

Tabor Mennonite Church

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YOUTH SUNDAY

This Sunday, the Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship is reflecting on the fruits of the Spirit. Thanks be to God for these gifts of the Spirit, and for the ways love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are nurtured and grow in our youth and in our congregation!

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Isaac Swartzendruber
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Isabelle Alderfer
LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL		
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from Psalm 1</i>	
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*GATHERING SONG	<i>"Together"</i>	No. 389
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST		
	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	Piano Offertory -	Adriana Duerksen
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Galatians 5:22-25</i>	Phil Unruh
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	
CHILDREN'S STORY		Corynn Nickel
LOVE		Adriana Duerksen
JOY		Greta Scholle
PEACE		Isabelle Alderfer
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"Allegro"</i>	Corynn Nickel
	<i>from G. F. Handel's 3rd Flute Sonata</i>	
PATIENCE		Isaac Swartzendruber
KINDNESS		Colby Nafziger
GOODNESS		Jackson Hiebert
*HYMN	<i>"When We Walk with the Lord"</i>	No. 570
FAITHFULNESS		Sam Abrahams
GENTLENESS		Wyatt Sommerfeld
SELF-CONTROL		Braxton Unruh

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"The Fruit of the Spirit's Not a Watermelon"*

SNOW CAMP SHARING High School Youth Group

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN *"You Shall Go Out with Joy"* No. 847

*BENEDICTION Adriana Duerksen

*POSTLUDE Isabelle Alderfer

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, April 21

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

9:30 am: Worship
 YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)
<https://youtube.com/live/6pSkfwDs0S4?feature=share>

10:45 am: Faith Formation Hour

11:45 am: TMYF Fundraiser Taco Salad Meal to support TMYF's trip to Vermont with MDS

1:00 pm: Tabor leads Bethesda Chapel

4:00 pm: Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus - Tabor College

5:30 pm: Catechism Class - A meal will be provided.

This Week

Mon, April 22,	9:00 am - Faithful Fitness
	9:30 am - Comforter tying - Hospitality Hall
	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
Tues, April 23,	9:00 am - Staff Meeting
	7:00 pm - Deacons' Meeting
Wed, April 24,	6:45 pm - TMYF
Thurs, April 25,	9:30 am - Coffee Time at Tabor
Sat, April 27,	8:30 am - TMW Mystery Excursion TMYF Lock In (April 27-28)

Next Sunday, April 28

9:30 am: Next Sunday we will be joined by representatives from Western District Conference to engage in the WDC Listening Process. We will start our time with an abbreviated worship service focusing on Acts 1:1-14 with Pastor Todd offering a short meditation.

Finger Food Fellowship - please bring food to share

10:30-12:30 pm: WDC Listening Process (Childcare provided)

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for generous financial support for WDC congregations and their ministries, and for WDC as it equips and connects with congregations and ministry leaders across the conference.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network praises God for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren's two decades of ministry in the Argentine Chaco and for the exciting audio and visual ministries they are developing. Pray for the Christian radio programs, which help the Toba-Qom people better understand the biblical message, and for the impact that the Jesus Film is having in communities in the Chaco.

Congregational Announcements

Thank You: The trustees would like to thank everyone for participating in the spring work day on Wednesday evening. Thank you for helping to maintain and beautify the Church and its grounds. We would also like to recognize your monetary contributions which paid for new heating/air filters throughout the church and the paint we used in the park for the picnic tables and play set.

TMYF Wed Night Youth Group: Our Final Wednesday Evening Youth Group of the school year will be on Wednesday April 24. We will meet at the church at 6:45 and then drive together to Newton to purchase needed items for MCC's kits. After purchasing the items, we will go out for ice cream before returning to the church. Youth are invited to bring a donation to help cover the costs. Members of the Congregation are also welcome to provide donations (both monetary or items) for this as well. Thank you!

Lock In: The TMYF Annual Lock In will begin Saturday, April 27 at 6pm. We will go out to the Breadbasket and then head back to the church for fellowship and games. Everyone is welcome to bring snacks to share. Things will wrap up around 4am on Sunday to allow people time to sleep before worship.

On April 27, the Tabor Mennonite Women will depart on a **mystery excursion**, leaving at 8:30. We will be returning around noon. Or not. Carloads will get to choose. Maybe you want to have more fun, or maybe you want to get back to do Saturday things. If knowing more details makes a difference in whether you go, then ask Ruby or Carol to do the GREAT REVEAL to you. Or just go and enjoy the mystery. Please sign up on the bulletin board by April 21.

