

Tabor Mennonite Church

February 16, 2020

Congregational Announcements

The Council+ meetings have been cancelled unless they are brought back due to popular demand. (Contact Pastor Phil or Deacons Emil or Carol with questions or comments.) Regular council meetings are on hold until further notice or a church chairperson has been found.

Support our Mission Partners Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen. We have received \$1,290 toward our \$1,500 commitment. We will continue to receive special offerings throughout February. A donation box is in the foyer.

Opportunity to Help: Jerry and Leann Toews granddaughter, Emerson, who was born to Katrina and Aaron Aeschliman in September, has made amazing progress, but continues to receive medical care. While the family is working with their insurance company and the health providers to get as much financial assistance and relief as possible, bills to assist with her birth, care and follow-up treatment continue to mount and have totaled two million dollars. To view the GoFundMe campaign and contribute, please visit the website listed here. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. https://fundrazr.com/d1cMU9?ref=ab_2a6ZwAbAHGn2a6ZwAbAHGn
If persons would prefer to give money directly to Katrina and Aaron for Emerson instead of giving on line, that would be wonderful. Make the check out to Katrina Toews and put it in Jerry and Leann's box. They will see that the family receives the gift. Thanks for all the support.

100 for 100: This year Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is celebrating 100 years of relief in the name of Christ. In celebration of those 100 years, the Goessel Community recently participated in the Great Winter Warm Up... a comforter blitz for MCC that spanned two continents and yielded 9,504 comforters. At the Goessel Community Blitz on January 18, we completed 33 comforters to help with that effort. Since then, another 3 comforters have been completed and we are continuing to work on more. Now we are wondering. Could the Goessel Community come together and grow that number of 33 comforters to 100? We believe we can! There will be special events planned, and there will be comforters in frames to work on at various times and in various places. Everyone can help -- men, women, children. If you can tie a knot, you can tie a comforter. Watch for details and plan to be part of celebrating 100 for 100. -The Goessel Area Comforter Blitz Team, Ruth Goertzen, Sharon Adrian, Kim Funk

Rejoice! daily devotional readings for Spring, is now available. Pick up your copy from the shelves below the mailboxes in the foyer.

The Youth Group will be preparing a fundraiser meal on February 23, for our summer service trip. All are welcome! Thank you for your support and prayers!

Camp Mennoscah: We're up and running! Our 2020 catalog is out and our online registration is open. We are eagerly looking forward to seeing everyone this summer! The BEST discount is for the summer camp registrations received and paid in full by **March 1**. Go to www.campmennoscah.org and click on Register Online! at the top of the page. *Camp scholarships of \$50 are available from Tabor Church Christian Education Co. Please sign up on the bulletin board and your scholarship will be sent directly to Camp Mennoscah. Also applies to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.*

The seniors at Alexanderwohl extend an invitation to all who would like to join us on Friday, February 21 at 9am. Pauline Sharp, grand-daughter of Lucy Tayiah Eads, the first female elected chief of the Kanza people in 1922 will be sharing stories about her life. Please call the church office (620.367.8192) or email alexmenno@mtelco.net to sign up.

Commodities will be distributed at the Goessel Mennonite Church on Feb. 21, 5-6 pm.

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 pm at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. 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.

Camp Mennoscah's Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction is March 1! Everyone is invited to join us for an afternoon of hymns, fellowship and desserts at Tabor Mennonite Church on March 1 from 4-6pm. Amazing desserts made by camp supporters will be auctioned off to raise funds to renovate our beloved amphitheater used for evening campfires. Bring your singing voices and open wallets!

Up to 72 lives may be saved from Monday's generous blood donors! The next drive is April 13, the day after Easter. Most schools are still on vacation that day, so students can plan ahead to work at the drive, or donate blood if they are eligible.

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.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Praise God for the many ways that WDC congregations are involved with Mennonite Central Committee, as MCC celebrates its centennial this year.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Sophie Miller as she works with an indigenous organization in Guatemala that teaches sustainability from the worldview of the Tz'utujil, a Mayan people.

- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA). Pray for IBA Study Center at Encuentro de Renovacion Mennonite Church in Miami, Florida, and its tutors, Teresa Pérez-Soto and Andres Mendoza. Pray that their studies be a personal blessing and that God's wisdom and patience be with the tutors as they teach this group of students. May this leadership training ministry in their church be a blessing for the congregation and community.

