

Tabor Mennonite Church

March 10, 2019

Note of Thanks

We would like to extend a big thank you to all of you who braved the weather to come and support Camp Washunga last Sunday! It was fun to see our junior highers working together and seeing all of the support of our community. Camp Washunga wouldn't be a yearly event if not for all of you. Thank you!

~ Michelle Unruh & Laura Unrau

Congregational Announcements

Ministry Map: Everyone is invited to participate in the Ministry Map activity hanging on the wall in the foyer! Simply follow the color-key to place a sticker dot where you live, where you work, where you learn, and where you serve (only put one dot per household, per place of employment, per place of learning, and per place of service). Please ask church staff if you have any questions. Also, feel free to ask anyone for help with handling the tiny dots :).

Act Reading Challenge: Congratulations to the 29 people (according to my records: 21 Adults and 8 children) who completed the Acts Bible Reading Challenge! It is always inspiring to read and study scripture together! A huge congrats to Diane Loewen, who read through Acts 5 times over these past months!! Diane wins the grand prize: a meal out at her restaurant of choice! May God continue to inspire and challenge us through the reading of God's Word.

The Finance Task Force has noted that there have been many volunteers working on the building project. Our thanks go out to all. Some of the greatest moments of the project come from working together for goals bigger than ourselves. We have had some questions about the value of the donated work. In communication with the building committee, we have estimated that the value of the work to date is over \$35,000. In addition to this amount, contractors within the church have donated their services and their hours are represented as a dollar amount toward their pledge fulfillment. There are still many variables in costs to calculate as various aspects of the project are completed and billed. When the project is completed, hopefully by the end of April, we will be able to specifically calculate the total cost and the giving needed to finish paying for the project. We are thankful for all of the gifts to this project and hope that everyone is still relying on God's inspiration for guidance.

Tabor Mennonite Women: Western District Mennonite Women Spring Supper is on Thursday, March 21 at 6 p.m. 1st Mennonite Church in McPherson. The deadline for signing up is March 14! For more information on the program check out the flyer posted on the bulletin board (note: our own Michelle Unruh and Laura Unrau are providing the special music). Also, make a note on the sign up sheet if you would like to be a driver. Questions? Ask Barb Banman

Progressive Dinner: March 24, 5 - 7 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board by March 17. Ask Mary Schmidt or Carrie Smith if you have any questions.

The youth are close to reaching our monetary goal for Convention this summer. If you'd like to continue to support the youth, we will be selling bags of fairly traded One Village Coffee (comes in dark roast, medium roast, and decaf as well as whole and ground bean varieties). These are \$15 a bag (with 40% of profits going to our youth group, and \$1 for every bag sold goes toward peace and justice work). If you are interested, please be in touch with a youth or sponsor. Thank you for your support!

Building Dedication: We are planning to have a Building Dedication Service on Sunday, **August 25**, 2019. We hope that everyone can attend this celebration! More information to come as the date draws near.

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.

Camp Mennoscah is accepting registrations for summer camps. Register at campmennoscah.org. Receive an early registration discount until May 1 when full camp fees are paid! *Tabor Christian Ed Co will again be offering \$50 scholarships to Camp Mennoscah and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp campers. Sign up on the bulletin board indicating the week of camp your child will attend.*

Museum Heritage Dinner: The featured speaker this year will be Melissa Scheffler, KWCH 12 News Anchor. Melissa, a Newton native, will take us "behind the scenes" of the TV news business with stories and videos. Ticket price: \$50 per person. First timers to a Heritage Dinner \$25 per person (ages 12 and under \$5). To reserve your tickets call 620-367-8200 or email mhmuseum@mtelco.net by **Monday, March 11**. The Dinner will be Friday, March 15, 6:30 p.m. at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. This is a fundraiser for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum.

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!

Bethesda Home is excited to announce that they have partnered with Goessel High School and Hutch Community College to offer a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Training at Bethesda this summer. Please see posted flyer for details.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations experiencing pastoral transition, as they determine next steps in congregational discernment and pastoral search processes.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Alisha, Joshua and Asher Garber of MMN are looking for a new home in Catalonia as the building that housed Mennonite Evangelical Community of Barcelona's residential program needs to be closed for repairs. Pray that each of the 18 people who lived there will find a place where they can flourish in the coming year.

- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Pray for students who are serving and learning during spring break with Y-Serve, the longest running student organization at EMU. They'll be serving Florida, Puerto Rico, Georgia, D.C. and West Virginia..

MennoCon19 (Mennonite Church USA convention), is coming up July 2-6, 2019! WDC congregational delegates, youth groups, and other attendees are encouraged to register by the early registration due-date of March 19, after which registration cost increases. (Regular registration rates take effect March 20, and late registration begins May 1.) Also, note that congregations may each appoint one youth representative, age 16-21, to participate in the delegate sessions through the Step Up program. Let's plan for a great turnout from WDC at MennoCon19! *Be one of the first 2,000 people to register for MennoCon19 and receive a new Voices Together hymnal when it's available. Registration is open now at convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/*

Mennonite Church USA: Join the Peace Church Planting webinar where church planters will share from their experience, and Mennonite Mission Network staff will introduce The Sent Network, a new online platform to support church planters. The webinar will take place on Wednesday, March 13, 5-6:15 p.m. and all are invited to attend. Visit mennoniteusa.org/churchplanting to register.

Camp Mennoscah:

- Youth Volunteer Weekend, March 15-16.
- Retirees Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, April 22-24.
- Work and Play Day, April 27.
- We will be putting in the dam at Camp Mennoscah no later than March 30.

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.

Returning Citizen Care Kits Needed: MCC Central States is seeking items for Returning Citizen Care kits. The full list of contents can be found on the Material Resources page of our website or by visiting our wish list on Amazon (although not all items for all kits are available on Amazon), making shipping items directly to our Material Resource Center easier. Returning Citizen Care kits are distributed to MCC partner organization Working Men of Christ in Wichita, KS where the kits help men and women feel supported and loved as they transition to life outside of prison. Items for kits should be sent to MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th N. Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Please contact katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.270. Thank you for your generous support!

Hesston College: Hesston College has been selected as one of 37 cities for Shane Claiborne (nationally recognized Christian activist and author) and Mike Martin's national Beating Guns Tour, which offers commentary and hope on the tragedy of gun violence in America. Inspired by the biblical prophets' call to "beat swords into plowshares," the free 90-minute event weaves music, art and stories of people whose lives have been changed by gun violence, culminating with an invitation for the audience to take the hammer and transform a gun into garden tools. The event will take place at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m. In order to get an idea of audience size, those planning to attend the event are asked to register.

Bethel College:

—TODAY (Sun., March 10) – Bethel College Wind Ensemble and Philharmonic Orchestra joint concert, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall.

—Tues., March 12 – Bethel College Jazz Ensemble I with special guest Clay Jenkins, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Want to learn more about AMBS but can't make it to our Elkhart, Indiana, campus? Connect with us at the Seminary and Theological Graduate School Virtual Fair on Thursday, March 28, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT. At this free online event, you can get answers to your questions about AMBS from faculty, students and Admissions staff. Register today! ambs.edu/visit

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

April 12 & 13, 2019

www.kansas.mccsale.org

—PLEASE go to the basement to view the Quilts, Wall Hangings, and Comforters that Tabor folks have made for the MCC Sale. We will take them in Monday to get photographed so they can be put on the website.

—The Sign Up Table is in the hallway across from our mailboxes. PLEASE fill in the slots to help at the MCC Sale. It takes over 1000 volunteers to put on the Festive Fun Event. Additional sign up sheets will be added between now and sale time. Those of you in leadership positions that need volunteers, PLEASE add your sign up sheets to the table.

—MCC Bucks are available from Jerry & Leann. MCC Bucks can be spent like cash at the MCC Sale. They come in books of 10 each for \$10. Each MCC Buck in the book has \$1 value. You can give these books to friends or grandchildren, or whoever so they can have FUN spending them at the MCC Sale.

—PLEASE view what Tabor Women created last Sat. for the MCC Sale on the tables downstairs.

—CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING was \$33.59 last Sunday. THANKS for collecting your coins and paper and bringing them to church to drop in the cans.

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.