Western District Conference Listening Tour at Tabor: On **April 28**, three representatives from Western District Conference -- Delon Martens, Vicki Penner and Ron Flaming -- will be visiting our congregation as part of WDC's conference-wide Listening Tour this year. The purpose of the Listening Tour is to empower the vitality of WDC congregations by hearing their stories, offering ongoing relationship, and supporting their witness and mission. **All adults and youth are invited to participate in listening sessions on the 28th (childcare will be provided). There will**

be a shorter worship service, followed by Finger Food Fellowship (snack potluck), and then the listening process will take place from approximately 10:30 - 12:30. This will include times of conversation in response to these questions from WDC about our ministries and hopes for the future: 1. *Can you tell about a time when you've felt most alive and vibrant as a congregation, or as a participant of the congregation?* 2. *What is foundational and reassuring about this congregation that has helped in difficult times?* 3. *What activities or ministries are most important for your congregation now in fully carrying out God's work?* 4. *What do you hope for the future for your church and what resources from WDC would be helpful for that?* Responses from our discussion will be shared back with the congregation, and at the conclusion of the listening process a summary of themes will be compiled by WDC to share with WDC constituency and used to guide ongoing resourcing for congregations in WDC.

Tabor Mennonite Women & Girls Spring Salad Supper - Monday, May 20, 6 pm - Plan to attend this delicious and entertaining evening! A program will be given by Sara (Ratzlaff) Yost, who will take us to the year 1863 as she gets dressed for the day. As she puts on the 10+ articles of clothing, including a corset and hoop skirt, she will briefly give a history and explanation of each piece. She will also share a little about her journey into the Holdeman faith. Please bring a salad to share, and sign up to indicate your attendance on the bulletin board by May 12. (Guests are welcome!)

-**The Tabor Mennonite Women** project committee is planning a Quilt Challenge. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you are interested in making a 12-1/2 inch square block to be included in a Sampler Quilt for the 2025 MCC Sale. The fabric will be provided for you and you will design your own block. If you have any questions, contact Kim Funk, Dora Goerzen or Sharon Adrian. **Please sign up by Sunday, May 12.**

VBS: VBS is just around the corner! Make plans to send your preschool through 6th grade students to VBS the week of June 3-7, 2024. Seekers in Sneakers is an interactive VBS where children use their investigative skills to discover Jesus. Families can pick up a flyer in the foyer or use the link emailed out with the bulletin to register their children.

Summer Worship Series: Our worship series this summer will focus on difficult Scripture passages. Are there texts that you find troubling? Are there Scriptures that raise a lot of questions for you? Are there passages that you'd like to hear more about? The pastors will be taking suggestions and planning the summer worship series around Scripture passages submitted by people in our congregation. Worship Council is inviting anyone -- individuals of all ages, families, Faith Formation classes -- to submit Scripture passages to the pastors that you would like to hear a sermon on. Please include your name or the name of your group with your submission. You are welcome to submit these via email or by putting them in the pastors' church mailbox(s). Thank you!

Community and Conference Announcements

The 2023-24 Prairie Window Concert Series concludes with [The Brother Brothers](#) on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. [Purchase tickets online](#) at dyckarboretum.org or call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet on **Monday, April 22, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Goessel City Building Community Room. Marjorie (Jantzen) Shoemaker of North Newton will present the program entitled, "The Great Trek to Central Asia." Marj will share some personal remembrances from family diaries. We will also view the video "Through the Desert Goes Our Journey," winner of a 2010 Emmy Heartland award. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call either Fern Bartel at the Goessel Museum (620-367-8200) or Anna Beth Birky (620-386-0381.)

MCC: Earth Day Soft Plastic Recycling at MCC! April 22 is Earth Day and we invite you to start a new habit of recycling all soft plastics (plastic bags, bread bags, any plastic packaging that you can stretch) at MCC Central States in North Newton! This is a NEW and ONGOING recycling project that we are highlighting for Earth Day. Volunteers will be on hand on Monday, April 22 at the warehouse to take your soft plastic recycling and answer your questions. But going forward, you can bring your soft plastic recycling to MCC any time, placing them in the marked bin outside the warehouse. Questions, please contact duaneunruh@mcc.org.

-May 26-31: Restorative Justice Peace Camp for young adults (Chicago, Illinois) - This peace camp will dive into creative ways to implement justice in local communities. Learning from experienced restorative justice practitioners in Chicago, we will witness incredible ways that transformation is possible through restorative justice. Register today! mcc.org/events/restorative-justice-peace-camp

MDS: The April edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares a truly uplifting story of MDS work in Maryland, volunteers are transforming lives in Mississippi, and long-time project in Jennings, Louisiana comes to a close. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. [Click on this link to read more: https://conta.cc/3UjUriu](https://conta.cc/3UjUriu)

Hesston College:

-April 19 to 30 - Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition - Regier-Friesen Gallery of the Laban Peachey Center, 325 S College Dr, Hesston; open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

-April 26 to 27 - Pen to Paper to Performance - 7:00 pm - Read more about the festival at hesston.edu/theatre.

