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RESPONDING TO AGING

Aging is, quite obviously, a fact of life for all of us. But how we respond to our aging can very much be a part of our faith. Today we are going to explore various aspects of aging including wisdom, perspective, legacy, and responsibility along with various scripture texts that remind us the importance of aging faithfully.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Venita Schroeder

RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP

*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 979

*GATHERING HYMN "O Blessed Spring" No. 522

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "God's Family" CS No. 112

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "Ancient Words" -by Lynn Deshazo

CHILDREN'S STORY Sheri Schmidt

WORSHIP MUSIC Miriam Nickel

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalms 71:17-18* Elton Nickel

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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

SERMON Pastor Todd Schlosser

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "When the Storms of Life Are Raging" No. 595

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Katherine Goerzen

*SENDING HYMN "When Memory Fades" No. 649

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

Sunday, June 22

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

9:30 am: Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

https://youtube.com/live/KE5u_RpZmk8?feature=share

10:45 am: During the Faith Formation hour, there will be sharing and stories about Bethesda.

1:00 pm: Bethesda Chapel

6:00 pm: TMYF youth and parent meeting for service and MCUSA convention

This Week

Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Thursday.

Mon, June 23, **8:30 am** - Faithful Fitness
9:30 am - Quilting/Comforter Tying
7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study

Tues, June 24, **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting

Thurs, June 26, **9:30 am** - Coffee Time at Tabor

Next Sunday, June 29

9:30 am: Next Sunday we will continue our summer worship series with "Responding to Conflict and Polarization." Scripture for reflection will be 2 Corinthians 5:11 - 6:1. Pastor Katherine will be preaching.

10:45 am: Faith Formation - Peter Goerzen will lead "Just a Game? Sports and/as Religion".

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for delegates, youth groups and other members of WDC who are preparing to attend Mennonite Church USA convention next month!
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Rev. Bercie Mundedi, director of the Kalonda Bible Institute, who is beginning a two year study program that will allow her to complete her university degree. Pray for Rev. Mundedi's health and family during this time. Pray also for the Bible Institute as it continues to train Mennonite pastors in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Congregational Announcements

Rejoice! Devotional is available on the shelf below the foyer mailboxes.

Tabor Mennonite Men received a generous donation from Elaine Harms for their help in getting ready for her auction in the amount of \$3000. THANKS to all of you who were able to help with this big undertaking!!

Bring your garden produce to share! A table is available in the Hospitality Hall to leave surplus garden produce to share. If something looks good to you, please help yourself and leave a donation for the Food Pantry!

Tabor Food Pantry is asking for donations to restock the shelves. Especially needed are the following: Laundry soap, dish soap, peanut butter, syrup, ketchup, salad dressing, hamburger helper, packaged rice meals, cake mix, frosting, corn muffin mix, and canned chicken. Thank you so much for your continued support of this community ministry!

Summer Camp Scholarships: There is a **signup sheet on the bulletin board** for all Tabor children attending summer camps at Camp Mennoscah, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, or other Mennonite camps. Tabor Christian Education is offering a \$75 scholarship to all children attending Mennonite camps. We will also list the names of the campers attending each week in the bulletin.

New Hope Shelter is having a training session several times this summer. If you have an interest in volunteering for the evening shift, which is from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., you would need to do the training. Also if you have not done the training in the new facility, you could update your training. **June 23 at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** is the first training. If you are interested, let Barb Abrahams know or if that date doesn't work, there will be a time in July and August that they will do training. Let me know if you have questions.

Pie in the Park: You are invited to join us for our next Tabor fellowship event, Pie in the Park, at **6:30pm on Sunday, July 6th**. A sign up sheet for making pies will be in the foyer starting this Sunday. Ice cream and table service will be provided. We hope you can join us!

If you would like to serve as a **delegate for the WDC Annual Assembly**, please let a pastor or a deacon know.

Community and Conference Announcements

MDS On the Level: Our June edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares about the power of listening in disaster response, a children's choir lifts the spirits of hurricane survivors, and MDS responds to victims of Manitoba wildfires. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4jSUZ8x>

Josie's Closet Medical Equipment Loan & Recycling has relocated to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Phone and email are the same. Call (620) 747-9359 for an appointment to borrow or donate equipment. Josie's Closet is currently looking for "rollator" walker donations.

