

Tabor Mennonite Church

December 30, 2018

Notes of Thanks

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and visits following my recent knee surgery. I'm grateful for a successful knee surgery. ~Jerry Voth

Thank You to the group from Tabor who came and sang Christmas carols at Kidron-Bethel for Alvin in healthcare and for me in my apartment. We really enjoyed it. It was very special! ~Wilma Schmidt

Congregational Announcements

Tabor Wellness: Congratulations to Barb Abrahams for winning our "Climb The Mountain" challenge! Barb completed a nearly perfect log sheet and has earned a weekend stay in the Colorado Rockies! Enjoy your trip!

Wednesday Evening programming resumes on January 2 with Pizza and Board game night. Adult Bible Study will meet at 8pm.

Instrument for Fellowship Hall: If you are a church accompanist or are interested in discussing what might be an ideal instrument (e.g. piano, keyboard, etc...) for the new Fellowship Hall, please join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 6 during Faith Formation. If you have any questions, please contact a pastor.

Prayer and Visioning Retreat: Everyone is invited to attend this year's Prayer and Visioning retreat on Saturday, January 12 from 9am-12pm. All members of Tabor commissions are strongly encouraged to attend.

Annual Report: Please submit your report now. Fiscal year end reports are due in the church office (email preferred: kfunk@tabormennonite.org)

Directory Updates and changes to the church directory are also requested at this time.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Iglesia Palabra Viva, a new WDC church-plant in Liberal, KS, as they reach out to share God's love with their community.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz worship with German and Spanish speaking churches in Paraguay. Pray for them as they mentor members of these congregations and as they share the good news of Jesus through business chaplaincy and spiritual direction.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Hesston College. Thank God for the faculty and staff who have put numerous hours and lots of energy in creating a healthy community for students to learn and grow. Pray that they may find renewed energy during Christmas break.

Call for Mennonite Disaster Service Volunteers: Eureka, Kansas. We will be roofing and completing exterior repairs on houses. Tools and lunch will be provided. Work days are scheduled for 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Jan. 4 & 5. Please contact Jordan Miller for more details and to arrange transportation from the Newton area. Call, text or email 316-217-4570 or jordanmiller795@gmail.com.

Mennonite Church USA: As we enter the new year, MC USA encourages you to make plans to attend MennoCon19, our biennial convention that will take place in Kansas City, Missouri, July 2-6, 2019. Learn more at convention.mennoniteusa.org.

Hello, future summer staffers! You can apply for a summer staff position at Camp Mennoscah at campmennoscah.org under Summer Youth Camps. Do it now! Positions are music, crafts, nature, lifeguard, office, and grounds/maintenance. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled; we'll start interviewing in January! Contact us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org with questions. We can't wait to talk to you about being on summer staff!

Five Times Harder will perform a holiday concert at First Mennonite Church of Hillsboro, KS on December 30 at 4:00 pm. They will perform a variety of Christmas music in styles ranging from classical to bluegrass to folk. No admission charge. Tom Harder is pastor at First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, and Lois Harder is Bridge Pastor at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel.

Looking for that next great adventure? MCC SALT positions now available! Take chances. Make mistakes. Get messy. Be challenged. Learn some things. Teach some things. Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go... Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a wide variety of positions in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start now at salt.mcc.org, to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply, don't delay the deadline to sign up is Feb. 15.

Do you know youth with gifts for leadership and ministry? Through AMBS's! Explore program, students in grades 10-12 can explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and listen for God's call through a summer congregational internship and a Group Experience (July 9-25, 2019). Scholarships are available. Apply for 2019! ambs.edu/explore

The Neuf Memorial Run: The Neuf 9K and 2 mile run returns to the campus of Bethel College on Jan. 12, 2019 to honor the memory of Russ Neufeld, a former MC USA and Hesston College employee. The race will start at 10 a.m. outside of Mojo's Coffee Shop on the campus of Bethel College, N. Newton. The Neuf will raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Russ Neufeld memorial scholarship at Hesston College. Register & read other details about the race at www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca. We would love to have you join us for this fun community event!

Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this 2-1/2-year distance-friendly nondegree AMBS program! It involves online study, mentor-mentee meetings and one visit to the AMBS region per year. Apply by Jan. 4. ambs.edu/journey.

Be part of Hesston College's Missional Leadership class during the Spring 2019 semester to explore the theology and leadership strategies of missional Christian congregations and empower yourself, your congregations and those with whom you worship in evangelism and "disciple-making." Led by Bible and Ministry professor Michele Hershberger, the class will meet from 6 to 7:40 p.m. on Monday nights from Jan. 21 through May 6, on the Hesston College campus. The cost to audit the class is \$225, and to take the course for credit is \$1,653. Contact michele.hershberger@hesston.edu with questions. Register for the class (Relg 122) by Jan. 15 at hesston.edu/apply. Click "Start your online application now," then choose the "Community Student Application" from the available options.

Hesston College's annual Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference, Feb. 1 to 3, on the Hesston College campus. "Growing More Like Jesus from the Outside In: Transforming Heart and Mind" will be led by Christian spirituality experts Mark and Lisa Scandrette, referencing their practical Ninefold Path of the Beatitudes. Learn more and register now at hesston.edu/avds

The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation: June 3–13, 2019. Participants in this nine-day pilgrimage will trace the route of the U.S. military's 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. This AMBS course can be taken for credit, audit or no credit (trip only). Limit: 15 participants. ambs.edu/trailofdeath

Kauffman Museum: Sunday, Jan. 6 – Rachel Pannabecker presents "Remembering Ethel Ewert Abrahams, Collector and Artist," a Sunday-Afternoon at the Museum program, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum. Abrahams' unusual collection of tobacco fabric novelties, which is believed to be the largest in the United States, is now on display as the museum's special exhibit. The museum is open through the holidays (closed Mondays, plus Tues., New Year's Day): hours 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, Sat.-Sun., 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Join Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) for our annual Reaching Out Letter Writing Events! Thursday, January 10 from 7-9pm at MCC Central States (121 E 30th Street, N. Newton) and Monday, January 21 from 1-5pm at OVM (900 N Poplar, Newton). Letters and cards will be delivered to individuals incarcerated at Hutchinson Correctional Facility on February 14. If you are interested in Reaching Out Letter Writing materials for your church or small group, contact ben@offendervictimministries to arrange for delivery.

Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) presents The Prison Theater Project, a collaboration between Bethel College and Hutchinson Correctional Facility, on Friday, January 25, 7pm at HCF East Unit (400 S Halstead Rd, Hutchinson). RSVP to ben@offendervictimministries.org by Friday, January 11 to attend. Preceding this event at 5pm, all are welcome to join us for OVM's Annual Meeting at St. Teresa Church (211 E 5th, Hutchinson). Soup supper provided.