

Meeting God in the Unexpected:



Today we are focusing on Jesus' Beatitudes, which begin one of Jesus' most important teaching sections known as the Sermon on the Mount. Through the Beatitudes, Jesus opens our minds and hearts to more fully see and participate in God's reconciling mission in the world.

WORSHIP

PRELUDE		Deloris Schmidt
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Leann Toews
GATHERING HYMN	<i>"Lord, I am fondly, earnestly longing"</i>	No. 514
CHILDREN'S STORY		Sheri Schmidt
WORSHIP MUSIC	<i>"Simple Life"</i> -Tyrone Wells	Michelle Unruh
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>	Pastor Phil, Mary, Ethan and Noah Schmidt
SERMON	<i>"Blessed Are . . ."</i>	Pastor Phil Schmidt
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"Be thou my vision"</i>	No. 545
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER and BLESSING		Pastor Phil Schmidt
SENDING HYMN	<i>"We are people of God's peace"</i>	No. 407

*Words for hymns: in bulletin
See attached document for worship transcript*

Sunday, July 12

Come together in spirit to worship God and experience God's love. As we unite our hearts, may we be mindful of God's saving grace, especially as we face difficult circumstances through uncertain times.

7:30 p.m.: Book study via Zoom. Drew G. I. Hart's book, *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*. If you are interested in joining the discussion, please contact Pastor Phil.

This Week

Pastor Katherine is on vacation through July 13.

Tuesday, July 14, 10 am: Staff Zoom meeting.
7 pm: Deacon Zoom meeting.

Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study. *See announcements.*
7:30 pm: Worship Planning Team Zoom meeting.

Thursday, July 16: Newsletter items are due.

Saturday, July 18: Goessel High School Commencement.

Next Sunday, July 19

Next Sunday we welcome Heidi Regier Kreider, Western District Conference Minister, who will be our guest preacher in our worship playlist. Scripture for reflection will be Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 and Isaiah 55:10-13 with the theme of "Listening for the Word."

Prayer Requests

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Dora Unruh, who is home recuperating after having a couple of procedures to increase blood flow to her leg. Lord, hear our prayer for healing and comfort as Dora regains her strength.
- ★ We continue to lament racial inequality and injustice. We pray for God's wisdom to lead us to greater understanding and involvement in moving toward reconciliation. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ As cases for COVID continue to increase, pray for awareness and responsibility in doing our part in helping to stop the spread of this virus. Pray for all who work in the health care field and for residents and staff at our nursing homes and campuses, as they continue to take precautions regarding coronavirus. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ We pray for local, state and national leaders as they continue to look at ways to manage the threat of COVID. Anticipating a new school year, we pray especially for local school boards as they work to provide safe environments and safe ways to educate our children. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for generous donors and congregations who contribute faithfully to WDC, and pray for ongoing financial support for WDC in its mission to empower congregations and leaders during this uncertain time.

- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family as they begin the North American segment of their two-way mission. Pray for them as they continue their Ecuador ministry from a distance and as they engage in teaching ministries from Goshen, Indiana.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Please pray for churches who are meeting virtually for their annual conference assemblies this month, including those in Virginia, Mountain States, South Central and Western District Conference.

Congregational Announcements

Zoom Faith Formation: We invite everyone to connect to a Zoom video call at 10:30am. After about 15 min. of connecting, sharing prayer requests, and a prayer, we will send people to breakout rooms. Zoom connection information is below (you can connect using a smartphone, tablet, computer, or you can even call in using a regular phone). Feel free to contact Pastor Phil if you have any questions. We look forward to connecting in this way!

-Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7022907372?pwd=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnaWxwdEwyVXRzdz09>

-Or, open Zoom and type in the following information:
Meeting ID: 702 290 7372 , Password: 2020

-Or, call in by dialing the following number: +1 346 248 7799, then dialing the Meeting ID (702 290 7372) followed by pressing the # key twice.

Zoom Gatherings: If you would like to schedule a Zoom meeting for your small group, faith formation class, or another gathering, please let one of the pastors know and we will get that set up!

