

Tabor Mennonite Church

March 31, 2019

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 :).

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.

New Hope Shelter: Tabor Church's week to serve at New Hope Shelter is April 10-16. Serving at the shelter is a great way to prep for or wind down from the MCC Sale! If interested, please speak with Barb Abrahams or Austin Unruh. Thanks!

SUMMER DAY CAMP . . . July 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 from 11:45 am to 3:30 pm, including lunch. Sponsored by area churches, this is a free Day Camp for children entering 1st-5th Grade. Transportation from Goessel provided to area churches. More information and enrollment to follow later in April.

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.

The Second Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, April 8, 7 p.m., in the Goessel City Building. Don and Elnor Stutzman of Hesston will tell the story of the Catlin Church and Cemetery near Florence, Kansas. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC members attending adaptive leadership training at Kansas Leadership Center, Wichita, in 2019, as they apply this learning to a variety of different ministry contexts and leadership challenges.

- ★ 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 Church USA: Pray for the Executive Board as they meet March 31-April 2 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Western District Conference encourages your regular financial support for your congregation and for WDC as we share together in God's work in 2019. In his book *A spirituality of fundraising*, Henri Nouwen writes "Fundraising is a very concrete way to help the kingdom of God come about...The kingdom is where God provides for all that we need. It is the realm of sufficiency where we are no longer pulled here and there by anxiety about having enough... Even a seemingly small act of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine." Contributions to WDC may be made online at <http://menno-wdc.org> or sent to PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for your generosity!

Camp Mennoscah:

- Camp Mennoscah is looking for kitchen helpers for the weeks of June 9-15, June 23-29, and July 14-20. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees!
- Men and Boys Retreat, April 5-7.
- 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](tel:620-297-3290).

Email: office@campmennoscah.org.

Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Mennonite Disaster Service, Your Gifts at Work: Flooding in the Midwest (primarily Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin) came on the heels of a massive storm, being referred to as a 'bomb cyclone'. It brought with it heavy rain and snow. This, mixed with a sudden warm up, has resulted in rapid snow and ice melt causing massive flooding. 80 cities/towns and 67 counties in Nebraska and 42 counties in Iowa have issued emergency declarations. Local MDS volunteers are actively responding with cleanup/muck out crews in Nebraska. Please consider making a donation to support hardworking MDS volunteers and the long term recovery effort.

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.

—**SWAP volunteers urgently needed:** MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program has an urgent need for volunteer groups and individuals. Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Individuals or groups, including families, adults or youth can volunteer to serve for week-long opportunities. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

Love Crosses Borders: A Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants. Love is the greatest of all virtues. But what does love look like in times of cynicism and polarization? Borders are not only social constructs, they're also spiritual ones. Who's included? Who's excluded? How do we reconcile God's call to welcome the stranger with so much fear-filled rhetoric and policies? What can unwelcomed immigrants teach the Church about love? How can the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement inform and inspire us to a love that crosses borders? July 28 to August 3, Mennonite Men will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants to engage these issues. To register or for more information, visit MennoniteMen.org or contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@Mennonites.org.

Mennonite Church USA

—**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.

—Your graduate's first year after high school is crucial, and **Service Adventure** is a sure way to make it count. Service Adventure is a 10-month program where young adults gain real-world experience through placements with nonprofit organizations, and learn to live and grow in household community with peers and a mentor. Call Lauren at 574-523-3022 or visit the web to find out more: MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure

Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts presents The Ruth Moody Band at 7:30 p.m., April 9, at Bethel College's Memorial Hall. Purchase tickets at hesstonbethel.org. In addition to the concert, Moody and singer-songwriter, Anthony da Costa will offer a song-writing and arranging workshop on Wednesday, April 10, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Memorial Hall. Seating is limited for the workshop, so if you would like to attend, please email holly.swartzendruber@hesston.edu by April 1. If you have an original song you would like to perform at the workshop, please include a video file or link to the song to be considered.

Hesston College: 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: All interested singers are invited to join the Bethel College Masterworks production of Faure's Requiem, Sun., May 5. Rehearsals begin Monday, April 22. For more information, contact William Eash, 316-284-5316, weash@bethelks.edu

The Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet Tues., April 2, at 2:00pm. in Menno Hall. Chaplain Eric Massanari will facilitate a reflection and discussion on making room for grief as we live with the realities of chronic, debilitating illness.

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.

Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring an outdoor gear & clerk manager for 35-40 hours/week. In cooperation with the larger management team, this person receives and processes donations, trains and supervises volunteers, prepares volunteer projects and work spaces, helps manage the sales floor, and participates in regular system evaluation and store planning. Full job description and application are available at the store (619 N. Main, Newton), via e-mail generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com, or at newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due Monday, April 15, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail. Newton Et Cetera Shop is an equal opportunity employer, committed to employment equity. Newton Et Cetera Shop values diversity and encourages all qualified candidates to apply.

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

—Children's Coin Offering an amazing \$97.40. Thanks for collecting those coins and paper. Your generosity is much appreciated!!

—Please bring your donations to the basement (northwest corner) for display. We will transport your donations to the sale.

—The date on the venenike making fay sheet was wrong. We will be making 23,000 venenike on Tuesday, April 9. Lots of fun! You will not be disappointed. Bring your friends and work together at one table.

—If you enjoy Low German, sign up for the Sat. morning 7-9am shift of helping make New Years Cookies. Anyone can help, but folks that enjoy speaking or being around Low German are encouraged to sign up for that shift.

—PLEASE take a 2 hour shift anytime Friday or Saturday. It takes 1000 volunteers to put on the festivities. Yes, we want you to go and enjoy the Festivities; but we also want you to help somewhere. Plan on spending the weekend there and spending money helpin MCC Bring healing and hope to Thousands of Gods Children Around the World. MCC is one of the most efficiently run humanitarian organizations in the World, where 93 Cents of every dollar spent at the MCC Sale goes to where the problem is. That is a LOT of Bang for your Buck!!

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.