

Tabor Mennonite Church

August 4, 2019

Notes of Thanks

What a blessing to be a part of a caring congregation. Thanks to those who sent cards, brought food and offered thoughts and prayers after my surgery. The caring quilt is so special. To know that others have used it for comfort connects us together.

-Leann and Jerry Toews

The family of Alice Funk wishes to thank you, our Tabor Church family, for all your kind words, hugs and prayers at the time before and after Alice's death. We have felt God's comforting presence through you. We greatly appreciated our pastor's visits while mom was in St. Francis hospital and especially at Bethesda. The outpouring of love at the visitation and the funeral was beyond words. We are so blessed.

-LeRoy Funk and family

Thank you for the love, care and support shown to us through your hugs, words, and acts of kindness during our journey with losing husband, dad, granddad, and great granddad, Walden. Thanks to our pastors for their visits and support. We have felt God's peace and comfort through you, our church family.

-Susan Duerksen and family

Congregational Announcements

Children's Faith Formation:

—Please sign up to help with opening, snacks, and crafts during the month of August.

—**August 4** is Finger Food Fellowship

—**August 11**, the children in faith formation will discover that Jesus was a kid like them and he got dirty feet too. We would appreciate having at least one parent there with their preschool child(ren) to assist us in this. There will be a special personalized gift for each child, so come experience this with us!

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.

Building Dedication: For our dedication service on August 25, the worship planning team would like to have a volunteer choir share music that morning. This choir is open to all who would like to participate. You do not need to be a regular choir member to be a part of this choir. In fact we encourage anyone, including 5th graders on up, to join us! We will rehearse again on August 4 during finger food fellowship time. If you have further questions, please contact Marcene Entz.

Come enjoy Country Threshing Days Aug. 2,3,& 4, Food, Parade, and Farming Demonstrations On Sunday Aug. 4 at 2:00 p.m. help "Celebrate the Schroeder Barn Face Lift" Bring stories of this barn (playing in the hay loft) or (Maybe even how you helped move it to the museum or painted it at one time) We also would like stories of the barn that you grew up with. The Schroeder Barn is located at the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum. Refreshments follow.

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

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 Phot Sessions

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in times of change and uncertainty.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Marisa Smucker, who has been working for MMN's Church Relations team, began serving as the Mennonite Voluntary Service program director in June. Pray that God will provide wisdom, energy and joy for Marisa as she serves in this capacity.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Mennonite Early Childhood Network. In this time when academic skills seem to be favored, pray that young children may encounter caring adults who also attend to the spiritual, social, emotional and physical development of the early years.

Western District Conference:

—Get away from BUSY and relax! Sound great? Come join us at the 2019 Women & Girls Retreat September 6-8 at Camp Mennoscah. YOU choose what you want to do: Bible study, singing, art, yoga, mental health and spirituality, swimming, refugee reflections, games, or free time! Friday night we will decorate cookies! The schedule and registration forms are available at <http://mennowdc.org/women-girls-retreat/> (and also attached). Tammy Duvenal Unruh, debate/forensics coach from Newton, will speak on the topic of being Fearless (II Tim. 1:7). This retreat is open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Register by August 26.

—One of Southern Hills Mennonite Church's outreach ministries in Topeka is active membership in an interfaith ministry called JUMP, Justice and Unity Ministry Project. 25 faith groups in Topeka work together each year to identify and respond together to a particular issue of injustice affecting low income, marginalized people—school resources for at-risk children, mental health support for county jail inmates, safe and affordable housing, accessible public transportation, etc. A special focus for JUMP this year is predatory, payday lending—loans that end up trapping low income families in a debilitating downward financial spiral. Because this is a statewide problem with significant lobbying resources defending this lucrative business, JUMP and Southern Hills MC are partnering with several other advocacy organizations to coordinate an effort to reform Payday Loan regulations in state statutes. Friday, August 23, from 8:30-11:30 am these groups will gather in Topeka at Grace Episcopal Church, 701 SW. 8th, Topeka, to discuss and formulate advocacy strategies. Individuals from Mennonite congregations in Kansas with an interest in participating are invited to attend. For details you can communicate with Doug Penner (dougpenner@sbcglobal.net) or topeka.jump@gmail.com. Also, see two documents attached for more information.

Mennonite Church USA: 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!

—Young Adult Retreat Cancelled. Due to low numbers, the Young Adult Retreat at Camp Mennoscah from August 2-4 has regrettably been cancelled. We'll see you at another event!

—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](tel: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.

The Parkinson's Support Group will meet in Menno Hall at Kidron Bethel in N. Newton Tuesday, August 6, at 2:00 p.m. Chaplain Eric Massanari will introduce a meditation on gratitude and living with Parkinson's (copies will be available). All are welcome.

Everence will hold retirement planning workshops at its Hutchinson and North Newton locations in August. 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 North Newton workshop will be presented on Thursday, Aug. 8 (6:30 p.m.) at the Everence office, 3179 N. Main St. The Hutchinson workshop will be held on Thursday, Aug. 15 (6:30 p.m.) at the Everence office, 524 E. 30th Ave. Register by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800; 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com