

# Tabor Mennonite Church

January 26, 2019

## Thanks

**MCC Great Winter Warm-up Update!** Thank you for your work and participation in the Great Winter Warm Up at one of the 22 events around the MCC Central States region! The comforter count right now is a little over 5,500 from across the U.S. and Canada. We are still gathering information from all the events and will have the official tally by the end of the month. We are so grateful for your help in reaching our goal to share warmth and love with our brothers and sisters all around the world! If you are looking for another opportunity to make comforters for MCC, save the date for the Comforter Blitz in Yoder, Kansas on March 2, 3, and 4th. More information to come!  
~ MCC Central States

**We appreciate your time and work provided in supporting New Hope Shelter** this past week as we seek to help members of our communities who are in need. Please pray for our residents and staff as we continue to move forward. The following is New Hope's activity during your team's rotation week: Jan. 15 - 21: 2 new residents entered the shelter; 3 residents left New Hope Shelter, 1 of which was a family that moved into their own home; 13 of our residents are employed; 3 gained employment this week, 2 residents receive funds for Disability/Social Security; we served 12 single men and 4 single women and 2 family units consisting of single moms and 2 children; we also dispensed 5 food boxes to people in need from the community. You supported our mission to provide healing and hope by providing 7 evening meals and evening volunteers for 7 nights, overnight volunteers for 1 night, totaling 165 hours of service. We so appreciate your partnership!  
~staff at New Hope Shelter

## Congregational Announcements

**Camp Tawakoni (formerly Camp Washunga) will be here before we know it!** Brochures have been mailed to all parents of 7th and 8th grade parents with information. Registration is due to the school office or one of the churches by February 1. Please encourage all you know to attend! Scholarships are available. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Unrau (lauraelaine25@gmail.com), Michelle Unruh (michellerunruh@gmail.com) or any of the area churches.

**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 will be in the foyer.

**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.

**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](http://redcrossblood.org).

**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.

## Conference Announcements

### Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they seek God's guidance for future direction and leadership.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Joanne Brandt as she teaches at Union Biblical Seminary in India this trimester. Pray for wisdom and grace as she adapts her teaching to a new context and as she builds relationships with faculty, staff and students.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Hesston College community as they live, learn and work together in harmony, bridging differences that may otherwise divide.

### Western District Conference:

**Leadership Lunch:** All are welcome to come for lunch and conversation on Thursday, January 30 from 12-1:30pm at the WDC offices. This will be our first Leadership Lunch of 2020 and it will be an opportunity for us to brainstorm what we would like Leadership Lunches to look like for this year. Bring your own lunch and bring ideas of how this monthly gathering can help inspire us to make progress on the adaptive challenges we face. Any questions, please contact Phil Schmidt ([pschmidt@tabormennonite.org](mailto:pschmidt@tabormennonite.org)) or Kathy Neufeld Dunn ([kathynd@mennowdc.org](mailto:kathynd@mennowdc.org)).

### Camp Mennoscah:

**Summer staff needed!** Camp Mennoscah is looking for college-aged people to fill summer staff positions (lifeguard, nature, music, crafts, office) and someone 21 or older to fill the new position of "director of support." The director of support is 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](http://campmennoscahstaff.campbrainstaff.com)! Questions can be directed to [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290.

**Retreat registration is open!** Registration for all 2020 Camp Mennoscah retreats is now available at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org). Look for the Register Online link at the top of the page. Summer youth camp registration will open at the beginning of February. The fun has begun!

#### **Mennonite Church USA:**

There's still time to sign up to join the Mennonite Mission Network Alumni & Friends Service-Learning Tour. From March 7-14, we will serve alongside our Service Adventure partners in Jackson, and our SOOP partners in Meridian and Mashulaville, MS. We will also be taking in Civil Rights experiences by hearing from an activist and going to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, as well as other sites. Email [AlumniTrip@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:AlumniTrip@MennoniteMission.net) for more information.

**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](http://mcc.org/weve-come-far-faith) and to learn more about MCC's centennial, please visit [mcc.org/centennial](http://mcc.org/centennial).

**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. The event will be at 7 p.m. on Fri., 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., Sat., 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.

#### **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](http://hesston.edu/avds).

**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.

**Anabaptist Witness 6.2, "Mission and Migration,"** can be read online for free. In this issue, authors explore ways in which migration has shaped identity as well as how identity has shaped migration and ways of being and belief, both in the past and the present. [anabaptistwitness.org](http://anabaptistwitness.org)

**The first excerpt from Mennonite Church USA Archives' oral history project,** which features interviews of young people between the ages of 24-40 within MC USA, is now available. In this excerpt, Dona Park asks, "How do we bring people who are on the outside inside?" and challenges leaders to intentionally encourage students from marginalized communities. Visit: <http://mennoniteusa.org/tag/oral-history-project/>

**Mennonite Mission Network** is seeking a full-time assistant for Program Human Resources. Responsibilities include supporting the work of the Care Coordinator and Personnel Counselors, along with managing details for worker orientation and seminars. Strong attention to details, ability to manage and track people and processes. Some travel required. See the position description at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net). Send resumé to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net) for consideration.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale  
April 17 & 18, 2020  
[www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org)

—Help our Children out by bringing your coins and paper for the Children's Coin Offering Sunday. Our Children will start passing the cans THIS Sunday morning. We will continue each Sunday until the sale. If you make a habit of collecting your coins during the week and putting them in a cup and then bring them to Church on Sunday it really adds up to a significant amount of money for MCC. In past years we have been bringing in around \$25,000. THIS IS WHAT MCC IS WELL KNOWN FOR--MANY PEOPLE DOING SMALL THINGS ADDS UP TO MIRACLES.

—KS MCC Sale is April 17 and 18. PLEASE mark your calendars.

—2020 is the Centennial Year for MCC. MCC is 100 years old. MCC started as a one time deal to feed the thousands starving in Russia. Instead of a one time help, MCC has continued to help people in desperate need throughout the world thru the past 100 years. Pause a moment and think of the thousands and thousands MCC has helped in the Name of Christ. There are MANY special activities that MCC is planning THIS year throughout the USA and Canada. Follow along in the Mennonite World Review and local church bulletins for many special events. This will be a very special year of celebration and opportunity for giving.

—Think of ways you can plug in this year with special projects and fund raising ideas to commemorate 100 years.

*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.*

