

Tabor Mennonite Church

May 5, 2019

Thanks

Dear teachers, leaders, and helpers of children and adult Faith Formation classes on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning: Please pick up a gift in the foyer before you leave church today. If you are unable to be in church, please let Pastor Rosie or someone on Christian Education know, and we'll make sure you get a gift.

With deep appreciation, Tabor Christian Education Commission

THANKS to everyone who came to donate blood on Monday despite, or maybe because of, the wet weather. We collected 32 units. This is the second time we have had a high school student donate for the first time and encourage anyone over the age of 17 to try it at the next drive, on June 25.

Congregational Announcements

Camp Washunga is getting closer! Junior Highers love to eat and we are looking for snack donations. Examples could include, but are not limited to: fresh fruit (bananas, cuties, apples), crackers, snack mixes, cookies. If you would be interested in donating snacks for the junior highers while we are at camp, please contact Michelle Unruh (michellerunruh@gmail.com) or Laura Unrau (lauraelaine25@gmail.com).

You can still register for Vacation Bible School! Our theme is "Who is My Neighbor?" Please register by completing a paper registration form and placing it in Pam Abrahams' mailbox or completing the online registration by following this link. <https://forms.gle/KKisSBpjUgGtZvYU6> Thanks so much! Paper forms are also available on the table in the foyer.

There will be a VBS orientation meeting for everyone helping with Bible School on May 8 at 7:15 pm in the fellowship hall.

Tabor Mennonite Women: Save the date! The annual mystery trip is planned for May 23. Please sign up on the bulletin board by May 15. Projected cost is \$20. If you need to cancel, must do so before May 21 or 50% will be charged.

Coming this Summer for the children! "Jesus was a kid like me" will be the theme of our summer faith formation time. Come on out, Detectives, and discover the really cool things that you have in common with Jesus as a boy.

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.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for leaders and participants in the South Texas Borderlands Learning Tour sponsored jointly by WDC and Mennonite Central Committee May 6-11. Some of the truths that the people will hear will likely be quite sobering. Please pray for those who are listening and learning, as well as those who seek safety in the midst of a very complex situation.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: South Africa's presidential election is scheduled to take place on Tuesday. Pray for Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen of MMN as they work with Oscar Siwali and Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency Conflict Transformation to minimize violence and monitor the elections.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Today nearly 500 undergraduate, graduate, seminary, and Center for Justice and Peacebuilding students will be graduating at EMU's 101st Commencement Ceremony. Pray for our students as they move into the world to serve and lead in organizations and communities around the world.

Western District Conference:

—April is ending, but there's still time to check out these book favorites from Kathy Neufeld Dunn (Associate Conference Minister-KS Based). Check out the display in the Conference Resource Library or contact us to mail resources to you! Here's the link to Kathy's List: Kathy Neufeld Dunn (Associate Conference Minister-KS Based)

—Now on display at the Conference Resource Library: Pentecost/Holy Spirit, Earth Day/Creation Care and Spring resources. To explore the online catalog, go to: www.mennowdc.org/

—Thank you to First Mennonite Church, Halstead for loaning a beautiful wood carving created by John Gaeddert, who was pastor there in the 1980's. This piece is now on display in the WDC office in North Newton for the next six months. You are invited to come and see it - and consider loaning an art piece from your congregation!

Camp Mennoscah:

—Nurses and kitchen helpers needed at Camp Mennoscah! Nurses: June 9-15 and June 23-29. Kitchen: June 23-29. We also have a few single openings for kitchen staff on some weeks. Nurses can receive a stipend or a full camper discount. Kitchen staff can receive a camper discount up to full fees. Free tee shirts for all nurses and kitchen staffers!

—Thank you to all our Work & Play Day volunteers who helped build bunk beds and put sealant on the boardwalk! Spread the word! Our next Work & Play Day is May 25!

—Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah still have openings! Gather your friends and tell them about the great things we do—campfire, river play, crafts, singing, nature, friendship bracelets, and more fun stuff! Camp is the sort of thing to share with everyone. Our summer theme is Peace Works: Empowering Peacemakers.

Contact and registration for Camp Mennoscah:
Online at www.campmennoscah.org
Telephone: [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290).
Email: office@campmennoscah.org.
Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

—Save the Date: June 26 for our annual Volunteer Appreciation event at MCC in North Newton from 5-7. We will celebrate all the work our volunteers do by enjoying an indoor summer picnic together!