-May 10 - International Chorale Concert

The Hesston College International Chorale kicks off their biannual European tour with a performance at Hesston Mennonite Church on Friday, May 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The chorale consists of members from the

Bel Canto Singers and the Global Voices choir. The performance is free to the public and available via livestream at hesston.edu/livestream.

Bethel College:

-Sun., April 21 – Sunday-Evening-at-the-Museum with Dr. Kim Perez, Fort Hays State University, 7 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium and Mon., April 22, 11 a.m., in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

-Wed, April 24 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble, directed by Chris Miertschin, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

-Sat., April 27 – "Walking the Talk: Listening Relationships in a Changing Climate," symposium at Bethel College, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. See <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation/walking-the-talk/walking-the-talk-listening-relationships-in-a-changing-climate/>

-Sun., April 28 – Masterworks concert at Bethel College, 4 p.m., featuring the Bethel College Oratorio Chorus, orchestra and soloists, performing Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*, with Dr. Henry S. Waters conducting, *Memorial Hall*

-Wed., May 1 – Jazz on the Green at Bethel College, 7:30 p.m.

-Sun., May 5 – Woven and Open Road joint concert, 4 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church

Camp Mennoscah:

-Two full scholarships are available from the Camp Mennoscah Scholarship Endowment. The endowment was generously gifted to Camp Mennoscah to assist campers who would not otherwise be able to attend camp. Applications need to be received by May 1. Campers of diverse backgrounds will receive higher priority.

Contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for the application form.

-Register for the 2024 Summer Youth Camps! Send a child, grandchild or invite a friend to come to a week of fun-filled faith in the midst of creation. The theme for the summer is Linked By Love and looks at how God's love teaches us about faith and commitment. [Register online!](#)

-Nurses needed for the weeks of Junior High 2 (July 7-12) and Junior 2 (July 14-19). Nurses must be an RN and can receive a stipend or a parent discount. You are needed to make summer youth camps healthy and successful!

-Learn to make--and get to eat--verenike casserole, bierocks, and Sunday Sandwiches! Parents can receive a discount up to full camp fees. Kitchen staff are needed for PreJunior 2, Junior 1, Junior 2, Junior High 1, Junior High 2, and Senior High Camps!

-More volunteer fun than just the Retreat Center project! Volunteers are also needed for other camp tasks--mowing, clearing trails, weeding the flower beds. Thank you to the many volunteers who have already helped with all the camp projects!

Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org to volunteer to be a nurse, to cook, or to help out.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Memorial Day Work and Play May 24-27, 2024 beginning at 7:00pm on Friday and concluding after breakfast on Monday.

-Summer Resident Camps: Our theme for Summer 2024 is "What's the Forecast?". To learn more and to register, visit rmmc.org.

Mennonite Church USA: Mennonite Church USA is pleased to announce that the 2025 MC USA biennial national gathering and leading faith formation event, Follow Jesus '25, will take place July 8-12, 2025, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. Shé Langley was named the new director of event planning. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/convention-details-director

-Mennonite Church USA's Climate Justice Ministry is receiving applications for the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund grant, from now through June 15, 2024. The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund provides funds to assist MC USA congregations interested in forms of renewable energy. The term, "net zero energy," describes buildings or communities that generate enough energy to meet their own needs. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/green-energy-grants

AMBS: Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary!

Courses run in May, June and July. Both distance-friendly and in-person courses are available. Topics include Christian Leadership in the 21st Century, Biblical Storytelling and more. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! Register by April 29. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

-Develop skills for holistic leadership! AMBS's Master of Arts in Christian Formation program prepares students for ministry in spiritual formation and guidance, teaching and worship in congregations and other faith-based settings. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available! ambs.edu/macf

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
April 14, 2024

Offering = \$ 4,071.95	Attendance = 141
Adult FF = \$ 34.00	Attendance = 31
Jr. FF = \$ 9.60	Attendance = 45

Worship Link Views = 42

Upcoming Dates

May 1 - VBS Teacher Orientation

May 5 - MDS Storm Encounter Trailer at Tabor. There will be opportunities during and following the Faith Formation hour for people to participate in this simulation.

May 24-27 - Camp 412 at Camp Tawakoni for 7th/8th graders

June 2 - Bethesda Fundraiser at White Owl Barn

June 3-7 - VBS Week

July 13 - 20 - TMYF Service trip with MDS to Plainfield, VT

August 2-4 - WDC Annual Assembly, First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE



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