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NAVIGATING THE BIBLE

During worship and the faith formation hour, we reflect on how we navigate the Bible when texts seem to conflict or when the stories seem to conflict with key tenets of our faith. May God grant wisdom and guidance as we ask questions, share insights, and study the Scriptures together.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Worship Team
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Janna Duerksen
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP		
*CALL TO WORSHIP AND GATHERING PRAYER		
*GATHERING HYMNS	<i>"Thy Word Is a Lamp"</i>	No. 398
	<i>"Renew Your Church"</i>	No. 717
*PASSING THE PEACE		
	<i>The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.</i>	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	<i>"There Is a Redeemer"</i>	
UNISON PRAYER BEFORE THE SCRIPTURE READING	VT No. 911	
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Deuteronomy 4:2, Revelation 22:18-19,</i>	Russell Adrian
	<i>2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:34</i>	
	<i>The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!</i>	
CHILDREN'S STORY		Eunice Nickel
SERMON		Pastor Katherine Goerzen
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Lord, You Sometimes Speak"</i>	No. 537
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER		Pastor Todd Schlosser
*SENDING HYMN	<i>"Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"</i>	No. 405
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		

Sunday, June 23

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Phil and Sarahanne Unruh 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/kJBYP-ROT1E?feature=share>

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



The flowers this morning are in celebration of Elton and Denise Nickel's 50th wedding anniversary on June 21. Praise God for the gift of love.

This Week

Mon, June 24,	9:00 am - Faithful Fitness
	9:30 am - Comforter Tying
Tues, June 25,	9:30 am - Staff Meeting
Wed, June 26,	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study
Thurs, June 27,	9:30 am - Coffee Time at Tabor

Next Sunday, June 30

9:30 am: Next Sunday our theme is Prayer. Scriptures for reflection will be Daniel 10:1-13. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

10:45 am: MCC Service Work - School Kits, tying comforters, visiting

Upcoming Dates

July 7 - Catechism
July 8-12 - Pastor Katherine on vacation
July 13 - 20 - TMYF Service trip with MDS to Plainfield, VT
July 14 - MH&AM Heritage Talk at Tabor - 7:00 pm
July 17 - TMW volunteer at MCC - 1:30-3:30 pm
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 the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee, as they discern nominees for new leadership positions to be elected at WDC annual assembly.

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Martine Audéoud works in administrative and teaching roles for several international theology and global leadership formation doctoral programs. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for her and her family as they move from France to Côte d'Ivoire, where the family previously lived and where her son, 16-year-old, Samuel, feels at home. Samuel experienced bullying in his school in France.

Congregational Announcements

Share your surplus garden produce this summer! A table will be available in the hospitality to share or help yourself to garden produce. Please leave a small donation for the produce. Donations go to the Tabor Food Pantry.

The Tabor Food Pantry requests your donations! Items currently needed include laundry pods, dish soap, canned chicken and tuna, canned soups (other than tomato), cake and muffin mixes, pasta sauce, pancake mix, and peanut butter. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. It is much appreciated!

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 or perforated-pages notebooks, unsharpened pencils, rulers (flat with inches and cm), 12 colored pencils (in package), large eraser, black or blue ballpoint pens, small, all metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes). There is a large basket in the foyer to put supplies in.

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.

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

The June edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: The MDS Cabinet Shop celebrates a new warehouse, the Peace Academic Center gets an unexpected boost and a bridge opens access to more than 25 families. Sign up to volunteer this summer and fall.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3RuHARk>

The Fourth Monday Family History and Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, June 24, 2024, 7:00 p.m., in the **Goessel Museum**, 200 N. Poplar St., Goessel, Kansas. You are invited to a 50th birthday party! The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum was "born" in 1974. Come to hear about the museum's beginnings 50 years ago, as well as some more recent innovative and exciting changes! These changes enhance the museum's story and will facilitate the efforts of those who come to research their families' histories. Museum director, Fern Bartel, and others will be sharing in a short program. Fern will also share an amazing discovery made at the museum recently. A free tour of the museum will follow. The meeting is free and open to the public. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us, feel free to invite them. For more information, call either Fern Bartel at the Goessel Museum (620-367-8200) or Anna Beth Birky (620-386-0381).

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!

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.

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.

WDC Annual Assembly: Don't want to drive to Beatrice, NE? Vans will leave from North Newton, KS on August 2 afternoon. When you register, please mark, "Reserve a seat in the van" for \$30 a seat. Join us at the WDC Annual Assembly, August 2-4, 2024 at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. Register [HERE](#)

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 or 316.836.5045. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

The MCC Sale Quilter's Corner is looking for donations of quilts, quilt tops, fabric, books, magazines and vintage linens for our next sale. We hope to have an **October sale** if we receive enough donations. Donations can be dropped off at the MCC Center in North Newton [labeled](#) for Quilter's Corner or at Stitches Quilt Shop in McPherson. If you have questions, please contact Ann Yoder Smith at 919-604-3282.

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!

Camp Mennoscah: Kitchen staff are needed for June 23-28 and July 7-12.

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. **We must have all students placed by August 31 or they will not be able to participate in our program.** I am really hoping you do have room for us as we need help in getting the word out to great families like your church members. Thank you for your help. For more information contact SHARE!: 800-941-3738, ycoffman@sharesouthwest.org, or visit sharesouthwest.org/contact.

Hesston College: Thank you once again for your generous support of our students here at Hesston College!! It means so much to our campus community and your support helps many of our students in positive ways. We are certainly blessed by your generosity and are very thankful.

Mennonite Church USA: Representatives of Native Mennonite Ministries, a Mennonite Church USA Indigenous assembly composed of three congregations in Montana and Oklahoma, recently gathered for their biannual business meeting in Billings, Montana. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/native-menno-ministries

Menno Snapshots: Chris Meyer, stewardship investing advocacy and research manager at Everence, reflects on his passion for creation care, on behalf of Everence and his own family, reminding us how much we all have invested in caring for creation — and how rarely we stop to bask in its glory. Read his reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/guided-by-wonder

-After years of avoiding pastoral ministry, Jen Sherk, campus pastor at Goshen College, felt a calling that she needed to say "yes" to. Her position as campus pastor officially began on Aug. 1, 2023, after she served as interim pastor in April and May 2023. Read about her calling here: mennoniteusa.org/vocation-spiritual-lens

-Despite feeling some discomfort with the Letter to the Hebrews and the idea of writing a commentary, Debra Bucher just released her Believers Church Bible Commentary on Hebrews. She shares her principles and how she worked through the discomfort here: mennoniteusa.org/discomfort-way-forward

AMBS: Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible: Sept. 11 – Oct. 22. Join Drew Strait, PhD, and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD, to study pertinent Scripture passages and reflect on how these texts form a robust and biblically based practice of peace and justice today. This online Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary short course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Aug. 21 to save \$50. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

-Earn a Master of Divinity at a distance! Develop your leadership abilities from an Anabaptist perspective while staying in your current vocation. AMBS's MDiv Connect program offers you in-depth biblical and theological study, spiritual formation and vocational internships — right where you live. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available. ambs.edu/mdiv-connect

SERMON NOTES

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE June 16, 2024			
Offering = \$	3,669.00	Attendance =	126
Worship Link Views		=	38



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

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