

Tabor Mennonite Church

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SHARING FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS

On this Sunday, we warmly welcome Rachel, Joseph, Elijah, and Micaiah Givens! We are grateful for the opportunities we have to support them in their mission in Calais, France, and we look forward to learning more about their experiences while serving with the Maria Skobtsova House. Thanks be to God for the ways they are embodying and spreading God's hospitality, healing, and hope!

WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Diane Unruh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Todd Schlosser

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Isaiah 56*

*GATHERING HYMN "Blessed Assurance" No. 435

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" No. 126

*PASSING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY

Rachel Givens

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:6-8

Eunice Nickel

James 2:14-26

The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "Highs and Lows in Northern France" Joseph and Rachel Givens

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Bless the Lord, My Soul" No. 127

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN "Let There Be Light" No. 714

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, July 21

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/zkEJpF18-G8?feature=share>

10:45 am: Givens' Family Sharing

11:45 am: Potluck Meal for all

1:00 pm: Tabor leads Bethesda Chapel

The flowers this morning are in celebration of Les & Cynthia Goerzen's 50th wedding anniversary today, July 21. Praise God for the gift of love.



This Week

Bulletin announcements due on Thursday by 9:00 am.

Mon, July 22,

9:00 am - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - Comforter Tying

Tues, July 23,

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

Wed, July 24,

7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Thurs, July 25

9:30 am - Coffee Time at Tabor

7:00 pm - Christian Education Meeting

Next Sunday, July 28

9:30 am: Next Sunday we will continue focusing on our 12 scriptures. Scriptures for reflection are Joshua 24:14-15. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

10:45 am: MCC Service Work - school kits, tying comforters, visiting

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ We are grateful for the presence of the Givens family this morning and invite ongoing prayers for their mission and ministry in France. We also ask for God's presence as they spend this time back in the United States sharing about their work and then the upcoming trip back.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the WDC Resource Library, and pray for children and their families who join in fun and faith formation activities at the library's Summer Story Day on July 27.

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Joseph and Rachel Givens, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network, are on North American ministry. Pray for safety as they travel, as well as for a time of renewal and Spirit-inspired sharing in congregations. Pray for the ministry of Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, as it adapts to new anti-immigration laws.

Congregational Announcements

Today - 7:00 pm: You are invited to hear Mennonite Mission Network volunteers Joseph and Rachel Givens speak at Eden Mennonite Church, 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.

About to be released . . . Anabaptism at 500 Bible Sale: For more information and to order now for a discounted price, go to this link: <https://www.mennomedia.org/anabaptist-community-bible>

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.

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. **Cloth drawstring bags are needed if you are interested in sewing some.**

Jackets and Coats Needed: We have room for a few more jackets and coats before we mail the box off to Team Brownsville for MCC. If you have any gently used coats that you no longer need, please put them in the secretary office. Thanks!

Sept 22 – Mark your calendars for a Service Sunday. More details of projects that you will be able to be involved in will come later. Thank you to Kenton Nickel and Kevin Nickel for volunteering to organize this event.

Community and Conference Announcements

Benefit Event for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum:

What was it like to travel from the home you knew across a vast ocean to start all over on a treeless prairie. The presentation on **Friday, August 2, 2024**, “From Russia to Kansas: A Story of the 1874 Mennonite Immigration” will help give some insight. A narrated pictorial presentation, with firsthand accounts, will describe the journey of the Alexanderwohl immigrants leaving South Russia and finding a new home in Kansas. The event will take place at the Goessel High School Auditorium, 100 E. Main, Goessel, Ks on August 2, 2024 at 7:00pm. Donations gratefully accepted.

A huge event like Country Threshing Days takes a lot of effort! Servers, cashiers, and several more zwieback bakers are needed for the Low German meal at the Goessel Elementary School and food service in the Preparatory School on the museum grounds on Saturday, August 3. If you can help, please return the green volunteer sheet TODAY or contact Aileen Esau at daesau@gmail.com or 620.386.4463. Thank you!

Blood Drive: Between your summer activities and vacations, please make time to donate blood on August 5, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. Give a single unit or Power Red double unit donation. Sign up at redcrossblood.org. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

July Edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares a letter of gratitude from Arcadia, Florida, volunteers install our 100th bridge allowing residents to travel home again, and homeowners are on the road to recovery thanks to volunteers working in Lytton, British Columbia.

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

Summer Story Days are BACK! Stop by the **WDC Resource library**, 2517 N. Main in North Newton, KS on **Saturday, 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: Colorado Peaches are coming! The Palisade peaches on the Western Slope are looking to be a good crop once again. Peaches will be available to order from **July 1-31**. Orders can be made by contacting the MCC Central States Office at patsydirksen@mcc.org or calling 316-283-2720. Two sizes are available: **9 lbs. for \$30 and 18 lbs. for \$41**. Payment for peaches in the form of cash or checks is **due by August 1** to MCC. **Checks should be made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church** with “peaches” in the memo line. Peaches will be available for pickup from the MCC Office, 121 East 30th, North Newton, on Monday, August 19 (**tentative date**). This is a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale held in Castle Rock, Colorado, October 18-19.

