

Tabor Mennonite Church

March 15, 2020

Congregational Announcements

100 for 100! Throughout Lent, in celebration of 100 years of the work of MCC, our goal is to collect 100 of each item in Relief Kits. The numbers so far:

Soap: 126	Shampoo: 31	Laundry Soap: 26
Toothbrushes: 16	Box Bandages: 4	Pkg. Sanitary Pads: 3
Bath Towels: 13	Combs: 10	Nail Clipper: 2

Please see the shopping lists which were in your mailboxes and continue to bring these items! Celebrate MCC by giving *in the name of Christ*.

Men's Bible Study Update: We selected to do a 12 week bible study on Romans. Books are on order and they will be here very soon. The Study is Max Lucado's Life Lessons from Romans. If you are still interested in attending and didn't make the first meeting, please let us know and we will order up another group of books. We will still plan on meeting Monday, March 16th at 7 pm. We will start the Romans book study on Monday, March 23rd. Thanks – Nate Ashley & John Unruh

Tabor Church's week at New Hope Shelter is coming up March 25 through March 31. We are responsible to fill the evening shifts each of those days and the night shifts on March 27 and 28. If you can help, please let Barb Abrahams know. If you have never served before but are interested, there will be a training evening on March 26 at New Hope. If you have questions, please talk to Barb.

Tabor Mennonite Women will be having their annual Salad Supper on Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tabor Mennonite Church Hospitality Hall. The speaker is Kate Mast from the MCC Center in N Newton and she will be presenting "The Journey of an MCC Comforter". Please bring a salad to share and bring a guest. We also need two or three ladies who would be willing to work in the kitchen. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Adrian or Barb Banman.

To coincide with the theme for the salad supper, we will be **tying comforters** Friday and Saturday, March 27 & 28 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. both days. **Anyone, including men and children, are welcome to come help tie.** We also continue to need comforter tops to tie. Fabric kits are available at the MCC Center in N. Newton, or ask Sharon Adrian or Kim Funk for one. Leave finished tops with Sharon or Kim.

Life-Size Foosball! Tabor Church will be hosting the entire Goessel Community Junior High, 6th-8th graders, for this fun interactive game. Come to the Tabor Church Park on March 29 at 3 pm to see what it's all about.

Share an Easter Lily in honor/memory of a loved one on Easter Sunday. Names of those to be honored along with names of those sharing the lilies need to be turned in to the church office by Wednesday evening, April 8 to be listed in the bulletin. Lilies need to be brought to the church, clearly marked on the bottom with the name of the donor, and left in the foyer by noon on Saturday, April 11.

Coming up: In lieu of an Easter breakfast, the fellowship team has planned a time of food and fellowship on April 19, which will replace faith formation.

Opportunities to learn about the Doctrine of Discovery: Good Friday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in the Fellowship Hall. **The Loss of Turtle Island** is a participatory learning experience that depicts the historic relationship between European settlers (including Mennonites) and the Indigenous nations of the land we now call North America. Blankets represent the land and participants represent distinct Indigenous nations who experience colonization, genocide, broken treaties, forced removal, assimilation and termination – in the spirit of the Doctrine of Discovery. We offer this on Good Friday evening as a time to reflect on the suffering of Jesus and how he stood in solidarity with all who have suffered under the weight of occupation and colonization. This experience is profound and thought-provoking and can be done inter-generationally; recommended for Middle School and older. Call Pastor Lois Harder with questions (316) 617.3497

Have you missed a worship service? Sermons can be found on our church website soon after the worship service. The entire service video is kept as an unlisted link. If you would like to watch an entire worship service, simply send an email to Kim Funk (kfunk@tabormennonite.org) and she will email you the link for the service you request. You may also request to be placed on the group email list to receive the worship link weekly.

Support Mennonite Mission Network (MMN): Mission Network is grateful for your financial and prayer support of Dan and Katherine Smith Derksen's ministry with SADRA during their terms in South Africa. Thank you for helping them to work for peace. God is moving in exciting ways in South Africa. We are grateful to God for the way that Dan and Kathryn have given a lifetime of service to God's mission in Africa. MMN has received \$20,000 for a total of \$40,000 after MMN matching dollars, but Mission Network is still short \$40,000. MMN will match donations until the end of April, while praying for God to provide the rest of what is needed. Thank you for your past support and for your continued partnership in God's mission. ~MMN support team

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations in Dallas, TX, as they gather this coming Saturday for a joint worship service and fellowship.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: The first professors and administrative personnel to serve Benin Bible Institute when it opened its doors in 1994 are nearing retirement age. MMN requests prayer for the next generation of teachers and administrators to respond to God's call, and the resources to train them.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Lezha (Albania) Academic Center--Our school has been helping the Roma people who are living in shelters after the November 26 earthquake. Recently, we heard that 29 people from this community, including children and the elderly, are living on the streets. Please pray for our school and community.

