

Tabor Mennonite Church

February 2, 2019

Congregational Announcements

Council+ Meeting: Everyone is welcome to join us in the Hospitality Hall on Tuesday, February 4 from 6:45-8:45pm for our second Council+ meeting of 2020. Council+ means everyone on Council, everyone on a church Commission, and anyone else who is interested. Our focus for this February meeting will be a "Hero's Journey." Come to find out more!

Mission Partner Sunday: Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen will be at Tabor Church on February 9 to share during the worship service. We will receive special offerings throughout February to meet our \$1,500 commitment. A donation box is in the foyer.

Valentine's Day cards for Inmates in the Hutchinson Correctional Facility: There will be an opportunity to write Valentine's cards for inmates in the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. On Sunday, Feb. 2 and Sunday, Feb. 9, there will be cards (and suggestions for what to write) made available in the Hospitality Hall during the Faith Formation hour. Anyone is welcome to come and write a note of encouragement for these men. Thanks!

Everyone is welcome to help tie comforters: Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) distributed more than 53,000 comforters worldwide last year. Every comforter tied goes to someone in need of warmth and love. There will be a comforter set up in the Hospitality Hall as long as there are those who would like to tie. Anyone (men included!) is welcome to tie at anytime. If you want to come during the week and work at this, you are welcome... better yet bring a friend or two along. Every comforter we donate will mean one more person will receive the gift of love and warmth *in the name of Christ!*

Decorate and eat cookies! Join us for this fellowship event on Sunday, February 9 at 3:00 pm in the Hospitality Hall. Everyone is welcome! Children need to have an adult with them.

Time to show off Tabor's amazing baking skills! Camp Mennoscah Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction will be March 1, 4pm-6pm in our brand new Hospitality Hall. Since Tabor gets the opportunity to host the annual fundraiser, we would like to showcase our sweet creations. If you would like to donate a cake, pie or dessert, please contact Jill Litwiller before February 9. Mark your calendars to attend the event, sing a few hymns (including a bluegrass set), and get a great treat for your family and friends.

Here's an opportunity to support a Goessel community family in need--Braxton Church, preschool son of Kelcey and Amanda Church, is receiving on-going care for his medical conditions and the family will be traveling regularly to Boston Children's Hospital for his medical treatment. Your prayers for Braxton and his family would be greatly appreciated! There are several ways that you can offer financial assistance to the family for their travel expenses—a fund for the Church Family has been set up at the Citizen's State Bank in Goessel. Checks can be written out to the "Church Family Medical Travel Fund" and received at the bank. A paint party fundraiser is being planned on Sat. Feb. 29 at Asbury Park in Newton. See the "The Art of Giving: Paint Party Fundraiser" flier located on the church lobby bulletin board. For more information on Braxton and his medical conditions, check out the Braxton's Warrior Club Facebook page at fb.me/BraxtonMChurch or contact Susan Nafziger at 620-367-4623.

A Giving Opportunity: Bethesda Home has had a contract for our emergency call system (nurse call system and duplex pendant call system) for nearly 20 years. We were recently notified that after January 1 the system will no longer be serviced if a problem arises. To replace the system will cost approximately \$80,000 – an unexpected and unbudgeted expense. We invite individuals and/or Sunday School Classes, mission societies, etc. to adopt this as a special project to fund. Make your contribution to Bethesda Home with a note in the memo "call system". Contact Sara Hiebert or Pete Flaming for more information.

Use your heart to share love and life on Feb. 10 by coming to Goessel Church between 1:00-6:00 to donate blood or volunteer at reception, escort, or canteen. Sign up in the lobby or talk to Rosi (367-2418) A BIG THANKS to the Goessel Goal Getters 4-H club for making cookies for this drive! Make appointments at 800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

The seniors at Alexanderwohl get together monthly for coffee, conversation and a presentation. In January, we were going to host Pauline Sharp at the Sr. Coffee, but it was postponed due to inclement weather. It's been rescheduled for Friday, February 21 - and we would like to extend an invitation (again) to all who would like to join us! Pauline is the grand-daughter of Lucy Tayiah Eads, the first female elected chief of the Kanza people in 1922. Pauline presents a monologue speaking as her grandmother, "Chief Lucy of the Kaw Indians", sharing stories about her life. Please call the church office (620.367.8192) or email alexmen-no@mtelco.net to sign up. Coffee and refreshments served at 9:00 a.m. and Chief Lucy will appear when folks have settled into their seats (around 9:30).

The Bethel College Concert Choir and the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will unite for a joint concert, "How Firm a Foundation," on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church near Goessel. The choirs will perform individual selections from their respective repertoires, and will join together for other pieces, as well as being joined by members of the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Chancel Choir. Admission to the concert is free. An offering will be taken to benefit Mennonite Central Committee.

Camp Tawakoni Fundraiser! We will be serving a lasagna meal at the Goessel High School cafeteria on March 1 from 11:30 to 1. While only 7th and 8th graders will be helping with this event, all are invited to attend and help us raise funds to cover the cost of camp this year. More information will be emailed to 7th and 8th grade parents on what time to arrive and what to bring.

