Notes of Appreciation

Thank you for your prayers and the good food, rides to coffee and taking me out for lunch on days Alvin was at PACE. Also thanks for visits. It was very much appreciated. My wrist is healing. -Wilma Schmidt

Thanks for your thoughts & prayers during my recent back surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Rosie & Pastor Phil for their hospital visits. We are so blessed by our new Tabor family! -Bruce (and Nancy) Funk

Congregational Announcements

The TMYF are excited for the opportunity to attend the MC USA Convention. To meet our goal for funds this year, the Youth Group will host a Russian Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 21 beginning at 8:30am (following our Lock-in at the church building the night before). We also are continuing our “Wall to Orlando” envelope fundraiser. Thank you to all of you who have already donated! As always, thank you for your support, your prayers, your encouragement, and your generosity. They are deeply appreciated!

Membership Meal: Several people interested in Tabor Church Membership will gather at the Parsonage on Sunday, May 21 for a meal and conversation to explore the meaning of membership and share brief faith testimonies with each other. New members will be received during the worship service on June 25.

Lost & Found items have been placed on a table in the basement. Please claim your items by June 4. Unclaimed items will be donated EtCetera.

Reminder: Free Shipping until Sunday (May 21) for Karina Brandt’s Fundraiser for her year in Ecuador. Use code “karina” and it will be shipped to her to deliver to you May 28. Check out the link: https://onemission.fund/support/karina-journey-to-ecuador/ to purchase cards, candles, jewelry and meaningful t-shirts—all benefitting Karina’s service with MMN.

VBS Snacks: The sign-up sheet for snack items for VBS is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign-up for what you would like to bring. Pay attention to which day the items are needed for and when they need to be at church. Thank-you!

Summer Intern: We are excited to host Jayce Yoder, a current Bethel College Student, for his summer Ministry Inquiry Program experience. Jayce will be with us from May 22 through August 13. He will be staying with Pastor Phil and Mary and family for the first half of the summer and then will stay with Carol and Maynard for the second half of the summer. Jayce will be exploring many different aspects of pastoral ministry throughout the summer. We look forward to officially welcoming Jayce in church on May 28 as well as in the June newsletter.

Leadership Retreat: Save the Date for a Church Leadership Retreat on Sunday, June 4 from 4:30-8:30pm. All are welcome. More information to come.

Summer Elective: Adult Faith Formation will be offering an elective following our summer worship series using the book Anabaptist Essentials by Palmer Becker. Classes will begin June 18 and continue through August. So that books can be ordered, please sign up on the bulletin board by May 28 if you plan to attend this class.

Camp Washunga is only a week away! The Snack Shack at Camp Washunga is not open for business this year. If you would like to donate food or funds to help cover the cost of snacks, please let us know. Examples could include, but are not limited to: fresh fruit, crackers, snack mixes, cookies.

The youth in our congregation have certainly gotten much good use out of the couches in our youth room and it is fun to think about who all has used these couches over the years! However, because they have been so well-used, it may be time to consider finding new couches so that new generations can enjoy them for a long time to come. If any of you have gently used couches that you’re hoping to get rid of, or if you’d like an excuse to buy new furniture for your house, please consider donating your gently used couches to the TMYF. Thanks for prayerfully considering this!

Mennonite Youth Census: Mennonite Education Agency is asking for record updates for children/students in the Mennonite Church. The purpose of the Mennonite Education Agency Youth Census is to give Mennonite Church USA students of all ages access to the programs and activities of the church. On behalf of the institutions and agencies of Mennonite Church USA, MEA gathers demographic information about students — name, contact information (such as address and phone number), birth date, gender, race and school information. This information is then made available to Mennonite-related groups upon request. The information is not available to groups outside Mennonite Church USA. The data is not used for fund-raising purposes and may not be posted on the World Wide Web. If you do not want information for your child/children given to MEA, please contact Kim Funk before May 31 to let her know.

Community Announcements

Mennonite Research Findings: Two distinguished scientists will be coming to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church to speak and present their findings on their research and its connection to Mennonites. Dr. Michael Crawford of the University of Kansas has been collaborating with the Mennonite communities of Kansas on biological aging and the history of Alexanderwohl. Dr. Francis McMahon has conducted research on the genetics of depression and schizophrenia and will give an address and explain his research and clinical diagnoses of mood disorders. The public is invited to attend on Sunday evening, May 21, 7:00 p.m. for this free lecture. More information is posted on the bulletin board.

The Bethesda Home annual meeting will be Wednesday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethesda chapel. All are welcome. Business meeting will be followed with a pie social.
Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

★ Western District Conference: As the school year concludes, give thanks for WDC youth pastors and sponsors, and pray for youth groups preparing to attend Mennonite Church USA convention and other activities this summer.

