

# Tabor Mennonite Church

January 19, 2019

## Congregational Announcements

**Directory Updates for the 2020 Tabor Church Directory** are due now. Please email the church office at [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org) with changes.

**Goessel Community Junior High Movie Night:** Due to widespread illness in the surrounding community, we will be cancelling the movie night this Sunday, January 19. More information will be emailed to parents about our next event at a later date.

**Tabor Church's week at New Hope Shelter continues** through January 21. 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.

**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. And 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.

**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 leaders and participants gathering January 24-25 for "Let's Talk...Women, Money and Faith," a conference sponsored by Western District Women in Mission in collaboration with Everence.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for Stanley W. Green's faithful leadership of MMN since 1993. Pray for guidance and wisdom as a search committee looks for a new executive director to lead, mobilize, and equip the mission agency of Mennonite Church USA in holistic witness to Jesus Christ..
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Goshen, Bethel, and Hesston College communities as they celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with activities and events.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Please pray for Hope for the Future 2020, a MC USA people of color event being held January 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.

### 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](http://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](http://campmennoscah.org).

### **Mennonite Church USA:**

—Looking for adventure? Serve, learn and grow with Youth Venture! Locations: Spain, Colombia, Arizona, Peru, Nazareth Village, Benin. Age: 15–22; term: 2–3 weeks. The application deadline is April 1. Learn more at [www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve) or email [LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net).

—Join a community. Serve others. Put your faith into action. Apply to serve with Mennonite Voluntary Service in places like Chicago; Washington, D.C.; San Francisco; and Alamosa. Age: 20+; term: 1–2 years. For more info, contact [LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net).

### **Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS): 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).

### **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.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

—**Centering Prayer** will not meet Mon., Jan. 20, but resumes Jan. 27. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, [2nathankoontz@gmail.com](mailto:2nathankoontz@gmail.com), or Melanie Zuercher, [mzuercher@bethelks.edu](mailto:mzuercher@bethelks.edu).

—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.

**The Life Enrichment program at Bethel College** for the Spring semester 2020 begins on February 5 and ends on April 29. This program is designed especially for persons 60 and above. A brochure with information is posted on the community bulletin board in the foyer next to the elevator.

Do you know theologically minded youth? Through **AMBS's !Explore** program, students in grades 10–12 can explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and listen for God's call through a summer congregational internship and a Group Experience (June 30 – July 16, 2020). Scholarships are available. Tap a shoulder! [amsb.edu/explore](http://amsb.edu/explore)