

Community and Conference Announcements

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A weekly communication for WDC churches announcing what's new and good in WDC.

You Might Be a Mennonite If...

In an effort to reach out to community members who may not know much about us, Manhattan Mennonite Church has begun an advertising campaign using the slogan "You Might Be a Mennonite If...". Following several months of discussion among various committees and boards, twelve statements were chosen that reflect many of the congregation's core values and describe our worship style. Throughout October, three of these will appear each week in an ad in the local *Manhattan Mercury* newspaper. In addition, the sayings are being posted on the church Facebook page, and tweeted on the congregation's Twitter feed (@ManhattanMenno) using the hashtag #YouMightBeAMennonite. They can also be found on the church's website www.ManhattanMennoniteChurch.org on the "About Us" page. Notepads featuring all twelve sayings have also been printed. These will be made available at the church's annual fund raising meal in November where we serve an average of 500 guests, as well as at other public events such as the K-State Student Activities Fair at the beginning of each semester.

--submitted by Richard Gehring, Pastor, Manhattan Mennonite Church

Bethesda Pillars Banquet

Please join us for the Bethesda Home Pillar's Banquet on Sunday, November 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the Crosswind Conference Center in Hesston. A punch bowl will begin at 6, dinner at 6:30 followed by a concert featuring local musicians, and a traditional hymn sing led by Dr. William Eash of Bethel College. Suggested ticket price is \$150. The event is hosted by the Bethesda Home Board of Trustees (Kermit Nikkel, John Goerzen, Patrick Flaming, Matthew Voth, Debra Hiebert, Verney Voth, Karl Brubaker, Bonnie Janzen, Eileen Schmidt) and remains Bethesda's largest fundraiser of the year. You can see a board member, or call Bethesda 367-2291 to make your reservations and support the ministry at Bethesda Home.

Benefit Dinner for Hispanic Leadership Education: Help celebrate IBA's 25th anniversary (Instituto Bíblico Anabaustista) and support MEA's Hispanic pastoral education programs. Friday, Nov. 22, 6:30 pm at the First Mennonite Church of Newton fellowship hall, 429 E. 1st, Newton. Featured guests are Marco Güete and Gilberto Flores former IBA directors, and Jaime Cázares. Your generous gift will help ensure the future of this vital ministry. For reservation contact VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342.

Ten Thousand Villages, Newton: After being in business for over thirty years, The Newton Ten Thousand Villages store will be closing its doors for the last time on October 30th. We wish to sincerely thank all of our loyal customers. Items in the store will be reduced 50% storewide, with the exception of some food items. Please stop by for savings and to say goodbye. Also, please continue supporting fair trade by shopping at the Hutchinson, Lawrence or Overland Park stores. You may also shop online at www.tenthousandvillages.com

Bethel College:

Sun., Oct. 27-Tues., Oct. 29 – Bethel College's Menno Simons Lectures with Marlene Epp, professor at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario, speaking on the overall topic "The Semiotics of Zwieback, Sauerkraut and Spring Rolls: Mennonites and Foodways." Oct. 27 lecture, 3:30 p.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church (*note change in time and location*); Oct. 28 lectures at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium; Oct. 29 lecture, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium

Sunday, Nov. 3 – Bethel College Men's Ensemble fall concert, 2 p.m., *Administration Building chapel*;
Bethel College Women's Chorus fall concert, 4 p.m., *Bethel College Mennonite Church*

Saturday, Nov. 16 – Bethel College's second Worship and the Arts Symposium, "Accompany Them with Singing," will explore how cultural realities influence Christian practices of marking life transitions. Plenary sessions with Thomas G. Long of Candler School of Theology and John Ferguson of St. Olaf College; workshops; hymnsing; artist presentation by Ann Resnick; 7:30 p.m. worship service featuring the Bethel College Concert Choir and area singers. Register online at www.bethelks.edu/worshiparts or contact Mary Regier at 316-284-5250 weekdays during regular business hours.

Hesston College:

Hesston College will host "**A Celebration of Gospel: Music and Worship in the African-American Tradition**". The Bluffton (Ohio) University Gospel Choir, under the direction of Dr. Crystal Sellers Battle, will lead area choirs in a festival concert at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 27 at Hesston Mennonite Church.

"Bridging the gap: Stories of peace and hope in a broken world" will be presented by Ruth Yoder Wenger at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Hesston Mennonite Church. A seasoned educator, director of training for National Disaster Interfaiths Network and pastor of the North Bronx Mennonite Church, Yoder Wenger will share stories from her experiences in a variety of settings including 9/11.

THE DEADLINE for early registration for **Interterm classes at AMBS-Great Plains** is November 15. "Spiritual Practices: Scripture" is a one-hour class meeting Jan 10 evening and then Jan 11 and 18 during the day. Other "hybrid" courses are online with one week in Elkhart in January: "Isaiah" and "Cultural Hermeneutics". Information at www.ambs.edu/greatplains or dnfriesen@ambs.edu, 316-283-7098.

Volunteers needed at Newton Et Cetera Shop! Morning, afternoon, or evening slots available. Volunteer with a friend, mentor/mentee, or family member, and have fun serving MCC and the local community together. If you can help, call 283-9461 or email newtonetc@sbcglobal.net.

MCC Central States is hiring for a part-time Custodian position for the North Newton office. Persons who are interested can review the job description at <http://serve.mcc.org/positions/custodian-cs> Please contact Melissa Waltner via email at MelissaWaltner@mcc.org or call 316-283-2720 to apply.

Critical MDS Need: Mennonite Disaster Service has been working in Minot, ND, for 28 months now, and many families are living in the homes we mucked out and/or rehabbed. We are planning to wind down our work here in Minot before the end of this calendar year. However, in order to complete our work, we need additional long-term volunteers to serve as construction crew leaders. We also need additional short-term volunteers to respond to the needs of our final two or three families. Please read the following and consider responding and challenging others to respond as well:

An employed single mother who cares for her autistic adult son is currently staying in a motel because the FEMA trailer was removed and she has nowhere else to live. The cost of the motel is a real hardship. MDS has committed to completing her home as soon as possible.

A husband and wife, the parents of seven children, have each been working two jobs while they also work at rehabbing a house for their family to live in. The mother has been postponing surgery in order to rehab the house so they can comply with the past due deadline to get out of their FEMA trailer. MDS has committed to completing this house soon.

In addition to the above, we have been strongly encouraged to assist two other families with at least part of their rehab tasks so the families can complete the remaining work and get back home.

It has been a long 28 months for each of the families referred to above. Please consider helping them to complete their journey home. To volunteer, call Chantel at [1-800-241-8111](tel:1-800-241-8111).

Peace and Social Justice Center/ed fund Staff Position: The Peace and Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas, and its sister organization, the Peace and Social Justice Education fund, are seeking a half-time Staff Person to coordinate their efforts to seek justice and peace globally and locally. Responsibilities include financial operations, fund raising and office management. Must have good written and verbal skills and familiarity with Microsoft-based programs. This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Send letter of interest and resume to the Peace and Social Justice Center, 1407 N. Topeka, Wichita, KS 67214, or e-mail to director@wichitapeace.org