

# Tabor Mennonite Church

January 6, 2019

## Note of Thanks

Thank you for your support of Night in the Barn!! There were 27 adults and 15 youth members that were characters to help present this living nativity to the community. There were 17 people that helped bake or serve snacks. Many of you came out to watch and witness this story. We had 551 people attend, which raised \$2,398.50 for the Tabor Building Fund. A special thanks to those that helped set up the lights, animals, benches and fire pits at each place. We hope that everyone enjoyed serving and experiencing Night in the Barn!

~The Unruh Family

## Congregational Announcements

**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.

### Wednesday Evening, January 9:

**5:45 p.m.**— Fellowship Meal

**6:30-7:30p.m.**—Preschool - Grade 2: Choir and Class with Circle of Grace Curriculum.

—Grades 3-8: Make MCC Sale Crafts

—the Education Committee encourages **all adults, parents, teachers**

(especially everyone who signs the annual Safe Sanctuary Covenant) to attend a video conference in the sanctuary. Leah Schulte, guest speaker with Dove's Nest will be speaking on the subject of Consent and what abuse prevention looks like for all ages groups. She will start with a Consent exercise, video, bring in the Genesis 34 story about Dinah and how this relates to rape culture. She will be talking about how to work against this culture in church by educating ourselves and teaching others about healthy boundaries in today's society. Leah is the Director of Religious & Spiritual Life at Doan University, NE and works with college students on Consent Issues.

**6:15-8:15 p.m.**—The Youth Group will be going to the **MCC Youth Night**. We will assemble school kits, hear from someone who did service in Tanzania, and eat pizza with other area youth. We will plan to leave the church building at 6:15 and return around 8:15.

**7:30-8:30**—Adult Choir

**8:00 p.m.**—Adult Bible Study

**Prayer and Visioning Retreat:** The Church Council is hosting an Envisioning Retreat on Jan. 12th from 9am-12pm here at the church. We will spend most of the time looking ahead to the coming year and to all the possibilities that lay ahead. It's our tendency to look at the new building and all that it offers, but we don't want to limit our visions to that solely but rather look at Tabor Church as a whole. This is open to anyone that attends Tabor Church that has interest in this type of discussion. If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact Jim Schmidt.

**Tabor Wellness:** Everyone is invited to the year end wellness celebration Sunday, January 13th, at noon in the fellowship hall! Food will be provided along with an award presentation, door prizes and the an introduction of the 2019 challenges! Please RSVP on the bulletin board or with Kevin Nickel.

**Tabor Mennonite Women** will have a work day on Saturday, January 19 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. We will be tying comforters and embroidering tea towels. If you've never done either one of these, now would be a great time to come and learn and enjoy a great time of fellowship as we work together.

**Tabor Church's week at New Hope Shelter** is January 30 to February 5. At 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.

**Directory Updates** and changes to the church directory are requested at this time. Please contact the church office at [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org).

**Red Cross** hopes one of your New Year's resolutions was a commitment to give blood. Their situation is urgent and a heartfelt THANKS to the 29 donors who came the day after Christmas, and with 2 double donations we got 31 pints, which helps up to 93 people! Your next chance is Tuesday, Feb. 26, so schedule a time to use your heart to save a life.

**The Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum** annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. It will be held at the Goessel Mennonite Church and after a short business meeting our guest speaker will be Brian Stucky. His topic will be the Cherokee Trail in Kansas. A Faspa will follow the program.

## Conference Announcements

### Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC staff as they gather for an annual staff retreat this week.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family are returning to Ecuador after six months in the United States. Their two-way mission with MMN requires many transitions. Pray for wisdom and patience. Pray especially for daughter, Sierra, who is remaining in the United States for college.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Hesston College: With construction underway on new nursing and athletic facilities, thank God for the generosity of donors who join Hesston College to nurture and educate students well within a Christ-centered environment.

**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](http://www.runtheneuf.neuf.ca). We would love to have you join us for this fun community event!

**Peace Academic Center-Mattresses:** Kay Neff will be taking a van to Hopi on January 16th. The teacher housing is still in need of several mattresses, full or queen size, in serviceable condition. If you have one or two to donate, please contact Kay by email: [Kayn@mennoniteEducation.org](mailto:Kayn@mennoniteEducation.org) or phone 316-281-4400 to arrange for pick up. ~Blessings, Peace Academic Center.

**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](mailto:michele.hershberger@hesston.edu) with questions. Register for the class (Relg 122) by Jan. 15 at [hesston.edu/apply](http://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](http://hesston.edu/avds)

#### **Bethel College:**

—Sun., Jan. 6 – Rachel Pannabecker, "Remembering Ethel Ewert Abrahams: Collector and Artist," program in connection with the special exhibit "Better Choose Me: Collecting and Creating with Tobacco Fabric Novelties, 1880-1920," 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum

—Centering Prayer resumes Mon., Jan. 7, and meets most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, [2nathankoontz@gmail.com](mailto:2nathankoontz@gmail.com), or Melanie Zuercher, [mzuercher@bethelks.edu](mailto:mzuercher@bethelks.edu).

—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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Medicare workshop scheduled for January:** Everence will continue its popular retirement workshop series in 2019, starting with Make Medicare an easy step on Monday, Jan. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will be held at the Everence office at 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or [michelle.ramer@everence.com](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).