Congregational Announcements

**Stories and Stuff:** Please join us for Stories & Stuff on Thursday, May 19. Our theme is “Sunday afternoon traditions.” What were your Sunday afternoons like growing up? What are they now? Did you fix Sunday suppers? What were they like? Bring a story and a sampling of food to share, although it’s not a requirement to attend! Hope to see you there!

**Summer Faith Formation for children:** There are opportunities to help with children’s Faith Formation this summer: storytellers, music leaders, activity and craft leaders, and helpers for the two year old children. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

**Tabor Mennonite Women** are invited to a Mystery evening on Tuesday, May 31. Meet at the church by 5:20pm to load cars and be ready to leave by 5:30pm. Bring $20 and join the group for a fun, entertaining evening! Sign up on the South bulletin board to RSVP and to carpool. *Note: There will be limited walking.*

**Lost and Found:** In the basement is a table with lost and found items. There are also some items and banners that were put out after our work day which you may take if you want to. Today is the last day that these items will be available. After Sunday they will be taken to the EtCetera Shop.

**Kansas MCC Annual Relief Sale Dinner:**

*Your Help is Welcome!!* The Financial Task Force is hosting the MCC Relief Sale Dinner on May 19 here at Tabor as a fund raiser for the fellowship hall addition. Anyone who would like to help with this event is welcome to sign up on the bulletin board in the coming weeks. We will need servers, table decorators, dish washers, and general help all around. We are also seeking funds to help offset the food costs so that as much of the fund raiser as possible goes towards the project. If you are interested in helping with a monetary donation, please contact a member of the FTF committee.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped make the 48th Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale a huge success! **You are all invited** to celebrate this success at the KMRS annual meeting. On behalf of MCC, Maynard Kneppe will be presented with a check from the proceeds of the sale. Date: Thursday, May 19, 6:30 pm at Tabor Mennonite Church. The meal is $15 a plate payable at the door. Please RSVP to Kristin and Archie Schmidt or Leann and Jerry Toews by May 16 if you plan to attend.

**The Tabor Food Pantry** is running low on a number of items: cereal, oatmeal, mac ‘n cheese, Hamburger Helper / boxed meals, ramen noodles, canned meats, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, cake mixes, peanut butter, jelly, ketchup, mustard, laundry soap, dish soap. Any non perishable food donations are welcome. Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry!

**Tabor Wellness**

The KMRS Run for Relief was the April Wellness Challenge and was well attended by our church members. Adriana Duerksen was the lucky recipient of our random participant prize drawing! May is Mental Health Awareness Month and you are encouraged to fill out the worksheet found on the wellness display to participate in this month’s challenge.

It’s also not too late to join the activity challenge “Tabor Goes Mobile,” visit www.mapmyfitness.com and join the Tabor Church Group. We have already logged over 3000 miles!

**For information on Pastor Phil’s sabbatical** please see Ron Schroeder’s article in the April newsletter.

Community Announcements

**A Sousa Style Brass Concert** will be presented by the McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews, Sunday, May 15, at 5pm at the Church of the Brethren, 200 N. Carrie, McPherson. Many fun instrumental soloists will be featured with the Brass Choir. Everyone is invited to enjoy this Free event.

**The Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum will be hosting a Quilt Trunk Show** on May 21, featuring nationally known quilter, Mayleen Thiesen Vinson, and some of her award winning quilts. The event will begin at 3pm with a merchant mini-mall open from 2:30 to 5pm (closed during the presentation). This event is a fundraiser for the museum and the cost is $10, which includes access to the mini-mall, presentation, refreshments, and a guest pass to the museum to be used at a future date. Call (620)367-8200 or email mhmuseum@mtelco.net with any questions. *The Friendship Quilt made by the Goessel Mennonite Church sewing circle in the 1930s and signed by 30 ladies, is now on display at the museum.*

**Bethesda Home’s 117th annual meeting** will be held Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethesda Home Chapel. B.K.D. LLP will provide a report on the audited financials, along with facility reports, and board appointments. Pie social to follow. Please join us.

Conference Announcements

**Prayer Requests:**

- **Western District Conference:** Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission meeting this week, as they work to support the growth and vitality of the church.
- **Mennonite Mission Network:** Laura Schlabach of MMN has served in Mongolia for more than two decades in the areas of finance, administration, and worker support. Pray for her as she divides her time between the main office in the capital city and her travel to be a spokesperson for the needs of more remote areas.
Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for those students who graduate this month. Pray that they would be courageous and full of grace as they move onto whatever comes next.

