

Tabor Mennonite Church

February 9, 2020

Congregational Announcements

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. 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!

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.

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

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. People of all ages - men, women, children - are 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!*

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 Litwiler 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.

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.*

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.

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

The seniors at Alexanderwohl get together monthly for coffee, conversation and a presentation. The January meeting with Pauline Sharp has been rescheduled for Friday, February 21 at 9am. We would like to extend an invitation 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 and will be sharing stories about her life. Please call the church office (620.367.8192) or email alexmenno@mtelco.net to sign up.

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.

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: Pray for WDC congregations struggling with conflict or painful situations, that God's Spirit of wisdom, healing and hope would guide and sustain them.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Annelise Goldschmidt's three decades of service with MMN, most recently as a logistics coordinator with Mission Inter Senegal for 15 years. Pray for her as she discerns what God is calling her to when she returns home to France.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: This week, Bluffton University will host Cyneatha Milsaps, executive director of Mennonite Women USA, as she leads a campus discussion on gun violence and its effects on family and community. Please pray for everyone impacted by gun violence.

Western District Conference:

-Heidi Regier Kreider has been reappointed to a second term as WDC Minister: During the fall of 2019 the WDC Executive Board conducted a term review of Heidi's service over the past four and a half years. The feedback gathered from many segments of the Conference and partner institutions was broadly affirmative of Heidi's leadership – Ray Reimer, Moderator, for the WDC Executive Board

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

-Leadership Launch: Celebrating and Looking Ahead! A free dessert reception recognizing 5 years of joint partnership of Western District Conference and South Central Conference with Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) Monday, March 30, 6:30-8:00 pm at KLC, 325 E Douglas Avenue, Wichita. Refreshments and drinks, then a brief program at 7 pm featuring greetings and stories from KLC, WDC and SCC about how adaptive leadership strengthens the church and its ministry. For more information, see: <http://mennowdc.org/grants/>. Members of the Core Team for implementing WDC/SCC's grant are Heidi Regier Kreider, Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Phil Schmidt, Howard Keim and Isaac Landis.

-WDC Resolutions Policy: Resolutions must be submitted a minimum of 120 days prior to Annual Assembly (in 2020, that date is April 3). Send to: WDC Executive Board, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117

Mennonite Central Committee Central States board of directors will meet on February 28 and 29 at MCC in North Newton. A brief annual meeting will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 29, you are welcome to attend.

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.

Camp Mennoscah:

—**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.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp:

—Men's Retreat: March 6-8: Celebrating God's Love, Grace and Compassion in Our Everyday World."

—Women's Retreat: March 13-15: Living what is: holding the present moment. Register online: www.rmmc.org

Mennonite Church USA:

—You are invited to join MC USA staff for "Coffee and Conversation" with returning Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) International Service Workers; Dan & Kathryn Smith Derksen. They are returning from serving in South Africa for the last 4 years with MMN's partner agency, Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency (SADRA). Come to the MC USA offices, located at 718 N Main Street in Newton on Monday, February 10 at 10:00 AM for this time to welcome back and hear from Dan and Kathryn about their time of service.

—The Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA recently met to discuss revisions to the church's resolution policy, the Membership Guidelines Advisory Group's report and more. Read about it at mennoniteusa.org/news/boardmeets

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.

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 COIN OFFERING was \$39.57. Thanks and keep those coins and paper coming.

—Tabor is hosting the KS MCC Sale meeting in our Hospitality Hall this Thurs., Feb. 13. We need 20 dozen cookies. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. THANKS for your help. PLEASE put your cookies in the kitchen or freezer and label them KS MCC Sale meeting.

—PLEASE sign up for the MCC Fellowship Lasagna Meal served NEXT Sun., Feb. 16 in our Hospitality Hall. Sign-up deadline is Thurs., morning, Feb. 13. We will eat at 12 noon to accommodate guests from area churches. Donation recommended is \$20 to MCC. We would love to feed you.

—The budget for the 2020 Sale is \$81,000. This covers ALL food products, rental of fairgrounds, etc. Do your part to help ensure we cover expenses before sale date. PLEASE put your donations for pre-sale expenses in our boxes. MANY folks each doing a little always gets us there.

—We are looking for good QUALITY items. We can sell ANYTHING at the MCC Sale from cookbooks, material scraps, mowers, campers, cars, tools, garden plants, quilts, woodworking projects, etc. What do you have laying around you no longer use? We will pick it up and get it to the sale. What a great way to downsize and clean up and help others.

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.