

Tabor Mennonite Church

September 1, 2019

Note of Thanks

With gratitude I thank you all, Pastors and church family, for all the visits, cards, meals and prayers that were offered while I was in the hospital for surgery on a broken hip and during the time of rehab. It was all very much appreciated.

-Dora Unruh

Congregational Announcements

Church Mailboxes were reassigned this past week. Be sure to check the name on the box before picking up your mail. If, for some reason, your box was lost in the shuffle, please let us know! Thank you to Marcene Entz for her assistance with cleaning the boxes and removing and inserting names in slots.

Healing Testimonies: As part of our Fall Worship Series focused on "Healing," I invite anyone who has experienced healing in their life (physical, mental, spiritual, relational, etc...) to consider sharing a faith testimony during one of the worship services. If you are open to sharing a healing testimony, please let me know.

~Pastor Phil

Education Supply Room Clean Out: Some serious work has been done to clean up the education supply room downstairs. Many items that have been collecting dust for some time are up for grabs on the tables in the northeast corner of the basement fellowship hall. Please come take a look at the treasures and take something(s) home with you. If you are a teacher and see things on the tables that you have used and plan to use again soon, feel free to place those items back on the table in the supply room and they will continue to be stored there. The items will be left out through the month of September, and may be added to throughout that time, so check back often. Donations are not required, but if you feel guilty for finding that hidden gem and need to contribute, money will go for buying new supplies for the education department.

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 were in your church mailboxes. Please fill one out and return to the box in the foyer by Sunday, September 8. Additional forms are on the shelf below the mailboxes. A more detailed schedule for campout is in your boxes this week. 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.) Camp Scholarships are available for anyone who may need help with expenses. Please contact a pastor or the church office.

Pictorial Directory: Please check your calendars for September 26-28. LifeTouch will be at Tabor on Thursday and Friday from 2-9 pm, and on Saturday from 10 am - 5 pm. Nancy Funk will be available in the foyer this Sunday during Faith Formation to sign people up for photo sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Schmidt, Kara Swartzendruber, or Nancy Funk.

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.

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.

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.

The Second Monday Family History & Genealogy Group will meet at the Alexanderwohl Church Cemetery on Monday, September 9, 6:45 p.m. Information about cemetery renovation and the kiosk will be shared. Several personal historical life sketches of individuals who are buried in the cemetery will also be shared. Please note the time change (allowing for sunset time.) Also, bring an outdoor chair and mosquito spray, if needed.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for all who gather at the Women and Girls' Retreat next weekend at Camp Mennoscah, and give thanks for women and girls who lead and participate in so many creative ways in WDC congregations.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Ruben Fellmann, Carissa Mast, Delia Mielke, and Cindy Headings (unit leader) make up MMN's Service Adventure unit in Colorado Springs. Pray for them as they work with people with disabilities, families in homeless situations, and affordable housing organizations.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: As a new semester begins this week, give thanks for God's work in the lives of AMBS students — calling them to ministry and theological study and providing a community in which they can learn, grow, be mentored, and explore the passions and questions they are being drawn to.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Pray for the MC USA Executive Board as they meet Sept. 5-7 in Dallas, Texas.

Mennonite Church USA: Join the MC USA Faith Formation fall webinar series: Putting People on the Ballot: Anabaptism and American Politics. The first session, Foundations: Setting Our Theological Bearings, will take place on Tues. Sept. 17. Sign up and find more information at thegatheringplace.us.

Camp Mennoscah:

—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!

—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 to let us know you're coming!

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 Mission Network Workers Mark & Mary Hurst will share about their work in Australia. You are invited to join MC USA staff in the Newton offices (718 N Main) 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. Questions, contact 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 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. 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.

Mennonite Disaster Service: A greater number of weekly volunteers are needed this fall to respond to storm, flood and fire damage across Canada and the United States. Please consider serving if you are able to offer a week of your time to help people get back home in places like S. Dakota, Texas and California. MDS is excited to launch a new online scheduling system for the fall season (September through December). Please visit the Weekly Volunteer Calendar, emailing dfrey@mds.mennonite.net, or calling 800-241-8111. And, if you are unable to serve, but would like to support the efforts of MDS volunteers, a financial gift will give them a place to stay, food to eat and the tools and equipment needed to get the job done.

Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet Tuesday, September 3, at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Marwa Buser, PharmD, BCPS, will give an overview of Parkinson's Disease including medications. All are welcome.

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 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

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.

Bierocks: First Mennonite Church, McPherson, KS is offering bierocks for sale, available for pick up on Saturday, September 21 from 1-4 pm. Cost: \$30 per dozen / \$15 per half dozen. A portion of the proceeds goes to a local mission. Preorder by Saturday, September 14 - e-mail firstmennonitemac@gmail.com or phone 620-241-4040. Please leave your name, number ordered, and a contact phone number.