

Tabor Mennonite Church Community and Conference Announcements

January 6, 2013

COMMUNITY:

Glen Ediger, author of *Leave No Threshing Stone Unturned*, will be the special speaker at **Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's annual meeting** at Goessel Mennonite Church on Sunday, Jan. 20. The event will begin at 2:30 p.m. The program will begin with a short business meeting, followed by Ediger's presentation. Faspa will be served after the program. Ediger's book will be available for purchase at the meeting. He will be at the book table to sign books.

The Hutchinson Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites piano students interested in learning about the organ, to attend an "**Introduction to the Pipe Organ**" event at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, KS, on Saturday, January 19, at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Melody Steed, organ professor at Bethany College, will lead the event. Students may bring music along to try on the organ. Pizza and pop will be served at noon for all participants. The event is free and open to students of all ages and family members. For more information and to get a meal count, please reserve space with Ken Rodgers at (620) 217 – 1055 or KenR@hesston.edu.

The final **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum** program complementing Kauffman Museum's threshing stone exhibit will be Sunday, Jan. 6, with John Thiesen, Mennonite Library and Archives, speaking on "What's a Thresher? Bethel College's Symbolic History," 3:30 p.m., in the museum auditorium.

Saturday, Jan. 26 -- 16th annual Celebrate Kansas Day! at Kauffman Museum, 1:30-4:30 p.m., with a theme "Kansas Symbols"; free activities include make-it-and-take-it crafts for children, presentations, demonstrations, popcorn popped over an open fire, horse-drawn wagon rides, bake sale, flea market and silent auction.

On Sunday, January 6, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in Hesston, the **Dyck Arboretum of the Plains Prairie Window Concert Series** will bring rising star and award-winning songwriter Grace Pettis to the stage. Pettis follows in the footsteps of her father, Pierce Pettis, a long time favorite of the Old Settler's Inn Series. The concert will take place in the new Prairie Pavilion at the arboretum overlooking the lake. Tickets are by reservation by calling (620) 327-8127. Cost: \$20 adults, \$10 children. Proceeds benefit the arboretum's mission that promotes environmental landscaping with native plants.

Offender Victim Ministries Prison Arts' Choir: Men are needed to assist in Offender / Victim Ministries' Prison Art's Choir at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Practices are on Tuesday evenings at HCF beginning February 5 with performances on the weekend of April 13. Volunteer training is needed in order to volunteer in the prison and will be given mid-January for new volunteers. Returning choir members can receive annual training on Jan. 29 or Feb. 4. Contact Nathan Koontz at OVM, 316-215-1758 or nathan.ovm@sbcglobal.net.

Now is a great time to consider joining the **"Footsteps of Paul" tour to Greece and Rome, May 20 - June 3, 2013**. After seeing the missionary sites of Paul in this 15 day tour you will read Acts and his New Testament letters with new knowledge and understanding. From the astonishing ruins of ancient Ephesus, to the stately acropolis in Athens, to the eternal city of Rome this is a tour of a lifetime. The weather will be great and the sites inspiring. Seats remain but register soon. Price: \$5,139 from Wichita. For tour information call Weldon Martens at 402-202-9276 or go to - http://www.mtstravel.com/tours/toursP01.html

COLLEGES:

Bethel College/Newton community Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration features several special events: Sunday, Jan. 20 (with Newton Anti-Racism Group) -- free showing of the documentary "Anne Braden: Southern Patriot," 7 p.m., Newton High School auditorium, with discussion following; Monday, Jan. 21 (with Harvey County Community Partnership/Diversity Task Force and KIPCOR) -- "Remember the Dream," with keynote speaker Rosemary Harris Lytle, president of the NAACP for Colorado, Montana and Wyoming, as well as winners of poetry, art and essay contests and student musical performances, 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium, free, with a freewill offering taken for the Harvey County Homeless Shelter; Tuesday, Jan. 22 -- free seminar with Rosemary Harris Lytle, "Uncovering the New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the U.S.," 1-2 p.m., James A. Will Family Academic Center Room #216

THIRD WAY MEDIA: radio program, *Shaping Families*

Weekend of January 5 – Left at a Hospital Ruthie Saunders, now a resident manager at Greencroft Retirement Community in Goshen, Ind., brings the story of her unusual adoption after being left as a very ill infant at the Mennonite hospital in Puerto Rico.

Weekend of January 12 – Our Daughter was Sexually Abused – Part 1

Angela and Christopher (pseudonyms for a couple in a small Midwestern town) tell the tragic story of their daughter's abuse by a youth pastor. They share their story with the hope of educating and keeping others from going through their daughter's pain

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.

SHAPING FAMILIES PROGRAM IS ENDING JANUARY 31, 2013.

We regret to inform you that the *Shaping Families* radio program is being discontinued as of January 31 due to severe financial sustainability issues with our larger organization. In spite of good support and interest from churches like yours, we have not been able to inspire very much in the way of contributions or donations. With the staff time that it takes to produce it, our management team and board felt like this cut needed to be made. We thank you so much for your use of the bulletin announcements these last years. The podcasts will continue to be available at the website for the foreseeable future.