

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## PRISCILLA and AQUILA: DISCIPLES OF HOSPITALITY

Today we remember the story of Priscilla and her husband Aquila who are understood to be significant leaders in the development of the early church modeling hospitality and faith. We remember their witness as we strive to be people of hospitality, healing and hope.

## WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Russell Adrian
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Colossians 3:12-17*
- \*GATHERING HYMN *“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”* No. 25
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN OF PRAISE *“Bless the Arms That Comfort”* No. 527
- \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ **and also with you.***
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- WORSHIP MUSIC *“What Does It Mean to Be a Mother”* Funk Women/Girls  
by Dorothy G. Killpack
- SCRIPTURE READING Acts 18:1-3, 18-21, 24-28; Kristi Unruh  
Romans 16:3-5  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ **Thanks be to God!***
- CHILDREN’S STORY Carol Duerksen & Doris Unruh
- SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE *“There Is a Line of Women”* No. 546
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*SENDING HYMN *“Use Us, God”* No. 811
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE *\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, May 12

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God’s love. This morning you were greeted by Kevin & Yvette Nickel 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/5aBB3MWlvss?feature=share>

**10:45:** Faith Formation for all.

## This Week

**Mon, May 13,**

**9:00 am** - Faithful Fitness

**9:30 am** - Comforter tying - Hospitality Hall

**7:00 pm** - Men’s Bible Study

**Tues, May 14,**

**9:00 am** - Staff Meeting

## Next Sunday, May 19

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday is Pentecost. The scriptures for reflection will be Acts 2:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 12:1-13. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

**10:45 am:** Faith Formation for all.

**5:30 pm:** Catechism

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for chaplains in WDC, as they offer pastoral care in hospitals, hospice, health care communities, academic institutions, and other settings.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: On this Mother’s Day, join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for mothers around the world, especially those who struggle to provide life’s necessities for their children. May we share what God has given us, acknowledging that we are all part of God’s one family.

## Congregational Announcements

**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!

**Children, Youth, and Adults** - Kansas Crafts Kids' Corner items left from the MCC Sale are on a table in the Hospitality Hall (NE corner). These items include crayons (Lego and flower shaped), heart necklaces, key chains, a variety of magnets, headbands, and pencils. Feel free to choose and take any craft you like.

### Tabor Mennonite Women:

**-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 note that the sign up deadline is TODAY. (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:** We are looking for supplies for VBS! We are asking for help from the congregation to collect a few items. We are looking to repurpose used items, but they should be clean: plastic lids, bottle caps, cereal boxes, and #6 clear plastic (this is often the type of plastic used for store bought bakery items, to-go containers, or foil pan lids). All donations can be placed in the supply room in the basement from now through Sunday, May 26. Thanks for your help!

**2024 Church Directories:** Printed copies of the church directory are available under the mailboxes.

**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.

## Upcoming Dates

May 23 - Coffee Time at Tabor  
May 24-27 - Camp 412 at Camp Tawakoni for 7th/8th graders  
May 27 - Memorial Day Service - Tabor Cemetery  
June 2 - Bethesda's Annual Summer 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

## Community and Conference Announcements

**"From Russia to Kansas – A Story of the 1874 Mennonite Immigration"**, sponsored by the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum, will be presented on August 2. The pictorial presentation will include first-hand accounts about the journey. **Volunteers are needed** for reading parts. For more information contact Leann Toews, director, 620-877-0397, or Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081 by **May 19**.

**Senior Coffee** - Join us at Alexanderwohl for Senior Coffee on Friday, May 17, at 10:00 am. Justina Neufeld will be our guest presenter on "Becoming a Refugee in WW II: Escaping from Ukraine".

**You are invited to attend the MCC Sale Annual Meeting** scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 6:00, at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church. The cost for the meal is \$20/person and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP to Barb BJ Reeves by May 19. 620-543-6863 or [bj.reeves@live.com](mailto:bj.reeves@live.com) The meeting to review the Sale and present MCC with a check will be held after dinner at approximately 7:00 pm.

**Bethesda Home's Annual Meeting** will be held Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. in Bethesda's Chapel. An update of Bethesda, election of board members, financial report, AND a piece of pie – you won't want to miss! It's a time to celebrate the ministry of Bethesda. We hope you can join us!

**Mark your calendars for Bethesda's Annual Summer Fundraiser** which will be held from 5 pm-7 pm on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at the 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. Flier located on bulletin board for more details.

