

Tabor Mennonite Church

December 23, 2018

Notes of Thanks

YOU made it happen! The Trading Post brought in over \$4000 during the last two weeks, and you made it happen as vendors and shoppers. That's another "chunk of change" that goes into the Building Fund as we chip away at what we need to meet the Challenge! THANK YOU!

Thanks you so much for your continued support of the Bethesda ministry. May each of you be blessed as you experience the joy of giving!

~Pete Flaming, Development Director, Bethesda Home

Congregational Announcements

Christmas Eve Celebration Service: Everyone is invited to Tabor at 6:30 pm for the Christmas Eve Celebration Service. Plan to come early (6:05) to hear the Children's Prelude. An offering will be received for Mennonite Central Committee Infant Care Kits. *Make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with MCC Kits on the memo line.*

Christmas Day Service: You are invited to the Christmas Day service at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. An organ prelude begins at 9:45 and then at 10:00 a service with readings of the Christmas story from the Gospels, favorite Christmas hymns, and talented musicians.

No Wednesday Evening programming December 26

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.

Blood Drive: This fall, Hurricane Michael and Hurricane Florence forced the cancellation of about 250 drives, causing 7,500 units of blood to go uncollected. In this season of giving please consider donating blood (800-733-2767 or redcrossblood.org), sign up to work at the drive, or provide a dozen Christmas cookies (sign up on bulletin board) on Dec. 26. Thanks for saving lives!!

Annual Report: Please submit your report now. Fiscal year end reports are due in the church office (email preferred: kfunk@tabormennonite.org) by the end of December. **Directory Updates** and changes to the church directory are also requested at this time.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the gift of God's Word-made-flesh in Jesus, and for the many ways in which WDC congregations make God's love tangible in our world today.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: In this season of "Peace on earth, goodwill to all people," Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of MMN request prayer for peace in Burkina Faso, where terrorist groups have become more active. May the Mennonite Church show the way to the Prince of Peace.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) Pray for fruitful teaching and learning during the first trimester of 2019 at SeBAH. Pray for SeBAH supporters and the many Hispanic/Latino churches that have benefited from SeBAH's ministry. Pray that God brings all the funds needed for this fiscal year's teaching program.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." Matthew 2:10. This Christmas season, the staff of MC USA prays that you would seek the light of Christ and find ways to share joy with one another.

The WDC office and Conference Resource Library will be closed for Christmas & New Year's break from December 24 through January 1.

Western District Conference year-end snapshot: Last January, over 130 people gathered to launch WDC's Year of Evangelism and learn authentic ways to share the Jesus story in our own contexts. It was energizing to hear stories of relationships healed, community needs met, and spiritual lives transformed by love lived out through Jesus' friends. The Year of Evangelism is just one way your gifts to WDC empower congregations to witness and invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, dwell in just and loving relationships, and connect to God's mission in the world! As we work together to meet WDC's budget goal for the year, we request your donations online at www.mennowdc.org or sent to WDC at PO Box 306, N. Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for planting these seeds of hope!

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 Dec. 28 & 29, and 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

Camp Winter Wonderland Worship on Dec. 28 from 3-6pm! Join us for songs from evening worship at summer youth camps (praise and worship songs) at Camp Mennoscah in the Dining Hall. Enjoy classic *Sunday* camp sandwiches, hot chocolate, time by the campfire/fireplace, and the warmth that comes from being surrounded by friends at camp! Also, TP the Christmas tree! We'll metaphorically TP our Christmas Tree with your donations of toilet paper or paper towels. Cash or checks for 4-square/gaga balls are welcome, too. RSVP to 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org by December 26 so we know how many sandwiches to fix--and tell us about any food allergies.

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!

Camp Mennoscah is now accepting applicants for a quarter-time (10 hours/week) custodial position. The position starts January 2, 2019, and will remain open until filled. Contact Olivia at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org for further information.

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, KS, and Lois Harder is Bridge Pastor at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, KS.

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

This Christmas, consider giving alternative gifts through Mennonite Central Committee! With 25 ways to give, you can find something for everyone in your family! Give chickens, provide hope, education, tools and new skills to help build up communities. These are gifts that easily fit under the tree and can fit within any budget, but have the power to bring joy for years to come! Visit mcc.org/christmas or call our office for details, 316.283.2720.

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!