The Fourth Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet next **Monday, June 23, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Goessel City Building Community Room, 101 South Cedar St., Goessel, Kansas. The program will be presented by Gregg Schroeder and is entitled, "The Seeds We Carry: A Family Rooted in Faith, and Growing in Each New Land." This presentation traces the journey of Gregg Schroeder's ancestors - a partially fictional tale rooted in genealogical and historical research - that brings to life how Mennonites carried their faith, culture, and resilience across generations and continents. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call either Fern Bartel at the Goessel Museum (620-367-8200) or Anna Beth Birky (620-386-0381).

Join us for WDC Annual Assembly! It's not just for church leaders! It's for everybody! August 8-9, 2025 at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston.

We will have opportunities for all ages including a time of singing and fellowship Friday evening sponsored by Camp Mennoscah, Saturday evening fellowship time of music, ice cream, and more, an intergenerational faith formation track for all ages, wonderful worship, workshops on many current topics, delegate sessions, and more! We hope you'll agree Annual Assembly is a great place to learn about and grow in faith in Christ in Anabaptist community, care for the broader church, and worship our faithful God with God's people of Western District Conference!

Assembly Theme: Anabaptism @ 500: Faithfulness Then & Now

We will explore Hebrews 12.1-2 and 1 Corinthians 3.11, hearing stories of faithful Anabaptist followers of Jesus who have gone before and those who are still "running the race set before us."

REGISTRATION is now OPEN! [REGISTER HERE](#) Registration deadline is **July 27!**

Camp Mennoscah needs a nurse for July 27-Aug. 1 (Senior High camp) and a music leader for June 22-26 and July 20-24. 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. [Register here! \(https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/\)](https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/) Come build your house on the rock and play in the sand!

-Camp T-shirt comforter being raffled off (and another one sold)! Throughout the summer you can purchase raffle tickets at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/camp-mennoscah-t-shirt-comforter-raffle> (1 ticket for \$5, 5 tickets for \$20). Pictures of the quilt (front and back) are attached. The raffle ends after summer youth camps (August 3). If you want to be guaranteed you get a Camp Mennoscah tee shirt comforter, raffle or not, one is also being sold for the flat price of \$500 (the amount that the past two comforters sold have raised in silent auctions). Contact us at office@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

-There are two 20 amp RV hookups and two 30 amp RV hookups available in the south (boys) cabin area on a pole of the gazebo. The hookups/outlets are not spread out. Please communicate with others in your group,

if there may be high demand for RV hookups. Camp Mennoscah only has electrical hookups.

It's a Party! Announcing 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 **July 12 at 11:00AM for a special virtual author visit from Aimee Reid** and August 9 as a part of WDC Annual Assembly. See attached image or flyer for more information or contact Jennie at crlib@mennowdc.org.

Mennonite Church USA: The Big Dove is here! MC USA has launched an online storefront featuring hats, sweatshirts, mugs and more. Check out the selection of merch that displays Follow Jesus, The MC USA dove and a retro line of gear from past conventions. Every sale helps support MC USA ministries! bonfire.com/store/mc-usa-gear/

-Stay up to date on all things Follow Jesus '25, MC USA's national convention, by subscribing to the weekly convention newsletter! Subscribe here: mennoniteusa.org/fj25-newsletter

Delegate Assembly: Proposed bylaw changes are now available on the Delegate Assembly webpage here: mennoniteusa.org/2025-delegate-assembly-resources/ The MC USA Delegate Assembly is Friday, July 11, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. Delegate resources, including the agenda, proposed bylaw changes, bylaws, previous minutes and proposed resolutions will be posted on MC USA's Delegate Assembly website as they are available. Register for Delegate Assembly here: mennoniteusa.org/registration/

AMBS: Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! 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 2025 cohort begins Sept. 5; those who apply by July 9 can save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

-Earn a Master of Divinity at a distance! Develop your leadership abilities from an Anabaptist perspective while staying in your current vocation. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's MDiv Connect program offers you in-depth biblical and theological study, spiritual formation and vocational in-

ternships — right where you live. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available. ambs.edu/mdiv-connect

Upcoming Dates

- July 6: Pie in the Park
- July 8-12: MCUSA Convention
- July 20: FF hour - Medicaid Planning with Reece Hiebert
- July 20: JH Swimming Party at Hesston (see flier on bulletin board)
- July 22: TMW Workday at MCC—1:00-3:00 pm
- July 27: FF hour - Estate Planning with Reece Hiebert
- August 8-9: Western District Annual Assembly
- August 24: FF hour - Discussion on proposed changes to the Mennonite College Scholarship Task Force structure & budget
- September 6-7: Western District Women in Mission's annual Women's & Girls Retreat

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE			
Offering = \$ 4,096.00	Attendance =	127	
FF Offering = NA	Attendance =	67	
Worship Link Views = 48			



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