

Tabor Mennonite Church

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BALAAM AND HIS DONKEY

As we spend a few weeks looking at difficult scripture texts from the Bible during the month of June, today by request from some of our children, we will look at Numbers 22 and the story of Balaam and his donkey. Specifically, we are asked to consider this donkey who can talk and the reason for God's anger directed to Balaam. So, what do you think about this story?

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Deloris Schmidt
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Venita Schroeder
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		No. 866
*GATHERING HYMN	<i>"God Is Here Among Us"</i>	No. 62
*GATHERING PRAYER		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"</i>	No. 98
*PASSING THE PEACE		
	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS		
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"Scherzo"</i> -V. Kossenko	Hoxie Hiebert
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Numbers 22: 22-35</i>	Kara Swartzendruber
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	
CHILDREN'S STORY		Diane Unruh
SERMON		Pastor Todd Schlosser
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Open My Eyes That I May See"</i>	No. 738
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DEDICATION		Eunice Nickel
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*SENDING HYMN	<i>"Guide My Feet"</i>	No. 816
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		

Sunday, June 2

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/SjnVYTirl04?feature=share>

10:45 am: Finger Food Fellowship - Please bring finger food snacks to share.

5:00-7:00 pm: Bethesda's Annual Summer Fundraiser at White Owl Barn - We will once again be serving pulled pork sandwiches with all the fixings, including homemade ice cream. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening by the creek.

This Week

Mon, June 3 - Fri, June 7 - 8:30-11:45 am - Vacation Bible School

Mon, June 3 - 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, June 4, 7:00 pm - Council Meeting

Wed, June 5, noon - 1st Wednesday Lunch

Next Sunday, June 9

10:00 am: Next Sunday is Vacation Bible School Celebration Sunday: "Seekers in Sneakers". Join our children and leaders for a morning of sharing and music. Come to see what the children learned and did during the week!

-Following the celebration, there will be a potluck meal. Please bring your contribution of food for the meal, along with your own table service. Drinks will be provided.

4:00-5:30 - MDS Cabinet Shop Celebration (see announcement)

5:30 pm - September River Fundraiser Concert

5:30 pm - Catechism

Upcoming Dates

June 13 - Coffee with the Pastors - Hesston Bakery & Cafe

June 27 - Coffee Time at Tabor

July 7 - Catechism

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

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

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team, as they prepare for our annual conference gathering August 2-4 at First Mennonite Church in Beatrice, NE on the theme *Nos Transformamos en Comunidad / In Community We Transform*.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: In California, where Mennonite Mission Network's San Francisco MVS unit is located, many people who have full-time jobs are not able to pay rent on a one-bedroom apartment. Most of the MVS participants are working with agencies that provide low-income housing. They ask that we pray and work to transform the unjust systems that cause homelessness.

Congregational Announcements

Rejoice! The summer 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.

Summer Camp Scholarship Sign-up: Tabor Christian Education Committee is offering \$75 scholarships for all Tabor children attending summer camps at Camp Mennoscah, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, or other Mennonite camps. Please sign up on the bulletin board to receive your reimbursement.

-We would like to pray for all those going to camp this summer. Please let Diane know if you are going to camp this summer as a camper or as a counselor, cook, or nurse.

Community and Conference Announcements

The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum invites everyone to remember the immigrants of 1874 and the sacrifice they made coming to America. The **immigrant flags** are back in the church cemeteries recognizing the FAITH, COURAGE, and ACTION of the 1874 immigrants. The flags will be displayed in the Alexanderwohl, Tabor, Goessel, and Lehigh church cemeteries from May 23 - June 5. Come and listen to their voices flutter in the breeze!

Blood Drive: Start your summer with giving a gift of life! Donate blood on **June 3**, between 1:00-6:00 pm at Goessel Church. Sign up at redcrossblood.org to donate. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

MDS Cabinet Shop Dedication: We want to invite you and the churches of Western District Conference, MCUSA, to join us for the dedication and celebration of the new Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Cabinet Shop and Warehouse. The event will be held on **Sunday, June 9th at 604 E. Main Street, Goessel, Kansas from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Admission is free.** During the celebration, we will offer **tours of the cabinet shop** and warehouse, and an opportunity to learn more about this innovative MDS initiative to draft and distribute kitchen cabinets to be installed in MDS volunteer-built homes across the U.S. We have already distributed cabinets to more than 75 homes.

The celebration will also feature a **fundraising concert by September River**, a family band featuring Jude and Doug Krehbiel and daughter Stefanie (Krehbiel) Giffin. The band incorporates elements of bluegrass, gospel, blues, acoustic rock, Irish, and folk music. The concert will begin at **5:30 p.m.** Additionally, the **MDS Storm Encounter** will also be on hand for those who want to experience a simulated tornado—then see how MDS volunteers respond to bring hope to communities impacted by disaster.

Bethel College: Enrollment is open for Uncle Carl's Camp at Kauffman Museum at Bethel College. Half-day camps are offered in art, history and nature for kids ages 4-18. New this year is Creative Writing Camp for students finishing grades 7-12, with instructor Lydia Chappell Deckert. The **writing camp starts June 3**, so sign up soon! Go to www.kauffmanmuseum.org/uncle-carls-camp/ for more information about this and other camps with space still available, and to register online.

Hesston College:

-June 6 and 20 - Dyck Arboretum of the Plains Summer Music Nights You are invited to bring your friends and family, lawn chairs or picnic blankets and join us for Summer Music Nights at Dyck Arboretum! *This event is free to the public – donations are welcome.* Water and lemonade will be provided. Bring your own picnic, if you like. Everyone is welcome to walk the arboretum grounds and enjoy the summer evening. Music will begin at 7 p.m. Performers will be located on the covered patio on the west side of the Prairie Pavilion and the public is invited to gather on the lawn areas nearby.

