

Tabor Mennonite Church

February 24, 2019

Congregational Announcements

Sabbatical: The deacon board has approved a sabbatical for Pastor Katherine in August, September, and October of this year. She plans to use this time to journey through a reading list of books on justice issues, food justice, preaching, and the Bible. She will explore a number of creative avenues to experience and experiment with her learnings from the books, such as through prayer walks, journaling, and encountering God through meals.

Mennonite Church USA Convention: It's time to register for the MC USA convention in Kansas City this summer. If you would like to be a delegate from Tabor, please let pastor Phil know by March 1.

Tabor Mennonite Women will meet on Saturday afternoon, March 2 from 1:00 until 4:30. We will be making crafts for the MCC Sale. Our leaders for these crafts will be: Michelle Unruh and Kristen Kaufman, Krista Graber, and Sharon Adrian. Sharon will also have some comforters ready to be tied as well as crafts that the children can make. We will have baby sitters available. A portion of our offering that day will cover the supplies for the crafts. Pam Abrahams and Yvette Nickel will provide an afternoon snack. If you have questions contact Barb Banman or Sharon Adrian.

Building Dedication: Considering another date. We are tentatively planning to have a Building Dedication Service on Sunday, **August 25**, 2019. We hope that everyone can attend this celebration! Please check your calendars and let church staff know if there are major conflicts with this date.

The annual Camp Washunga fundraiser meal is coming up! Join us at the Goessel High School cafeteria on March 3 for a delicious meal of lasagna, salad, green beans, bread and dessert. Cost of the meal is by donation and we will begin serving at 11:30 am. Thanks for your support!

A membership meal is being planned for Sunday, April 7, from 12-3 pm. Please let a pastor know by the end of March if you are interested in joining Tabor as a member.

Rescheduled: On February 24, the Alexanderwohl peace committee invites you to our dessert potluck at 7:00 pm. Our speakers will have an environmental focus. Sarah Balzer, a junior at Bethel College will share her speech on how plastics create many environmental justice issues and Maynard Knepp will share how the MCC Center works with recycling, and their dreams for expanding it. Everyone is invited to attend -- bring your favorite dessert to share.

Blood Drive: Each year in Feb. we focus on love and one way you can show you care and use your heart on Mon. Feb. 25 is to donate blood between 1:00-6:00 at Goessel Church or volunteer for an hour at the drive. Reserve a time at redcrossblood.org or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

The Second Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, March 11, 7:00 p.m., in the Goessel City Building. Bob Schroeder of Manhattan will share about his father John Schroeder, an orphaned child: "Five Orphans Come by Train from Pennsylvania to Newton, Kansas, in 1919." The meeting is free and open to the public.

Attention Young Adults! There will be an Area Wide PC-PF (Post College-Pre Family) get together on Saturday, March 16. We will meet at 7:00 PM at The Pighouse (Howard Farm). Please bring a snack to share, games, and friends! This group is designed for young adults in similar life stages to socialize together. For questions, directions/address, or to RSVP, please contact Kristin Kaufman kristin.unruh@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for WDC congregations offering support to immigrants and refugees who seek shelter and hope.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Today ends the three-day Festival Tournament in Ulaanbaatar. JCS, MMN's partner agency in Mongolia, requests prayer for their Eagle Wings hockey team. Pray that the 15 boys and their coach will demonstrate God's love throughout the competition.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for participants in and leaders of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's annual Pastors and Leaders event this week on the theme, "Loving Our Neighbors in Tense Times." May God use this experience in their lives in ways beyond which they might dare ask or imagine.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Prayers are requested for those participating in the MC USA Constituency Leaders Council meeting taking place Feb. 28 - March 2 in Hesston, Kansas.

Western District Conference: All women are invited to the Western District Women in Mission Spring Supper on Thursday, March 21 at First Mennonite Church in McPherson. Speaker: Sheryl Wilson, Executive Director of KIPCOR.

Mennonite Church USA:

—Nurture your children's faith at home this Lent and Easter. Find a free, downloadable Lent At Home guide at mennoniteusa.org/lent2019. It includes Bible readings, short litanies, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder from March 5 through Easter Sunday on April 21.

