

## Tabor Mennonite Church

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### RESPONDING WITH . . . FORGIVENESS

As we continue our summer worship series, we are grateful for the opportunity to hear Peter Goerzen preach on forgiveness. In a world too often bent on revenge and "getting even," we remember that God is "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love" and that we are called to "forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven each of us."

### WORSHIP

PRELUDE Marcene Entz  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Katherine Goerzen  
RINGING THE PRAYER BOWL AND LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP  
CALL TO WORSHIP *Colossians 3:12-17*  
\*GATHERING HYMN "Could It Be That God Is Singing" No. 42  
\*GATHERING PRAYER  
\*HYMN OF PRAYER "Just As I Am, without One Plea" No. 560  
\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*The Peace of Christ be with you ~ and also with you.*  
OFFERING OUR GIFTS  
CHILDREN'S STORY Kara Swartzendruber  
SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 6:5-15* Jim Schmidt  
*The Word of God for the people of God. ~ Thanks be to God!*  
SERMON Peter Goerzen  
\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Gentle God, When We Are Driven" No. 150  
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER Pastor Todd Schlosser  
\*SENDING HYMN "I Know Not Why God's Wondrous" No. 590  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*POSTLUDE *\*Please stand if you are able*

## Sunday, July 6

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

**9:30 am:** Worship

YouTube Livestream (also available following the service)

[https://youtube.com/live/H-\\_EDHDIMvc?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/H-_EDHDIMvc?feature=share)

**10:45 am:** Finger Food Fellowship - Please bring finger foods to share.

**6:30 pm:** Pie in the Park: You are invited to join at 6:30pm on Sunday for dessert, fellowship and a game of nine-square. Anyone bringing a pie should aim to have it at the park by 6:25, but late pies will be accepted. Please bring a lawn chair and your own cup or water bottle. Water, homemade ice cream and table service will be provided. We hope you can join us!

## This Week

*Bulletin announcements due by 9:00 am on Thursday.*

**Tues, July 8 - Sat, July 12:** MCUSA Convention in North Carolina

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

**Tues, July 8,** **9:00 am** - Staff Meeting

**Thurs, July 10,** **Coffee with the Pastors** is postponed until next week, July 17 at Norm's in Newton

## Next Sunday, July 13

**9:30 am:** Next Sunday we will continue our summer worship series with "Responding to Joy." Pastor Todd will be preaching.

**10:45 am:** Regular Adult Faith Formation Classes

## Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for all WDC members participating in Mennonite Church USA convention this week, as they worship, fellowship, learn and discern together with others from across our wider church body.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for God's spirit to move among all those who will participate in Follow Jesus '25, Mennonite Church USA's five-day biennial national gathering, which begins on Tuesday, in Greensboro, North Carolina.

## Congregational Announcements

**Rejoice!** Devotional is available on the table in the foyer.

**Peace Connections "Christmas in July"** - The palm tree in the foyer has "coconuts" on it representing the various items requested. Please put donations in the box by the palm tree in the foyer. Items for collection are personal hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, and feminine hygiene items) for the families and individuals who participate in various programs like Circle of Hope and Laundry Love.

**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!

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

**Summer Camp Scholarships:** There is a **signup sheet on the bulletin board** for all Tabor children attending a summer Mennonite camps. Tabor Christian Education is offering a \$75 scholarship to all children attending Mennonite camps.

**Goessel Ministerial Alliance Joint Worship Service:** The GMA will offer a joint worship service for the three area churches. This idea was inspired by the joint service that we did last year in celebration of the 150th year marking our forebears' immigration. That service was widely appreciated! We also felt it was time to make a change from the Thanksgiving meal followed closely by the Christmas Brass Concert. We will continue to host the Christmas Brass, but let go of the Community Thanksgiving meal. We feel that it's beneficial for our congregations to worship together at least one time per year! This year the worship service will be held on **August 3 at 10am at the Goessel City Park** and it will be hosted by the Goessel Church. This service will be led by the pastors who are part of the Goessel Ministerial Alliance, with Pastor Brad Penner preaching this year. (This joint service is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Tabor Mennonite Church Park in 2026 and the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church campus in 2027.) People are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and sun protection. There will be a coffee cake potluck at 9:30 prior to the service; all are invited to bring a coffee cake to share (drinks will be provided). The offering received as a part of this joint worship service will be evenly split between the ministry of the GMA and Bethesda Home. We look forward to this opportunity to worship God together!

## Community and Conference Announcements

**Colorado peaches are coming to MCC!** Palisade peaches from western Colorado are available for order and purchase until July 30. Two sizes are available: **9 lb. for \$30 and 18 lb. for \$42.** Orders can be placed by emailing [patsydirksen@mcc.org](mailto:patsydirksen@mcc.org) or by calling MCC, 316.283.2720. Payment in the form of cash or check is due by **July 30.** Make checks payable to **Beth-El Mennonite Church** with "peaches" in the memo line. Payment can be mailed to: MCC, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or dropped off at the MCC at 121 East 30<sup>th</sup>, North Newton. Peaches will be ready for pick-up on **Monday, August 18** at the MCC warehouse. Beth-El Mennonite Church sells peaches as a fundraiser for bierocks ingredients that are sold at the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in October. Thank you for supporting MCC!

