

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### ELISHA and the SOLDIERS

Our worship today focuses on the story of Elisha and the Aramean soldiers. May God gift us with wisdom to respond in peaceful and creative ways so that we may be loving and graciously hospitable to others, even to people we might consider to be our enemies.

### WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Isaac Swartzendruber
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jim Schmidt
- LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP
- \*GATHERING HYMN “Come Away from Rush and Hurry” No. 9
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN “Let Us Build a House” No. 36
- \*PASSING THE PEACE  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- WORSHIP MUSIC Sophia Goerzen
- CHILDREN’S STORY Eunice Nickel
- SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 6: 8-23 Pastor Katherine Goerzen  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands” (vs. 1-4) No. 485
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- SABBATICAL BLESSING AND RELEASE FOR PASTOR KATHERINE  
*(see insert)*
- \*SENDING HYMN “O Day of Peace” No. 787
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, August 6

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Brad & Sara Hiebert Family. A special welcome is extended to all visitors.

### 9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/q1WqCLypLx0?feature=share>

10:45 am: Finger Food Fellowship for all.

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.*

**Mon, August 7, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness  
7:00 pm - Men’s Bible Study  
7:00 pm - Worship Council

**Tues, August 8, 9:00 am** - Staff meeting  
7:00 pm - Deacons Meeting

**Thurs, August 10, 7:00 pm** - Pastor Congregation Relation Team

**August 11-13**—Western District Conference Annual Assembly at Tabor

### Next Weekend, August 11-13

**Friday, Aug. 11: Friday Worship** - Begins at 7pm. All are welcome (even if you haven’t registered for Convention). Nathan Koontz will be preaching and there will be a service of Communion.

**Saturday, Aug. 12: MennoGrass** - Meal begins at 5:30 and is catered by Carlos’ Kitchen & Cater. Michelle & Friends will perform at 6:00; Hopeful Blues will perform at 6:30; and the Flannelbacks will perform at 7:30. Everyone is invited! Please bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on. Donations will be accepted to help cover the costs of the meal.

**Sunday, Aug. 13: Worship - 9:30 am** - We are blessed to host the Western District Assembly. As part of the Assembly, Jes Stoltzfus Buller will be preaching. Texts are Isaiah 51:1-8 and Numbers 27:1-11.

**10:45 am** - There will be no regular Faith Formation for children or adults. WDC workshops for adults and children’s programming connected with the Assembly will be offered following the service. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend either of these options, even if you haven’t registered (you are encouraged to make a donation to WDC in lieu of registration fees).

**WDC Delegates for Tabor:** The Tabor Church Council approved six delegates to represent our congregation at the WDC Assembly and to reimburse the delegates half of the registration fee as has been the practice at Tabor. The delegates are Gayle Funk, Pastor Katherine Goerzen, Peter Goerzen, Cleo Koop, Emil Schmidt, and Leann Toews.

### Upcoming:

August 20, August 23, August 27 - Pictorial photos taken

August 14-October 15 - Pastor Katherine on Sabbatical

August 20—5:30—Mentoring Kickoff Party

September 16-17—Tabor Church Campout

September 27 - Wednesday Evening Kickoff

October 15 –1:30 pm—2023 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk

### Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Pray for all who will participate in the WDC Annual Assembly next weekend, Aug 11-13, as we gather for worship, work and fellowship around the theme *Holy (Wholly) Listening / Escuchar con Atención a Dios y al Pueblo*.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for staff at Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) as they prepare to begin their two-week summer training session in South Korea. Pray for fruitful relationship building and learning as NARPI brings together peacemakers from China, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, South Korea and Taiwan.

### Congregational Announcements

**Summer Strummin'** has come to a close. Thanks to all who participated! Borrowed instruments should be returned on Aug 20.

### Upcoming Intergenerational Faith Formation:

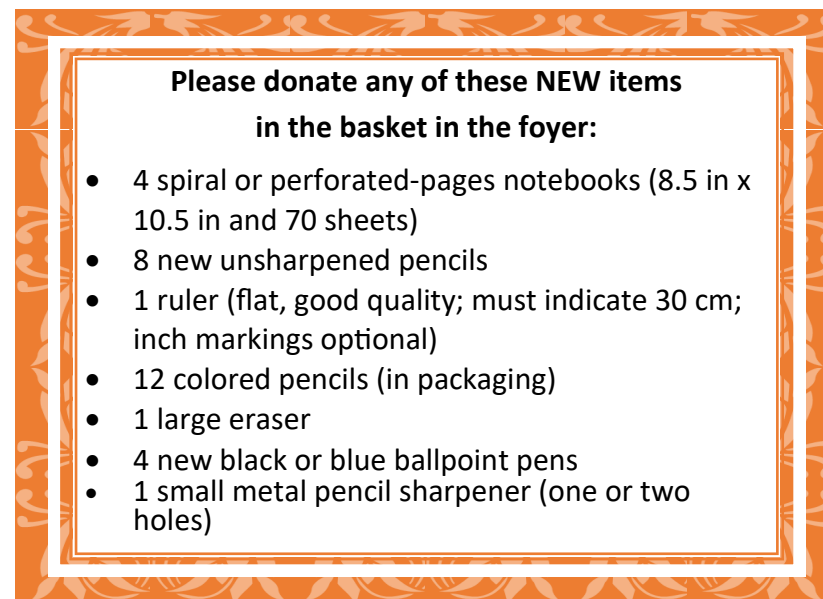
- ♦ On August 20, we will have a short quiz bowl competition for all ages in the Hospitality Hall. Following that we will be putting together school kits for MCC. We need your help with items for the school kits. You can also provide money for the supplies that can be put in the offering marked for MCC school kits or in the box on the foyer table. MCC has a goal of making 10,000 school kits in August. Let's join in doing our part!
- ♦ On August 27, we will have a talent show for all ages. Summer Strummin' will perform some of their songs they learned. Anyone else who would like to offer a talent piece is welcome to. We look forward to hearing and seeing the wonderful gifts Tabor has to offer.

