

# Tabor Mennonite Church

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## SAVED BY GRACE

Jesus says it is hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven, in fact it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. Ephesians suggest we are saved by grace as a gift from God. So is a rich person saved by grace? . . . that is our question for today. What do you think?

## WORSHIP

- PRELUDE Cynthia Goerzen and Children
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carrie Smith
- RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Ephesians 1*
- \*GATHERING HYMN "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" No. 560
- \*GATHERING PRAYER
- \*HYMN OF PRAISE "Come Thou Fount" No. 563
- \*PASSING THE PEACE  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*
- OFFERING OUR GIFTS Sophia Abrahams
- WORSHIP MUSIC Sawyer Unruh, Cynthia Goerzen  
Boyd Unruh, Cynthia Goerzen
- SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 19:16-26, Ephesians 2:4-10* Denise Nickel  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*
- CHILDREN'S STORY Janna Duerksen
- SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser
- \*HYMN OF RESPONSE "I Know Not Why God's Wondrous" No. 590
- CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen
- \*SENDING HYMN "Amazing Grace" No. 163
- \*BENEDICTION
- \*POSTLUDE

## Sunday, June 16

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/j0gfLWRCvMI?feature=share>

**10:45 am:** Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary

## This Week

**Mon, June 17,**

**9:00 am** - Faithful Fitness

**9:30 am** - Comforter Tying

**Tues, June 18,**

**9:30 am** - Staff Meeting

**Wed, June 19,**

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

## Next Sunday, June 23

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday our theme is Navigating the Bible. Scriptures for reflection will be Deuteronomy 4:2, Revelation 22:18-19, and Psalm 119:34. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

**10:45 am:** Peter Goerzen - "Navigating the Bible: Approaches to 'Contradictions' in Scripture"

## Upcoming Dates

June 27 - Coffee Time at Tabor

July 7 - Catechism

July 8-12 - Pastor Katherine on vacation

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

July 21 - Givens Family here for worship and faith formation

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

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations recovering from damage from storms, that they would experience God's presence and strength and also be a witness of caring and compassion in their community.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: On this Father's Day, join Mennonite Mission Network personnel in praying for fathers around the world, especially those who lack the support needed 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

**Delegates for WDC Annual Assembly:** If you are interested in being a delegate for the annual assembly in Beatrice, Nebraska, on August 2-4, please let one of the pastors know.

**School Kits:** We are joining the MCC school kit challenge this summer—24,000 by the end of August. During Faith Formation on the last Sunday of each month this summer, we plan to work on service projects. Please donate school supplies—70 page spiral notebooks, unsharpened plain colored pencils, rulers with inches and cm, 12 colored pencils, large eraser, black or blue ballpoint pens, small all metal pencil sharpener. There is a basket in the foyer to put supplies in.

**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 aren't already on the scholarship sign-up) if you are going to camp this summer as a camper or as a counselor, cook, or nurse.

**You are invited to hear Mennonite Mission Network volunteers Joseph and Rachel Givens speak at 7 p.m., Sunday, July 21 at Eden Mennonite Church, 401 18th Ave., Moundridge.** Refreshments will follow. This event is for their supporting congregations and others interested in hearing more from the Givens about their ministry at the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, as they provide support for migrants.

## Community and Conference Announcements

**Everence® June Workshop: Social Security and retirement income** Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Tuesday, June 18, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions.

The in-person workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

**Alexanderwohl Senior Coffee:** Brian Stucky will present "Goessel Area Rural Graves" for Sr. Coffee on Friday, June 21, at 10:00 a.m. in the Alexanderwohl Fellowship Hall. This 55 minute presentation offers additional insight into the migration story of 150 years ago and tells about the research Brian has done to discover and honor the 70+ rural graves in this area. Plan to join us!

**You're invited! Support a new Mission Network family.** On Wednesday, June 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Mennonite Mission Center office in downtown Newton, come hear about the work of a new Mennonite Mission Network family. Later this year, Laurel and Ben Woodward-Breckbill, from Newton, will move to Paris, France to be directors of the Paris Mennonite Center. On the 26th you can hear about the work of the Center, enjoy snacks, and even offer your financial support. Make a giving pledge and you will be entered to **win a pair of Kansas City Chiefs tickets!** (Las Vegas at Kansas City, November 29, 2024). Can't make it in person? [Make a pledge here.](#) See you there!

**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, [ycoffman@sharesouthwest.org](mailto:ycoffman@sharesouthwest.org), or visit [sharesouthwest.org/contact](http://sharesouthwest.org/contact).

