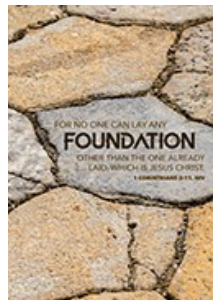


# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## A FIRM FOUNDATION: FAITH FORMATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY

We give thanks for the many ways our congregation nurtures and supports people of all ages in their faith journey, as together we all strive to grow in love for God and for others as we build upon the firm foundation of Christ our Lord!

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE	Susan Merrifield
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dale Alderfer
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>from Ephesians 4</i>
*GATHERING HYMN	"Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing" No. 7 Diane Unruh, accompanist
*GATHERING PRAYER	
*HYMN OF PRAISE	"Christ Is Our Cornerstone" No. 4
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	
WORSHIP MUSIC	Sharleen Francis
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>1 Corinthians 3:6-11</i> Leann Toews <i>1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13</i> <i>The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!</i>
CHILDREN'S STORY	Pam Abrahams
SERMON	Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	"The Church's One Foundation" No. 397
EXCHANGE STUDENT SHARING AND BLESSING	Greta Scholle
FAITH SHARING	Dale Alderfer
FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION	

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser

\*SENDING HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 831

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, May 5

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/yKfnm-ZiQpY?feature=share>

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

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

**If you are a Faith Formation Teacher, Helper or a Wednesday evening Teacher, Helper, Babysitter, Transporter, Kitchen Worker, or a Youth Mentor** – Please accept a gift of Monster Cookies and a Plant (what has become our annual tradition) as a THANK YOU for leading Christian Education at Tabor this last year! We couldn't do this important work without you. Please pick up your gifts in the Hospitality Hall.

### This Week

**Mon, May 6,**

**9:00 am** - Faithful Fitness

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

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

**Tues, May 7,**

**9:00 am** - Staff Meeting

**7:00 pm** - Church Council Meeting

**Thurs, May 9,**

**9:30 am** - Coffee with Pastors at Rhubarb Market, Hillsboro

### Next Sunday, May 12

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday the scriptures will be from various texts, including Acts 18-19. We will spend some time getting reacquainted with Priscilla. Pastor Todd will be preaching.

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

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for youth ministers, sponsors and mentors in WDC congregations, and pray for them as they accompany young people in the journey of faith.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Robin Gingerich, of Mennonite Mission Network, has served as an administrator and teacher at LCC International University in Lithuania since 2001. She requests prayer for wisdom, patience and kindness among faculty, staff and students, as they complete the school year. Pray also for an end to the war in neighboring Ukraine.

## Congregational Announcements

**2024 Church Directories:** Printed copies of the church directory are available in a box 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.

**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 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:** 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 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!

## Upcoming Dates

May 19 - 5:30 pm - Catechism

May 20 - TMW Salad Supper

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

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".

**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:

**-Sun, May 5 - Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum with Stan Senner of the National Audubon Society, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium.** Senner will speak on "Birds and Birding Connect Kansas to the World."

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

**-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 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](https://hesston.edu/livestream).

**-May 10 and 11 - Student Recitals and Theatre Showcase**

Sophomore students involved in choral activities will perform recitals at 2 and 4 p.m., Friday, May 10, as well as 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 11. In addition, the annual theatre showcase will be performed Sat. at 1 p.m.

**-May 11 - Commencement Ceremony**

Hesston College's 114th annual commencement ceremony is Saturday, May 11, at 4 p.m. The college will grant approximately 44 bachelor's degrees and 60 associate degrees to the graduating class of 2024. This year's commencement speaker, Dr. Rebecca Hernandez, will inspire our graduates to consider how acts of service can frame their lives.

**-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:**

**-Ach, ja. Unfortunate news, folks.** 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.

**-Want more information about the 2024 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!](#)

**-Tasty Treat Makers Needed!** Parents can receive a discount up to full camp fees as kitchen staff for a week of summer youth camp. Willing hands and hearts are all that is needed. The head cook will direct you in what needs to be done to make yummy meals for campers and staff. Kitchen staff are needed for June 9-14, June 23-28, July 7-12, July 14-19, and July 21-26! Contact [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or call 620-297-3290. Free camp tee shirt and tasty meals provided, as well as the hearty thank yous of well-fed campers.

**-Bandaid Appliers 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 full parent discount. Contact us at 620-297-3290 or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) if you are interested. The care you share gives campers a fun and safe camp week!

**-All sorts of camp volunteer fun!** Tasks to keep Camp Mennoscah moving along smoothly are many. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks--mowing, clearing trails, weeding the flower beds. Contact us at 620-297-3290, 316-293-7313 (text) or [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org). Thank you to the many volunteers who have already volunteered!

**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:** For the months of April and May, Mennonite Church USA will focus on addressing climate justice concerns, through its Learn, Pray, Join initiative, "Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom." Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/lpj/climate-shalom](https://mennoniteusa.org/lpj/climate-shalom) View the PowerPoint slide here: [mennoniteusa.org/slide/lpj-climate](https://mennoniteusa.org/slide/lpj-climate) View the PDF here: [mennoniteusa.org/](https://mennoniteusa.org/)

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-MC USA's Climate Justice Ministry is hosting a webinar titled, "Faith, Food, Soil and Climate," on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT. Five panelists will explore how growing and sharing food can provide nourishment for mind, body and spirit, while building healthy soils, lowering greenhouse gas emissions and creating more just and resilient communities. The webinar is part of MC USA's current Learn, Pray, Join initiative, Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-climate-may13](https://mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-climate-may13) View the PowerPoint slide here: [mennoniteusa.org/slide/lpj-climate3](https://mennoniteusa.org/slide/lpj-climate3) View the PDF here: [mennoniteusa.org/pdf/lpj-climate3](https://mennoniteusa.org/pdf/lpj-climate3)

**-Menno Snapshot:** Pastor Suzette Shreffler, White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church, Busby, Montana, and Pastor Sandy Drescher-Lehman, Wild Church gatherer, share a prayer and a blessing, respectively, crying out for better stewardship of God's creation. These resources are part of MC USA's Learn, Pray, Join initiative, Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom series. Read it here: [mennoniteusa.org/cries-for-better-stewardship](https://mennoniteusa.org/cries-for-better-stewardship)

-Jenny Gehman, spiritual director and east coast representative for Mennonite Women USA, reflects on her own journey to spiritual direction and the holy hospitality she has experienced. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/spiritual-holy-hospitality](https://mennoniteusa.org/spiritual-holy-hospitality)

**AMBS: Expand your leadership capacity through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Practical Leadership Training modules!**

Upcoming offerings include Practicing Resilience in Response to Trauma (webinar); Beyond Boring Bible Studies (online short course); Moving through Congregational Changes (online workshop); Living Outside the "Man Box" (online workshop); and more. CEUs available. Register for one or more modules! [ambs.edu/plt](https://ambs.edu/plt)

**-AMBS Trinity House available for retreat use.** A distinctive clover-leaf-shaped house nestled among trees on the edge of the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary campus in Elkhart, Indiana, is available for daytime retreat use by individuals and small groups. The house contains two small rooms for one-on-one conversations, a larger room for gatherings of five to 10 people, a dining/meeting room with seating for 10, a kitchenette and two bathrooms. Rates are \$50 for half-day use and \$85 for full-day use. [ambs.edu/trinity](https://ambs.edu/trinity)

**OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

**April 28, 2024**

Offering = \$ 2,200.00 Attendance = 92

Worship Link Views = 37



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