- ♦ On September 10, we will begin our new Faith Formation classes for children. Adults, please join a Faith Formation class.

**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](http://redcrossblood.org). For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

### Is God's Spirit nudging you to help nurture the faith of our children?

Our Fall Sunday morning Faith Formation for children and youth will begin on September 10. We invite you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to participate in one of these ways:



- Nurturing the faith of our Wee Wonders, preschool, and Kindergartners
- Sharing God's Good News with our grade school age children
- Encouraging and nurturing the faith of our Junior Highers
- Supporting and nurturing the faith of our High Schoolers

As we've done in previous years, *the hope is to have enough people join in this important ministry so that everyone involved can lead these faith formation classes every other month rather than every month* so that they can still connect with adult faith formation opportunities as well.

If God is nudging you to participate in this important and valued ministry, please sign up on the sheets on the table in the foyer by the office or talk to a Christian Education member. Whether you have done this before or you are willing to do this for the first time, thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity!

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

Photos will be taken before and after worship on 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).

**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.

**MCC Need:** MCC is looking for a driver with a semi tractor that would be willing to transport cardboard paper bales for recycling from the MCC warehouse in North Newton to Wichita. This is an immediate need, but MCC anticipates needing help like this 4-5 times per year. If you can help or have questions, please reach out to Duane Unruh at MCC at 785.760.1390 or [duaneunruh@mcc.org](mailto:duaneunruh@mcc.org).

## **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!

### **—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.

### **Western District cont.**

**—Fund Development Coordinator:** Western District Conference is pleased to announce that Mike Lamb will begin September 1 as Fund Development Coordinator for WDC. In this new role, he will promote resource development for congregations and encourage congregational and individual giving to support WDC's ministries of resourcing congregations, of sustaining ministers, and cultivating church planting partnerships. Mike recently retired as Vice President responsible for planned giving, annual giving and regional development with the Wichita (KS) State University Foundation, and previously served as Director of Admissions at Bethel College. He is active in community and Mennonite organizations, and he and his wife Susan are members of Hesston Mennonite Church where he has held a variety of leadership roles. We welcome Mike as he joins WDC's mission of empowering Anabaptist Mennonite congregations to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world!

**MCC:** The MCC School Kit Challenge is going strong, thank you for helping us meet our goal of gathering 10,000 school kits in the month of August! Did you know that school kits now include 4 new blue or black ballpoint pens? The MCC material resources center in North Newton is very low on pens and notebooks. Please keep these needs in mind as you see these items for sale this month. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents and other challenge resources can be found at [mcc.org/school-kit-challenge](http://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge).

### **Camp Mennoscah:**

—**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!

**Mennonite Church USA:** The Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly acted on three proposed organizational resolutions at its meeting on July 7-8, 2023, in Kansas City, Missouri. The assembly of more than 300 registered delegates approved resolutions to clarify the MC USA bylaws and streamline its agency structure, while narrowly voting down a proposal to meet less frequently. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/delegates-vote](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/delegates-vote)

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

—**Seeking an Admissions Counselor.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this 0.5 FTE position. The person in this role will serve as a member of the AMBS Admissions Team, recruiting and working with prospective students from the U.S., Canada and across the world and connecting with church leaders and alumni about

AMBS programs and offerings. See the full job description: [ambs.edu/jobs](https://ambs.edu/jobs)

—**Anabaptist Short Course Bundle.** Deepen your understanding of Anabaptist history, thought and witness through discussion-based online short courses from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Learn about topics such as Anabaptist approaches to Scripture, peace and justice in the Bible, and transforming congregational conflict. Take four noncredit online courses in 2023–24 for only \$995 total and save more than \$400. (The regular price is \$350/course.) No grades, no papers! Each course lasts six weeks. CEUs available. [ambs.edu/bundle](https://ambs.edu/bundle)

## SERMON NOTES

### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE July 30, 2023

Offering = \$10,906.45    Attendance = 90

Camp Mennoscah = \$1,144.00

Adult FF = \$66.00    Attendance = 33

Worship Link Views = 27

### 2023 Unified Budget Giving Update:

Total Budget	\$310,131.00
Per Sunday (52)	\$5,964.06
# Sundays through 6/25	35
Targeted Giving	\$208,742.02
Actual Giving through 6/25	\$181,611.10
Above/(Shortfall)	(\$27,130.92)
Remaining Sundays	17
Amount needed per Sunday	\$7,559.99



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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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