**Save the Date! Western District Women in Mission's annual Women's & Girls' Retreat** will be Saturday/Sunday September 7-8 at Camp Mennoscah. The keynote speaker will be Kristine Regehr on the topic of Peaceful Practices. More information and registration info will follow in July. Activities will be available for girls age 5th grade - high school and women of all ages! Come for a time of relaxation, peace, and friendship! Questions? Email [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com).

**Summer Story Days are BACK!** Stop by the **WDC Resource library**, 2517 N. Main in North Newton, KS on **Saturdays June 29 and July 27 from 10:00am-7:00pm** for Read Alouds; self-guided, come-and-go activities; and opportunities to learn and grow together! Activities geared for ages 3-8 and their families, but open to all ages. Take advantage of these Saturday hours to tour the library and check out resources.

**MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); hand towels (dark colored); bar soap; bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); wide toothed combs (6-8 inches long); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); and shampoo (20 oz min). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.836.5045. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

**Mini Blitz at MCC!** Come tie, trim, or bind comforters at the MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton on Friday, July 12 from 9-5 and Saturday, July 13 from 8-2. Bring a snack to share and a sack lunch/supper. Drinks will be provided. Beginners are welcome!

**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. Go to [www.kauffmanmuseum.org/uncle-carls-camp/](http://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 20 - Dyck Arboretum of the Plains Summer Music Nights**

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. *This event is free to the public – donations are welcome.* Water and lemonade will be provided. Walk the arboretum grounds. Music will begin at 7 pm on the covered patio on the west side of the Prairie Pavilion and the public is invited to gather on the lawn areas nearby.

**- Summer Theatre Camp** - Public performance of the musical "Mean Girls" - 2 p.m., Saturday, June 22, in the Hesston Mennonite Church sanctuary on the Hesston College campus.

**-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](http://hesston.edu/bible). If you are interested in enrolling in a course, contact Michele Hershberger at [michele.hershberger@hesston.edu](mailto:michele.hershberger@hesston.edu).

**Camp Mennoscah:**

**.Kitchen staff** are needed for July 7-12 and July 14-19.

Nurses are needed for July 17-19 (the end of the Junior 2 week) and at least part of the Senior High Camp, 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!** (toilet paper, white paper towels, volleyballs, soccer balls, frisbees, a smallish fish seine, fish hooks, inner tubes for floating, 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. Register online!](#)

-Volunteers to help on the Retreat Center can call or email camp to sign up for dates.

**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](mailto: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](http://rmmc.org) for more information and registration.

**Mennonite Church USA:** Mennonite Church USA's Church Vitality office and Everence have completed their annual update of the Pastor Salary Guidelines for 2024-2025. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/salary-guidelines](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/salary-guidelines)

**Menno Snapshots:** Janet Szabo, a member of Mountain View Mennonite Church, shares how after a period of declining attendance, Mountain View Mennonite Church is experiencing a spring new life, through active church participation from adults and children alike. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/spring-garden-creation](http://mennoniteusa.org/spring-garden-creation)

-Amid the climate crisis, Douglas Day Kaufman, executive director of Anabaptist Climate Collaborative, finds wild, grounded hope in the gospel of all creatures — in the tiny Caddisfly larva and in the body of Christ. Read his reflection here: [mennoniteusa.org/gospel-all-creatures](http://mennoniteusa.org/gospel-all-creatures)

-Sara Gurulé, constituent engagement representative for Mennonite Mission Network, MC USA's mission agency, shares her grief about climate change and how the systems of greed and power have affected the places she calls home. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/complex-grief-climate](http://mennoniteusa.org/complex-grief-climate)

**AMBS: Expand your leadership capacity through AMBS's Practical Leadership Training modules!** Four-session online workshops beginning in September include Moving through Congregational Changes; Living Outside the "Man Box"; and Leadership Practices for Spiritual Vitality. CEUs available. Check out our full list of modules for the fall: [ambs.edu/plt](http://ambs.edu/plt)

**-Take a seminary course this fall!** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly options include Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture; Introduction to Biblical Languages; Reading Cultural Contexts; Spiritual Practices: Prayer and Scripture; 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-courses](http://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

**SERMON NOTES**

<b>OFFERINGS &amp; ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>June 9, 2024</b>	
Offering = \$10,713.19	VBS Offering for MMN \$599.50 (Sun) +
Attendance = 171	\$624.17 (week of VBS)
Worship Link Views = 27	



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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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