Tabor Mennonite Church
August 5, 2018

Congregational Announcements

Faith Testimonies: Beginning on August 19, we will dive into a study of Acts, which focuses on the birth of the Christian church and includes many stories of faith and conversion throughout. As we reflect on the spreading faith in Acts and as we participate in Western District Conference's "Year of Evangelism," we invite anyone who has a faith testimony that they would like to share in church to please contact one of the Tabor pastors. We would love to include a faith testimony each Sunday of our Acts Worship Series, which will continue until Lent 2019.

MennoGrass 2018: Plan to join us in the Tabor park on Sunday evening, August 26 for MennoGrass! Supper will be served beginning at 5:30pm and music will be from 6-8pm. Our two groups this year are Hopeful Blues and the Smoky Valley Bluegrass Band. Please bring lawn chairs, table service, and a side or dessert. Let someone on the Fellowship Team know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bid on the old Tabor elevator! Now’s your chance to own a part of Tabor history. Bid sheets are on the bulletin board. Submit your sealed bid to Brent Abrahams by August 5. Proceeds go to the building project. For more information contact Brent Abrahams or Kenton Nickel.

Bible Study: Everyone is invited to join the Tabor weekly Bible study, which began on Wednesday, August 1, from 8-9pm. The Bible study will continue on upcoming Wednesday evenings, and we will study the scripture text(s) for the upcoming Sunday. If you have any questions, please visit with John Unruh or Pastor Phil. We hope to see you there!

Summer Faith Formation for children: craft/activity leaders are still open for the month of August. Please volunteer on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Thank you for all you do to help Tabor children grow in their Christian faith.

Commodity Distribution will take place August 17, at Goessel Mennonite Church from 5 - 6 p.m. If you are in need of a little help, or if someone you know is, please come by. There is no need for proof of income or any paperwork involved. If you have any questions please contact Jenny Girard @ 367- 8492 or 747-0046. This is an equal opportunity program.

You are invited for dessert at Alexanderwohl, Sunday, August 19 at 7pm as we hear Rosie Epp share experiences at the Texas/Mexico border. Rosie is pastor at Zion Mennonite Church in Elbing and traveled to the border this summer with an MCC Learning Tour this summer. Our church's Peace Committee organized this event as an opportunity to hear first-hand experiences when news sources offer conflicting narratives. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy refreshments and learn together.

Garden Produce: There is a table in the foyer where you may leave your donation of excess produce from your garden. If you would like to use the produce, help yourself. You are welcome to leave a donation for the food pantry.

Be Brave, Be Bold, Be You! Women & Girls Retreat 2018 - The schedule and registration forms for the 2018 Women & Girls Retreat, September 7-9 at Camp Mennoscah, are now available on the table in the foyer. Rachel Ringenberg Miller, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, will be the featured speaker. Many interesting and fun seminars are planned, along with plenty of time to relax and connect with nature and friends. This retreat is open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Registration forms are due August 27.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the learning, fellowship, worship and inspiration that participants experienced at WDC Annual Assembly last weekend.

★ Mennonite Mission Network: Join Mennonite Mission Network in thanking God for Benin Bible Institute’s 25 years of training church leaders from more than 70 denominations. Pray for faith-filled and dynamic teachers to step into the positions of those who are retiring.

★ Mennonite Education Agency: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Pray for students who are beginning online coursework for a new semester this week. May God grant them space, time and the ability to focus on their seminary studies.

★ Mennonite Church USA: Pray for Allegheny Mennonite Conference as they gather for their annual assembly in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, and for Mountain States Mennonite Conference during their annual assembly in Taos, New Mexico, both the weekend of August 3-5.

★ Mennonite Disaster Service: Please join us in keeping our thoughts and prayers with homeowners in Lake County, CA. Homes that MDS rebuilt after the 2016 fires are currently being threatened by the 2018 fires and those same homeowners who went through the devastation in 2016 have been evacuated, again, due to more forest fires burning in the area.

Camp Mennoscah:
—Camp Mennoscah’s Annual Camp Sing is August 12th! We’re celebrating 70 years of camp and an amazing summer of over 600 campers at our annual Camp Sing at Hesston Mennonite Church on August 12 at 6:30pm. A freewill offering will be taken to sponsor our 2019 summer youth campers as part of our extravaganza of singing, popcorn, generic pop, and fun times with friends. We’ll see you there!

—Coming soon to Camp Mennoscah! The playground equipment (2 slides and a climbing net) will be arriving at the end of August. Thank you to our generous donors! We’ll get them installed as soon as possible!

—Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, Sept. 2-3! This retreat is for individuals affected by mental illness, including family members and friends. Come support each other, have fun and enjoy being at camp. Register online or call us for a brochure.
—Work & Play Camp at Camp Mennoscah! Everyone is invited to join us September 21-25 (or any part of those days) as we work on fun projects and spend time building up camp and our community of faithful volunteers. No fee required, donations welcome!

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

Mennonite Church USA:

—The installation for Glen Guyton as the incoming executive director of MC USA will take place on Saturday, August 18, 2-4 p.m. at College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana. All are invited. A livestream will be available for viewing online at http://collegemennonite.org/watch-online/.

—MC USA invites you to Learn, Pray, Join for Immigration Justice. Register for the webinar on August 13, join in church wide prayer on September 23 (Peace Sunday) and support work for immigration justice at mennoniteusa.org/J.

—The 2018 issue of Mennonite Life, Bethel College’s annual online journal, is now live at ml.bethelks.edu. It includes John Thiesen's article on Exploring Race and ethnicity in Western District Conference (a workshop at WDC Assembly, August 5, 2017), several papers from the conference Crossing the Line: Women of Anabaptist Traditions Encounter Borders and Boundaries, held at Eastern Mennonite University in June 2017, and from the Mennonites and the Holocaust conference at Bethel in March 2018; a senior seminar paper on 50 years of the Mennonite Church in Goshen — with special focus on Dorothy Yoder and the church they founded.

—The Mennonite, Inc., invites your original submissions for our October 2018 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Putting ‘love your enemies’ into action. For more info, see: https://themennonite.org/october-2018-call-submissions-putting-love-enemies-action/

The Annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride will be held on Sat. Sept. 15, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) offices, 121 East 30th, N. Newton. This year’s ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Guatemala. Rides of approx. 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Contact the church office for informational brochures, or go to the MCC website: mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride for information and to register on-line. Both bikers and contributors are needed! If you are not a biker but wish to contribute to this MCC project, make your check payable to MCC; write “Flatlander Bike Ride” on the memo line; and send to: MCC, PO Box 235, N. Newton, KS 67117.

Opportunities to learn about immigration and respond with MCC.

MCC works with the issue of migration around the world and walks with people who migrate, people who struggle not to migrate and people who provide hospitality to migrants in many places.

Learn: Consider participating in the MCC Migration Learning Tour to Guatemala and Honduras on November 7-17.

Pray: Pray for the migrants who made the difficult choice to leave their home communities in the hope of a better life, for the detained immigrants as they wait in detention and for the border portal agents to execute their job justly and humanely.

Advocate: Contact your elected officials to express your desire for more humane immigration policies.

Serve: Become an immigration court watcher through the Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants.

Give: Support our work to support the reunification of families on the South Texas Border. Within the coming weeks, 1500-2000 families are expected to be released from detention. MCC is working with local partners to support families with locally purchased grocery gift cards, clothing and housing assistance. Checks made out to MCC with “Central States Immigration” in the memo line will go directly to support this response. Checks should be sent to MCC U.S., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501. Or you can Donate money to MCC for ongoing work with issues surrounding immigration.

For more information on how you can get involved, visit mcc.org/immigration.

Social Security and retirement income workshop coming in August: Everence will hold an informative workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Social Security and retirement income planning will cover when to begin taking Social Security, risks that can impact your savings and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The workshops are presented by Everence staff and held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

The Kidron Bethel Parkinson’s Support Group will meet in Menno Hall August 7. Several brief inspirational videos will be viewed followed by small group discussion. All are invited.

Schowalter Villa’s new addition: Join us for the grand opening and dedication of Mullet Place in Hesston, on Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. (200 W. Cedar, Hesston, KS 67062) Schowalter Villa is also now taking reservations for assisted living homes in Mullet Place. Call 888-388-7445 for more information about living options. Schowalter Villa belongs to Bluestem Communities, a nonprofit organization in central Kansas made up of several retirement communities and programs dedicated to serving individuals 55 and better.

Offender Victim Ministries is offering a FREE training for new and current volunteers to learn more about Neighborhood Accountability Boards in Harvey and McPherson counties. Join us Saturday, September 8 from 9:30am-4pm at the Harvey County Courthouse Community Room (lower level), 800 N. Main, Newton. Lunch included.

Safehope provides comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Harvey, Marion and McPherson counties. Learn how you can support survivors in your community and become a volunteer today! Volunteer training Sept. 7, 6-10pm and Sept 8, 8-4:30 pm, 316 N. Oak, Newton. Call 316-803-1800 or email volunteer@safehope.net for information or to rsvp.