—Attention all MCC Alumni! Are you interested in connecting with other MCC alumni? Have you wondered about attending an MCC alumni gathering or even hosting one yourself? If so, please contact us at centralstates@mcc.org to start the conversation.

—Save the Date: MCC is celebrating 100 years of working for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ in 2020. Mark your calendars to join us for the evening of February 29 at Tabor College in Hillsboro. More details to come!

—Support MCC via AmazonSmile: This is not a plug to begin or continue to shop at Amazon.com, but if you find yourself making an Amazon purchase, please use the AmazonSmile site. The ordering process is the same, but the difference is that 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to MCC (assuming you will choose MCC U.S. as your charitable organization!) FYI...total donations to MCC from AmazonSmile in 2018 were \$2,955; \$2,625 in 2017. If you have any questions, please contact maynardknepp@mcc.org or jordanpenner@mcc.org.

Mennonite Church USA: Check out the latest MennoCon19 newsletter for info on featured seminar speakers, squads, special events and activities: mennoniteusa.org/con-letter-april

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 6:00pm, at First Mennonite Church, McPherson. The cost for the meal is \$15/person and you will pay at the door. Please RSVP to our MCC Sale Liaison, Jerry and Leann Toews, Kristin and Archie Schmidt, Eric Litwiller, or Barb Reeves at bj.reeves@live.com or 620-543-6863. RSVP deadline is May 19.

The Parkinson's Support Group at Kidron Bethel Village will meet Tuesday, May 7, at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Carole Stevens, head nutritionist for Bluestem Community, will present the program. All are welcome.

Bethel College:

—TODAY (Sun., May 5) – Bethel College Masterworks concert with the Bethel Oratorio Chorus and Philharmonia orchestra: Gounod, Saint-Saens, selections from Bach's Christ lag in Todes Banden, Faure's Requiem, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall (tickets available at the door)

—Weds., May 8 – Jazz on the Green at Bethel College, 8 p.m. (Krehbiel Auditorium if rain), featuring Bethel Jazz Ensembles I and II

—Thurs., May 9 - Acting Showcase by Bethel College students, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

—Sun., May 12 – Woven (women) and Open Road (men) joint a cappella concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall at Bethel College

Everence will hold retirement planning workshops. Specifics will include when to begin taking Social Security benefits, risks that can impact your savings, and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. The workshop will be presented on Monday, May 6 (6:30 p.m.) at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main St. Newton. Those interested in attending can register by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800; 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

The Center for Justice and Peacebuilding will celebrate its 25th anniversary, June 5-7, 2020. You will not want to miss this extraordinary gathering of CJP alumni, students, faculty, staff, donors and friends! Please mark your calendar now. The theme for CJP's silver jubilee is celebrate, reflect and dream. The weekend will integrate plenary sessions, panels, great food and lots of conversation as we celebrate the accomplishments and global impact of more than 600 CJP graduates; reflect on what we have done well and what we could have done better; and dream of what is possible in the next 25 years!

Learning Tour — Encountering Egypt: Past and Present: Jan. 25 – Feb. 8, 2020
Explore history and experience the present in Egypt with AMBS teaching faculty members and tour co-leaders Safwat Marzouk, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible, and Drew Strait, Ph.D, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins. Visit unforgettable historic sites and learn about current challenges and triumphs of people who call Egypt home. The estimated cost per person is \$3,700 to \$4,000, which includes all transportation (round trip from Chicago). To express interest in participating (not a firm commitment), contact AMBS CFO Ron Ringenberg by May 31 at ringenb@ambs.edu or 800-964-2627 ext. 212.

Mennonite Mission Network, an international faith-based mission agency, is seeking a full-time interim (1 year) program director for Mennonite Voluntary Service. This position requires a collaborative leader who will work closely with young adults, hosting congregations and MVS staff in financial and unit administration. A bachelor's degree and prior inter-cultural experience in service is preferred. Fluency in Spanish language is a plus. View the position description at www.MennoniteMission.net. Send cover letter and resumé to StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net

"I was a stranger and you took me in." Matthew 25:35. The International Guest House in Washington DC (under the auspices of Allegheny Mennonite Conference) seeks to put these words into action through its mission of Christian hospitality. Volunteers are needed for short stints of four to six weeks this summer and beginning in January to help the hosts in cleaning, cooking, gardening, and interacting with guests who may come from all parts of the world. Room and board provided with two days off each week. The house is located near bus routes, bike paths, and there are ample parking spaces. For inquiries or an application, please call IGH (202-726-5808) or sfretzgoering@yahoo.com.