

Tabor Mennonite Church

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

On this day of Pentecost, we remember and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the many ways God's Spirit continues to work within the church today, such as through offering gifts for building up the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Marcene Entz
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reece Hiebert
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- *CALL TO WORSHIP *from 1 Corinthians 12:4-7*
- *GATHERING HYMN "Summoned by the God Who Made Us" No.1
- *GATHERING PRAYER
- *HYMN OF PRAISE "As the Wind Song through the Trees" No. 373
- *PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ **and also with you.***
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS
- WORSHIP MUSIC Aubrielle Francis
- SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-4; Rosie Jantz
1 Corinthians 12:4-20
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ **Thanks be to God!***
- CHILDREN'S STORY Kara Swartzendruber
- SERMON Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- *HYMN OF RESPONSE "There Are Many Gifts" No. 374
- FAITH SHARING from WORSHIP COMMISSION Reece Hiebert
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser
- *SENDING HYMN "New Earth, Heavens New" No. 377
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, May 19

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Mark & Carrie Smith 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/B-HicXoteY?feature=share>

10:45: Faith Formation for all.

5:30 pm: Catechism

This Week

Mon, May 20,

9:00 am - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - Comforter tying - Hospitality Hall

6:00 pm - TWM Salad Supper

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, May 21,

9:00 am - Staff Meeting

7:00 pm - Deacons' Meeting

Thurs, May 23,

9:30 am - Coffee Time at Tabor

Fri, May 24 - Mon, May 27 Camp 412 at Camp Tawakoni - 7th/8th graders

Next Sunday, May 26

10:00 am: Next Sunday will be worship in the church park beginning at 10am. Please plan to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit on. This service will include communion, time for reflection, as well as informal sharing with one another. Scriptures for reflection will be Exodus 3:1-6 and Romans 1:20. There will be no regular Faith Formation hour.

Next Monday, May 27 - 10:00 am: Memorial Day Service at Tabor Cemetery - As is our tradition here at Tabor all are welcome to a Memorial Day Service at our cemetery. While this will be a time to remember all our loved ones who are no longer with us, we will specifically name those from our congregational family who have passed away over the past year. As we remember our loved ones, we invite prayer and ongoing loving support for each other particularly those who continue to grieve.

Upcoming Dates

May 26 - Heritage Talk: Talking Tombstones

June 2 - Bethesda's Annual Summer Fundraiser at White Owl Barn

June 3-7 - VBS Week

June 9 - MDS Cabinet Shop Celebration

June 9 - Catechism

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 children, youth and their families in WDC congregations, as they approach the end of the school term, and make plans for summer.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton, of Mennonite Mission Network, request prayer for the Mennonite churches in Ecuador, as they unite in living out Jesus' message of peace, in response to the increasing violence in their country. Pray for protection and courage, as regular peace-building gatherings move Jesus' followers toward Spirit-led action.

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.

VBS: A list has been posted on the bulletin board for items that are needed for **Bible School snacks**. Please feel free to sign up. Donations to cover the cost of food would also be appreciated.

-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!

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.

Community and Conference Announcements

The May edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King introduces you to some of our national partners, learn how MDS is helping those who help the homeless in Selma, Alabama, and take a look at the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall.

The Family History and Genealogy Group will meet on **Monday, May 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**, in the **Goessel Museum Prep School**, 200 N. Poplar St., Goessel, Kansas. The meeting will be led by Juanita Stone of Valley Center, Kansas, presenting information about Find-A-Grave which is an American website owned by Ancestry.com The free site provides tools that let people from all over the world work together, share information, and build an online virtual cemetery experience. 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).

Talking Tombstones: Different people experienced the migration from South Russia to Kansas and the early settlement period very differently. Some, like Elder Jacob Buller, had the heavy responsibility of the whole group on his shoulders. For a few, like Anna Richert Wedel, they remembered a prior migration from Prussia to Russia. On **May 26, 2024**, we will hear a few of the stories through first person accounts presented at their tombstone. Talking Tombstones Tour will begin at **3:00 pm** at the **Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Cemetery**. Three stories will be presented, then participants will drive to Tabor Mennonite Church Cemetery for three stories. Following that, we will go to Goessel cemetery and Blumenfeld cemetery. We encourage people to carpool between cemeteries. The Immigrant Flags will also be up at each cemetery to mark the graves of the immigrants in 1874. In case of bad weather, the event will be held inside Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. If the road to the Blumenfeld Cemetery is inaccessible, Anna Richert Wedel's story will be told at another cemetery.

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!
SEE YELLOW FOLDER ON BULLETIN BOARD.

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.

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. Sing 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.

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 The meeting to review the Sale and present MCC with a check will be held after dinner at approximately 7:00 pm.

Everence® May workshop: Make Medicare an Easy Step - Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com.

Bethel College:

-Sat., June 1 – An outdoor trifecta! 6 a.m.-8 p.m., the public is invited to Walk Sand Creek Trail Day, part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and leashed dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus, courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee, with members there to answer any questions about the trail. **7 a.m., Kauffman Museum monthly bird walk**, led by experienced local birders; **9 a.m., Kauffman Museum-sponsored wildflower walk** with Brad Guhr of Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. The bird walk begins at the kiosk in the museum parking lot at the corner of North Main and 27th streets in North Newton, the wildflower walk begins at the museum, and both walks will follow part of Sand Creek Trail.

-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 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.

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 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.

-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@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290.

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. Thank you for your support!

Mennonite Church USA: Mennonite Church USA's Safe Church ministry is strengthening its commitment to ensuring safe spaces for all members by offering background checks for church employees and volunteers through an agreement with Safe Hiring Solutions. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/background-checks

AMBS: AMBS Trees of Life Retreat: May 31 – June 1 (Friday at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Pathways Retreat; Saturday at Camp Friedenswald). This retreat led by Janeen Bertsche Johnson, MDiv, and Steve Thomas, MDiv, will weave together study of biblical texts about trees; understanding of trees as organisms and within ecosystems; ecological issues; and spiritual practices. It can be taken for credit or as a noncredit retreat. Register by May 24. ambs.edu/trees
-Take a seminary course this fall! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly options include Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture; Christian Ethics and Peace Theology; Spiritual Practices: Prayer and Scripture; Psalms; Reading Cultural Contexts; Understanding Trauma in Ministry and Peacebuilding; and more. In-person courses are also available. Some courses may be audited. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! Classes run Sept. 3 – Dec. 13; sign up by Aug. 26. ambs.edu/upcoming-course

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
May 12, 2024			
Offering = \$	3,536.00	Attendance =	103
Adult FF = \$	35.00	Attendance =	35
Jr. FF = \$	20.49	Attendance =	36
Worship Link Views = 39			



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