

Tabor Mennonite Church

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If we live by
the Spirit,
let us also be
guided by



Galatians 5:25, NRSV

PENTECOST:

The Holy Spirit Comes

Pentecost is a festival of abundance – abundant love, abundant presence of the Holy Spirit, and abundant experiences of the fruits of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit in our lives is the result of The Holy Spirit's presence.¹

WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Deloris Schmidt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP from *James 3:13-18*

*GATHERING HYMN "Holy Spirit, Come with Power" No. 57

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "The Love of God" No. 162

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

CHILDREN'S STORY Joshua Schmidt

WORSHIP MUSIC Cara Schmidt

SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 2:1-4* Eunice Nickel
Galatians 5:16-26

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

SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Joys are Flowing like a River" No. 375

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DEDICATION Eunice Nickel & Kara Swartzendruber

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

*SENDING HYMN "Move in Our Midst" No. 827

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

¹This focus statement and worship service is adapted from the Leader's worship resources for Pentecost 2025. Please also note that in the church calendar, Pentecost should be a week later, but because of the VBS programming, we're celebrating it this week.

Sunday, June 1

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

<https://youtube.com/live/e2S80Wrl8hw?feature=share>

10:45 am: NO programming during the faith formation hour due to a wedding in the evening.

This Week

Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Thursday.

Mon, June 2-6, **8:30-11:45 am** - VBS all week

Mon, June 2, **7:00 pm** - Men's Bible Study

Tues, June 3, **6:30 pm** - Book Study
7:00 pm - Church Council

Wed, June 4, **12:00 noon** - First Wednesday Lunch

Next Sunday, June 8

10:00 am: Please join us for a VBS celebration worship service at Tabor the morning of June 8 at 10:00am. The children will share the stories and lessons learned during the week. Following the service everyone is invited to tour the classroom and session spaces to see what the kids have created and then join us for a potluck lunch in the hospitality hall.

Potluck Meal in the Hospitality Hall - Please bring a potluck dish and your own table service.

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for this summer's first Story Day at the WDC Resource Library, on the theme of Pentecost with a Playground ribbon-cutting, and pray for a fun and faith-filled experience for all who participate in-person and virtually!
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for participants in the Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) units in Alamosa, Colorado; San Francisco, California; and Tucson, Arizona, as they are coming to the end of their terms. Pray that they would bring closure to the relationships they've built within their households, communities, service assignments and host congregations and that they would feel ready to follow God's leading into the next chapters of their lives. Praise God for the four participants who are continuing MVS for a second year.

Congregational Announcements

VBS week is here and we are looking for two people to bring a fruit salad for our staff appreciation lunch on Friday. Salads can be brought to church Thursday evening or anytime Friday morning. Talk to Eunice if you are willing to help with this.

If you are planning to attend the **MC USA's national convention** in North Carolina in July, **please let the church office know.**

Community and Conference Announcements

Blood Drive: Start your summer with giving a gift of life! Donate blood on June 2, between 1:00-6:00 pm at Goessel Church. Sign up at redcrossblood.org to donate. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

Mark your calendars for **Bethesda's Annual Summer Fundraiser** which will be held from **5p-7p on Sunday, June 8, 2025** at the **White Owl Barn**. We will once again be serving pulled pork sandwiches with all the fixings. New this year – special drinks provided by Midwest Sippin'. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening by the creek. Flyer located on bulletin board for more details.

Western District Conference:

It's a Party! Summer Story Days 2025. Join WDC Resource Library staff for stories and come & go activities for ages 3-8 and their caregivers.

New this year: Virtual participation with mailed craft kits available--sign up for virtual participation at forms.gle/8DnWnLs64VkZJoeB6. No sign up for in-person activities in North Newton. Join us June 7, July 12, and August 9. For more information contact Jennie at crlib@mennowdc.org.

WDC Annual Assembly – Inspiring worship Friday evening and Saturday morning around the theme of “Anabaptism @ 500: Faithfulness Then & Now.” Accounts of our ancestors' faithfulness in following Christ and our own stories today. Josue' Coy Dick and John Sharp will preach. WDC Annual Assembly is Aug 8-9, 2025 at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS.

