Tabor Mennonite Church
April 16, 2017

Congregational Announcements

Stories and Stuff: Please join us for Stories and Stuff on Thursday, April 20, at 10:00 a.m. Paul Graber will be demonstrating his work with stained glass.

Coming Next Weekend! Bryan Moyer Suderman will be with us April 21-23 to lead community Bible Study sessions on Friday/Saturday, to provide a community concert for all ages, and to lead worship at Tabor on Sunday morning! This event will be hosted at Tabor and is sponsored by the Goessel Ministerial Alliance. Plan to join us for this fun and enriching opportunity to study scripture, worship, and fellowship together! Informational brochures and registrations were in your mailboxes. Additional copies are available in the foyer. Please register for the Bible Study by Easter Sunday, April 16.

Help Needed with Meal: Tabor is responsible for the meal for the Friday evening Bible Study session. Sign up sheets for food donations and serving/cleaning are on the bulletin board. Please sign up today.

Church Membership: Are you interested in learning more about church membership at Tabor? If yes, please talk to a Pastor.

In hopeful anticipation of meeting the financial goal for the proposed building project, the council has decided it's time to put together a building committee. Jim Schmidt would still like to visit with anyone who is interested in being on the building committee. A committee of five people will be chosen from those who have expressed an interest.

Sister Care: Level 2 “Going Deeper” week-end retreat (a program of Mennonite Women USA) led by Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener will be offered May 5-7, at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Please mail in your registration by April 19. For more information, please see the April Tabor Church Newsletter.

Wed., April 26, 6:30 p.m. – For those signing up for MWUSA Sister Care II, Sister Care I is strongly suggested. We will have a crash course and refresher course at Goessel Elementary Library (so we can use the big screen for the dvd) for those who haven’t had Sister Care I or would like a review before attending Sister Care II on May 5-7. If you can’t take the course, you can check out the DVD or Manual from me. You can also attend without the course but it strongly suggested. Registration forms and information is on the bulletin board. Contact Denise Nickel (367-2226) if you have questions.

Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus concerts will take place on Sunday, April 30, 4:30pm at Presser Hall, Bethany College, Lindsborg and on Sunday, May 7, 7pm at Hesston High School, Hesston. A free will offering will be taken for the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Singers from Tabor are: Lewis Unruh, Steve Janzen, Lee Goertzen and Donavon Schmidt.

Register now for Summer Camps: Scholarships of $50 are again available through the Tabor Mennonite Church Education Committee for children attending either Camp Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Sign up on the bulletin board with your name and the dates you will be attending camp. When registering, mark the box on the form indicating that you are receiving a scholarship from Tabor and a check will be mailed to Camp Mennoscah. Register with Camp Mennoscah before May 1 to receive a $10 discount.

Goessel Community Foundation, an affiliate of Central Kansas Community Foundation, on behalf of the 2017 Goessel Community Foundation is pleased to announce that the Tabor Mennonite Church Food Pantry has been selected as a recipient of a $300 grant. The grant was made possible by the Goessel Community Foundation Impact Fund.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:
★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for all WDC congregations as they witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, whose resurrection we celebrate today!
★ Mennonite Mission Network: We are all called to spread the good news of Easter to our neighbors. Join Mennonite Mission Network’s personnel and partners throughout the United States and in more than 55 countries around the world to proclaim this message of Jesus’ resurrection power over evil and death.
★ Mennonite Education Agency: Happy Easter! Rejoice in the good news of the risen Christ, and celebrate the blessing of new life.

Western District Announcements:
The Ministerial Leadership Commission of Western District Conference has adopted the updated Ministerial Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedure, revised in 2016 by the Mennonite Church USA Leadership Development Office and Mennonite Church Canada Pastoral Leadership Office. A copy has been placed in the library for you to view.

Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace KS Tour - In preparation for this summer’s Israel-Palestine resolution in Orlando, join in conversation exploring diverse views on Israel-Palestine and prospects for peace in the current political climate. Laura Tillem, a local representative of Jewish Voice for Peace, will dialogue with Jonathan Kuttab, a Mennonite Palestinian human rights lawyer. This tour is sponsored by Mennonite Church USA and Western District, along with local funding. Freewill offerings will be received at each public event:
April 17 - 7 pm, Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S Lorraine Ave, Wichita
April 18 - 7 pm, Bethel College Chapel, Administration Bldg, North Newton
April 19 - 11 am, Bethel College Chapel
Camp Mennoscah:

- Thank you to the many people who came to help put in the dam! We had spectators, we had helpers, and we had wonderful weather. It was a great time to be in the river.

- The Retirees Relaxation Retreat is April 24-26! You are invited to join us to hear stories of courage, faith, and enrichment. Amanda Rempel will lead us in music and Stan & Marlene Smucker will lead us in Bible Study. Coffee breaks and as much nature as you want included!

