

Tabor Mennonite Church

August 11, 2019

Notes of Thanks

Thank You to our Tabor church family for the beautiful flowers given to us as we celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Still enjoying their beauty and your thoughtfulness.
~Bonnie and Dana Gleason

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to the volunteers who made Country Threshing Days happen last weekend in Goessel! It was a wonderful celebration of our community and it's rich heritage. The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum would like to especially recognize the approximately 80 volunteers who worked in some manner with food service for the Low German Meal in the elementary school and at the 1906 Preparatory School. Our appreciation is given to all who showed your support by attending the events of the weekend, providing vital operating funds for the museum.
~With sincere gratitude, Aileen Esau

Congregational Announcements

We will be celebrating the dedication of our new Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 25. Our Worship Service will begin at 10am and we will have a catered meal in the Fellowship Hall after the service. All are welcome to join the celebration!

Tabor Mennonite Women will be giving the program at Bethesda on Thursday, August 15 at 7 p.m. Ladies, please bring a favorite "heart" song to share and why it is special to you. Also bring finger food to share with the residents after the program.

Come celebrate! Wilma Schmidt's 90th birthday open house will be from 2 - 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 18, 2019, at Tabor Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Cards may be sent to 3001 Ivy Drive, Apt. #108, North Newton, KS, 67117.

Children's Faith Formation this Sunday is all about "Jesus had dirty feet too." We would appreciate having at least one parent of pre-schoolers on hand (or foot) to help out with our activities! There will be special personalized gifts for the children, so ya'll come!
Next Sunday we conclude our summer series of "Jesus was a kid like me" and we realize that families have both ups and downs in their relationships with each other. Parents are invited to come celebrate the love they share with their children as we have a party together!

The Tabor Food Pantry needs your help! Groceries on the shelves are running very low. When you do your grocery shopping, buy a little extra for the food pantry. Every item helps. All foods are needed, especially canned meats, applesauce, fruits, pancake mix and syrup, jelly, ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce, rice, instant potatoes, mixed vegetables, cake mixes, cereal and oatmeal, as well as bathroom tissue, laundry soap, dish soap and shampoo. You may leave items in the church office or place them on the table north of the basement kitchen where the food pantry shelves are now located. Thanks for your continued support.

Commodities will be distributed on Friday August 23 from 5-6 p.m. at Goessel Mennonite Church. Please come if you are in need of a little help or if you know someone who is please let them know. For questions or info call Jenny Girard @ 620-367-8492.

Mennonite Women & Girls Retreat 2019 is coming soon! The theme is "Fearless!" based on II Timothy 1:7 and features retreat speaker Tammy Duvenal Unruh. Camp dates are September 6 to 8 at Camp Mennoscah. Pick up your registration form in the foyer. Registration is due by mail. Late fee of \$10 applies to all registrations postmarked on/after August 26. Direct questions to Barb Banman.

Blood Drive: Don't forget August 20 is the next Id drive. Sign up to donate help between 1:00-6:00. The supply of II types is very low and you can see the impact of the missing letters, so sign up today!

Dates to Remember:

August 20: Red Cross blood drive at Goessel Mennonite Church

August 25: Dedication of Tabor's new facility
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August 28 - Sept. 3: Tabor serves at New Hope Shelter

September 21-22: Tabor Church Campout at Camp Mennoscah

September 26-28: Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Immigration Task Force and WDC congregations offering support, legal counsel and advocacy for immigrants and refugees.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family as they serve in North America. The Ross Richers engage in two-way mission that has them living six months in Ecuador and six months in North America, where they share their journey of mutual conversion with congregations.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: AMBS's noncredit Anabaptist Short Courses are online and last six weeks each. Give thanks for varied options for theological education and pray for those who are taking the courses to deepen their understanding of Anabaptist history, thought and witness.

