

Tabor Mennonite Church

September 8, 2019

Note of Thanks

Thank you so much for supporting New Hope Shelter in our efforts to help members of our communities who are in need. Please pray for our residents and staff as we continue to move forward.

New Hope's activity during your week of volunteering: August 28 - September 3, 2019:

—We served a total of 10 single men, 4 single woman, and 3 family units consisting of 3 moms, 1 father and 6 children.

—4 new adult residents entered the shelter and 1 child

—3 adult residents and 1 child moved out of the shelter

—7 of our residents were employed and 4 were on disability

—We also dispensed 6 food bags to people from the community in need.

Your church's teams supported this mission by providing 6 evening meals and evening volunteers for 7 nights, totaling 134 hours of service. THANK YOU!

Congregational Announcements

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

Tabor Mennonite Women, come for an enjoyable evening crafting with Brandy Ashley on Monday, Sept 16 at 7pm. The project will be a yarn embellished wood sign to make and take. If you have some extra yard in your stash that you want to get rid of, bring it. Otherwise, all materials will be provided. Sign up on the bulletin board or email Sharon Adrian sladrian49@gmail.com if you will plan to attend so we can gather enough supplies. See you there!

Tabor Church Retreat: Tabor Church Campout is coming up on September 21-22! Our theme will be "Healing Water," and Dawson Duerksen will be baptized on Sunday morning. Registration forms and a campout schedule 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. We look forward to seeing you there!

We are needing help with the meals at campout. If you can help with a meal, 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: LifeTouch will be at Tabor on Sept. 26-27 from 2-9 pm, and on Sept. 28 from 10 am - 5 pm. Sign up for your photo session in the foyer this Sunday during Faith Formation. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Schmidt, Kara Swartzendruber, or Nancy Funk.

Church Mailboxes were recently reassigned. 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.

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.

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.

TIME to Celebrate Russian Mennonite Clocks and more at the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum. 3 Clocks from the museum collection and 4 owned by Jerry and Leann Toews (that are operating). Also on display are several Kitchen/mantel clock from the '20's and '30's. along with four clocks handcrafted by Orië D. Voth. This special exhibit will be going till the end of Sept. Regular admission applies. Free admission to Museum members. Hours are Tues. - Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The 7th annual Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk is less than a month away. This year's route (between 1 and 6 miles) will begin at Tabor Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 6 at 1:30 p.m. Find your HGW recruiter today to get a donation envelope and start fundraising. Donations this year will go to support MCC's immigration programs and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry.

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.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC Executive Board, Commissions, Gifts Discernment Committee and staff as they gather for Fall Reference Council meetings next Saturday.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN praises God for Mary Beyler's 45 years of ministry in Japan. Pray for her in these final weeks of teaching, preaching, and saying good-bye. Ask God for a happy transition to Greencroft, a retirement community in Indiana.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Today on National Grandparents Day, give thanks for grandparents, both biological and surrogate, who lovingly nurture, pass on beliefs, values and distilled wisdom to the next generation. Pray that God may grant special blessings of strength and hope-filled courage to the grandparents who have the responsibility of raising grandchildren.

- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Pray for New York Mennonite Conference as they hold their celebration gathering on Sept. 14.

Western District Conference: WDC Annual Assembly delegate session minutes, approved 2020 budget, election results, and certified delegate list are now posted at: <http://mennowdc.org/2019-wdc-annual-assembly-2/>

Mennonite Church USA: Peace Academic Center, formerly Hopi Mission School, began classes for pre-K and kindergarten students in August. “We are very thankful and grateful for everyone who has been involved and sent us their prayers, past and present. It’s with their support that they are able to open the school again,” said Lance Polingyouma, cultural liaison. Read more: mennoniteusa.org/news/peace-academic-center-begins-prek-kindergarten-classes.

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!

—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! Register to let us know you’re coming!

— Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah are November 1-3 and November 15-17. Register online.

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.

Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA) The Hispanic Ministries program of Mennonite Education Agency, is raising funds to train leaders for the Hispanic Churches in the US. Marco Güete, director of IBA is hiking El Camino de Santiago beginning on September 9. Marco’s goal is to raise \$31,200 to support IBA at a rate of \$120 per kilometer. See attached flyer or the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

Mennonite Central Committee:

—Comforter Mini Blitz, September 27 & 28 at MCC in North Newton! 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.

—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.

Gain peacebuilding skills at AMBS. Do you have a burning theological question, or is there a particular ministry you’d like to pursue? Through AMBS’s MA: Theology and Peace Studies program, you can explore and engage a topic of your choice from multiple angles and design a peacebuilding internship in your area of interest. ambs.edu/matps

Hesston College: In recognition of International Day of Peace, Hesston College Bel Canto Singers and Hesston High School Singers will present a Global Voice concert, Saturday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The concert is free and open to the public.

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.