-Men and Boys Retreat is April 28-30. The first meal provided is Saturday supper, so if you come sooner than that, bring your own food. Saturday evening will feature a performance by the Flannelbacks, a bluegrass band from the Bethel area. Michael Unruh will be our speaker for the weekend. No pre-registration is necessary, but if you have questions contact Kevin Neufeld at kevinneufeld2@gmail.com or 316-322-5515.

- Summer is around the bend! Sign up for Summer Youth Camp at Camp Mennoscah! It’s an amazing time to find friends and meet God!

Information for all of the above or to register:
Online at www.campmennoscah.org
Telephone: 620-297-3290.
Email: office@campmennoscah.org.
Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Harvey County Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring a special aluminum can drive May 6 through June 6. Drop off locations are located at both Newton Dillons store parking lots in the Habitat for Humanity Houses. Please take large amounts of cans and or metal to All Metals at 401 W. first, Newton, Mon. - Fri, 9am - 4:30pm. Be sure to designate that the donation is for Harvey County Habitat for Humanity. Now is an excellent time to clean out your garage and sheds for aluminum cans and metal and help this deserving organization.

Coming to a church near you! Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 6, 7 pm when The Theatre of the Beat, from Stouffville, Ontario, is coming to the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church (655 S. Lorraine, Wichita) with the play “This Will Lead to Dancing.” The play follows two teens from a Mennonite congregation’s youth group who go on a hunger strike until their church decides to accept LGBT people as members. In her hunger, one of the girls begins to hallucinate the ghost of Menno Simons, who becomes a central character in the play. The writer, and theatre’s artistic director, Johnny Wideman, conducted interviews with LGBT Mennonites and two allies who work within the community and incorporated some of their reflections and stories. In discussions of church policy over sexuality and church membership, there has been much discussion over “forbearance”. Wideman wanted his play to represent those who, he believes, have shown the most forbearance, the LGBT community. Tickets are $10 and available at the door. Refreshments will be served after the play.

Bethel College:
—Fri., April 21 – The Flannelbacks: Farewell Concert, 8 p.m., the Green at Bethel College
—Sun., April 23 – KIPCOR Film Series, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium at Bethel College. Double feature: YouTube video of Chief Oren Lyons on the Doctrine of Discovery, and the documentary Reserve 107 (how the Doctrine of Discovery continues to play out today in a small Canada town); talk-back follows with John Stoesz, former executive director of Mennonite Central Committee-Central States

Hesston College: The final concert for the Hesston College Andover Organ Series season will feature University of Kansas graduate students Shayla Van Hal and Bethany Johnson at 7 p.m., Friday, April 21, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The concert is free and open to the public.

Seminars simplify Medicare and Social Security: Everence Financial will provide information about Medicare and retirement income at three upcoming seminars. The Medicare seminars will be held on April 17 and May 1 and will include what Medicare covers, the differences between plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment deadlines. The retirement income seminar, held on June 5, will help you determine if you have enough money to retire, what to do if the market doesn’t cooperate and how to know if your savings will last. Seminars are held at 7 p.m. at the Everence office in Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (620) 327-4043 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Blood Mobile
Thanks to the 25 people who rearranged their schedules to make it possible to donate blood at the February blood drive. Up to 75 people benefited from their donation. The next drive is Thursday, April 27 from 2:00-6:00. Sixteen willing donors are currently signed up, which is just over half of the 30 appointment slots. To help us meet our goal call Rosi (367-2418), Red Cross (1-800-733-2767) or register on-line at redcrossblood.org/givemore

One of the recent options when you donate blood is the Power Red, where an automated process separates your red blood cells from the other blood components, then returns your plasma and platelets to you. Donors with blood type O negative, O positive, A or B negative are the blood types required for this. This process maximizes your donation and helps more patients. However, it does takes patience as it’s slower. It takes close to an hour, and the times to come for a Power Red this drive are at 2:00, 4:00 and 5:00. After a Power Red Donation you can’t donate for 112 days, so you could only donate every other blood drive. There are additional requirements to give a Power Red Donation. Females must be at least 5’5” and weigh 150 lbs. Males must be at least 5’1” and weigh at least 130 lbs. The usual volunteers will be needed, so watch for that sign up sheet.

Sustainability Circle Meetings: April 27th, 5:30 p.m. pot luck (bring your own table service), 6:15 Seed and seedlings swap - Bring what you have to share, take what you need. There is no requirement to bring anything, come and enjoy food & fellowship with others who enjoy talking about and living sustainability and gardening. We meet in the NE wing of Hesston Mennonite Church. All are welcome! Contact Paula Miller with questions, 316-217-2984, lovelowfood@hotmail.com. Childcare provided upon request.