Western District Conference:

—WDC congregations and members: Let us join others across the church and nation in prayer and action in response to the tragedy of gun violence. To read a statement issued this week by Mennonite Church USA along with resources for prayer, conversation and action, see <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/call-to-prayer-and-action-gun-violence/>

—Thanks to all who attended WDC annual assembly July 26-27! We were blessed in worship, inspired by sermons from Glen Guyton, Mennonite Church USA Executive Director, challenged to learn through a rich variety of workshops, celebrated over 40 years of women's ordination in WDC, and enjoyed good music, food, fun and fellowship at Saturday evening's family festival! In addition, the delegate session included the following actions:

- Affirmed reception of Iglesia Camino de Santidad (Liberal, KS) as a member congregation of WDC.
- Approved a budget of \$608,327 for 2020, with encouragement to seek creative fundraising initiatives to support the mission and ministry of WDC.
- Approved nominees presented by the Gifts Discernment Committee for new elected positions in WDC: Executive Board: Lee Lever, Jim Stucky; Gifts Discernment Committee: Eldon Epp, Eric J. Jantzen, Dwight Mueller; Church Planting Commission: Tim Amor, Alberto Parchmont; Ministerial Leadership Commission: Rachel Ringenberg Miller, Todd Schlosser, Dave Stevens; Resource Commission: Valerie Klaassen, Steve Wilcox; Stewardship Commission: Dick Koontz, Darlene Powers.
- Affirmed a resolution of thanks for all who helped plan, lead and host assembly.
- Next year's WDC annual assembly will be July 31 - Aug 2, 2022, at Camp Copass in Denton, TX. Mark your calendars now!

—Transitional Ministry Training: Camp Mennoscah will host a Transitional Ministry Training, October 21-23, sponsored by Amigo Centre with trainers Gary Martin and Paula Killough. For more information and registration form see the attached brochure or go to <http://tmt.amigocentre.org>. Registration due-date is September 1. WDC encourages persons who sense a call to this specialized ministry to take this training. We affirm the value of transitional ministry in the mission of the church, and seek to equip leaders to guide congregations through the process of preparing to enter a new chapter of leadership and ministry. Registration for the training requires a letter of recommendation for training from a conference minister. If you are discerning whether to take this training, feel free to contact WDC Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider at 316-283-6300 for further conversation.

— Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, KS will be celebrating Pastor Rosie Epp's 40th year of ordination on Sunday, August 25. Pastor Rosie was ordained by the WDC on August 26, 1979 at Lorraine Ave. Mennonite Church, Wichita. The celebration begins at 9:45 with a presentation on Mennonite women in ministry, followed by a worship celebration at 10:45 am and a taco bar lunch. All are invited to join.

Mennonite Church USA:

—Save the date - Bethel College worship and arts symposium focusing on multi-cultural worship - November 21-23. More information at: <https://www.bethelks.edu/academics/convocation-lectures/worship-arts-symposium>.

— Find MennoCon19 post-convention resources, including worship speaker videos and worship songs: convention.mennoniteusa.org/post-convention-resources.

— At MennoCon19, delegates approved the addition of youth delegates and passed the Churchwide Statement on the Abuse of Child Migrants resolution. Catch up on our compiled MennoCon19 news, photos and highlights at mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce.

Camp Mennoscah:

—Sing a song for camp! Camp Mennoscah's annual celebration of the summer youth camps is Sunday, August 11, at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church in Inman, at 6:30pm. The evening starts with an optional storytime from 5:45 - 6:05 pm followed by gobs of singing. After this time of worship and fun, we'll share in popcorn, pop, and conversation. All are invited, whatever your age or skill!

—The Mental Health Spiritual Retreat will be September 1-2. The theme for the retreat is Living Peacefully! Come support each other and enjoy fellowship, music, and worship. This retreat is for individuals affected by mental illness, including family and friends.

Contact and registration for Camp Mennoscah:

Online at www.campmennoscah.org

Telephone: 620-297-3290.

Email: office@campmennoscah.org.

Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC): Are you looking for a summer sewing project? MCC is running low on school kit bags! You can review the guidelines and instructions at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag>. Please contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org or 316-283-2720 with any questions.

RSVP now for MCC Lunch & Learn on August 15: Come to MCC for lunch and to hear from participants who recently went on the MCC South Texas Borderlands Learning Tour. They will share about their experiences and reflections on the trip. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation will start shortly after. A suggested donation of \$10 is welcome to help cover the cost of lunch. Please plan to join us for lunch, all are welcome. RSVP by Monday, Aug. 12 to patsydirksen@mcc.org or 316.283.2720, MCC Central States, 121 E. 30th St., North Newton, KS 67117.

You're invited to Just Desserts, Offender/Victim Ministries' summer fundraiser. Join us Saturday, August 24 from 7-9pm at Carriage Factory Art Gallery park (128 E 6th St, Newton) for an evening of sweet treats, live music, and good company. Come meet current volunteers and learn more about OVM's work in our community. Tickets available online or through our office. Call (316) 283-2038 or visit our Facebook page for more information. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/just-desserts-tickets-64393594976>