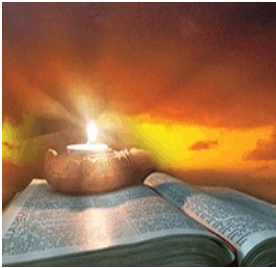


Tabor Mennonite Church

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12 TABOR SCRIPTURES

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God". (John 1:1)

We will explore this foundational faith text being reminded of the life God called into being from the beginning and Jesus, the Son of God, coming into this world to enlighten the world in grace and truth.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE Mark Schmidt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from John 1:1-5,9*

*GATHERING HYMN *"Here I Am to Worship"* No. 227
-hymns accompanied by Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAYER *"Longing for Light"* vs. 1-4 No. 715

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

WORSHIP MUSIC *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"* Lydia Nickel

CHILDREN'S STORY Tammy Wintermote

SCRIPTURE READING *John 1:1-18* Sara Hiebert
The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"In the Beginning"* vs. 1, 2, 4, & 5 No. 270

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN *"God of the Bible"* No. 420

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, July 7

Welcome to worship at Tabor Mennonite Church! Come together to worship God and experience God's love. This morning you were greeted by Kenton & Eunice Nickel 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/Q5JKjQvu9ml?feature=share>

10:45 am: Finger Food Fellowship

5:30 pm: Catechism

This Week

Bulletin announcements due on Thursday by 9:00 am.

Mon, July 8, **9:00 am** - Faithful Fitness

9:30 am - Comforter Tying

Tues, July 9, **9:30 am** - Staff Meeting

7:00 pm - Deacons' Meeting

Wed, July 10, **7:00 pm** - Men's Bible Study

Thurs, July 11, **9:30 am** - Coffee with the Pastors
at Norm's in Newton

Next Sunday, July 14

9:30 am: Next Sunday we continue focusing on our 12 Scriptures. Our theme for this week is Christ Our Foundation. Scriptures for reflection will be 1 Corinthians 3:11. Pastor Todd will be preaching.

10:45 am: Hymn Sing

Upcoming Dates

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;
Potluck meal at noon

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

August 25 - Mennoglass

September 7-8 - Womens' Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

September 22 - Service Sunday

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for :

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations and members engaging in witness for peace and justice, seeking to follow the way of Jesus in the face of war and violence in the world.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Participants from Belmont Mennonite Church, in Elkhart, Indiana, have just returned from a week-long Mennonite Mission Network-sponsored Just Peace Pilgrimage (JPP). Pray for them as they discern what Jesus' response is for their congregation, after witnessing the reality of life along the Mexico-United States border in southern Texas.

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.

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. **[Please note: The Givens Family will be at Tabor to share the morning of Sunday, July 21 followed by a potluck.]**

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

Heritage Talk - Two Stories: On Sunday, July 14, 2024 to continue the 150th celebrations there will be an opportunity to hear story telling from two women, Pauline Sharp, Kaw People and Annette Voth, Alexanderwohl People. Their stories told side by side present a unique perspective of the history of the Kaw and Alexanderwohl people. The event will be held at the Tabor Mennonite Church at 7:00 pm.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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](#)

WDC Van Drivers Needed: We are looking for two volunteer van drivers to drive two 15 passenger vans with folks who are interested in a ride from North Newton (Bethel College Football Stadium Parking lot) to First Mennonite Church in rural Beatrice, NE for our 2024 Assembly on Aug 2-4. The vans will be leaving at 1:30pm on Friday and returning after the morning worship service on Sunday. The drivers will also need to take their passengers to the Assembly from the hotels and back to start and end the days and will be asked to shuttle over some folks participating in the Intergenerational Faith Formation Track on Saturday as needed at Summit Street Church, which is in town. Assembly registration for these two individuals will be free. Please let one of the pastors know or email the church office if you are interested.

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.

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.

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!

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

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.

Mennonite Church USA: The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and MC USA's Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference filed an amicus brief on April 25, 2024, in support of Apache-Stronghold's petition for a new full-court hearing on the potential destruction of Oak Flat, a sacred Indigenous site in Arizona. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/apache-stronghold -"Lead/Follow" is a video podcast for pastors and congregational leaders, hosted by MC USA's executive director, Glen Guyton. Find season one here: mennoniteusa.org/leadfollow View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/leadfollow-pdf View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/leadfollow-slide

Menno Snapshots: Carol Penner describes the history of the Together in Worship team and their website, which offers free worship resources in one convenient location. Read her blog here: mennoniteusa.org/resourcing-church-community -Brenda L. Yoder, author of "Uncomplicated: Simple Secrets for a Compelling Life," has found that the uncomplicated life of living in a rural Amish/Mennonite community has appeal for many people, due to the slower lifestyle and values that come with living this way. Read her blog here: mennoniteusa.org/uncomplicated

AMBS: Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level AMBS program! Journey helps participants nurture their leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with the guidance of a dedicated pastoral mentor and experienced facilitators. The Fall 2024 cohort begins Sept. 6; those who apply by July 11 can save \$100! ambs.edu/journey -**Seeking an Administrative Assistant for the Anabaptist Thriving Congregations Grant** - Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this 0.5 to 0.75 FTE position. The person in this role will provide support for a program that will train pastors and lay leaders to lead their congregations in a process of investigating their context, facilitating innovative Bible study and guiding group discernment. The program and position are funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. and will end after five years. See the full job description: ambs.edu/jobs

SERMON NOTES

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 June 30, 2024

Offering = \$ 4,686.84 Attendance = 95

Worship Link Views = 26



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

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