

Community and Conference Announcements

COMMUNITY:

Consider the Store at Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum as one of your Places to Shop this season. Most items are discounted 10-50% through Dec. 22. You'll find books on Mennonite history, Kansas history, agricultural history, cookbooks, children's books, plush finger puppets, Quail Creek Copper decorative metal items, locally made reproduction vintage aprons, and more. The store is also a source for Glen Ediger's new book, *Leave No Threshing Stone Unturned*. Special store hours through December 22: Noon-4 p.m., Thursday through Saturday.

Peace Connections has some wonderful new inventory in stock for gift-giving this season, including puzzles, candles, soaps, handmade gifts, inexpensive greeting cards and stocking stuffers. All proceeds go to support Peace Connections initiatives like Circles of Hope & Kids Summer Food. During Dec., the store at 612 N. Main Street will be open Monday-Wednesday, 10 am - 5 pm, Thursday 10 am - 7:30 pm, Saturday 10 am - 2 pm, closed Friday and Sunday.

Goessel Blood Mobile: There are many ways to give at the blood mobile on Monday, Dec. 17. You can donate blood and share the gift of life, you can volunteer to work as receptionist, donor escort, and in the canteen, or you can make a dozen Christmas cookies as an extra appreciation for the donors and workers. The Red Cross staff always appreciate our Christmas drive!! Sign up on the sheets in the lobby for the way you can give.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

The Music and Worship Task Force of the Western District Conference is sponsoring a Women's Choir Festival on Sunday, March 3 at First Mennonite Church, Newton. The Festival clinician will be Doris Prater, Choral Director for Maize High School. There will be a rehearsal from 2:30-5:00 on Sunday, March 3, followed by a fellowship meal, then the Festival service at 6:30. Registration forms, information about regional rehearsals and choral octavos will be available by December 15. Stay tuned for more details! Submitted by Rosi Penner Kaufman for the M&W Task Force.

Master Plan Now Available ONLINE! We'd love to tell you more, but that's about all there is to tell. The **Camp Mennoscah Master Plan** can now be found at www.campmennoscah.org through the link on the right side. Take a gander, have a look, tell someone about it, and spread the word. We also want to hear what you think about the master plan, so send us an email. You can email us from the website, too! Just click on "Contact Camp." (Isn't technology great?) Luddite? No problem. If you scorn the use of technology and would like a paper copy of the Camp Mennoscah Master Plan, give us a call at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290). We'd love to send you one in the mail.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA:

Looking for leaders! Service Adventure is looking for people ages 24+ to commit to a two-year term (beginning August 2013) as unit leaders. As a leader, you live in a unit house with a small group of 17-20 year olds and offer guidance and support as they serve and live in community. If you are committed to your Christian faith and would enjoy walking alongside young people in this way, contact Diana Cook at DianaC@MennoniteMission.net.

Open House, March 16, at **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary**, Elkhart, Ind., is an opportunity for people interested in seminary study to meet faculty, sit in on classes and learn about financial aid. To register, go to www.ambs.edu/admissions/visit-ambs.cfm or contact the AMBS admissions office: admissions@ambs.edu, or [800.964.2627](tel:800.964.2627).

**THIRD WAY MEDIA: radio program,
*Shaping Families***

December 15 – An Unwanted Gift Elsie Rempel, faith formation consultant for Mennonite Church Canada was invited to lead seminars in Zambia but suffered a major car accident while there.

December 22 – Jesus is Born Take a needed 15-minute break during your busy Christmas preparations and listen to touching Christmas stories and memories, scripture and carols.

Listen on KBCU 88.1 FM North Newton, KS Fri 4:00pm or visit www.ShapingFamilies.com the weekend the program airs to download a podcast or the transcript.