★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN’s Service Adventure program is looking for unit leaders for households in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jackson, Mississippi. Pray that those whom God is calling to these positions will say yes.

★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for God’s spirit to be with Bethel College commencement speaker Aaron Austin and with the 2017 graduates, their families and friends who gather to celebrate with them.

★ Mennonite Disaster Service: Pray for the communities struck by tornadoes in Oklahoma and Wisconsin earlier this week. At least two people were killed and dozens injured during the Tuesday storms. We also ask prayers for the folks in Ontario and Quebec who are experiencing severe flooding in both those provinces. The MDS Ontario Unit is on the ground and is gearing up for a response. Please continue remembering the residents and families impacted by these disasters in both the U.S. and Canada.

The WDC Annual Assembly will be August 4-6 in Arlington, TX. A bus may be chartered from the Newton, KS area, the cost of which would be dependent upon the number of passengers. Please let us know BY MAY 30 if you have interest in traveling to Assembly by bus. A bus will only be chartered if enough interest is expressed, so it is important that you let us know! Thanks!

Children ages 3-8 are invited to Summer Story Hour at the WDC Resource Library June 14 through July 26 (not July 5). Register TODAY (space is limited) at https://goo.gl/forms/kQwNSzl9Bw8rr1q03 or by emailing/calling the library crlib@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300. Due to limited space, children should be able to attend at least 4 of the 6 weeks offered.

Camp Mennoscah:
—Needed: two kitchen volunteers for July 16-22 and two for July 30-August 4. No great skills are needed, just a kind and willing heart and the ability to follow directions.
—Looking down the Road! Our Family Weekend is July 29-30 and our Young Adult Weekend is August 4-6.

Information for Camp Mennoscah or to register:
Email: office@campmennoscah.org.
Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017: Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate “Love is a Verb” with fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country. Learn more at convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/. The convention planning office has arranged discounts at Orlando-area attractions. Visit: mennolove.orlandomeetinginfo.com.

A Mini Comforter Blitz will be held on June 2 and 3 at MCC Central State Material Resource Center at 121 East 30th Street in North Newton. Packed comforter tops will be tied and bound, and then distributed by MCC to those displaced by or seeking refuge from political unrest or natural disasters. The blitz will be open on Friday, June 2, from 1 - 8 pm, and on Saturday, June 3, from 8 am - noon. Bring a snack to share with others, and bring a sack lunch if you are staying over a mealtime. Drinks will be furnished. Need childcare? Please RSVP to Kara Klingenberg at 620-983-9003. Every age is welcome, from youths to senior citizens. See bulletin board for more information

We LOVE our volunteers! Calling ALL Mennonite Central Committee volunteers (workroom, warehouse, meat canning, Kansas Relief Sale, El Cetera Shop and more) to join us for our Volunteer Appreciation BBQ on June 7 from 5-7pm in the MCC Material Resources Center in N. Newton. Check mcc.org/volunteer-bbq for more information. Please RSVP for the event by May 24 to Patsy Dirksen, 316.283.2720, patsydirksen@mcc.org. We hope to see you on June 7!

The MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, Kansas is running particularly low on the following items: bottles of shampoo (13-24 oz.), bars of infant friendly/mild soap, infant sleepers/onesies (sizes 3-9 months), men's crew socks (white). Without these items, various kits cannot be completed so we need your help! Kit items can be dropped off at 121 E. 30th in North Newton or purchased online (Amazon Smile or other online retailers) and shipped directly to MCC. Questions? Please contact Kate Mast 316.283.2720, katemast@mcc.org.

Bethel College:
Bethel College seeks a full-time director of development. Bachelor’s degree required with 3-5 years’ experience in funds solicitation or a combination of transferable experience. See full job description at www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/people/career-opportunities/

Sat., June 3 – The public is invited to “Walk Sand Creek Trail Day,” part of National Trails Day®. Water will be available for people and dogs at the trailhead at Memorial Grove on the Bethel College campus, dawn to dusk (6 a.m.-8 p.m.), courtesy of the Sand Creek Trail Committee.

Harvey County Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring a special aluminum can drive through June 6. Drop off locations are located at both Newton Dillon’s 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.

History Channel Program Includes Mennonite Immigration: On Monday and Tuesday, May 29 and 30, at 8:00 pm, the History Channel will broadcast a two-part special on “America: The Promised Land,” and on Tuesday a segment of the program will focus on Bernhard Warkentin, Turkey Red Wheat, and the 1870s Mennonite immigration to Kansas. The Warkentin story is featured as one important example of why different immigrants came to the United States and their impact. Link to further information regarding the television show: http://www.history.com/shows/america-promised-land