Responding to Coronavirus:

"To WDC congregations and leaders,

As the church responds to concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19), here are some resources to help address the uncertainties and fears that we face:

Christianity Today is offering a free booklet, "A Concise Coronavirus Guide for Churches" with scriptural and theological reflections, as well as practical guidelines for church activities and planning. The booklet can be downloaded at <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/march-web-only/coronavirus-churches-christians-news-advice-covid-19.html>.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides up-to-date information on COVID-19:

- English - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

- Factsheet - English: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

In particular, see the CDC's **Resources for Community- and Faith-Based Leaders** at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html> "

-Heidi Regier Kreider, WDC Conference Minister

Please join Mennonite Central Committee Central States in our first **Young Adult Immigration Learning Tour**. May 25-29th, MCC invites young adults to South Texas to raise awareness about the increasing migrant deaths, militarization, environment degradation, effects on habitat and effects on sister communities near the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and biblical/theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. Some grants may be available to interested participants with financial need.

For registration or to inquire about a grant, please contact Abby Endashaw, 720-500-3413, abbyendashaw@mcc.org. Final Registration Deadline April 1, 2020.

Camp Mennoscah:

— Dam installation at Camp Mennoscah! March 22, approximately 2pm, we will be putting the dam back in. You are invited to watch the process or to help. Wear appropriate clothes for how you plan to participate and for whatever weather may occur. Watch the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page for any changes.

—The BETTER youth camp discount ends April 1! Get those registrations completed online for Camp Mennoscah's summer youth camps and save \$10. Our theme this summer is This Is Our Prayer. You'll explore the different ways Christians have prayed throughout history and have grown into the beloved community of God.

—Refresh and Renew! Camp Mennoscah's Retirees Retreat is April 20-22. We will hear about experiences with Mennonite Disaster Service, travel to the Mennonite Museum in Khiva, Uzbekistan, and enjoy Bible Study, singing, and fellowship over coffee breaks.

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 Bel Canto Singers will perform their spring break concert, "Lift Our Voices Together," on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The concert features a cappella and accompanied works from Renaissance through contemporary composers with special music by soloists and small ensembles. The concert is free and open to the public, with an offering to be collected for tour expenses.

Bethel College: Sun., March 15 – Last day to view "City of Hope: Resurrection City and the 1968 Poor People's Campaign," a Smithsonian traveling exhibit, 1:30 -4:30 p.m., Kauffman Museum.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

April 17 & 18, 2020

www.kansas.mccsale.org

—2020 is the 100 year anniversary of the Mennonite Central Committee. The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale would like to celebrate this milestone by gifting MCC ONE MILLION DOLLARS. The Kansas Sale was founded to support the ministry of Relief, Development, and Peace in the name of Christ. This would require 1,000 people to each give \$1,000 to get to one million dollars by April 17, the first day of the 2020 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. Please send your check made payable to KMRS earmarked "centennial gift" to Tim Miller, Relief Sale Treasurer, 4805 S. Broadacres Rd, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501. If you have questions, please ask your church sale contact person(s) or call Jim Robb, Board Chair at 620-747-0186.

—Coins raised for March 1 and 8 totaled \$103.16.

—We are still accepting pre-sale expenses. Put your check in the box of one of the contact persons.

—Be sure and look at the quilts displayed in Hospitality Hall. They will be taken to the MCC center on Monday, March 16.

—Bring any items you have made for the sale to the tables so we can see what you have created. There are already many wonderful projects to view.

—There are boxes under the tables for Quilters Corner, the children's toy auction, cookbooks etc.

—Look online for ways you can sign up to help at the sale.

—Register for the 5K Run for Relief. Forms are under the mail boxes. Start getting donations to support your run.

—The website is up and going. Check it out. www.kansas.mccsale.org

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.