 7, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. Give a single unit or Power Red double unit donation. Help those who can't take a vacation because of health reasons. Sign up at redcrossblood.org. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

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.

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.

Plowing with Horses: The rains came Saturday evening July 15, and the field was turned to mud, so no plowing. But the Ag Committee decided to have Plowing with Horses and Vintage Tractors on Saturday, July 29, 2023, just west of Moundridge Museum, 8:30-2:00. Again concessions by Gospel Mennonite. We tasted their homemade ice cream and that really makes a trip to Moundridge double worthwhile. Come and see. --Kathy Goering for 150th steering committee

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 30.

—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.

MCC:

—**It's time for the MCC School Kit Challenge!** Help us meet our goal of gathering 10,000 school kits in the month of August. By donating items like notebooks and pencils, you can help kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Join this effort to share a tangible message of God's love with children around the world. Learn more about this challenge and download a free activity resource at mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.

—**Colorado Peaches are coming!** The Palisade peaches on the Western Slope are supposed to be a good crop this year thanks to the moisture during the winter and spring. Please email patsydirksen@mcc.org to place your peach order from **July 24-August 5**. Two sizes are available: **10 lbs. for \$30 and 18 lbs. for \$41**. Checks should be made payable to **Beth-El Mennonite Church with "Peaches" in the memo line** and payment (cash/check only) is due by **August 5** to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St.). Peaches will be available for pickup from the MCC Material Resources Center on **Monday, August 21**. This is a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale held in Rocky Ford, Colorado October 20-21.

MDS: The July edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares some lessons learned in the wilderness; learn about an MDS family project bringing a new look to a campground in Wyoming; and hear from a long-time project director talk about why he continues to serve with MDS.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3DlnAQX>

Bethel College:

The 2023 issue of the Bethel College journal *Mennonite Life* is now live at ml.bethelks.edu and includes a poem by Cheryl Denise and prose poems by Abigail Carl-Klassen; a sermon by Sheri Hostetler; Brad Gregory's Menno Simons Lectures from 2022; articles by Johnny Wideman and Nathan Garber; and reviews by Ben Woodward-Breckbill, Hannah Neufeld, Willmar Harder, Brad Born, Josue Coy Dick, Daniel Shank Cruz, Rachel Waltner Goossen, Joe Smucker, Kimberly Schmidt and Melanie Springer Mock.

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 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

—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

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:

Expand your leadership skills through our new Practical Leadership Training modules — designed for pastors, lay leaders, community leaders and leaders of nonprofit organizations. Offerings this fall include:

- **Practices and Principles for Effective Boards** (online workshop)
 - **Guide Your Congregation through Polarization** (webinar)
 - **Intercultural Inclusion: From Symbolic to Shared Power** (online workshop)
 - **Leading Congregations in Transition** (online synchronous short course)
 - **Liderazgo que edifica** (online workshop in Spanish)
 - **Peacemaking through Curious Dialogue** (webinar)
 - **Practicing Resilience in Response to Trauma** (in-person seminar)
 - and more!
- CEUs available. Check out our offerings for August and September and register today for any or all modules!

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE July 16, 2023

Offering = \$12,533.69 Attendance = 124

Summer Strummin' Attendance = 9
Adult FF = \$33.00 Attendance = 26

Worship Link Views = 36



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