

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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No. 35



### REJOICING WITH CREATION

Today during our worship service we will share the music that is particularly meaningful to us and helps us express God's goodness and faithfulness as we enjoy a hymn sing together.

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Russell Adrian

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rosie Jantz

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*GATHERING HYMN "Could It Be That God Is Singing" No. 42

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise Him, Praise Him" No. 100

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY

Russell Adrian

SCRIPTURE READING

*Isaiah 55:6-13*

Diana Schmidt

*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*



CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER

Pastor Todd Schlosser

\*SENDING HYMN "Praise God from Whom" No. 70

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, September 3

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service).

<https://youtube.com/live/n-tinJliYkE?feature=share>

**10:45 am:** Finger Food Fellowship

### This Week

*Bulletin announcements are due on Thursday mornings.*

**Mon, September 4, 5:30 pm** - Faithful Fitness

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

**Tues, September 5, 9:00 am** - Staff meeting

**7:00 pm** - Church Council

**Wed, September 6, 9:30 am** - Comforter tying. Anyone is welcome to come and help tie comforters for MCC.

**12:00 noon** - First Wednesday Lunch

### Next Sunday, September 10

**9:30 am** - Next Sunday the theme will be "Isaac Born to Sarah and Abraham". Scripture for reflection will be Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 and Pastor Todd will be preaching.

**10:45 am** - New Faith Formation classes begin for children. See the list in the foyer for room numbers. Adult classes will also be meeting.

**1:00 pm** - Bethesda Chapel

### Upcoming:

August 14-October 15 - Pastor Katherine on Sabbatical

September 9-10 - Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah (see bulletin board for signup)

September 16-17 - Tabor Church Campout at Camp Mennoscah

September 27 - Wednesday Evening Kickoff

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

November 2 - Chicken BBQ

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Pastor Katherine during her sabbatical time. We invite God's presence to be with her and we look forward to her return on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for God's gift of renewal and fellowship for WDC members attending the Women and Girls' Retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, sponsored by Western District Women in Mission.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network's service programs are welcoming new participants. Mennonite Voluntary Service just completed online orientation, and Service Adventure begins orientation on Friday. Pray that God's spirit will prepare participants hearts and minds, as they step out of their comfort zones and risk living out their faith in Anchorage, Alaska; Tucson, Arizona; San Francisco, California; Alamosa and Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

## Congregational Announcements

**Welcoming New Members:** We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would be interested in becoming a member at Tabor Mennonite Church. If you are interested, please let Pastor Todd Schlosser or one of the deacons know in the upcoming weeks. We are planning a time to welcome new members and celebrate together sometime in the fall.

**Wednesday Comforter Tying:** A comforter will be set up in the Hospitality Hall for anyone to help tie on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am. We will continue this through the winter and hopefully set up a quilt to hand quilt for the MCC sale.

**The Women's Chorus** that was scheduled to sing on Sept. 10 is re-scheduled for October 1. More information about rehearsal dates and times will come later.



**Sunday Morning Faith Formation:** Please sign up on the sheets on the table in the foyer by the office. Classes begin on September 10. You do not need to teach every Sunday.

**Wednesday Evening Sign-Up:** We are seeking teachers and helpers for Wednesday evenings beginning October 4. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer.

\*\*\*\*Is God nudging you to participate in this important and valued ministry? Whether you have done this before or you are willing to do this for the first time, thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity!

**THANKS** to those who volunteered to drive the MCC Tractor Shuttle at the KS State Fair this year.

**Food Pantry:** The shelves are getting bare! Please consider picking up some groceries for the Tabor Food Pantry the next time you are shopping. Donation suggestions include: canned fruit, pasta and pasta sauce, pancake mix, cereal, granola bars, ketchup, cake mixes, laundry detergent, and dish soap. Frozen meat donations are also accepted. Please contact Tabor Church about making meat donations. Additionally, monetary donations are appreciated! Thank you for your generosity!

**Rejoice!** The fall issue of the *Rejoice!* Devotional is available on the table in the foyer/ The Christian Education Commission makes these available to anyone who would like one.

**Join us at Camp Mennoscah!** Registrations for church campout at Camp Mennoscah are on yellow sheets in the foyer. Whether you plan to camp overnight or just come for the day, please fill out a registration form so that we know you are coming. **Forms are due by Sunday, September 10** and should be placed in the box in the foyer. Keith Banman has agreed to coordinate meals for the weekend, but we need your help preparing food and cleaning up afterwards. **Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer or talk to Eunice Nickel or Pam Abrahams if you're willing to help.** This is a great activity to do with friends or your small group, so act fast to get the spot that you prefer! Here is the registration form: [Church Campout Registration 2023](#)

## Conference and Community Announcements

**Western District Conference:**

—**Save the Date!** The 2024 WDC Annual Assembly will be held on August 2-4, 2024 at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. We hope to see you there!

—**Womens & Girls Retreat: Want to be a story catcher, story keeper, and story sharer?** Find out more by attending the Western District Women in Mission Women's & Girls Retreat Sept. 9-10 at Camp Mennoscah! Activities will be available for all ages (no specific girls programming). A brochure and registration form are available to download, print and send in at <https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/events>. We hope you can join us! This year's theme is Women Talking, Listening, and Creating, with our scripture theme being 2 Peter 1:12-21. **Registration is due by September 5.** For questions, email [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com).

