

**Meeting God in the Unexpected:  
Daniel In The Lions' Den**



Today we are reflecting on the surprising story of Daniel, who chose to continue practicing his faith even amidst great risk. Likewise, may we be ready and willing to continue living out our faith, declaring our allegiance to God, even amidst the pressures to conform to the patterns of this world.

**WORSHIP**

PRELUDE		Russell Adrian
WELCOME AND PRAYER		Elizabeth Alderfer
GATHERING HYMN	<i>"Take my life"</i> -vv. 1, 3, 5 & 6	No. 389
CHILDREN'S STORY		Janna Duerksen
HYMN OF PRAYER	<i>"Lord, I want to be a Christian"</i>	No. 444
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Daniel 6:1-23</i>	Carrie Smith
SERMON	<i>"Living Allegiance"</i>	Pastor Phil Schmidt
HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>"The Word of God is solid ground"</i>	No. 314
FAITH SHARING		Michelle Unruh
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER and BLESSING		Pastor Rosie Jantz
SENDING HYMN	<i>"O young and fearless Prophet"</i> -vv. 1, 3, 4 & 5	No. 374

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

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.

**This Week**

Pastor Katherine is on vacation from the afternoon of July 5 – July 13.  
Tuesday, July 7, 10 am: Staff Zoom meeting.  
Wednesday, July 8, 7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study. *See announcements.*

**Next Sunday, July 12**

Next Sunday we continue our Unexpected worship series by focusing on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-11), and Pastor Phil will be preaching.

**Prayer Requests**

Remember to Pray for:

- ★ Esley Schmidt was able to return home last Monday evening. Thanks be to God!
- ★ Hildred Schmidt learned that she will need cataract surgery in the coming weeks. We pray for her sight to be fully restored. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ 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. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for a spirit of unity and encouragement among WDC congregations in Texas, as they gather for a joint worship service online next Saturday, July 11.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: LCC University Summer Language Institute in Lithuania normally begins this month. Pray for Robin Gingerich, serving with MMN, and other administrators as they adapt the program to new realities created by COVID-19.

Remember to Praise God for:

- ★ the opportunity to worship together last Sunday. Thanks to everyone who attended the drive-in worship. It was wonderful to gather in person as a church community and we hope to do this again soon. Watch for updates! Thanks be to God.

## Thanks

Tabor Mennonite Church:

Thank you so much for continuing to bless Bethesda Home with your generous gifts: financially, prayerfully, and with your talents. We are humbled to have such great support. Thank you! Blessings to you!

~Sara Hiebert, CEO Bethesda Home

## 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=Ty9JK0Vvb1ZOLzFnZWxwdEwyVXRzdz09>

-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!

**Men's Bible Study:** Wednesday, July 8, 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

**Book Study:** Several people have indicated interest in reading and discussing Drew G. I. Hart's book, *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*. At this point, we are planning to meet via Zoom on Sunday, July 12 at 7:30 pm for an initial discussion and then meet again in August to discuss the whole book. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the study. I still have a couple extra copies of the book.  
~Pastor Phil

**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.

**The WDC Virtual Annual Assembly** will be held August 1-2. "Living in Exile" will use Scripture themes from Jeremiah 29:4ff and I Peter 2:11-12 with emphasis on listening to our brothers and sisters on the margins and being missional in new contexts. Everyone is invited to attend (no travel required)! Only delegates need to register. Please register by July 12 at: <https://mennowdc.org/2020-wdc-annual-assembly/>. Note that each delegate will need to have the ability to join the virtual Assembly with Zoom. Non-delegates may join without registering! Non-delegates may observe and comment on the delegate session via YouTube Live, as well as join in live, interactive and recorded webinars.

