

Tabor Mennonite Church

January 12, 2019

Congregational Announcements

2019 Tabor Church Annual Reports were emailed or placed in mailboxes (those without email) this week. Additional paper copies can be found on the shelf below the mailboxes in the foyer. Please feel free to take one.

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

Church Council Retreat: All Tabor members and attenders are invited to the Church Council Retreat meeting on Tuesday, January 14 from 6:30-8:30pm. Our focus for the retreat will be on the Ministries of Christ as described in Ephesians 4:11. If you are interested in attending this meeting (and are not on a church commission), please let me know so that we can plan for the right number of people. -Peace, Pastor Phil

The Great Winter Warm-UP is Almost Here! Mennonite Central Committee is celebrating its 100th anniversary by attempting to collect 6500 comforters to break the record for most blankets donated to a charity in 24 hours. Alexanderwohl and Tabor Mennonite Churches will host an MCC Comforter Blitz for everyone in the Goessel Community, at the Tabor Mennonite Church Hospitality Hall on Saturday, January 18, 2020, 9am - 4pm. Something for everyone—pin, tie, trim, sew. Lunch provided, donations accepted. Bring a scissors, large eye needle (if you have one) and thimble (if you use one), please label your supplies. A donation box can be found in the foyer if you would like to help purchase batting and supplies for the comforters. Contact Ruth Goertzen (620-747-0074; alexmenno@mtelco.net), Sharon Adrian (620-877-7239; sladrian49@gmail.com), or Kim Funk (620-747-0408; kfunk@tabormennonite.org) with questions. We look forward to seeing you at this Goessel Community Winter Warm-up!

Tabor Church's week at New Hope Shelter is coming up soon, January 15 through January 21. We will be responsible to fill the evening shifts each of those days and the night shifts on January 17 and 18. If you can help, please let Barb Abrahams know. If you have never served before but are interested or have questions, please talk to Barb.

Goessel Community Junior High Movie Night: All Junior Highers are welcome to come to the Tabor Mennonite Church Hospitality Hall on Sunday, January 19 at 7pm for a movie and time of fellowship. Snacks will be provided. More information to come. Contact Michelle Unruh (michellerunruh@gmail.com) or Laura Unrau (lauraelaine25@gmail.com) with any questions.

The guest speaker for Senior Coffee at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church on Fri., Jan. 17 is Pauline Sharp, the granddaughter of Lucy Tayiah Eads, the first female elected chief of the Kanza people in 1922. Pauline will present a first-person performance of her own grandmother, "Chief Lucy of the Kaw Indians." Come to hear this rich history about the Kanza (Kaw) people who first lived on this land. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9:00 a.m. with Chief Lucy making her appearance as people are settled in their seats. All are welcome! Please rsvp by Mon., Jan. 13 to the Alexanderwohl Church office at: alexmenno@mtelco.net or 620-367-8192.

The Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at the Goessel Mennonite Church. There will be a short business meeting followed by a photo presentation of the tour to Poland taken by D. J. & Marilyn Unruh Flaming, Myron & Ruth Goertzen. This event is free and the public is invited to attend. A "Faspa" follows the program. Museum memberships will be available or purchase beginning at 2pm.

Coming to Tabor: Western District Women in Mission in cooperation with Everence Financial will host a two-day conference "Let's Talk...Women, Money & Faith" on January 24 and 25 at Tabor Mennonite Church. Featured speakers, Teresa Boshart Yoder and Rhoda Blough, from Everence Financial will address money and faith topics for women of all ages and stages of life. Registration forms can be found on the shelf beneath the mailboxes in the foyer and are due January 17.

First Impressions of Goessel: How do visitors from another community view the Goessel community? Recently a volunteer team from another community of similar size made a visit to Goessel to report their "First Impressions" of the community. The team acted as "secret shoppers" for the day to discover what they could about Goessel and documented their results. These results will be shared at a public meeting on Tues., Jan. 21, 6:00 p.m. at the Goessel City Building. Following the presentation, two or three project areas will be identified and time will be allowed for discussion and initial planning. Everyone is encouraged to attend to learn how a visitor sees your community. "First Impressions" is a program developed by K-State Research and Extension through the Community Vitality program. The focus of the program is to help communities learn about existing strengths and weaknesses through the eyes of visitor. The results from a "First Impressions" visit can serve as the basis for community action. For further information about the meeting on January 21, contact Brian Stucky at 620-367-2610.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC commissions in their ministries of equipping leaders, resourcing congregations, nurturing church planting, and encouraging generosity and stewardship.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Hong Kong in this sixth month of unrest. Pray for the unity of all churches in the face of increasing repression by the Chinese government. Pray also for reconciliation between the authorities of China and Hong Kong and between the police and protesters.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA. Join us in praying for the church leaders attending School for Leadership Training at Eastern Mennonite Seminary this week, as they explore the theme, "Shalom in the Streets."
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Please pray for the MC USA Executive Board meeting on January 17-18. The Board will be reviewing the recommendations of the Membership Guidelines Advisory Group, among other agenda items. To learn more about the Membership Guidelines Advisory Group, visit <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-membership-guidelines-advisory-group-meeting/>

Western District Conference:

—All are invited to a **farewell reception for WDC Associate Conference Minister Byron Pellecer** on Wednesday, January 22, at 10-11 am (come-and-go, with remarks at 10:30 am) at the WDC conference room, 2517 North Main Street, North Newton, KS. Come and enjoy some refreshments, and join in as we offer our prayers and best wishes for Byron as he concludes his ministry with WDC at the end of January.