Western District Conference:

—**WDC Gifts Discernment Committee seeks nominees:** The Gifts Discernment Committee invites suggestions of names to consider as they select nominees for Moderator-Elect, and positions on WDC's Executive Board and Commissions. For more information about the work and current members of these groups, see <https://mennowdc.org/executive-board-commissions/>. Nominees will be presented for affirmation by delegates at WDC Annual Assembly, July 31-Aug 2, 2020 at Camp Copass, Denton, TX. Please contact WDC at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300 to offer your suggestions for future nominees. Thank you!

—**Western District Women in Mission Spring Supper** is on Thursday, March 12, 6 pm at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton. Our Special Guest Speaker will be Patty Shelly, Professor of Bible and Religion at Bethel College. Additional information coming soon!

Mennonite Central Committee:

—**MCC Centennial Celebration**, Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. You're invited to join MCC for an evening of centennial celebration and giving, We've Come This Far by Faith at the Shari Flaming Center for the Arts at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas. Bid on silent auction items, grab a reproduction Mennonite Feeding Station sign from our limited supply and join us for a program celebrating MCC's past 100 years, present and future! Find out more at mcc.org/events.

—**Sign up for monthly highlights from MCC's 100 stories for 100 years!** Explore images and stories from the breadth of MCC's work – from a graphic story on the 1920 trip that began MCC's ministry to accounts of women peacemakers now. Go to mcc.org/centennial/100-stories/email to sign up for monthly emails highlighting stories from the project. Can you think of others who would be interested? Please share this announcement and encourage them to sign up for monthly email highlights too!

—**You invited to join the fun at the 13th annual MCC Comforter Blitz** on March 2, 3 and 4 at Journey Mennonite Church at the Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, Kansas. Blitz times are Monday and Tuesday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, and Wednesday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC, an organization that supports the work of MCC. For more information check out mcc.org/comforter-blitz.

Camp Mennoscah:

—**Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** Feb. 28-March 1 and March 6-8 and join in the cropping and crafting!

—**Youth Volunteer Weekend is March 13-14!** Registration is through our summer youth camp registration which opened 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.

Hesston College: Seeing Each Other's Light, a program of story and song that provides understanding of diverse people, cultures and faith traditions of the Wichita community, will be held at Emanu-El Congregation Reform Synagogue, 7011 E. Central Ave., Wichita, 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 1. The event is part of Hesston College's Peacing It Together Foundation and is also sponsored by Wichita's Global Faith in Action. The program features Hesston College students and internationally-acclaimed baritone Tony Brown, as well as other members of the Wichita community, including the Emanu-El Klezmer band and congregation choir. The concert is free and open to the public. For the full news release, go to www.hesston.edu.

Dr. James Juhnke will be the speaker at the March 8 annual meeting of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association held at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel College Mennonite Church. "Mennonite Museum in Uzbekistan" will tell about the history of the Mennonite community that lived for fifty years near the city of Khiva, and how that community is now celebrated in a new museum in Khiva. The Handbell Choir of the Bethel College Mennonite Church will provide music. Election of SMCHA officers for 2020 will be held. Refreshments will be served. No reservations are needed.

Everence® Financial will host a workshop, Maximizing giving through donor advised funds, in N Newton on Thurs., Feb. 20, 10am and again at 6:30pm. Attendees will learn about how a donor advised fund works, ways to increase your impact on causes you care about, how to minimize taxes and more. Reserve your spot by contacting Darlene Buller at 877-467-7294 or Darlene.buller@everence.com.

Everyone is invited to the annual verenike supper at First Mennonite Church, 427 W 4th in Halstead, on February 29, 4:30-7pm. Cost by donation, proceeds go to church service trips and service projects.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
April 17 & 18, 2020
www.kansas.mccsale.org

—CHILDREN'S COIN OFFERING was \$35.83. THANKS keep collecting coins during the week.

—PLEASE join us for the MCC Fellowship Meal THIS SUNDAY at noon in New Hospitality Hall -- Home Made Lasagna with LOTS of cottage cheese & Hamburger Filling!! Even if you have not signed up come and join in a delicious meal and help raise \$\$ for MCC. Suggested donation is \$20. We have made plenty of Lasagna. All you can eat.

—PLEASE help with pre-sale expenses. It doesn't have to be a big amount, just put what you can in our boxes. We need lots of involvement to pay for all expenses before the sale.

—Quilt deadline is: March 16

—Join the enthusiasm and help tie comforters ANYTIME.

—Website is started: Check it out at www.kansas.mccsale.org

—Verenike Making Day is Tuesday, April 14 at Parkview MB Church, Hillsboro.

—THANK YOU for those of you who brought cookies for the KS MCC Sale Meeting in our Hospitality Hall this past Thursday.

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.