**Tabor Church may send 11 delegates to the assembly. Thus far, Deacons have affirmed the following Delegates for this year's WDC Assembly: Carol Duersken, Pastor Phil Schmidt, Erica Stoltzfus, Pastor Katherine or Peter Goerzen, Emil Schmidt, Duane Duerksen, Pastor Rosie Jantz. If you would like to serve as a delegate, please contact the church office or one of the pastors by July 12.**

**Red Cross blood drive** – Aug. 10, 1-6 pm, at Goessel Mennonite Church. For a limited time, the Red Cross is testing ALL donated blood for COVID-19 antibodies. Donors will be notified of their results, which will indicate if they have been exposed to the COVID-19 and therefore developed antibodies. (Red Cross is not testing to diagnosis illness.) In addition to the extra need for blood during this pandemic, 25% of the nation's blood supply helps people receiving treatments for cancer. Every minute 5 units of blood are needed to help someone going through cancer treatments. Sign up to donate at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call Rosi (356-2418) or Nancy (367-2610) for assistance. There are only 11 spots still open so act soon.

## Conference Announcements

### Western District Conference:

--The WDC Virtual Assembly Delegate Session is for you! If you've never had a chance to have your congregation's views heard at the WDC Annual Assembly because of cost, distance, or other limitations, please register as a delegate this year. Language will not be a barrier. We will have separate "channels" for Spanish speakers and English speakers. Hear our Conference Minister's insights about how the Spirit is at work in WDC, as well as add your perspective to discussions of who will shape WDC ministries and how we will spend our money together. We look forward to seeing you August 1, 9-11 am Central Time. We encourage you or your congregation to make a generous donation, as you are able, for Assembly expenses. After costs are covered, donations will go toward our WDC Hope Fund for congregations in financial need. More information and online registration at: <https://mennowdc.org/2020-wdc-annual-assembly/>

**--Kids' Art Responses to Assembly Scriptures:** We invite kids from any WDC congregation to draw a picture or write a poem in response to our Assembly scriptures Jeremiah 29. 4 and following and 1 Peter 2.11-12. Why would God ask people who'd been forced to move to a strange land to become friends and even family with their enemies? Send your art to: [kathynd@mennowdc.org](mailto:kathynd@mennowdc.org).

--On Saturday, July 11 at 6 pm, there will be a **bilingual worship service sponsored by the Mennonite Churches of Texas**. It will include preaching from John Garland from San Antonio, who has been very involved in immigration work, as well as updates from the congregations around the state. It will be broadcasted on Facebook Live on the Peace Mennonite Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Religious-Organization/Peace-Mennonite-Church-122293367967468/> as well as on Zoom here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84661820388>.

--**Thank you! Generous special gifts to WDC's Hope Fund** have provided for financial assistance to a number of congregations impacted by COVID-19, with extra funds available for additional grants in the future. WDC also encourages ongoing contributions from congregations and individuals towards regular operating expenses, to continue WDC's mission of empowering congregations and resourcing leaders during these challenging times. Contributions may be made online at <https://mennowdc.org>, or sent to Western District Conference at PO Box 306, N Newton, KS 67117.

#### **Mennonite Church USA:**

-- Time of prayer for racial justice via Zoom - July 1, 7 pm - Join Bethel College Campus Ministries for a structured time of Scripture, lament, prayer and hope. Register at: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqduGhqzluGtc5NZOR9oBVO0yPgBvb2DeO>

--#BringThePeace Amid widespread civil unrest, Mennonite Church USA has issued a statement on racial injustice. Read it here: [http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc\\_usa-statement-on-racial-injustice/](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc_usa-statement-on-racial-injustice/)

--#BringThePeace Mennonite Church USA has launched a Justice Fund to provide a way for individuals and congregations to support fellow congregations that are actively involved in dismantling racism, addressing police brutality, reimagining policing in our society or combating poverty. To learn more: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-launches-new-justice-fund/>

--#BringThePeace The leadership team of Mennonite Church USA recently led an interactive, online panel discussion, entitled Race, Church and Change, about the impact of racism on the church and meaningful approaches for dismantling it. View it here: <http://mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars/>

--MennoCon 21: Considering raising funds to attend MennoCon21? MC USA convention planning staff is offering an opportunity to raise funds by selling Menno's Best coffee. A portion of the proceeds from every bag of coffee goes to youth groups and the peace and justice work our denomination <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/mennos-best-coffee-fundraiser/>.

