

Responding to the Gospel (Open sharing)

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending *Go, My Friends, In Grace* VT 810

*Benediction Pastor Caleb

*Postlude Karen Unruh

*All who are able are invited to stand.

+ The peace lamp is as a visual reminder that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe in uncertain times that God's shalom will prevail.

Song Leader: Braden Unruh

Greeters: N: Analene and Sherie Klassen; S: Bryant and Chrystiana Miller

Visual Arts: Shari Wiens

Nursery Staff: Susan Nafziger, Mallory Schroeder

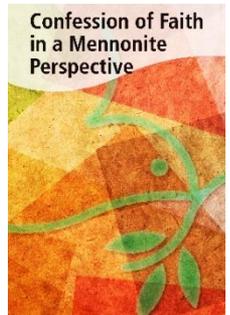
Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Levi Schrag, Delton Voth

August 14 Attendance: Sunday School - 105; Worship - 137 In person, 11 Zoom households

August 14 Offerings: Sunday School - \$32.21; First Fruits - \$5,795.44

Summary Statements ++

6. We believe that the **church** is the assembly of those who have accepted God's offer of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. It is the new community of disciples sent into the world to proclaim the reign of God and to provide a foretaste of the church's glorious hope. It is the new society established and sustained by the Holy Spirit.
11. We believe that the **baptism** of believers with water is a sign of their cleansing from sin. Baptism is also a pledge before the church of their covenant with God to walk in the way of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Believers are baptized into Christ and his body by the Spirit, water, and blood.
12. We believe that the **Lord's Supper** is a sign by which the church thankfully remembers the new covenant which Jesus established by his death. In this communion meal, the church renews its covenant with God and with each other and participates in the life and death of Jesus Christ, until he comes.



Questions for Reflection

1. In what ways has the church felt like a foretaste of God's reign? How has the church fallen short?
2. How can we replenish the life of the church through the presence and grace of God rather than needing to see ourselves as "better than"?

Next Sunday, we will continue with the topics of (13) service, (14) discipline, (15) ministry, and (16) body of Christ. Pastor Lois will preach.

++ You can find the entire text of the *Confession of Faith* here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/who-are-mennonites/what-we-believe/confession-of-faith/> Let the office know if you would like a print copy.

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We give thanks for the birth of Cody John to Laura and Jared Unrau, born this past Sunday late afternoon. We pray for the Jared, Laura, Ellie, and Logan as they welcome this new addition to the family.
- ❖ We pray for wisdom and guidance, God, as we humbly navigate daily challenges of faithful discipleship that reflect Jesus' love and teachings.
- ❖ We pray for the Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Disaster Service and other agencies whose work is to assist those in need.

THIS WEEK...

Tuesday, August 30

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 31

5:00 pm High School Teachers Meeting – Conference Room

Wednesday, August 31

7:00 pm Board of Deacons – Conference Room

Sunday, September 4

9:30 am Sunday school,

10:30 am Worship Service

4:00 pm Bethesda Chapel – Pastor Lois

COMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| Sept 5 | Church Offices Closed for Labor Day |
| Sept 11 | Outdoor Concert – see announcement below |
| Sept 15 | Health Ministries Mobile Unit at Goessel Church. |
| Sept 16 | Senior Coffee – Bring your Collections 2.0. We had such a good time learning about each other's collections that we're going to do it again! |
| Sept 18 | Teacher Appreciation - noon meal |
| Sept 18 | Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk, 1:30 pm, Tabor Church |
| Sept 24-25 | AMC Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah |
| Oct 5 | Midweek Begins |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Caleb and his family will be on **vacation** next weekend, Sept. 3-6.

You're invited! Come-and-go to an evening of lively music, great fellowship and home-made ice cream! Sunday evening, **September 11** on our east church yard from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** three musical groups will play including Kevin Gaeddert, Eric Schrag and friends, and the Flannelbacks. Ice cream will be brought to you by Bill and Sherry Unruh and will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and/or a blanket, and your checkbook! Along

with all the fun, **this is a fund-raiser for the new MDS cabinet-making shop.** Hope to see you there! ~AMC Board of Mission and Service

Bell Choir: Do you want our bells to ring again? We would like to have a full bell choir this year! If you can read music, you can be a valued member! Please consider joining our bell choir for an enriching musical experience. Visit with Mary Schmidt soon!

Library Book Returns: If you checked out "The Book of Forgiving" by Desmond Tutu from the WDC Box of Books Program in our library, please return it to our library today.

The Teacher Appreciation Meal is September 18. Remember to sign up in the south lobby, or email Janine Peters, if you plan to attend.

Wednesday evening activities at Alexanderwohl begin on Oct. 5! The children's midweek department is looking for individuals to help out with the following opportunities: a Bible story leader and 1 more activity leader for the elementary age children, and drama volunteers that are called upon throughout the midweek season. Please contact Nicole Hein, Aileen Esau or Susan Nafziger with any questions you might have or to say YES!!

Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be the weekend of September 24-25 (2:00 on Saturday to 2:00 on Sunday). We anticipate a great time of fellowship, laughter, and spiritual renewal! The retreat is funded by First Fruits giving, so there will not be a registration fee. See Friday email or office for registration information.

Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah - Survey for Saturday Night: The Saturday evening activity is "Family Fueled" (like Family Feud), accenting that the church is "fueled" as we gather together. A survey is in your mailbox to assist with this effort. Each member of your family may complete a survey. Please return to the designated lobby box by September 18th.

The annual Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk is less than a month away. This year's route (between 1 and 6 miles) will begin at Tabor Mennonite Church on Sunday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m. Find a donation envelope on the literature table in the foyer and start your fundraising today! Donations this year will go towards MCC's response to the crisis in Ukraine and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
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