### **Bethel College:**

**-Bethel College commencement weekend is Sat.-Sun., May 11-12.**  
Events: **Nurse Pinning Ceremony, 2 p.m., May 11, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; Baccalaureate, 10 a.m., and Commencement, 4 p.m., May 12, both in Memorial Hall.**

### **Hesston College:**

**-May 23 - Dyck Arboretum of the Plains Summer Music Nights: Kilometer 81** - You are invited to bring your friends and family, lawn chairs or picnic blankets and join us! ***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. Kilometer 81 is a local bluegrass band composed of three siblings, Eli (mandolin), Addie (guitar), and Austin (banjo), and their parents, Ken (bass) and Amy (vocals). They build elements of jazz, folk and barber-shop music onto a traditional bluegrass foundation.

### **-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](https://hesston.edu/theatrecamp) to register online. Registration is due June 10.

### **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@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.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. No great skill needed, just a happy heart and the ability to follow directions. Up to a full camper discount can be received by kitchen staff or nurses. Nurses can choose to receive a stipend instead. Reply now to stop Olivia from sending this plea again!

**-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@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.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. Camp Mennoscah staff will be in communication with groups with Retreat Center reservations. 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@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290.

**This does not prevent summer youth camps from taking place.**

### **Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Volunteer opportunities for RMMC.**

Rocky Mountain is seeking volunteers to assist with camps this summer. The ministry at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is possible because of the dedication of countless volunteers. Available short term positions are typically two weeks or less with help needed in food service, maintenance and housekeeping. Our goal is to do our best at matching the needs of the camp with the ability, gifts and talents of our volunteers. Please call us to discuss your willingness and desire to join us or visit our volunteer page [rmmc.org](https://rmmc.org). Thank you for your support!

### **MCC: 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](https://mcc.org/events/restorative-justice-peace-camp)

**Mennonite Church USA:** Mennonite Church USA, along with more than 140 Christian leaders, signed a letter calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and a halt in arms sales to Israel. Read the letter here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/call-for-ceasefire](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/call-for-ceasefire)

-On Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT, MC USA's Climate Justice Ministry will host a webinar titled, "Energy Efficiency and Faithful Action." Join three panelists, Amy Huser, Eric Sauder and Nelson Kilmer, who have led their congregations and communities on a journey toward energy efficiency, with a goal of "Net Zero" energy. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-climate-may30](https://mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-climate-may30) View the PowerPoint slide here: [mennoniteusa.org/slide/lpj-climate4](https://mennoniteusa.org/slide/lpj-climate4) View the PDF here: [mennoniteusa.org/pdf/lpj-climate4](https://mennoniteusa.org/pdf/lpj-climate4)

**-Menno Snapshot:** Janet Elaine Guthrie, spiritual director and member of First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, shares about the influences that led her to engage in the reparative action of donating her portion of the family farm, with the intent toward education and supporting Indigenous peoples. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/fruits-of-repair](https://mennoniteusa.org/fruits-of-repair)

**AMBS: Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program.** Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level AMBS program! Journey helps participants nurture their leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with the guidance of a dedicated pastoral mentor and experienced facilitators. The Fall 2024 cohort begins Sept. 6; those who apply by July 11 can save \$100! [ambs.edu/journey](https://ambs.edu/journey)

**-Earn a Doctor of Ministry in Leadership!** Develop a customized learning plan around your goals, gain expertise in five key competencies and grow in effective Anabaptist leadership while based in your ministry or leadership context. This competency-based program is open to U.S. and Canadian citizens or residents who can travel to participate in the required weeklong residencies on the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary campus each January. Apply by Sept. 15 to begin in January. [ambs.edu/dmin](https://ambs.edu/dmin)

<b>OFFERINGS &amp; ATTENDANCE</b>			
<b>May 5, 2024</b>			
Offering = \$	7,140.00	Attendance =	131
Adult FF = \$	59.36	Attendance =	40
Jr. FF = \$	13.03	Attendance =	44
Worship Link Views = 20			

<b>Unified Budget Giving Update - Fiscal Year 2024</b>	
Total Budget	331,567.00
Actual Giving Through 4/30	109,220.18
Total Left to Meet Budget	222,346.82
Current Above/(Shortfall)	(31,058.17)
Sundays Remaining	30
Amount Needed per Sunday	7,411.56



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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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