Drive-in Church Service: We are planning another "Drive-in" church service for Sunday, July 26 at 8:30am in the East parking lot. As we did for the service on June 28, please plan to park cars at least 6 feet apart facing West and turn off vehicles during the service. You will be able to hear the service by tuning in to your car radio or by listening to the speakers with your windows down.

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, July 15, 7pm, at John Unruh's farm. 12 week Bible study on Romans. All are welcome. Bring your own chair, bible, work book. ~Nate Ashley & John Unruh

Because No One Should Go Hungry: The purpose of the Tabor Church Food Pantry is to provide food at no cost for families in need in the Goessel area. If you are struggling during this time of pandemic, know that you are not alone. We are here to help! Please call to set up a time to get your food. 367-2318 - Tabor Church; 747-0408 - Kim Funk; 367-2747 - Janna Duerksen; 367-2437 - Laura Unrau. This is a ministry supported by the Goessel area churches and community.

Conference Announcements

Western District Conference:

-- Creative WDC Assembly Worship: Friends from Texas who committed to sharing their gifts of music, dance, prayer, the Lord's Supper, and more in-person, will still lead worship via YouTube Live. Because this worship will be pre-recorded, your congregation may decide to join for an August 2, 10 am CT "Assembly Worship Watch Party" in small groups or in your own homes. Or, you may share this video with your congregation during your normal worship time. If you join the watch party, we look forward to seeing each other's "chat" comments of "Amen!", "Hallelujah", and "Praise the Lord!" as we worship together virtually. We also look forward to your Assembly donation this year. Once Assembly expenses are paid, all other donations go into our WDC Hope Fund to assist congregations in need. More information at: <https://mennowdc.org/2020-wdc-annual-assembly/>.

--Looking forward to the Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah? The Annual Spring Supper? Help make these events possible by joining the Western District Women in Mission Executive Council! There are nine open positions including: vice president, secretary, treasurer, one position on the Women and Girls Retreat Committee, two positions on the Communications Team, and three positions on the Nominating Committee. A wide variety of openings means we have a place for you and your unique talents and interests. You can help ensure the future of WDWM programming by volunteering for one of these positions. If you are interested in supporting the mission of WDWM by filling one of these roles, please email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

Mennonite Church USA:

-- Mennonite Mission Network is seeking a full time Network Systems Administrator located in the Newton office. This position will ensure the stable operation of the organizations Local Area Network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), Internet systems and software applications. The ability to analyze and resolve end user hardware and software computer problems in a timely and accurate fashion is essential. Ability to provide excellent customer service is a must. Committed to denominational and agency goals of anti-racist action. Degree in computer science/information technology or 3-5 years' experience is preferred. View the complete position description at www.MennoniteMission.net. Submit cover letter and resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net for consideration.

--Hundreds of people tuned in to last week's Mennonite Church USA's live online panel discussion entitled "Race, Church and Change". Hosted by MC USA leadership, this important conversation addressed the impact of racism on the church and approaches for dismantling it. If you missed the live event, be sure to watch the video here: <http://mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars/>

--Join Mennonite Church USA leadership for another live event addressing racism in the church. We are pleased to welcome back our panelists for

this follow-up discussion, addressing key questions such as: What role does racial healing and reconciliation play in being anti-racist? How do we begin a conversation about white supremacy? What would it look like for MC USA congregations to practice racial reparations?

Join us Thursday, July 23 at 5:30 pm CT. Register at:

https://mcusa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JKz_I1rpS76YxM8QwSvRzq

--Consider being an MVS participant for the 2020-2021 MVS year!

The application deadline has been extended until the end of July.

Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply!

--Menno Snapshots: Tax Day (July 15) is one of Sylvia Shirk's favorite annual events because it gives her the opportunity to stand on her Anabaptist faith as a war tax resister. Read more in her blog, "If you pray for peace, why pay for war?" <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/why-pay-for-war/>

--#BringThePeace: Save the date! Mennonite Church USA will be hosting Race, Church and Change, Part 2, a churchwide discussion on the impact of racism on the church and meaningful approaches for dismantling it, on Thursday, July 23 at 3:30 pm CDT. Register here to participate via Zoom: mennoniteusa.org/racewebinar-part2

--#BringThePeace: The African American Mennonite Association, a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA, has called upon fellow Mennonite congregations to address racism.