#### **Mennonite Central Committee:**

--Mennonite Central Committee essential service positions to be filled.  
**\*Canner Operator:** Two year service term is unique and offers the opportunity to travel around the U.S. and Canada, working as a team while meeting new people! Check out [mcc.org/canning](http://mcc.org/canning)

**\*Program Manager - DR Congo:** Provide management and oversight of projects and partner relations. Visit [serve.mcc.org](http://serve.mcc.org)

**\*MCC Representative for Bangladesh:** Provide leadership and direction to a well-established program that supports already-existing Bangladeshi agencies. Visit [serve.mcc.org](http://serve.mcc.org)

--**Mennonite Central Committee Flatlander Bicycle Ride:** The planning committee is going ahead with plans for the 2020 Flatlander ride to be held on September 19. More information about this event can be found at: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride>. We are currently looking for additional people to help on the planning committee, and also for individuals or groups to help us with the SAGs (refreshment stops) on the various bike routes. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please email Donna at [beckerdonna2@gmail.com](mailto:beckerdonna2@gmail.com) or call 316-727-6346. Hope to see you there.

#### **Camp Mennoscah:**

--**Camp in a Boxes and Tees** from Camp Mennoscah are being delivered to pick up locations. If you have not told us how to get your box or tee to you, please contact us at 620-297-3290 or [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org). Due to the large number of boxes and tees ordered, we have not yet shipped boxes and tees. We're working as quickly as we can to get them to you!

--**We will be reordering tee shirts!** Get your order in no later than July 9 by calling 620-297-3290 or emailing [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org). Only a high demand will allow us to reorder tee shirts a third/additional time. Now is your chance!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

*For details on benevolent giving opportunities, please see previous bulletins.*

## Hymns for Worship

### Take my life

Hymnal: A Worship Book No. 389  
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Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store,  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

### Lord, I want to be a Christian

Hymnal: A Worship Book No. 444  
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Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be  
a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a  
Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving . . .

Lord, I want to be more holy . . .

Lord, I want to be like Jesus . . .

### The Word of God is solid ground

Hymnal: A Worship Book No. 314  
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The word of God is solid ground, our constant firm confession,  
no source of freedom more profound, no purer a profession.  
All steadfast strength, all breadth and length of truth, from God's word springing  
shall we employ to speak our joy, this world our witness bringing.

What powers can our faith constrain? What ironclad restrictions?  
No self - deceiving rule can chain our conscience and convictions.  
Our God alone is on the throne, and we are subjects willing.  
Our lives obey God's higher way; our love God's law fulfilling.

What God-word brings, may we embrace; success and suffering greet us;  
confronting evil face to grace, as scorn and anger meet us.  
For freedom's sake we bend, we break, a sign to ev'ry nation  
that we have found a solid ground; God's word our sure foundation.

## O young a fearless prophet

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O young and fearless prophet of ancient Galilee,  
your life is still a summons to serve humanity,  
to make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd,  
to stand with humble courage for truth with hearts uncowed.

O help us stand unswerving against war's bloody way,  
where hate and lust and falsehood hold back your holy sway.  
Forbid false love of country, that blinds us to your call  
who lifts above the nations the unity of all.

Create in us the splendor that dawns when hearts are kind,  
that knows not race not station as bound'ries of the mind;  
that learns to value beauty, in heart, or mind, or soul,  
and longs to bind God's children into one perfect whole.

O young and fearless prophet, we need your presence here,  
amid our pride and glory to see your face appear;  
once more to hear your challenge above our noisy day,  
again to lead us forward along God's holy way.

### Offering and Worship

June 28, 2020

Offering	=	\$ 18,370.46
Cars at drive-in worship	=	36
Worship Link Views	=	65
<i>Views may include more than one person</i>		
Worship Mailings	=	26
Faith Formation Zoom	=	approx. 36



### Tabor Mennonite Church

Prelude: 9:15am  
Fellowship Time: 10:30am  
891 Chisholm Trail, Newton, KS 67114  
Phone: 620-367-2318  
email: tabor@tabormennonite.org  
Website: www.tabormennonite.org

Worship: 9:30am  
Faith Formation: 10:45am

*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.*

Pastor: Philip Schmidt Cell: 620-386-0779 email: pschmidt@tabormennonite.org	Associate Pastor: Rosie Jantz Cell: 316-772-8740 email: rjantz@tabormennonite.org	Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen Cell: 316-727-4986 email: kgoerzen@tabormennonite.org
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