WDC is creating WDC T-shirts for this summer, to highlight our conference as we celebrate Anabaptism@500, MC USA convention, and WDC Annual Assembly! The T-shirts will first be available FREE to WDC congregation members who are registered for MennoCon25! WDC will be connecting with church offices to distribute the T-Shirts during the month of June. Check with your church office during this time about receiving your T-shirt. The next opportunity to get a T-shirt will be to purchase them on the WDC Assembly 2025 registration form, coming in June. They will also be available for purchase at WDC Assembly, or from the WDC office after Assembly as long as supplies are available! Don't miss out on your chance to get a one-of-a-kind WDC T-Shirt!

SAVE THE DATE! Western District Women in Mission's annual Women's & Girls Retreat will be Saturday, September 6 - Sunday, September 7 at Camp Mennoscah. Registration will open on our website on June 7 (register & pay online or print out form and mail with your payment). Go to westerndistrictwomeninmission.org for more information. This year's featured speakers are Pastor Katherine Goerzen and Pastor Laura Goerzen. Comforter tying will start Saturday at 10 a.m. Afternoon seminars will include dried flower bookmarks, yoga, guided nature walk, book reviews with Bethany Martin from Faith & Life Bookstore and free time. Come for fun and fellowship!

MDS On the Level: Our May edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares insights in to the collaboration between disaster response partners, learn about a new program for students at Rosedale Bible College and meet a family who is truly dedicated to MDS. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4ktd6T4>

Camp Mennoscah:

It's getting down to the wire, good folks. Camp Mennoscah needs a **head cook** for June 22-26 and **nurses** for June 26-28 (3rd & 4th graders), July 13-18 (6th-8th graders), and July 27-Aug. 1 (Senior High camp). Nurses can receive a stipend or parent discount for a camper of up to full camp fees. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions or to claim a week. Have other skills? Camp has other needs, too--maintenance, custodial, musician/guitarist.

Summer Camp registration is still open! We're taking "Another Way" and finding transformation in Jesus' way of living. Summer camps are open for those going into grades 3-12. Scholarships are available and parents volunteering as kitchen helpers can receive a discount up to full camp fees for a camper. [Register here!](https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/) (<https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/>)
Come build your house on the rock and play in the sand!

Mennonite Central Committee:

The MCC Lunch & Learn is back! Join us on Tuesday, June 17 from 12-1 p.m. at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St.). Becky Teiwes, MCC Central State's Borderlands Program Coordinator will share about courage, compassion, and faithfulness as MCC continues to work with partners and churches at the U.S./Mexico border. Lunch will be provided for a suggested donation of \$10-\$15. **Please RSVP by June 9** at mcc.org/events/lunch-learn-mcc-partners-usmexico-border or by calling the office at 316.283.2720.

MCC school kits for South Texas, June 18, 6-8 p.m. Bring your kids, grandkids, and friends to MCC (121 E. 30th St, North Newton) for a fun evening of packing school kits for MCC partner The Sidewalk School. Hear about this partner from MCC Borderlands Program Coordinator, Becky Teiwes and for extra summer fun, enjoy hand-made ice cream from Salted Creamery at the end of the evening. Donations welcome to help cover the cost of school kit materials. For more info: mcc.org/events/school-kits-south-texas or call 316.283.2720.

Sewing Days of Summer, June 20 from 5-8 p.m. and June 21 from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. All sewers are welcome to come to MCC (121 E. 30th St, North Newton)! Bring your own projects or sew kit bags/comforters/dignity kits for MCC, everyone from beginners to experts are welcome! Bring your kids or grandkids and pass along the joy of sewing. Please RSVP online at mcc.org/events/sewing-days-summer or call Brocia at 316.836.5054.

Bethel College: Sat., June 7 – The public is invited to Walk Sand Creek Trail Day, 6 a.m.-8 p.m., as part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and leashed dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus, courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee, with members there to answer any questions about the trail.

Upcoming Dates

June 8: Bethesda's Annual Summer Fundraiser
July 20: FF hour - Medicaid Planning with Reece Hiebert
July 27: FF hour - Estate Planning with Reece Hiebert
August 24: FF hour - Discussion on proposed changes to the Mennonite
College School Task Force structure & budget

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE May 25, 2025

Offering = \$ 985.00 Attendance = 48



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

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