<http://mennoniteusa.org/news/aama/>

Mennonite Central Committee: Grounded in the words we read in Philippians 2: 3-4, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others," MCC Central States offices and material resources center is closed to the public indefinitely. The realities of COVID-19 continue to change but the dedication of MCC staff to work for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ continues on. Essential workers will continue to work at MCC, but the rest of the staff will work from home. Your material resource donations (school, hygiene or relief kits and comforters, details at mcc.org/kits) are needed at this time and can be shipped directly to MCC when ordering online or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room towards the east end of the building (121 E. 30th North Newton, KS 67117). In spite of the challenges from COVID-19, the global work of MCC continues. Your financial donations are needed to keep this work going. Give now at mcc.org/donate or by sending checks to MCC PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. To contact staff with questions please email us at centralstates@mcc.org or call the office 316.283.2720.

Camp Mennoscah is open to a limited number of individuals, families, and groups for both days and overnights. Reservations must be made in advance. Contact Camp Mennoscah at 620-297-3290 for further information. We are excited to make this sacred space available to you!

Everence will host its popular workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, as a webinar on Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. This webinar is free. Please register by contacting Darlene Buller at 877-467-7294, 316-333-1808 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Giving at Tabor

While we are not meeting in person, please continue with your faithful giving to the ministries of the church in the following ways:

- 1) Mail your offering to: Tabor Mennonite Church, 891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, Kansas 67114
- 2) Start an automatic deposit from your bank account. Contact the church for more information. 367-2318; kfunk@tabormennonite.org
- 3) Use the online bill pay option that your bank has in place. Contact your financial institution if you are not familiar with this process.

Hymns for Worship

Lord, I am fondly, earnestly

Hymnal: A Worship Book No. 514
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Lord, I am fondly, earnestly longing
into thy holy likeness to grow,
thirsting for more and deeper communion,
yearning thy love more fully to know.

Refrain:

Open the wells of grace and salvation,
pour the rich streams deep into my heart,
Cleanse and refine my thought and affection,
seal me and make me pure as thou art.

Dead to the world would I be, O Father,
dead unto sin, alive unto thee.
Crucify all the earthly within me,
emptied of sin and self may I be.

Refrain

I would be thine, and serve thee forever,
filled with thy Spirit, lost in thy love.
Come to my heart, Lord, come with a anointing,
showers of grace send down from above.

Refrain

Be thou my vision

Hymnal: A Worship Book No. 545
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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

We are people of God's peace

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We are people of God's peace as a new creation.
Love unites and strengthens us at this celebration.
Sons and daughters of the Lord, serving one another,
a new covenant of peace binds us all together.

We are children of God's peace in this new creation,
spreading joy and happiness, through God's great salvation.
Hope we bring in spirit meek, in our daily living.
Peace with ev'ryone we seek, good for evil giving.

We are servants of God's peace, of the new creation.
Choosing peace, we faithfully service with heart's devotion.
Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace, confidence will give us.
Christ the Lord is our defense; Christ will never leave us.

Gratitude

I am grateful for....

~ new learnings about systemic racial injustice and my role in becoming anti-racist.

~ for rainbows that remind us of God's steadfast love that endures forever.

~ Tabor Trustees, who care for the church facility and grounds and administration.

Please share what you are finding to be grateful for during this time of uncertainty and being apart. Email kfunk@tabormennonite.org or call 367-2318. If no answer, please leave a message.

Offering and Worship

July 5, 2020

Offering	=	\$ 2,481.00
Worship Link Views	=	58
<i>Views may include more than one person</i>		
Worship Mailings	=	26
Faith Formation Zoom	=	approx. 41



Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am
Fellowship Time: 10:30am

Worship: 9:30am

Faith Formation: 10:45am

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As God's children and the body of Christ, we are called by God to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Christ.

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