Congregational Announcements

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.

 Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus: Vacation Bible School is coming soon. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board if you would like to provide snacks. If you would like to be a prayer partner, please contact Sarahanne Unruh or Eunice Voth.

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 by May 29 to RSVP and to carpool. Note: There will be limited walking.

Community Announcements

Heritage Quartet will sing an entire concert from the Golden Book of Favorite Songs, common to rural grade schools from years past, at Bethesda Chapel today, May 22 at 4pm.

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.

The Hesston Ministerial Alliance, in coordination with the City of Hesston and Excel Industries, announces a special public service “Honoring our Journey.” A short service will take place on Wed., May 25 at 2:45pm beginning at the site of the spontaneous memorial along HWY 81 adjacent to Excel Industries.

Planned on the three-month anniversary of the traumatic events of February 25, 2016, “Honoring our Journey” seeks to acknowledge that the process of healing is ongoing. It is an invitation to continue to remember and to share our stories of grief and loss as we continue the journey toward recovery and hope. The service will honor and formally receive the items that are a part of the spontaneous memorial as gifts to the entire community on the journey of healing.

At the conclusion of the service these symbols of grief, remembrance, and healing will be carried in procession to the Hesston Public Library where they will be held in sacred trust as a permanent part of the story of our community’s experience of trauma and healing that will be told to future generations.

For additional information contact John C. Murray, Pastor, Hesston Mennonite Church.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for all in WDC who lead, teach or mentor in ministries of faith formation with children, youth and young adults, as the conclusion of the school year approaches.

★ Mennonite Mission Network: The Bolivia Mennonite Church is beginning the implementation of a five-year plan to increase the impact of their ministry. Pray for them as they find new energy to reach their communities with Jesus’ love. Pray also for Mennonite Mission Network as they partner with brothers and sisters in Bolivia.

★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Bethel College graduating seniors, their families and friends who will worship together in the baccalaureate service this morning and participate in commencement this afternoon.

Plan now to attend WDC Annual Assembly, July 29-30, at Bethel College, N. Newton, on the theme Held Together in Mission. Friday evening and Saturday activities will include worship, delegate assembly, workshops on a variety of topics, music, food and fellowship. More information to come soon!

Summer Story Time, for children ages 3-8, begins Tuesday, June 14 with Marjie Warkentine, Storyteller. Summer Story Times will be at 10-10:45am on June 14, 21, July 4, 12, 19 and 26, in the Western District Conference children's library. Register NOW at http://goo.gl/forms/TGmHl5odLO or email/call: crlhb@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”-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!

Lunch with MCC & Ron Byler - you're invited to lunch with Ron Byler, Executive Director for MCC U.S. on Wednesday, May 25 from 12-1pm at the MCC Center in N. Newton (121 E. 30th). Ron will share stories from his recent visits to MCC partners in Palestine/Israel, Bosnia, Ukraine, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. Free will donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the food. Please RSVP to Anna Yoder at annayoder@mcc.org or 316.283.2720 by May 24.

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:
First Come, First to Serve! Camp Mennoscah is looking for two kitchen helpers for the week of July 17-23. These helpers need to have willing hands and the ability to follow directions. Can’t wait to hear from you!

The flower beds are blooming! Camp Mennoscah has had absolutely beautiful iris and the wild flowers are looking great, too. However, the flower beds are beginning to have more residents than what we want and the weeds have come for a visit. We’re looking for volunteers to remove these unwanted guests from the flower beds. Call us to spend your day smelling flowers (and pulling weeds)!

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.

Mennonite Central Committee and WillowSpring Downs are hosting two events the weekend of June 11-12.

-June 11, 1-5 p.m. Fun on the Farm: In the tradition of Day on the Farm, but different, Fun on the Farm features interaction with animals, relays, snacks, games, nature scavenger hunt, obstacle course, stick horse race, rides, and crafts for children of all ages. Come at 1:00 for all the fun, and you just might learn a little bit about MCC’s work around the world in the process! Admission is free. In case of rain, call 620-386-0709 or 620-367-8432 for updates.

-June 12, 5-8 p.m. Song on the Law: This year’s mini-music festival features the Book of JEBB, Cottonwood River Band, Newton Men’s Quarter, Senior Jammers, and Elaine Unruh/Emil Schmidt and Friends. Meal catered by Keith Banman. Bring your lawn chairs, table service, friends and family. Admission is free, donations accepted for MCC. In case of rain, event will be at Goessel Elementary School. Call 620-386-0709 or 620-367-8432 for updates.

Directions to WillowSpring Downs for both events: From Goessel: 3 miles north on Hwy K-15, 4 miles east on 150th, ¾ north on Falcon.

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.

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. 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 Women’s Association Annual Meeting - May 19, 7pm at the Kauffman Museum, 2801 N. Main, N. Newton. Come and view the "Root for the Home Team: Building Community through Sports" exhibit. The evening will include a presentation by Rachel Epp Buller, Associate Professor of Visual Art and Design at Bethel College and a brief summary of the past years activities of BCWA and refreshments. The public is invited. Donations are welcomed.

Bethel College:

Sat., June 4 – The Sand Creek Trail Committee invites you to “Walk Sand Creek Trail Day,” celebrating National Trails Day. Members of the committee will be at the Memorial Grove trailhead on the Bethel College campus from 6am-8pm to answer any questions and offer water for people and dogs.

The Dyck Arboretum of the Plains invites you to a Summer Soirée on Sunday, June 12th from 6 to 9 p.m. The evening fundraiser will include live music, a silent auction, dinner from The Water’s Edge and a presentation on the "History and Folklore of the Flint Hills" from Kansan of the Year Jim Hoy. Tickets are $80 for an individual or $150 for two people. Visit dyckarboretum.org to RSVP by June 1st, or call 620-327-8127. Proceeds from the ticket sales and silent auction will underwrite the ongoing mission and programs of the Arboretum.