

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### JACOB AND ESAU

Today we remember the story of the sibling relationship between Esau and Jacob and consider how we can experience peace through forgiveness. While this peace and forgiveness may involve another person, it is also important to remember we can live with kindness, integrity and forgiveness so that we have peace with God and peace within ourselves.

### WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ruby Graber
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Colossians 3:12-15*
- \*GATHERING HYMN "We Are People of God's Peace" No. 797
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" No. 544
- \*PASSING THE PEACE  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Janna Duerksen
- READER'S THEATER *Genesis 25, 27, 32, & 33*  
Marcene Entz, Kara Swartzendruber,  
Sophia Goerzen, Nathan Goerzen, Peter Goerzen  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Longing for Light" No. 715
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*SENDING HYMN "Together" No. 389
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE
- \*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, July 30

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

### 9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/NMr7Ye7Mxgw?feature=share>

**A 5th Sunday special offering** will be taken today 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) or the flyer on the bulletin board. Let's help Camp Mennoscah to continue their mission!

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation for some adult classes

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.*

**Mon, July 31, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness  
**7:00 pm** - Men's Bible Study

**Tues, August 1, 9:00 am** - Staff meeting  
**7:00 pm**—Church Council

**Wed, August 2, 12:00 noon**—First Wednesday Lunch  
**7:00 pm**—Christian Education meeting

### Next Sunday, August 6

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday we continue our worship series, Seeking Peace Together. The theme will be, "Elisha and the Soldiers". Scripture for reflection will be 2 Kings 6:8-23 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

**10:45 am:** Finger Food Fellowship  
Please bring finger foods to share with your church family.

### Upcoming:

July 30 - August 27 (Sunday mornings) - Pictorial photos taken

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

August 12 - Mennoglass 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

August 20—5:30—Mentoring Kickoff Party

September 16-17—Tabor Church Campout

### Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: We pray for the newly-certified church plant of *Arca de Salvación* (Ark of Salvation) in Uspantán, Guatemala. We also pray for the calling of new members in the church planting commission which experiences transition as a number of its members make moves. -WDC Church Planting Commission
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz, who have served in Paraguay since 1985. Pray for them as they invite people into deeper communion with God, through business chaplaincy, teaching and spiritual direction.

### Congregational Announcements

**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.

#### **New Tabor Church Pictorial Directory!**

THERE ARE SIX OPEN SLOTS FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY – JULY 30 – WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO FILL. Photos will be taken before and after worship on July 30, August 20, and August 27. We've added Wednesday evening, August 23 as well. Schedule your appointment at this link: [Tabor Pictorial Directory Sign-Up sheet](#) Or call Shelley Buller at 620-386-6058. You can also email a photo to [ShelleyB@MennoniteUSA.org](mailto:ShelleyB@MennoniteUSA.org).

**Friends, family, and guests will be coming to Goessel for Country Threshing Days!** The posters on the hallway bulletin board list many activities for the weekend.

**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 dona-

tion. Help those who can't take a vacation because of health reasons. Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://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.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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. 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Camp Mennoscah:**

—**It's a celebration of a summer of faith formation with some of your favorite camp songs!** All ages, campers and others--everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, August 5, at 2pm at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita, KS. There will be a freewill offering and iced coffee for purchase. Free pop will be available, but no popcorn this time. Singing will be held inside. Tell all your camp friends and come sing (or listen) your heart out!

—**Need a bunk-like bed?** Camp Mennoscah will be taking apart the bunks used with the large tents since there has not been a recent need for them. These bunks have the lower bed at essentially ground level. If you would be interested in purchasing one, contact us at 620-297-3290 before August 5.

—**Registration for the Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats is open.** The retreats are scheduled for Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 10-12. All retreat activities will happen at the Main Camp facilities with cropping and crafts in the dining hall and lodging in the bunkhouses. (The Retreat Center will be undergoing HVAC renovations.) Single rooms are not available. Contact us at 620-297-3290 with questions or issues. We'll see you in the fall!

—**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

#### **Bethel College:**

The 2023 issue of the Bethel College journal *Mennonite Life* is now live at [ml.bethelks.edu](http://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.

**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>

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

—As part of MC USA's series on The Peace Table, the new storybook Bible from Shine, a children's Sunday school curriculum, jointly published by MennoMedia and Brethren Press, Ruth Goring shares her process for creating child-friendly images to accompany the seven Psalms that had been selected for inclusion in The Peace Table Bible storybook. Read her journey here: [mennoniteusa.org/for-children-for-all](http://mennoniteusa.org/for-children-for-all)

—Rachel Ringenberg Miller, denominational minister for ministerial leadership for Mennonite Church USA, highlights the importance of properly compensating pastors to adequately support and lead healthy congregations. Read more about the updated Pastor Salary Guidelines and why MC USA's Church Vitality office and Everence collaborate to update every year: [mennoniteusa.org/generosity-congregation](http://mennoniteusa.org/generosity-congregation)

#### **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:** Upcoming events and offerings

**Practical Leadership Training modules:** Designed for pastors, lay leaders, community leaders and leaders of nonprofit organizations • CEUs available • Check out our offerings for August and September and register for any or all modules!

**Spiritual Direction: Foundations:** Begins Aug. 29 • Apply by Aug. 1 to save \$200

**Course: Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible:** Taught by Drew Strait, PhD, and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD • Sept. 13 – Oct. 24 • Sign up by Aug. 23 to save \$50

**Ministry Integrity Circles:** Two cohorts will begin this fall — one online and one in person • See application deadlines online

#### **Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship:**

Sept. 28–30 • Pathways through Climate Doom: Resistance and Resilience • Register today to attend in person or online

## SERMON NOTES

### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

July 23, 2023

Offering = \$2,454.12    Attendance = 99

Adult FF = \$15.00    Attendance = 21

Worship Link Views = 32



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