

# Tabor Mennonite Church

August 25, 2019

## Note of Thanks

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers for my 90th birthday. Also for the birthday cards with the inspiring notes and heartfelt messages. Thank you friends, with much appreciation!  
~Wilma Schmidt

## Congregational Announcements

**MennoGrass 2019:** Come join us at the Tabor Church Park this 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!

**Church Mailboxes:** Church mailboxes were relocated with the remodel of our new facility. Boxes will be reassigned next week. It would be helpful if you would pick up your mail before that. Thanks for your help.

**Tabor Church Retreat:** Tabor Church Campout is coming up on September 21-22! Our theme will be "Healing Water." Michael Unruh will share at campfire on Saturday evening. Dawson Duerksen will be baptized on Sunday morning. Michelle Unruh will lead music. Registration forms are in your church mailboxes. Please fill one out and return to the box in the foyer by Sunday, September 8. A more detailed schedule for campout will be available soon. We look forward to seeing you there! (Also, if you are interested in helping with one of the meals at campout, please talk to Carrie Smith, Mary Schmidt, or Pastor Phil.)

**Pictorial Directory:** Please check your calendars for September 26-28. LifeTouch will be at Tabor on Thursday and Friday from 2-9pm, and on Saturday from 10 am - 5 pm. You will be invited to sign up for a photo session time-slot beginning this Sunday, August 25 in the conference room on the south side of the foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Schmidt, Kara Swartzendruber, or Nancy Funk.

**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.

**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.

**Blood Mobile:** It was great to have 25 donors and 9 workers who, despite the extremely hot weather, came to the blood drive on Tuesday! It was very exciting to have 3 new donors, so if you have been considering coming to donate give it a try!! The next chance to share is between 1:00-6:00 on Oct. 15.

## Dates to Remember:

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

## OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE August 18, 2019

Offering	= \$ 2,871.26	Attendance	= 157
Adult F.F.	= \$ 15.00	Attendance	= 26
Jr. F.F.	= \$ 13.70	Attendance	= 46

## Conference Announcements

### Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the Tabor Mennonite Church congregation as they dedicate a new fellowship hall today, and for pastor Stephen Wilcox at First Mennonite Church in Halstead, as they celebrate his ordination this afternoon.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Benin where post-election violence has killed more than a dozen people. Pray for peace and for the well-being of all citizens as the economy worsens. Pray also for Mission Network partners – Benin Bible Institute, Bethesda Hospital, and La Casa Grande children's village.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for all who support and invest in Anabaptist/Mennonite education. As another school year begins, give thanks for all who are generous with their time, energy, prayers and finances to make quality education grounded in Anabaptist faith available and accessible to so many.

### Western District Conference:

—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, North 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.

—Beth Yoder, WDC Business Manager, is on maternity leave, but we still have her favorite books in the library! Stop by the Conference Resource Library or check out her list at Beth Yoder (Business Manager).

### **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!

—Come Celebrate Another Great Year at Camp Mennoscah! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 22, for Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. Self-guided camp activities available beginning at 2:00 p.m., with a BBQ chicken supper beginning at 5:30. After supper, staff will share about the past year, and campers will reflect on their camp experiences. Also, enter your name to win one of several Camp Mennoscah prizes! Please register online at [campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) to let us know you're coming!

*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 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 St, Newton KS) to hear from Mennonite Mission Network 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.

### **Mennonite Central Committee:**

—New Storage Building Dedication, September 4 at 10 a.m. – It's not everyday that MCC gets a new building! Please plan to join us as we give thanks for the generous gifts that made the building possible and to bless the ongoing work that takes place at MCC by dedicated volunteers. A warehouse can seem boring at first glance, but it is actually an essential part of making MCC's work happen around the world. Donuts and coffee will be served the dedication service. Questions? Please call 316.283.2720.

—Comforter Mini Blitz, September 27 & 28 at MCC in North Newton! If you can tie a knot, you can tie a comforter! Come and join in the fun at this relaxed, come-and-go event. Bring your friends and family! Before you know it, you'll have helped to spread warmth and love around the world to people in situations far out of their control. Hours for the event are Friday, Sept. 27 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 28 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Find out more at [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz). Questions, contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), 316.283.2720.

—Get involved with something BIG – record breaking BIG! MCC is celebrating our 100th anniversary and attempting to collect 6500 comforters to deliver to people in need all around the world. Get involved by tying a comforter on January 18, 2020 (mark your calendars now!). We are looking for people to host a comforter tying event in their community. Contact Kate Mast at 316.283.2720 or [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) for details, supplies and resources. It's more than a warm blanket – it's a message of love and compassion.

—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.

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp:** Labor Day Work & Play Retreat is Friday, Aug. 30, after 7pm to Monday, Sept. 2, after breakfast. The retreat is at no cost to you, just your time! On Saturday, all participants help with projects around camp. These projects include helping prepare meals/doing dishes, pulling noxious weeds, refinishing/fixing picnic tables and patio benches, cleaning cabins and facilities, and other winterizing projects to prepare for the coming snow season. Sunday is your day to play and enjoy camp (hiking, kayaking, disc golf, napping, etc). Register online or call (719-687-9506). We hope you can join us!

### **Bethel College:**

—Sun., Sept. 8 – KIPCOR Film Series, Lost Angels: Skid Row is My Home, 3 pm, Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Talk-back follows with James Wilson, director of New Hope Shelter, Newton, and a member of the Wichita Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team.

—The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College will be organizing a series of free public events, Sept. 8-22, on campus and in the Newton community, in connection with the 2019 Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action. Activities include film screenings, "swords into plowshares" demonstrations by Colorado Springs-based RawTools, and a lecture by Palwasha Kakar. See [kipcor.org](http://kipcor.org) or call 316-284-5217 for more information.

**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)

**Everence®** will hold an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., N. Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [michelle.ramer@everence.com](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).