- **June 6:** Hearts 4 Him is a dynamic Gospel ensemble based in central Kansas. The nine-member group was formed in 2001 and has performed on stages large and small in the central states area.
- **June 20:** The Sassanachs are a high energy band with a heavy Irish influence. When you come to a show, you will be taken on a journey around the world with polka, country, mariachi and Ukrainian tunes mixed in.

-June 16 to 22 - Summer Theatre Camp - Student actors ages 11 to 18 are invited to stage a live theatre performance at Hesston College's annual summer theatre camp June 16 to 22. The weeklong theatre immersion will culminate in a public performance of the musical "Mean Girls" at

2 p.m., Saturday, June 22, in the Hesston Mennonite Church sanctuary on the Hesston College campus. Theatre camp registration is \$335 per person and includes lodging and meals for seven days and six nights, or \$285 for day camp only. A discount is available for families registering more than one student. Participants can visit hesston.edu/theatrecamp to register online. Registration is due June 10.

-Bible classes offered on Hesston College's campus

Lifelong learning is a goal of many individuals. Did you know Hesston encourages community members to enroll in Bible courses? We even have a discounted rate for senior citizen attenders. This coming fall semester we have opportunities to take two Bible classes on campus: Biblical Literature (at two different times) and Missional Leadership on Monday evenings. These classes will only be offered in person this semester. To learn more, visit hesston.edu/bible. If you are interested in enrolling in a course, contact Michele Hershberger at michele.hershberger@hesston.edu.

Camp Mennoscah:

-Nurses and kitchen helpers are needed for Summer Youth Camps! If you are an RN and can fill part or all of the July 7-12 or July 14-19, please email olivia.bartel@campmentoscah.org or text 316-293-7313. Kitchen helpers are especially needed for July 7-12. Kitchen staff are also needed for June 9-14, June 23-28, July 14-19, and July 21-26. Up to a full camper discount can be received by kitchen staff or nurses. Nurses can choose to receive a stipend instead.

-Random items needed for summer youth camps! By random, we mean toilet paper, white paper towels, volleyballs, soccer balls, frisbees (for Ultimate), a smallish fish seine, fish hooks, inner tubes for floating (Intex River Run is what we have), manual can openers, prayers for safety and wisdom, and Sharpies of all colors plus black for the kitchen. Send directly to Camp Mennoscah or contact office@campmentoscah.org.

-Now is a great time to register for Summer Youth Camps! [Scroll through this information for summer youth camp information and scriptures.](#) 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!](#)

-The Retreat Center HVAC project will not be finished by the start of the summer. There have been unexpected discoveries that have extended the time line for completion. The Facilities Committee and Camp Mennoscah board are reviewing the next steps. Work will continue on the project with a brief hiatus to get campgrounds and the pool ready for Summer Youth Camps. Please keep the board, camp staff and the project in your prayers. Questions can be directed to olivia.bartel@campmentoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

Host an International Exchange Student: Volunteers, with or without children at home, are needed to host Christian high school exchange students from around the world for this coming school year. Students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses. Families provide an extra meal at the dinner table and a safe, caring environment.

For more information contact SHARE!: 800-941-3738, ycoff-man@sharesouthwest.org, or visit sharesouthwest.org/contact.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS

- Here comes the summer! Camp offers a slice of summer where campers experience the outdoors in a fun and safe community. Campers experience a new adventure while growing in their faith and exploring the Rocky Mountains. Rocky Mountain is blessed to have scholarships funded by donors who want to ensure money is not a barrier for a youth to enjoy a summer camp experience. Please contact Corbin Graber (Executive Dir. - 719-687-9506 - corbin@rmmc.org) about what would be helpful.

-Colorado Roots Music Camp II at RMMC August 11-17: Break out of your routine and be inspired by a variety of styles, first-rate musicians, and the incredible experience of being immersed in acoustic music. Our instructors are some of the top players in the nation, but they were chosen because they're known by peers and students as great instructors for all levels. As always at Roots, it's great music with a side of biscuits and gravy! Visit rmmc.org for more information and registration.

Mennonite Church USA: Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC) has launched a website where young adults across the U.S. can find information about non-military careers, service and training opportunities. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/potc-website/

-On June 18 at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT, join Nancy Kauffmann, Mennonite Church USA interim denominational minister of Church Safety, Michael Danner, MC USA associate executive director for Church Vitality and Ben Woodward-Breckbill, associate pastor at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas, as they address topics related to Safe Church protection policies and navigating through a crisis. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-safe-jun18 View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/slide/safe-webinar-june View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/pdf/safe-webinar-june

AMBS: Seeking an Administrative Assistant for the Anabaptist Thriving Congregations Grant. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this 0.5 to 0.75 FTE position. The person in this role will provide support for a program that will train pastors and lay leaders to lead their congregations in a process of investigating their context, facilitating innovative Bible study and guiding group discernment. The program and position are funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. and will end after five years. See the full job description: ambs.edu/jobs

-Visit Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Schedule a personal visit (either in person or online) to learn about how our affordable on-campus and distance-friendly programs can prepare you to lead effectively and live faithfully — wherever God calls you. Contact us to learn more about the AMBS experience: ambs.edu/visit

SERMON NOTES

May 26, 2024

Offering = \$ 1,740.00



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hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.*

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