

Tabor Mennonite Church

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FOOD AND FAITH

Our worship this Sunday focuses on the eating habits that God had in mind when God began to create the heavens and the earth. We are grateful to Erica Stoltzfus for bringing a message about how eating habits that promote life are an important part of our faith journey and our relationship with God.

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Russell Adrian
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Travis Duerksen
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 104* No. 185 VT
- *GATHERING HYMN *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"* No. 182
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAYER *"God of the Fertile Fields"* No. 750
- *PASSING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- CHILDREN'S STORY Erica Stoltzfus
- SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 1:27, 29-30* Barb Abrahams
Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17
- The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON *"The Tree of Life: Food for Life"* Erica Stoltzfus
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Touch the Earth Lightly"* No. 145
- MC USA CONVENTION SHARING
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *SENDING HYMN *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"* No. 177
- *BENEDICTION Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, July 9

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/fM3VwGD-bT0?feature=share>

10:45 am: Following the service, Erica Stoltzfus will lead a class for anyone who is interested in how to eat for better blood sugar control either for prediabetes/diabetes or for better energy and health.

This Week

Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.

Mon, July 10, 5:30 pm - Faithful Fitness
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, July 11, 9:00 am - Staff meeting.

Next Sunday, July 16

9:30 am: Next Sunday we continue our worship series, Seeking Peace Together. The theme will be, "Peace of Heart and Mind". Scripture for reflection will be Philippians 4:4-9 and Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

10:45 am: Summer Strummin' meets.
Faith Formation for some adult classes.

Upcoming:

July 16-August 27 (Sunday mornings) - Pictorial photos taken
August 11-13 - WDC Annual Assembly at Tabor
August 12 - Mennograss in conjunction with WDC Annual Assembly—
5:30-meal begins; 6:00-musical entertainment
August 14-October 15 - Pastor Katherine on Sabbatical

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Michelle Unruh and David Olson, who were married at Tabor Church on July 8. Thanks be to God for the love they share and the blessing of this marriage.
- ★ our Mission Partners, Joseph, Rachel, Elijah and Micaiah Givens as they continue to minister to migrants in Calais, France.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they seek nominees for elected roles in WDC, and give thanks for those who are called to leadership in our conference.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Matthew and Toni Krabill's ministry at the Paris (France) Mennonite Center. Pray for them as they work with others to launch a master's degree program in conflict transformation that will be housed at Abidjan University of the Christian Missionary Alliance in Ivory Coast.

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 seven Sunday mornings -- July 16 through August 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 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). 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!

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 785-554-8756 or Cleo Koop at 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 Ph: 316-207-3472 or Camp Mennoscah, PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111 Ph: 620-297-3290

Mennonite Church USA has named Nancy Kauffmann, former board president of Dove's Nest and longtime Mennonite church leader, as the interim denominational minister of Church Safety for MC USA's Church Vitality office, effective June 26, 2023. This new position was created so that the denomination could address the need for continued abuse education and prevention work.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Do you want to explore a call to ministry? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly undergraduate-level Journey Missional Leadership Development Program 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; apply by July 11 to save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

150 Years since our ancestors came to the USA: 1874-2024.

Remembering the old days with agriculture – come see a Plowing with Horses event with Vintage Tractor plowing demonstration. Glen Goering and his Ag Committee have invited horse and plow owners to show us how plowing was done, on Saturday, July 15, 8:30-2:00 at a 22-acre field west of the Moundridge Museum. Concessions will be available from Gospel Mennonite and a tent for shade. You might bring a lawn chair. The Museum will also be open.

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE July 1, 2023

Offering	= \$ 4,607.00	Attendance	=	112
Worship Link Views	=	34		

Sermon Notes



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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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