

Community and Conference Announcements

The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College for fall semester 2014 begins on Sept. 3 when Life Enrichment will celebrate its 40th anniversary. A brochure with the fall listing for classes is posted on the bulletin board.

Mennonite Central Committee:

The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride will be held on Saturday, September 20, originating at the MCC offices, 121 East 30th Street, North Newton, KS. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Kenya. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Informational brochures are available through the church office. The brochure is also available on the MCC website, mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride. Or, you can register on-line at that website.

Mennonite Central Committee U.S. and the Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA invites you to "Conversations for Peace in Palestine and Israel," at Journey Mennonite Church on Friday, Sept. 5, 7-9 pm and Hesston Mennonite Church on Saturday, Sept. 6, 9:30-11:30 am. J. Daryl Byler, a former MCC representative in the Middle East and current executive director for Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacemaking, will share from his experience and facilitate the conversation.

Mennonite Central Committee would like to invite you on a **Learning Tour to Kenya**. On February 7-17, 2015, you will discover, first-hand, Sand Dams at work and see other MCC supported programs in the areas of health, education and peace. The estimate cost for this learning tour is **\$1110** per person, which includes food, lodging, and in-country transportation. Airfare needs to be purchased separately. Space is very limited. For more information contact Anna Yoder by **Monday September 22, 2014** at annayoder@mcc.org or [316.283.2720](tel:316.283.2720).

Western District Conference:

Day of Volunteering! For lack of a catchier title, it's a Day of Volunteering. Folks of all ages are invited to come out to Camp Mennoscah on Saturday, Sept. 13, to put those creative brains and mighty muscles to use on various fun tasks. We're considering this a kick-off of sorts to our Work & Play Camp that starts on Sunday. Fun starts at 8:30am! We will provide a sandwich lunch and a hotdog cookout for supper. (Be sure to tell us of any dietary needs.) Contact us to let us know that you'll be coming.

Work & Play Camp, Sept. 14-17--We're putting Camp Mennoscah back to rights after a summer of fun camps and hard use! This is a service-oriented retreat for people of all ages and skills. Along with the tasks we hope to complete, we'll have evening devotions, games, coffee breaks, and gobs of fellowship. No charge for this retreat, only a suggested donation of \$4.00 per person/meal.

We've got TWO! There are two **Fall Scrapbooking Retreats** at Camp Mennoscah (Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and Nov. 14-15). These retreats are for scrapbookers of all skill levels--and are filled with fun sessions and fellowship! Contact us for more information.

The Camp Mennoscah Annual Meeting will be Sept. 20 at 5 pm at the Bethel College Mennonite Church in N. Newton. We hope you will join us for a light supper, updates from camp staff and board members, election of new board members and our fun feature "Pastors Love Camp". Pastors from Topeka, Manhattan, Newton, and Hillsboro have agreed to entertain us with a variety show! Please join us in planning for the future as Camp Mennoscah continues to provide a place for people of all ages to seek God, enjoy nature, renew self and fellowship with others!

Contact: campmno@mennowdc.org or **620-297-3290** for more information on all of the above.

Hesston College will host Homecoming 2014, Each Other's Light: A Multicultural Celebration, Sept. 25 to 28. Alumni and friends are invited to take part in the weekend featuring alumni from diverse multicultural backgrounds giving presentations and performances focused on their "Go Everywhere" life and career experiences. Also included are class reunions, athletic events, tapas style picnic and festival, entertainment stage, and music and drama shows. Go to hesston.edu/homecoming for schedule and registration information.

Bethel College golf tournament. Alumni and friends of Bethel are invited to play in the Fall Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, Sept. 13, in Newton. For details, follow the Events and Golf links at www.bethelks.edu/alumni/, call 316-284-5251 or e-mail wnugent@bethelks.edu. Early registration discount deadline Sept. 2.