Congregational Announcements

**VBS Staff Orientation:** Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! Staff orientation will take place on May 11 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. There are still a few opportunities open to help with VBS. See Sarahanne Unruh or Eunice Nickel for more information or if you would like to be a prayer partner. Thanks to all who are helping this year!

**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.

**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.

**Children's Church Banks:** Children who would like to turn in their church bank to the Financial Task Force are welcome to leave them with a member of the committee or in the Fellowship Hall next to the Lego church building where the children gather before Faith Formation.

**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!

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

**Correction:** The date in the May newsletter for Goessel Middle School promotion is May 17, not May 20 as listed.

Community Announcements

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.

Conference Announcements

**Prayer Requests:**

- Western District Conference: Pray for new WDC Associate Conference Minister (TX-based) Byron Pellecer as he and his wife Hilda move this week to Dallas, TX, where he will begin his work May 15.

- Mennonite Mission Network: MMN partners with the new Centre for Anabaptist Studies in Bristol, United Kingdom, that has grown out of the ministry of the (now closed) London Mennonite Centre. Pray for the students from many denominations as they learn about mission, theology, and Bible interpretation from an Anabaptist perspective.

- Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Hesston College International Chorale as they depart for a three-week European tour. Pray that God would give them safety as they travel, minister to their audiences through music and stay with host families along the way.
Save the date! September 9-11, 2016 is Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by South Central and Western District Conferences. This year’s featured speaker is Katherine Goerzen on the topic "Beloved, Blessed, and Beautiful." Registration forms will be coming to churches in July.

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.

Peace Picnic! An alternative Memorial Day activity, Monday, May 30 from 12-2pm in Riverside Park (at the Gazebo) in Wichita. Bring a picnic lunch for yourself and those coming with you. Bring lawn chairs or blankets – and bring friends! Musical groups, Shoulder to Shoulder/Rise Up Singing will sing and play. Come and sing along for peace! Sponsored by People of Faith for Peace. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will move to First Church of the Brethren at 10th and Jefferson.

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:
—Sun., May 8 – Masterworks Concert, 3 p.m., featuring Te Deum by Bruckner and Choral Fantasy by Beethoven, along with presentation of the second Goering Music Award, Memorial Hall at Bethel College; tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, or at the door
—Weds., May 11 – Jazz on the Green at Bethel College, 8 p.m., featuring Jazz Ensembles I and II (rain/storm location: Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center)
—Sat., May 14 – Kauffman Museum bird walk (moved to second Saturday for May). Join experienced birder Gregg Friesen at 6:30 a.m. in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. (For help locating Kauffman Museum, see www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/)
—Sat. May 14 – Woven concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall at Bethel College
—Sun., May 15 – Open Road concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall at Bethel College

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter is taking applications for the position of volunteer coordinator/bookkeeper. This is a full-time position. For more information or to submit resumes, email: james@hchs-ks.com. Applications can be picked up at the shelter.

Camp Mennoscah Retreats and Opportunities:
Camp Mennoscah loves having new friends visit! Everyone is invited to bring a friend with them this summer—it's a great way to share fun and faith! Returning campers and their first time friends get a free camp tee shirt. Fearless Faith: Courage in Community is our theme for the summer.

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.

Presentations from Women Doing Theology Conference - twenty of the papers presented at All Your Need is Love: Honoring the Diversity of Women's Voices in Theology, the first Women Doing Theology Conference hosted by the Women in Leadership Project of Mennonite Church USA (February 2014), are included in a book that is available online. Download a free PDF or purchase a printed copy through Amazon for $10. See www.mennoniteusa.org/aynl. Also available for check out in the Conference Resource Library!

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.