—What can unwelcomed immigrants teach the Church about love? Join the immersion experience with immigrants, LOVE CROSSES BORDERS to find out. July 28-August 3, Mennonite Men will journey to Georgia and connect with Casa Alterna, a hospitality house for first-wave immigrant neighbors, mostly from Guatemala. You will hear testimonies, visit the national Memorial for Peace and Justice, hike Pine Mountain Trail and much more. For more information, contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@Mennonites.org or 574.202.0048.

Mennonite Central Committee:

—All are welcome to join the fun at the 12th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 4, 5 and 6 at the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, Ks. Times are Monday, 9:00am to 5:00pm Tuesday, 9:00am to 5:00pm and Wednesday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Come and have a good time while helping others. No sewing skills are required. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Bring snacks to share during the work day. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC.

Mennonite Disaster Service: We will soon begin scheduling for our spring & summer projects. If you are available to serve from April – August 2019, please contact your Volunteer Coordinator and inform them of your availability.

Camp Mennoscah:

—Youth Volunteer Weekend (grades 7-12) is March 15-16 at Camp Mennoscah! Full scholarships available.

—Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats March 8-10 or March 15-17.

—Camp Mennoscah annual Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction at Bethel College Mennonite Church, February 24 from 4-6pm.

—Online registration for Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah is open! In fact, registration is open for all upcoming camps and retreats, so power up your computer and register for all sorts of relaxation and fun! Call us at 620-297-3290 with questions.

Information for all retreats at Camp Mennoscah or to register:

Online at www.campmennoscah.org Telephone: [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290).

Email: office@campmennoscah.org.

Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Bethel College:

—Sun., March 3 – **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum** program: “Manipulating the Masses: Chinese Propaganda Posters,” Kris Ercums, Ph.D., Spencer Museum of Art at the University of Kansas, 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum (in connection with the special exhibit “Campaign for a New China”

—Sun., March 10 – Bethel College **Wind Ensemble and Philharmonia Orchestra** joint concert, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall

Hesston College:

—The third season of the **Andover Organ Series** at Hesston College starts Sunday, Feb. 24 with a recital by Dutch organist, Marco bij de Vaate at 4 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church. Bij de Vaate is the organist at the Doopsgezinde Kerk (Mennonite Church) of Haarlem, the Netherlands. The concert is free and open to the public.

—Recounting the tender, dynamic and familiar story of the parent-child relationship, **Hesston College Theatre** will present five performances of the musical Big Fish, Feb. 27 to March 3, in the Keim Center Black Box Theatre. Show times are at 7 p.m., Feb. 27 to March 2, and 2 p.m., on Sunday, March 3. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended as seating is limited. Tickets can be purchased online at hesston.edu/big-fish-tix or

at the Hesston College Bookstore in Erb Hall during regular business hours or by calling 620-327-8105. Big Fish is a family-friendly musical for all ages.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation: June 3–13. 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

Everence® will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, March 2, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., N. Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
April 12 & 13, 2019
www.kansas.mccsale.org

—Children's Can Offering for MCC Sale was an AMAZING \$73.86 last Sunday. Keep collecting your coins and paper during the week.

—THANKS to ALL of you who helped make Last Sunday's MCC Lasagna Fellowship Meals a GREAT Success again. Total Donations were \$1,967 and feeding 93; both were New Records for us. THANKS

—THANKS for your continued support for Pre-Sale Expenses. The Total Budget for this years MCC Sale is \$78,000. KS Mennonites have already raised \$50,000. PLEASE do what you can to help us reach our goal. Everyone doing a little make it an easy task.

—Get your Woodworking Projects Started. Plant seeds for the Plants & Things (talk to Brandon & Kristi for what sells well). This is a GREAT home project to do with your children. Embroidered items Always Sell Well.

—Check out the website: kansas.mccsale.org Many new items are being added. Quilts will be available for viewing toward the end of March. MANY General Auction items are already on.

—We will put up the tables in the Hallway the beginning of March so you can Sign Up to help make it all happen. We have Over 1000 Volunteers. This is a miracle. Help be a part of the Festive Event.

—March 4, 5, and 6 is Comforter Blitz at Journey in Yoder.

—March 11 is deadline for quilts to be turned in to be included in the buyers guide.

—April 9 is Verenike Making Day at Parkview Mennonite Brethren Church, Hillsboro.

For more information on all of the above, please see our sale contact persons: Jerry and Leann Toews, Archie and Kristin Schmidt and Eric Litwiller.