—**Strangers in Town:** WDC Immigration Task Force encourages you and others in your congregation to watch this 33-minute free film about how immigrants in Garden City, KS are shaping that town in positive ways. Find the film at: <https://filmfreeway.com/StrangersinTown>. This would be an excellent resource to get a conversation started about immigration and our neighbors who have made this land their home, too.

Camp Mennoscah:

—**Retreat registration is open!** You are now able to register for 2020 retreats at Camp Mennoscah at www.campmennoscah.org. Summer youth camp registration will open at the beginning of February.

—**Recruiting for summer staff continues!** Camp Mennoscah continues to search for amazing young adults to be part of our 2020 summer youth camp leadership (nature, music, crafts, lifeguards, office, grounds/maintenance). The summer staff application can be found at campmennoscah.org.

Mennonite Church USA:

—Register now for **Hope for the Future 2020**, a Mennonite Church USA people of color event. Registration is open through January 15 for this Anabaptist networking and equipping event being held in Arlington, Texas on Jan. 24-26. Hope for the Future gathers leaders of color from church and related ministries to explore the ways that power, privilege and racism function in our denomination. For more information, visit <https://cvent.me/IVENAm>.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS):

—**Work continues in Avant, OK** repairing homes that were flooded in the spring of 2019 and the Oklahoma Unit is asking for volunteers. Please consider helping our neighbors in Oklahoma and bring additional helpers. The work will be repairing flood damaged homes and finishing a new home. The materials for the new home are sitting on the ground waiting on volunteers. This response can also use daily volunteers. There are accommodations to house volunteers or hookup for campers. Please call Jay Blough (405) 412-4414 or Bill Mast (405) 590-7747 for more information.

—**Boots, Buckets and Barrows:** Ted & Co. TheaterWorks, MDS, and Hesston College are partnering for a unique fundraising opportunity on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. In an event called Boots, Buckets and Barrows that is part theater show/part auction to support the ongoing work of MDS, Ted & Co. will present the original play *The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks & Fetuccine*, which is interrupted two times to auction off buckets of home-related items. The event will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31 at Hesston Mennonite Church (309 S. Main St, Hesston). Proceeds from this event will benefit both MDS and scholarships for Hesston College students in the Disaster Management Program. A second south central Kansas show will be at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1 at Journey Mennonite Church (808 S. Poplar St., South Hutchinson).

Offender/Victim Ministries will hold its Annual Meeting on Sun., Jan. 12, 2-5 pm, at the MCC Center, 121 E. 30th St., N Newton. The public is invited. In addition to a brief program and business meeting at 3 pm, Valentine letter/card writing materials will be available. For information, contact OVM, 316-283-2038 or info@offendervictimministries.org.

Young Adult Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is Feb. 7-9. Join fellow young adults (anyone between ages 18 and 30) as we worship together, play broomball and group games, enjoy the beauty of the outdoors, and much more. During the worship sessions Tory Bonners will share with us on the topic of “Structuring Our Faith” and how we live out faith in the context of our lives. The cost is \$100 to cover meals, lodging, and the program. Online registration is available at www.mmc.org or call 719-687-9506.

Hesston College:

—Hesston College’s **Martin Luther King (MLK) Day** celebration will provide learning opportunities about diversity, equity and inclusion on-campus and in the community. Public events will take place leading up to and including MLK Day, Mon, Jan. 20. Sun, Jan. 19, Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA will speak at Hesston Mennonite Church, in the 10:30 a.m. worship service and at a free community building workshop at 7 p.m. Visit www.hesston.edu/MLK for more information.

—**Before Rosa Parks.** Before Martin Luther King Jr. Before Nelson Mandela. There was Paul Robeson. Hesston College artist-in-residence and peace ambassador Tony Brown gives his MLK Day tribute to the 20th century civil rights activist Paul Robeson at 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 19, at Hesston Mennonite Church. *I Go On Singing: Paul Robeson’s Life in Word and Song*, will be narrated by Victor Hogstrom, President of KPTS Channel 8 in Wichita (PBS). Tickets are \$12 for adults, available at the Hesston College Bookstore or at 620-327-8104, as well as at the door. Students college-age and younger are free. Visit www.hesston.edu/MLK for more information.

—Registration is now open for Hesston College’s **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series** (AVDS) on February 21 to 23. This year’s conference, in partnership with Everence Financial, is **Living More with More: Redefining the Good Life**, and will focus on stewardship of finances, resources and hospitality. The weekend’s content will have interest points for all life stages from high school-age youth to retirement, as well as group-focused content relatable to congregations and other organizations. Go to hesston.edu/avds for more information and registration.

Bethel College:

—Mon., Jan. 20 -- **Bethel College’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day** celebration takes place at a different place and time than previous years (also different from some previously printed calendars); starting at 2 p.m. (or come and go as your schedule allows), informal time of snacks and mingling, followed by special music by the Bethel Worship Center band, and a performance by the Junior People of Color (POC) Step Team from Leavenworth; 3 p.m., Michelle Vann, Ph.D., Wichita, author, teacher, speaker, radio show host, blogger and active church and community member; concluding reception, all in Memorial Hall.

—Sat., Jan. 25 -- **Celebrate Kansas Day!** at Kauffman Museum: 1-4 p.m., activities, performances and demonstrations for all ages in and around Kauffman Museum.