

# Tabor Mennonite Church

August 18, 2019

## Congregational Announcements

**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:** 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 coffee bar** between worship and Sunday School has been enjoyed by many since the fellowship hall has been completed. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for those that would like to help make the coffee and clean up after the Sunday School hour. A coffee cup for donations is located on the coffee bar for the coffee. If you have any questions, please talk with one of the reception committee members.

**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!

**MennoGrass 2019:** Come join us at the Tabor Church Park on Sunday evening, August 25 for MennoGrass! Supper service will begin at 5:30pm. Music by the Hopeful Blues and the Flannelbacks will be between 6-8pm. Meat and condiments will be provided, but please bring a side AND a second side or dessert to share. If possible, please bring your food a little before 5:30pm. Please also bring table service and lawn chairs. We look forward to a wonderful evening!

**What old is new again!** The art and visuals team would like to upcycle a collection of canning jars for use as centerpieces in fellowship hall. We hope to use them for the first time at the dedication on August 25. If you have quart or larger canning jars (lids are optional) you would be willing to donate to this project please bring them to the church by Wednesday August 21. Be sure to leave your name so we can thank you for your gift. Canning jars of all ages are welcome--we hope to get a wide range of styles, but don't buy new ones--only recycled!--Et Cetera Shops and other 2nd hand shops are a good resource if you want to make purchases to give to this project.

**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 Duval 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.

**Help Needed:** Tabor's Day for Tractor Drivers at the KS State Fair is Thurs., Sept 12. Two drivers from 1 to 4 pm; two drivers from 4 to 7 pm and one driver from 7 to 9:30 pm. If you can help PLEASE let Jerry know at 620-367-8257. FREE ADMISSION to the Fair, \$10 value.

**Blood Drive:** August 20, 1:00-6:00 pm. at Goessel Mennonite Church.

**Save the date...** the 2019 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk will be held on Sunday, October 6 at 1pm, beginning at Tabor Mennonite Church. Walker envelopes will be available in September.

### Dates to Remember:

August 25: Dedication of Tabor's new facility  
MennoGrass

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

October 6: Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk

## Conference Announcements

### Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: As a new school year approaches, give thanks for the WDC Resource Library and the materials it offers for teachers, mentors, youth sponsors and pastors as they nurture faith formation in their congregations.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN is grateful to God and to Laura Schlabach who has served as interim executive director for JCS in Mongolia for the past year. Pray for Elisabeth Mensert who assumed executive responsibilities on July 1 and for Laura as she returns to former roles in the country where she has worked since 1993.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for students, faculty and staff at Hesston College as they anticipate the first day of the new academic year tomorrow. May they be energized, challenged and inspired by their work and studies.

### Western District Conference:

—First Mennonite Church, 427 W. 4th St, Halstead, KS will celebrate the ordination of Pastor Steve Wilcox on Sunday, August 25 at 5 pm. Pastor Wilmer Harder will be the guest speaker and the choir and bell choir will provide special music. A meal will follow in the fellowship hall beginning at 6 pm. All are welcome.

—Family Fun Night!! Mark your calendars for an evening of light-hearted fun at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church (43 13th Ave., rural Inman, KS) on Saturday, August 31! All sorts of entertainment are in the works: A car show will begin at 5 pm. Children will enjoy playing in large inflatables (for free!) and have a good time with water games! At 5:30 pm a corn hole tournament will get underway (come at 5 pm to get your 2-person team registered to play with a \$20 entry fee). Half of entry costs will be awarded back in prizes and half the proceeds will go to Mennonite Central Committee's school kit project. Food trucks and booths will be selling tasty eats for supper and snacks. And while this much fun might

seem “inconceivable” (hint, hint!), at 8:30 pm, we also invite you to bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a family friendly evening movie projected on the big screen outside, “as you wish”... Bring friends and come for a relaxing evening of entertainment! Check Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church’s Facebook page for more information.

—Attention High School Youth and Church Leaders: The WDC/SCC Youth Ministry Committee is excited to announce the start of a new discipleship and leadership initiative for high school youth called Youth Lead Now. We invite churches to send youth to this one day workshop at Hesston College (Hesston, KS) on September 7, that integrates faith and leadership gifts. Using the Kansas Leadership Center’s framework and spiritual disciplines, we hope to encourage passion and increase competence in leadership for the sake of the church and the world. See bulletin board for details and registration information. Please contact Isaac Landis ([isaac@whitestonemc.com](mailto:isaac@whitestonemc.com)) with any questions.

—Immigration Justice and You: WDC Immigration Task Force invites 1-2 people from every congregation to share in an immigration networking event Thursday, August 29, 7-8:30 pm at 2517 N Main St, N. Newton (WDC offices). Share what your congregation is doing toward immigration justice. What do you wish you were doing? What kind of resources does your congregation want and need on this topic? If you are at a distance, contact Nancy Funk to receive a link to join via Zoom.

**Mennonite Mission Network** Workers Mark & Mary Hurst in Newton to share about their work in Australia. You are invited to join MC USA staff in the Newton offices (718 N Main, Newton) to hear from MMN International Service Workers, Mark & Mary Hurst, on Wednesday, Sept. 4th from 2-3 pm. Mark and Mary will share about their work with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand, whom they have served with since 1990.

#### **Camp Mennoscah:**

—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.

—September 14 is the next Work & Play Day at Camp Mennoscah. Join us for service, a simple lunch, and some free time in the afternoon (your choice). Please register online or call us at 620-297-3290! We love our volunteers!

*Contact and registration for Camp Mennoscah:*

*Online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) Telephone: [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290).*

*Email: [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org).*

*Contact: [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org).*

#### **Mennonite Central Committee:**

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

—**MCC is now collecting Immigration detainee care kits.** When people who have been placed in immigration detention centers are released, they often have nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Kits containing clothing and hygiene products can help to rebuild their dignity as they are taken to bus stations and airports to reconnect with their families in the U.S. Please visit [mcc.org/immigrationkit](http://mcc.org/immigrationkit) for all the details of what goes into the kit and how the kits will be distributed. It is one small way we can share Christ’s love with our neighbors. All kit supplies should be sent to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th, PO Box 235, N Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Please contact MCC at 316.283.2720.

—**Bikers and Contributors Needed!** The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, September 21, originating at the MCC offices, 121 East 30th, N. Newton. This year’s ride will raise funds for a MCC water development project in Nigeria. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. The brochure is posted on the bulletin board or can be found on the MCC website: [mcc.org/get-involved/events/mc-flatlander-bicycle-ride](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mc-flatlander-bicycle-ride). If you are not a biker but wish to contribute to this MCC project, make your check payable to MCC; write “Flatlander Bike Ride” on the memo line; and send to: MCC, PO Box 235, N. Newton, KS 67117.

**Kauffman Museum:** Opening reception for Kauffman Museum’s award-winning “K is for Kansas: An Exhibit Exploring Kansas from A to Z,” 1:30-4:30 p.m. This is a come-and-go event on Sunday, August 18, with introductory remarks at 2 and 3:30 p.m., refreshments and “Kansas lawn games” inside the museum. “K is for Kansas” is at the museum through Feb. 2, 2020; see [kauffman.bethelks.edu](http://kauffman.bethelks.edu) or the Kauffman Museum Facebook page.

**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>

**Tabor College Worship Arts Seminar:** Saturday, September 7, 9am-4:30 pm. For All Seasons in concert at 7:30 pm. \$25 per person, \$125 per group. For more information, go to [tabor.edu/WorshipArtsSeminar](http://tabor.edu/WorshipArtsSeminar)