**\*\*There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those planning to**

*attend the Retreat. Please indicate your need for transportation and if you can help with fixing the meal on Saturday evening.*

#### **Camp Mennoscah:**

—**75th Anniversary and Annual Meeting of Camp Mennoscah has changed dates to Sunday, September 24.** Activities for all ages will begin at 1pm with a meal at 5pm. The Annual Meeting will be at 6pm, followed by a Talent Show at 7pm. Watch the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page and Website at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) for details.

#### **—M&M Project Update: Over the Halfway Point!**

**Thank you all so much!** The money continues to come in for Camp Mennoscah's M&M Project! Thanks to all of these faithful supporters for giving to this effort!

As of this writing, Camp Mennoscah has received more than \$56,000 toward our goal! That means we are over halfway to the \$100,000 our donor is offering to match!

Now is the time to join the effort. If you haven't taken any action yet, we are sure you will want to be in on this opportunity to continue our Mission at Camp - to be a place where all can renew themselves, their relationships, and their connection with God through Jesus Christ.

Churches are invited to put together a **fundraising event** this year that would specifically benefit the M&M Project. Churches are planning events for the summer and the fall. If you would like camp representation at such an event at your church, we are more than happy to see what we can do! And we'll advertise for you on our website and Facebook page. We know you have great ideas!

Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Development Director, Camp Mennoscah

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#### **—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!

Historian and pastor **John Sharp** will join us at **Newton Public Library** for a special discussion of *The White Mosque: A Memoir*, at noon on Sept. 8 in the Bessmer Room. This is part of our regular Nonfiction Book Club series, but anyone is welcome to attend.

#### **Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp:**

—**FALL FAMILY FUN RETREAT** - Young families and children (activities orientated for 2-8 year olds) are invited to RMMC this fall offering the perfect opportunity for your family to enjoy quality time, together, in the mountains. This is the age group that are too young to attend summer camps at RMMC, but ready to be introduced to the RMMC experience.

The weekend is inviting all young families that have connections with the Mennonite Community and beyond. The weekend is coming Sept. 29-31, 2022 so visit the camp web page ([rmmc.org](http://rmmc.org)) for additional information and to register online.

#### **Bethel College:**

—**Sun., Sept. 10 – Eat, Protest, Lift, a film by Caleb Stephens, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College; Mon., Sept. 11, Dr. Stephens speaks in convocation, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium;** sponsored by Bethel College Social Work, the KIPCOR Film Series and the Bethel College Women's Association's Carolyn Schultz Lectureship.

—**Thurs., Sept. 21 – Bethel College Orchestra, directed by Kris Hilding, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall**

—**Now in the Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College –“Drinking from a New Well,” ceramics by Tom and Pam Voth, through Thurs., Sept. 21.** Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-4 p.m.

—**Bethel College's annual online journal, *Mennonite Life*, can be accessed at [ml.bethelks.edu](http://ml.bethelks.edu) – and there is a new item,** “Elias Crosses the Molotschna,” a short story by Darrell Wiens. Also articles and reviews by Brad Born, Abigail Carl-Klassen, Daniel Shenk Cruz, Cheryl Denise, Josué Coy Dick, Nathan Garber, Rachel Waltner Goossen, Brad Gregory, Willmar Harder, Sheri Hostetler, Melanie Springer Mock, Hannah Neufeld, Kimberly Schmidt, Joe Smucker, Johnny Wideman and Ben Woodward-Breckbill.

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

—Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC) — formerly known as Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN) — has formed a steering committee, recruited volunteers and began its work to counter the recruitment of youth by the U.S. military. POTC is an independent initiative that began as an outgrowth of a collaboration between Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Church USA. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/potc](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/potc)

—MC USA is inviting young people to actively care for the planet through the Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge, which runs through April 2024. The challenge is “a friendly competition to embrace our Anabaptist calling as earth keepers, reduce our carbon footprints, nurture environmental leadership, and utilize and bless the gifts of youth and young adults.” Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/energy-challenge/> Register for the MC USA Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge by October 15, 2023: <https://www.mennocreationcare.org/energy-and-spirit-challenge/> View the PowerPoint slide here: [mennoniteusa.org/slide-energy-youth](http://mennoniteusa.org/slide-energy-youth)

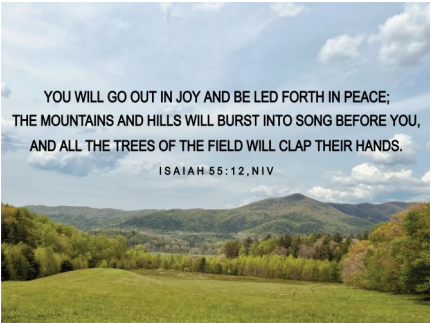
—Anicka Fast, who ministers through Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference, finds joy, sheds tears and dreams of intercontinental, interchurch research in the Mennonite Church USA Archives. Read more about her work here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/archives/>

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Sept. 28–30** at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Attend in person or online! This

conference on “Pathways through Climate Doom: Resistance and Resilience” will examine theological, biblical and pastoral care responses to climate doom. Keynote speakers: Kaitlin Curtice; Leah Thomas, PhD; and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD. Register by Sept. 20 if meals are desired; final registration deadline is Sept. 26. [ambs.edu/rooted-and-grounded](https://ambs.edu/rooted-and-grounded)

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**  
**August 27, 2023**

Offering = \$2,264.00    Attendance = 154  
Worship Link Views = 30



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