**Sat., July 19** – The first-ever group to win the national talent competition "The Voice" is three Mennonite siblings from Pettisville, Ohio. Bekah, Joshua and Caleb Liechty, **Girl Named Tom, will give a free concert at Bethel College.** The Green "opens" at 4:30 and food and beverage trucks/vendors

start serving at 5. Local favorites and Bethel alumni The Flannelbacks open the show at 7, with Girl Named Tom taking the stage at 8. Plan now to attend!

**A huge event like Country Threshing Days takes a lot of effort!** We know that many hands make work light. Bakers, servers, and cashiers 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 2. **Please see the volunteer sheet in your church mailbox and respond by July 20.** YOU really are needed! For questions, contact Aileen Esau at [daesau@gmail.com](mailto:daesau@gmail.com) or 620.386.4463.

**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 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](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) with questions or to claim a week.

**Summer Camp registration is still open!** [Register here!](https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/) (<https://campmennoscah.campbrainregistration.com/>)

**-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-affle> (1 ticket for \$5, 5 tickets for \$20). The raffle ends August 3. One is also being sold for the flat price of \$500. Contact us at [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290.

**MCC: Transport of MCC school kits and hygiene kits from Kansas to South Texas needed!** MCC is looking for anyone traveling between North Newton and Dallas or (even better) all the way to South Texas between now and mid-August. We have kits in Kansas that need to get to Texas, and we'd love to utilize vehicles that are already going that direction to save resources. If you might be able to help MCC out, please contact Brocia Mueller at [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or call Brocia at 316.836.5054

**-MCC Peace Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Sept. 21-27, Divide, CO -** If you are a young adult (age 18-30) concerned about the state of our world and energized to reimagine society built on God's vision of love and justice for all, come join us for a week of experiential learning rooted in theological reflection, peacebuilding practices, and real-world application. Register by August 31 at [mcc.org/events/rocky-mountain-peace-camp](https://mcc.org/events/rocky-mountain-peace-camp). Pass this opportunity on to young adults in your life!

**Save the Date for the Kids Meet Christ Fall 2025 Workshops** - Sept 20 in San Antonio, TX and Nov 15 in Wichita, KS. The Theme will be "Preparing the way for children in worship". Stay tuned for more details!

**Mennonite Mission Network:**

**Just Peace Pilgrimages: Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples** - Engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations.

**Date: October 7-11, 2025; register by August 1.**

**-Civil Rights Pilgrimage** - Led by MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton, this young-adult focused, multiracial pilgrimage through the southern United States fosters shared learning and deep understanding of the racial divides that our society perpetuates.

**Date: October 28-November 2, 2025; register by September 15.**

To register for these pilgrimages or to inquire about scheduling a group trip, email Stephanie Weaver at [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net).

To learn more about these and six more pilgrimages, visit [MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace](https://MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace)

**-Find your place in Service Adventure!** Openings remain for the 2025-26 service term. Mission Network's program is for ages 17-20.

Visit [MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure](https://MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure) to learn more and to apply.

**-Visionary leaders needed: Regional Director for Latin America** This full-time position based in Elkhart, Indiana, or Newton, Kansas offices; remotely; or hybrid, will challenge you to forge partnerships, shape innovative mission strategies, and uplift international service workers. For more information and to apply, visit [MennoniteMission.net/Employment](https://MennoniteMission.net/Employment).

**Mennonite Church USA:** The MC USA Delegate Assembly is Friday, July 11, at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons in Greensboro, North Carolina. Delegate resources, including the agenda, bylaws, proposed bylaw changes, previous minutes and proposed resolutions, will be posted on MC USA's Delegate Assembly website, as they are available. See the web page here: [mennoniteusa.org/2025-delegate-assembly-resources/](http://mennoniteusa.org/2025-delegate-assembly-resources/)

-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](http://mennoniteusa.org/fj25-newsletter) Follow along online here: [mennoniteusa.org/gritsandbits](http://mennoniteusa.org/gritsandbits)

-MC USA lives into its Accessibility Resolution by removing barriers and providing resources to make the Follow Jesus '25 convention accessible to all. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/accessibility-fj25](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/accessibility-fj25)

**AMBS: Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Sept. 18–20 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** in Elkhart, Indiana. Theme: "Kinship with All Creation: Pursuing Relationship, Justice and Community." Registration is now open! [ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded](http://ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded)

#### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

June 29, 2025

Offering = \$ 5,238.91	Attendance = 104
FF Offering = NA	Attendance = 37

Worship Link Views = 52

#### Upcoming Dates

July 17: Coffee with the Pastors at Norm's (note date change)  
 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 3: Goessel Ministerial Alliance Joint Worship Service (see announcement)  
 August 8-9: Western District Annual Assembly  
 August 24: FF hour - Discussion on proposed changes to the  
                     Mennonite College Scholarship Task Force structure &  
                     budget  
 August 24: Mennoglass  
 September 6-7: Western District Women in Mission's annual  
                     Women's & Girls Retreat



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

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