-Join the MCC School Kit Challenge and help pack 24,000 school kits for 24,000 kids this summer (plus, you could win a pizza party)! All school kits donated and completed in the month of August will help us meet this goal. Currently, in the Material Resources Center in North Newton we are very low on these specific school kit items: school kit bags (sewn), pens, erasers, and rulers. Please make your donations of individual kit items or full school kits by August 31. 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. [Join the MCC School Kit Challenge today!](#)

-Soft Plastic and Cardboard Recycling at MCC! Did you know you can recycle soft plastics (plastic bags, bread bags, any plastic packaging that you can stretch) and cardboard at MCC Central States in North Newton? This is a *new* and *ongoing* recycling project. Follow the signs at MCC for Donations & Recycling and you will find bins outside the warehouse to drop your recycling in. Questions, please contact duaneunruh@mcc.org.

-MCC immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas, Aug. 18-23: MCC learning tours present a unique opportunity to engage directly with the work done by MCC and partner organizations. The tour will give participants the chance to meet with law enforcement officials from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), gain insights into the complexity of immigration enforcement, including deportation and apprehensions, and visiting migrant response shelters. The tour will shed light on the challenges faced by migrants on their journey and raise awareness about the asylum process, and conditions faced by displaced and uprooted individuals. [Find out more and register for the trip by August 9.](#) Questions, please contact Abraham Diaz Alonso, MCC Central States Immigration Program Coordinator at abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org.

Annual Camp Sing: On Saturday, August 3rd, at 3:00 PM at Faith Mennonite Church (Newton, KS) we will be holding our annual Camp Sing event. All are welcome to join us for a gathering of the Camp Mennoscah community to sing camp songs led by the Summer Staff, enjoy a recap of the summer, and hear testimony to the great work camp is doing. Following the singing we will have popcorn and generic pop together! We would love to see you all there.

Women & Girls! Western District Women in Mission invites you to our annual retreat **September 7-8 at Camp Mennoscah!** Bring a friend! **Theme:** Peaceful Practices with Kristine Regehr as our keynote speaker **Girls' Programming** for 5th grade - high school with Janna Duerksen **Registration is due August 30.** Retreat brochure and registration form are available at: <https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/register> **Come early at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning to tie Camp Mennoscah t-shirt comforters!** They will also be available to tie throughout retreat. We hope to get 6 comforters tied and give them to Camp to sell as fundraisers. At least 15 years of past camp T-shirts are in the comforters!

Camp Mennoscah is excited to be starting a new capital campaign! Watch for more information coming soon! Foundation 75 is going to be an exciting adventure for all of us involved at Camp Mennoscah!

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.

Hesston College: 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 attendees. 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. If you are interested in enrolling in a course, contact Michele Hershberger at michele.hershberger@hesston.edu.

Mennonite Church USA: The Mennonite Church USA Church Vitality office encourages college students and churches to participate in the Ministry Inquiry Program, which pairs students from Mennonite colleges with host congregations across the country for ministry internships. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/internships-young-adults

-Holding it(,) Together is a podcast, produced by MC USA's Women in Leadership, that delves into the lives and experiences of people across MC USA. Listen here: mennoniteusa.org/hit View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/hit-pdf View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/hit-slide

Menno Snapshots: Martin Gunawan shares about his cultural heritage through his childhood in Indonesia and adult life in the United States. Read his interview here: mennoniteusa.org/unity-in-diversity

-Rachel Ringenberg Miller, denominational minister for ministerial leadership for Mennonite Church USA, uses her own experience to offer ideas to help congregations raise up the next generation of pastors from within. Read her blog here: mennoniteusa.org/pastors-come-from

AMBS: Documentary: *What Happened at Benham West: African American Stories of Community, Displacement and Hope.* Your church or organization can host a screening of this 80-minute documentary about the exclusion of African Americans in the city of Elkhart, Indiana, as told through the stories of local elders. The film can be a helpful introduction to the lasting economic and social impacts of White supremacy and structural racism, and you can opt to include a presentation after the film for additional context. Schedule a screening through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: ambs.edu/benham-west-project

-Grow your skills in offering spiritual direction! With a focus on practice-based learning, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's **Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction** offers a curriculum and supervised program to prepare you to become a spiritual director or to strengthen the spiritual direction aspects of your ministry. You can complete the 21-credit-hour certificate part time in two years, either fully online or with a combination of distance-friendly and campus-based courses. ambs.edu/certificates

Upcoming Dates

August 2-4 - WDC Annual Assembly, First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE
 August 25 - Mennograss
 September 7-8 - Womens' Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
 September 22 - Service Sunday
 October 6 - 1:30 pm - 2024 Harvest Giving Walk beginning at Goessel Church

12 Scriptures

<i>In the beginning was the Word</i> John 1:1-18	<i>Christ is our Foundation</i> 1 Corinthians 3:11	<i>Choose who you will Serve</i> Joshua 24:14-15
<i>Sermon on the Mount</i> Matthew 5-7	<i>Love God and Neighbor</i> Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Matthew 22:34-40 Mark 12:28-34	<i>The Golden Rule</i> Luke 6:31
<i>God sent Jesus for Salvation</i> John 3:16-17	<i>Clothe yourselves with Qualities of Christ</i> Colossians 3:12-17	<i>Be a Living Sacrifice</i> Romans 12
<i>Faith without Works is Dead</i> James 2:14-17	<i>Seek Peace and Pursue It</i> 1 Peter 3:8-11	<i>Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly</i> Micah 6:6-8

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OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE July 14, 2024

Offering = \$ 9,048.13 Attendance = 121

Worship Link Views = 26



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