

Tabor Mennonite Church

January 20, 2019

Congregational Announcements

2019 Tabor Wellness Challenges: The 2019 Wellness Challenges have been posted and you can find a log sheet with details in the Wellness Mailbox. Challenge yourself to a 10 Week Step or Stroke challenge for a Dicks Gift Card or log healthy habits for a year at a chance for a free night stay at a Kansas Bed and Breakfast! See Kevin Nickel for any questions. Good Luck!

Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum Annual Meeting, Sun., Jan. 20, 2:30 pm, Goessel Mennonite Church. Brian Stucky will be speaking on the Cherokee Trail that ran about 1 mile south of Goessel. Faspa follows Free and open to the public.

Coming to a church very near you! The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers AND the Bethel College Concert Choir will be performing here at Tabor on February 17 at 7:00 p.m. Bringing these two choirs together for a concert is a dream come true for their directors, and it will be a very special evening indeed. Save the date for this fundraising concert to support the building fund!

Directory Updates and changes to the church directory are requested at this time. Please contact the church office at kfunk@tabormennonite.org.

Tabor Church's week at New Hope Shelter is January 30 to February 5. The beginning of a new year is a good time to try something new! Join us in volunteering at the shelter. Training for volunteers happens the third Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at New Hope. If you are at all interested, or have any questions, please let Austin Unruh or Barb Abrahams know. It is truly a rewarding experience and you will get so much appreciation from the residents.

Alexanderwohl Peace Committee dessert potluck on Jan. 20 has been postponed.

Got questions? The Men's Community Bible Study in Goessel would like to invite men of any age to join us as we start a new 9 part series called Everyday Questions, a study aimed at helping us learn how to respond to questions that we may encounter as we share our faith with those around us. Some of these may be questions we have ourselves. We will be starting this series on Monday, January 28 at 7 p.m. in the southwest room of the Ratzlaff Building in Goessel. Please enter through the door on the west side of the building. If any questions please call Nate Ashley at 620-960-3114, or Austin Unruh at 620-386-4129. Thank you.

Know Jesus, organized by the Western District and South Central Conference Youth Ministry Committee of Mennonite Church USA, and hosted by Hesston College, is a weekend-long retreat, Feb 9-10, for Jr. High (6th-8th grade) students to worship together and learn more about their Anabaptist roots. Our goal is help our young people learn about the rich heritage of their families and churches and also to promote growth in their lives now. Our hope is to provide an environment for our 6th-8th graders to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. When they leave they will KNOW JESUS better than when they arrived. **Please let Pastor Phil know this week if your Jr. Higher plans to attend.**

Is there anything better than a Vacation Bible School package that helps children discover signs of God in the Bible and in their lives? Well, yes! What's even better is making those discoveries available to all age groups in the church! Come to a launch event for Detectives of Divinity VBS PLUS on February 23, 9-10:30 a.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. VBS directors, pastors, teachers, leaders, and parents—all are invited to come, AND everyone who RSVPs by February 15 will receive a free devotional book, *Now It Springs Up*. Come see materials for preschoolers, children, youth and adults, featuring Bible stories and lots of games, crafts, activities, skits and ideas for you to make it happen in your congregation. RSVP to springsforthfaith@gmail.com

A membership meal is being planned for Sunday, April 14, from 12 - 3pm. Please let a pastor know by the end of March if you are interested in joining Tabor as a member.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the diversity of cultural contexts and languages in which WDC congregations worship each week.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: SOOP participants who like to work with fabric are needed to serve in Reedley, California, at the Nearly New Thrift Store and Mennonite Quilt Center. MMN requests prayer for volunteers willing to help at Fresno's MCC relief sale held the first weekend in April.
- ★ Mennonite Education: In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., many students across the country are participating in a week of service, learning and action this week. Pray for all who participate — may they be challenged and grow through their experiences.

Mennonite Church USA:

—As you celebrate **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** on Jan. 21, we invite you to reflect on the words of the open letter to MC USA from 2018 Hope for the Future participants: "Love one another as Christ has loved us, despite our differences, acknowledging the reality of what our church is now, equally valuing the gifts of our diverse membership." Read the full letter: http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/uploads/2018/03/2018_3_Hope-for-the-Future-Letter-to-MC-USA_Final.pdf. Mennonite church announcements

— **The Mennonite, Inc.**, invites your original submissions for our March 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Lent: Repentance and Transcendence. More information at: <https://themennonite.org/march-2019-call-submissions-lent/>

— **Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions:** Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers educational grants for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. Deadline for 2019-20 academic year is May 15, 2019. For details and application form, see www.mennohealth.org/student_term/, email info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

— Calling everyone ages 15-22: Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to serve this summer? There are spots left to join a **2019 Youth Venture team!** See and join in the work God is doing in Indonesia, Peru, Japan, or Benin. Visit www.MennoniteMission.net/SERVE to learn more, or contact Lauren Eash Hershberger at LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net.

Summer staff applications WELCOMED! Camp Mennoscah is searching for and reaching out to those folks 18 and older to be part of our summer leadership family. We're looking for lifeguards, music leaders, crafts leaders, office and media assistants, naturalists, and grounds/maintenance. It will be a summer of fun times, meaningful relationship building, and leadership skills! Apply online at campmennoscah.org under Summer Youth Camps. This is an amazing way for young adults to serve and grow in faith!

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

Online registration for 2019 Camp Mennoscah Retreats opened January 12!

Go to www.campmennoscah.org to register for retreats like Scrapbook and Crafts, Family Weekend, and Retirees Retreat.

Bethel College:

—Mon., Jan. 21 – Bethel College annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** celebration, with guest speaker Sherdeill H. Breathett Sr., Wichita, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

—Sat., Jan. 26 – Kauffman Museum annual **Kansas Day** event: 11 a.m. – program featuring middle-school history teacher Keil Hileman, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; 1-4 pm – special activities and programs in and around the museum on “Collectors, Collecting, Collections”; 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – food trucks, museum parking lot. See Kauffman Museum website or Facebook page for more information.

Join Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) for our annual Reaching Out Letter Writing Event! 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.

Join us for an MCC Lunch & Learn with John Sharp on Wed., Jan. 30 from 12pm-1pm at MCC in N. Newton (121 E. 30th St.). John will share his presentation, Changing the World One Life at a Time: the MJ Sharp Story. MJ and his colleague Zaida Catalán, part of a U.N. panel of experts investigating conflicts that have been ongoing in Congo since the mid-1990s, were abducted and killed in March

2017. MJ served with MCC in the Congo prior to his work with the U.N. John is passionate about telling MJ's story and he and his wife Michelle's journey with him. John will also share updates to the investigation that is ongoing in Congo. Please RSVP to this event by January 25 to patsydirksen@mcc.org. Lunch will be catered by Mojo's Coffee Bar, please list food sensitivities when you RSVP.

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. Register before Jan. 28. Learn more and register now at hesston.edu/avds

Thinking about seminary? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers scholarships and need-based financial aid to help make your education affordable. Complete your admissions application now so you can be eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships by March 1 and ministry scholarships by April 1. ambs.edu/scholarships

The next concert of the Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring Moors & McCumber, will be on Sunday, January 27th at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Purchase tickets online or call 620-327-8127 to reserve your seats.