Directory Updates for the 2020 Tabor Church Directory are due now. Please email the church office at kfunk@tabormennonite.org with changes.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Give thanks for the WDC Resource Library, and pray for God to nurture growth in faith and discipleship for all who use library resources.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for the Anabaptist youth in Burgos, Spain, as they prepare for their annual Origen conference. Over the years, many lives have been transformed through the Origen experience. Pray that God would use this year's event to touch lives needing healing and hope.

- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA. Pray for student leaders as they plan events in celebration of Black History Month at EMU. May they be inspired and inspire us to work for a more just world. Also, pray that students visiting EMU during Honors and Scholarship weekend can discern whether this is the right place for them to study and grow.

Western District Conference:

—**Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania**, Newton, is having a fundraiser “Burrito Dinner” on January 29 from 5:30-6:30 pm (by donation) at the First Mennonite Church, Newton, basement fellowship hall. All are welcome!

—**WDC congregation featured in article:** San Antonio Mennonite Church was featured recently in an article in Faith and Leadership, a learning resource for Christian leaders and institutions from Leadership Education at Duke Divinity School. To read the article about SAMC’s caring for immigrants and response to trauma,, see shorturl.at/bhtuH.

Camp Mennoscah:

—**Summer staff needed!** Camp Mennoscah is looking for college-aged people to fill summer staff positions and someone 21 or older to fill the new position of director of support, a summer-long position to assist the camp director, summer staff, program and support staff through management, coordination, and communication. Complete your application for any of these positions at campmennoscahstaff.campbrainstaff.com!

—**Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** on Feb. 28-March 1 and March 6-8! These retreats fill up fast—don’t miss out on your chance to spend a weekend relaxing through cropping and crafting.

— **Youth Volunteer Weekend is March 13-14!** Registration is through our summer youth camp registration which opens at the beginning of February. This retreat is for grades 7-graduating seniors.

Contact and registration for Camp Mennoscah:

Online at www.campmennoscah.org Telephone: 620-297-3290

Email: office@campmennoscah.org Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org

Mennonite Church USA:

—**Service Adventure** is looking for a leader for the Jackson, Mississippi unit. Unit leaders are 24 years old or older, and live in community with 3-5 young adults, serving as mentors. For more information contact LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net.

—**Calling all retirees, families, and adults 25+!** Looking for a flexible service term that allows you to join the work of missional faith communities across North America? Learn more about SOOP at www.MennoniteMission.net/serve.

—**Shine Curriculum:** Want to know why and how MennoMedia's Shine curriculum can be a valuable part of your children's faith formation? Watch these videos: <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/shine.html> of webinars originally hosted by Joyce Peachey Lind, Content Editor for Shine. Shine combines age-appropriate music, worship, bible stories, spiritual practices, compassionate peacemaking and service in the faith community.

Mennonite Central Committee: Join us for We've Come This Far by Faith, an MCC Centennial Celebration on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas. We hope you'll join us in celebrating the past 100 years and at the same time help us look forward to the next 100 years of serving in the name of Christ around the world. More information can be found at mcc.org/weve-come-far-faith and to learn more about MCC's centennial, please visit mcc.org/centennial.

Aren't we often looking for that perfect gift for our loved one on Valentine's Day?

This year, let New Hope provide you the perfect gift in a romantic venue with the gentle sounds of a string quartet floating through the air. There will be scrumptious Italian cuisine provided by KP Cuisine, Italian sodas and fine coffees, and even chocolate to make the evening even sweeter. This will be the one event of 2020 that you will not want to miss! Celebration of Love: Valentine's Gala, Friday, February 14, 7pm at The Barn and Grace Hill, 678 S. Grace Hill Rd, Newton, KS. Tickets \$60 per person. Details are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Hesston College: Better understand your financial resources and philanthropy in terms of your goals and your faith for both you and your church at the 2020 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) conference, February 21 to 23 at Hesston College. In partnership with Everence Financial, weekend presentations will focus on understanding your personal history with money and resources, careers, hospitality, finances, generosity, trauma and economic injustice, health and wellness and more. Multiple registrants from the same congregation receive a registration discount, and clergy can attend at no cost. Register by February 10 at hesston.edu/avds.

Bethel College: Sun., Feb. 9 – KIPCOR Film Series: The Great White Hoax, 3 p.m.; talkback follows with Mark McCormick – Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center.

Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group will meet Tuesday, February 4, at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. The group will share their experiences with Parkinson's and how they manage the symptoms. All are invited.

Everence will host a Social Security and retirement income planning workshop, in N Newton on Monday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. The workshop is free, but space is limited! Reserve your spot by contacting Michelle Ramer at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

April 17 & 18, 2020

www.kansas.mccsale.org

—Children's MCC Coin Offering was \$28.34. THANKS and keep up the good work.

—FELLOWSHIP MEAL at Tabor will be Sun., Feb. 16. We will do our Traditional Lasagna Meal. By donation only. We would love to feed you. Sign up sheet is on the Bulletin Board.

—We encourage you to make and build special projects this year for the Centennial. Good Quality items ALWAYS sell well.

—Think of ways you can be involved this year. THANKS TABOR!!

For more information on all of the above, please see our sale contact persons: Jerry and Leann Toews, Archie and Kristin Schmidt and Eric Litwiller.