Tabor Mennonite Church
May 29, 2016

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

Home-Delivered Meals provides a vital ministry in the Goessel community. Meals are prepared by Bethesda Home. Monday through Friday, a home-bound person may receive a meal delivered to their home at noon. Receiving this meal and the human contact it provides, makes such a difference in the life of an elderly or disabled person. Approximately ten to twelve persons from our community have been delivering these meals in the Goessel community. A few of these volunteers are no longer able to do it, due to changes in their lives. New volunteers are needed. It only takes about 45 minutes on any one day. You can do it once a week, once a month, whatever works for you. Call Ruth Goertzen, Adm. Asst. at Alexanderwohl, 367-8192, to ask questions and offer to volunteer. Thank you!

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:
★ Western District Conference: Give thanks to God for Trinity Mennonite Church in Hillsboro, celebrating its 50th anniversary today.
★ Mennonite Mission Network: In the land of Jesus birth, an outreach team composed of Arab Christians and Jewish believers is setting aside their differences in order to share God’s invitation to abundant life. Pray for team members who face opposition and for Mennonite Mission Network personnel working alongside them.
★ Mennonite Education Agency: The first of six weeks of Uncle Carl's Camps, day camps at Bethel College’s Kauffman Museum, begin on May 31. Pray for fun, safety and learning for campers, museum staff and volunteers.

WDC Annual Assembly will take place July 29-30, Friday evening - Saturday, on the Bethel College campus in North Newton, KS. Watch for schedule and registration information coming 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/TGmHI5odLO or email/call: crlib@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300 (Space is limited).

Camp Mennoscah Retreats and Opportunities:
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.

Palestine/Israel tour report: On Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m., central Kansas participants from a recent Come and See Learning Tour to Palestine and Israel will present a program of reflections and pictures from their experience. The program will be at First Mennonite Church, 429 E. 1st Street, Newton. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend. The presenters are among 13 persons who traveled in April on an 11-day Come and See learning tour sponsored by Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Central Committee at the invitation of Palestinian Christians. Approximately 75 persons from across Mennonite Church USA have now participated in Come and See tours, to increase awareness of issues surrounding the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and promote peace and social justice.

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.
- June 12, 5-8 p.m. Song on the Lawn: 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.
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.
Prairie View Hosts 2nd A Beautiful View Art Exhibit: June 2, 6-8 p.m. at Prairie View - 1901 E. First St., Newton. Tickets are $15 in advance, $20 at the door. To purchase tickets in advance, call 316-284-6443. 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 7:15 p.m. All proceeds benefit Prairie View’s programs, which bring hope and healing to those touched by mental illness and addiction.

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 15 at Mennonite Mission.net/Serve, or contact ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net for inquiries.

Mennonite Voluntary Service is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 year! Opportunities to serve and live in community with others are still open in a variety of placements and locations, including teaching in Puerto Rico. Ages 20+ can apply at MennoniteMission.net/Serve, or contact NeilR@MennoniteMission.net for inquiries.

Bethel College:

Sat., June 4 – Kauffman Museum bird walk. Join experienced birder Gregg Friesen at 6:30 a.m. in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours.

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.

Movie Screening: “No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank’s Story” A brief discussion of issues related to refugee resettlement to follow. When: Sunday, June 12, 4:00 p.m. Where: Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main Street, Hesston. Cost: A free will offering will be received. All money received will be given to the Refugee Resettlement Fund established at Hesston Mennonite Church to support receiving refugees in the Hesston community with Episcopal Migration Ministry—Wichita.

The West Zion Mennonite Church (Moundridge, KS) Concert Series continues with a concert on June 5 at 7 pm. Featured performers include Christopher Shaw, organ; Bill Froese, baritone vocalist; Dan White, musical saw; Galen Fast, saxophone; Laurie Regehr, piano & Donna Stucky, piano. A free-will offering will be received during the concert. After the concert, there will be a time of fellowship, with refreshments being served.

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.