Mennonite Church USA: Love is a Verb: Planning for Orlando 2017, to be held July 4-8, is underway! We invite your prayers for the Convention Planning staff members and the Worship Planning Committee as they make decisions that will give shape to this gathering.

Lions, and tigers, and bears! Oh my! (Monkeys and elephants too!) Summer Story Time begins Tuesday, June 14 with Marjie Warkentine, Storyteller. Ages 3-8 are invited to join this animal adventure. Summer Story Time will be 10:00-10:45 am in the children's library at the Western District Offices. Register NOW at http://goo.gl/forms/TGmHi5odLO or by emailing/calling: crlib@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300 (Space is limited).

MCC Urgent needs: Mennonite Central Committee needs colored pencils (packages of 12) to complete school kits for shipment; and receiving blankets (30" x 36" lightweight fleece of flannel) for infant care kits. If you shop online, you can simply purchase items and have them shipped to our Material Resource Center (121 E. 30th, North Newton, KS 67117). Items for all other MCC kits are welcome, but the pressing needs are for colored pencils and receiving blankets at this time. Thank you for your generosity!

Trinity Mennonite Church in Hillsboro will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Sunday, May 29, and would love to have you celebrate with them! Highlights will include a worship service at 10:30 am, a catered noon meal, a presentation of pictures, sharing of stories, and tours of the original church sites as well as their cemeteries. RSVP to trinit67063@embarqmail.com or call 620-947-3824.

Camp Mennoscah Retreats and Opportunities:
We've got spaces, yes we do! We've got spaces just for you! Camp Mennoscah still has space for all you fun campers at our summer youth camps. These camps are for grades 3 and up through high school. Send a grandkid, bring a friend, tell your neighbor about these great and wonderful times to get to know new friends, learn about Fearless Faith, and have an absolute blast!

Been thinkin' about getting together with friends and family? Camp Mennoscah is the place for you! We've got different sizes and kinds of places for you to gather. So grab your siblings, your small group, or stunning friends and meet us on the Ninnescah River. We think it's one of those sacred spaces where you can meet God, be in nature, and be with others.

Coming up at Camp Mennoscah!
Young Adult Retreat: July 29-31
Mental Health Spiritual Retreat: September 4-5.
Women and Girls Retreat: September 9-11

For all of the above: Online at www.campmennoscah.org
Telephone: 620-297-3290. Email: office@campmennoscah.org.
For more information contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Youth Venture is still accepting applications for the July 15-25 Los Angeles team! Partner with Mountain View Mennonite Church and ReconciliAsian as they minister to their community through vacation Bible school, a peace center, and other various services. Ages 14-22 can apply by June 1 at MennoniteMission.net/Serve, or contact ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net for inquiries.

Communications Manager needed for Mennonite Women USA. Skills desirable: experience in editing, writing, design; proficient in social media; commitment to vision and mission of Mennonite Women USA. .4 FTE, send resume and two references to marleneb@mwusa.org Deadline May 30.

Prairie View invites the public to “A Beautiful View” on June 2, 6-8pm at the Prairie View main campus in Newton. This art exhibition will feature pieces by over 30 area artists whose lives have been touched by mental illness, whether through personal struggle or because they care for someone who lives with a mental health disorder. Participants will listen to live jazz and other original music while enjoying heavy hors d’oeuvres, browsing art, including pieces for sale, and bidding on silent and live auction items such as selected artwork, a Moab, Utah vacation package, and many others. The live auction will begin at 7:15pm. All proceeds benefit Prairie View’s programs, which bring hope and healing to those touched by mental illness and addiction. Tickets for “A Beautiful View” are $15 in advance, $20 at the door. To purchase tickets in advance, call 316-284-6443.

Bethel College:
—Today (Sun., May 15) – Open Road concert, 7pm, Memorial Hall at Bethel College
—Thurs., May 19 – Bethel College Women’s Association annual meeting, 7 p.m., Kauffman Museum. The public is invited to view the special exhibit, “Root for the Home Team: Building Community Through Sports,” and hear a presentation by Rachel Epp Buller, Bethel College associate professor of visual art and design. There will also be a brief summary of BCWA activities over the past year. Refreshments will be served. Donations are welcome.

Hesston College Preschool is currently enrolling for preschool starting this Fall. There are openings in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday Pre-K program designed for 4 year old children entering Kindergarten the following school year. The preschool program provides: child and teacher directed activities through experiential hands-on learning, emphasis on social, math and literacy skills, as well as other skills needed for school success. Contact Larisa Lawrence at larisa.lawrence@hesston.edu or 620-327-8161 for enrollment information.