

Tabor Mennonite Church

March 24, 2019

Note of Thanks

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and food brought to us following my recent surgeries and hospitalization. Additional prayers are requested as I have one more surgery coming up in April--hopefully this one will be much more uneventful than the last. Your care and concern are truly appreciated.

~Patsy Dirksen

Congregational Announcements

Tabor Church is on AmazonSmile! Use the direct link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0877687> or search for "Tabor Mennonite Church" in the list of charities at smile.amazon.com to support Tabor's building project every time you shop. See the April newsletter for more information or ask Yvette Nickel if you have questions.

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 :).

The youth are close to reaching our monetary goal for Convention this summer. If you'd like to continue to support the youth, we are 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.*

MennoCon19: The following persons have responded to the call to be delegates to the MCUSA convention July 2-6 in Kansas City this summer: Eric Litwiller, Emil Schmidt, Pastor Phil Schmidt, and Leann Toews.

Come one, come all to the Alexanderwohl Pancake and Sausage Supper on Saturday, March 30. The all-you-can-eat meal will be served from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the Goessel Elementary School. Donations will be accepted for the church elevator project.

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 students and tutors in WDC congregations participating in IBA (Instituto Bíblico Anabautista) and SeBAH (Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano), grassroots theological education programs sponsored by Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Today, MMN's Service Adventure units from Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anchorage, Alaska; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jackson, Mississippi; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania; are beginning a week of team-building and service with Mennonite Disaster Service in Bloomington, Texas. Pray for God's love to flow through them.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Thank God for the gift of music and the willingness to share it as the Bethel College Concert Choir wraps up their spring break tour this evening in Memorial Hall.

Camp Mennoscah:

—Thank you to our many volunteers who were part of our Youth Volunteer Weekend and those who helped put in the dam! Branches were picked up from the recent winds, the "tree farm" was tended and prepared for spring, mulch was spread, and fun times were had. Our numbers were small for putting in the dam, but it was a beautiful day for both watching and being in the river. You are the greatest!

—We know you're out there, cookie bakers and potato peelers! Camp Mennoscah is looking for kitchen helpers for the weeks of June 9-15, June 23-29, and July 14-20. No great skills are needed; following directions is all that is necessary (a fun-loving heart helps). Contact Olivia at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees! (PS--The kitchen is now air-conditioned.)

—Men and Boys Retreat, April 6-7.

—Retirees Retreat at Camp Mennoscah, April 22-24.

—Work and Play Day, April 27.

Information for all retreats at Camp Mennoscah or to register:

Online at www.campmennoscah.org

Telephone: 620-297-3290.

Email: office@campmennoscah.org.

Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Mennonite Central Committee:

—**MCC Lunch & Learn** on April 2, at MCC in North Newton! Together with Mennonite Mission Network, we will host Willi Hugo Perez director of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary in Guatemala City, Guatemala. SEMILLA's a school that emerged as a beacon of peace, justice and community building in the context of systemic violence and oppression. Join us to learn more! Lunch will be provided, by donation, please RSVP by March 28 to patsydirksen@mcc.org or 316.283.2720; let Patsy know if you have food allergies.

—**Explore the global issue of fast fashion** by watching the documentary film True Cost at MCC in North Newton on April 9 at 7 p.m. Directed by Andrew Morgan, the film looks at environmental, social and psychological aspects of consumerism and mass media focused on the global garment industry. Also hear briefly from MCC about how our thrift shop network is working to reduce the harms caused by fast fashion, here and around the world. Light snacks will be provided while you watch the movie. Questions? Contact sarahfleming@mcc.org.

Attention Youth ages 15-22: Wishing your summer looked a little more global? Join a team of peers to explore and engage in the movement of God in Peru, Benin, and Indonesia. Youth Venture still has openings available for trips in July. Ready to jump in? Check out MennoniteMission.Net/YouthVenture, or contact Lauren at 574-523-3022 for more information. Hurry! Application deadline is April 1.

Hesston College:

—Bel Canto Singers will collaborate with internationally-acclaimed baritone Tony Brown '69, who is a Hesston College Development Officer and former faculty member and artist in residence. Performances are Sunday, March 31, at 10:45 a.m., First Presbyterian Church (525 S. Broadway, Wichita) and that afternoon at 3 p.m. at Mark Arts (1307 N. Rock Rd., Wichita). The two performances are in tribute to the slave experience and African American spirituals.

—Nancy Sprowell Geise, author of the biography, *Auschwitz #34207: The Joe Rubinstein Story*, will share about the Holocaust survivor's story and her relationship with him, at Hesston College on Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church. A reception and chance to meet the author will follow the presentation.

Bethel College:

Sunday, March 24 – Bethel College Concert Choir Home Concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall.

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. Sign up by May 1. ambs.edu/trailofdeath

Mennonite Mission Network is currently seeking to fill three full time positions: Donor Relations Representative (western region), Editor and Marketing Associate. You can see the position descriptions at www.MennoniteMission.net. Please send a cover letter and resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net.

Everence Medicare workshop: Everence will hold informative Medicare workshops at its offices in North Newton at 3179 N. Main St. on Tuesday, April 2, 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. Space is limited. 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 Coin Offering was \$60.70. Excellent. Keep collecting your coins and paper.

—You will have received an email this week to sign up if you would like to help make New Years Cookies at the Sale. It is a much easier way to sign up for those organizing the making of 35,000 New Years Cookies at the sale. If you go to the website: kansas.mccsale.org there are a few other events you can sign up for on computer, rather than signing up at the table in the hallway. It is easy and quick. If you need help please ask your Tabor Contact persons. EITHER WAY IS OK--sign up on computer OR table in hallway.

—Additional Sign Up Sheets are on the table today.

—Bohne Broggie Making Day at Moundridge HS Sat., Apr. 6 morning. Help make 8,000 Bohne Beroggie

—Verenike Making Day, Parkview MB Church, Hillsboro, Tues., Apr. 9. Please sign up for morning OR afternoon shift or clean up shift. Help make 23,000 Verenike

—Help bake zweibach, bread, and pies. Sign-up sheets on table. Many requests for Rhubarb Pies.

—Please take pictures of you or you kids making things for the MCC Sale and send them to: Sherry Unruh for the Tabor MCC Slide Show: unruh.billsherry@gmail.com

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.